

Upcoming Events

LIGHT Festival: Leaders Igniting Generational Healing and Transformation (LIGHT) invites everyone in the field and all members of the public—artists, poets, practitioners, storytellers, and the like—to attend the **Third Annual Virtual LIGHT Festival** on Friday and Saturday, June 21-22, 2024. Guided by the mission of LIGHT, this event seeks to bridge the divide between health researchers and the public by creating opportunities for meaningful connections and conversations centered around the theme “Healthy Spaces and Places,” expressed through various forms of art, storytelling, and poetry. We welcome you to breathe and relax through mindfulness and dance, explore creativity in guided workshop sessions, learn from diverse speakers, and meet the LIGHT open-call finalists.

Please join us from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM CST on Friday and Saturday, June 21-22, 2024, as we decolonize the traditional methods of public health dissemination and research and instead, listen to the dialogue, language, and voices about how we can reimagine, transform, and understand one’s attachment and meaning to a healthy space or place. Register today at <https://bit.ly/2024LIGHTFestival>.



Recent Publications

Dr. John Lowrey, an IHESJR Faculty Scholar, had a paper titled “Heterogeneous effects of Medicaid expansion on food security measures” published in the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*. Using data from the Current Population Survey Food Security Supplement, the work explores the effect of Medicaid expansion on food insecurity levels for adults by race, ethnicity, and income. [Here](#) is the link to the article.


Institute News and Updates

Congratulations to Francesca Korte, a Population Health Doctoral student, who won the [Horton-Hallowell Fellowship](#) for graduate study through the graduate fellowships program at Wellesley College, her alma mater.

Dr. Patrice Williams, an IHESJR Faculty Scholar, was featured as part of a podcast series discussing the Healthy Neighborhoods Study, a seven-year multidisciplinary, multi-site participatory action research project focused on neighborhood change, climate-related exposures, community resilience, and health equity in nine low-income, racially/ethnically diverse communities in metropolitan Boston.

In these episodes, you hear from the team leading the study as they discuss neighborhood improvement, community resilience, and the importance of community collaborators as valued voices to inform and lead change within their neighborhoods. The concept of “naming the player, naming the game” is also noted, including understanding the influence of investors and their accountability on neighborhood development projects.

Here are the links to the podcast versions of [episode 1](#) and [episode 2](#), and here are the video versions of [episode 1](#) and [episode 2](#).



Faculty Opportunities in Statistics

The Health Science and Applied Psychology departments are looking to hire faculty in statistics and research methods. Dr. Irina Todorova, an IHESJR Faculty Scholar, is chair of the search committee and invites you to apply if interested. Please see the below information for more details on the opportunity:

“About the Opportunity: Bouvé College of Health Sciences seeks multiple Open Rank non-tenure track Teaching/Clinical Professors (52-week contract) with expertise in statistics and research methodology to begin September 1st, 2024. Department appointments will be determined based on the candidate’s discipline. At Northeastern University, we support faculty on all tracks, with non-tenure track faculty receiving full participation in faculty governance, multi-year appointments based on rank, and opportunities for academic and leadership advancement.

Responsibilities: Responsibilities will include (a) teaching undergraduate- and graduate-level courses both on the ground and online (b) contributing to the development of a college-wide statistics and research methods core sequence, and (c) participating in departmental, college, and university service.

Minimum qualifications include: (a) earned doctorate in Applied Psychology (e.g., Clinical, Counseling, School), Behavioral Science, Quantitative Psychology, Biostatistics, Applied statistics, or a related field required by the appointment start date; (b) documented teaching experience in the area of statistics; (c) expertise in, or a demonstrated commitment to, working with diverse student populations and/or in a culturally diverse work and educational environment.

The full announcement and application is at this link (Posting R124283): <https://northeastern.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/careers/job/Boston-MA-Main-Campus/Teaching-Clinical-Professor--Open-Rank- R124283>

Self-Care Spotlight

♥ A resource to consider using to center your wellbeing and care for yourself. ♥



Group Fitness: a series of programs to help you understand, improve, and maintain your health. It features opportunities, including walking programs, exercise classes, educational programs, and more.

As part of Healthy You, Northeastern also offers wellness programs to help you reach and maintain your health goals, and the opportunity to earn up to \$400 per year with Virgin Pulse.

Please note this opportunity is for faculty and staff.

Recent Institute Happenings

On Monday, April 29th, the Population Health Department celebrated a former IHESJR student graduate assistant (SGA), Dr. Lorraine Lacroix-Williamson, at her PhD Hooding Ceremony. She was accompanied by her advisor, Dr. Beth Molnar, an IHESJR Faculty Scholar. Congratulations to her!



Individuals pictured (left to right): Dr. Beth Molnar, advisor to Dr. Lacroix-Williamson and IHESJR Faculty Scholar; Dr. Lorraine Lacroix-Williamson, PhD graduate and former SGA

On Thursday, May 2nd, the IHESJR held its first-ever cultural potluck. Each attendee brought their own dish centering on their upbringing, background, or culture. It was a wonderful Spring community-building event with music and board games that will be happening again the future!



Picture descriptions: Top left- attendees taking a picture in the hallway; Top right- an image of the savory food available; Bottom left- an image of the sweet food available; Bottom right- attendees playing Taboo

