

# PUBLIC HEALTH (JOSEPH J. ZILBER COLLEGE OF)

Are you fascinated by links among cells, society, and health? Do you want to be a champion for community health, health equity, and social and environmental justice?

Then the Joseph J. Zilber College of Public Health is ready to prepare you for your career! Our graduates pursue a wide variety of jobs including clinical exercise physiologist, community outreach and education coordinator, data manager/analyst, environmental scientist, epidemiologist, grant writer/coordinator, health educator, program manager/evaluator, personal trainer, public health analyst, risk assessor, and strength and conditioning specialist.

We are home to a community of emerging student scholars and established faculty scholars from multiple health fields applying public health across the health continuum – ranging from cells and physiology to societal issues and from prevention to treatment. Public health is concerned with protecting the health and well-being of entire communities and populations. It is the science and art of preventing disease, prolonging life, and promoting health and well-being through the organized efforts of society. Public health also works to eliminate social inequities in health – we address how the advantages and disadvantages that people experience based on their social circumstances influence population health. Whereas medicine mostly treats people once they become sick, those of us working in public health strive to prevent people from getting sick or injured in the first place. Thus, public health covers a wide range of factors that affect population health and well-being, such as economic and social policies, poverty, environmental hazards, access to quality healthcare, health-promoting behaviors, and genes.

Our highly trained faculty are passionate educators leading research programs and engaging communities to improve public and population health issues. The Zilber College offers undergraduate and graduate programs, as well as certificates and pre-professional pathways, that are training the next generation of health professionals to respond to the increasing market demand for individuals with degrees in health fields.

## About the Zilber College of Public Health

The Zilber College currently has 39 full-time faculty and instructors across seven public and population health areas (biostatistics/health informatics, community and behavioral health promotion, environmental health, epidemiology, kinesiology, nutrition/dietetics, and public health policy). Our faculty are experts on critical issues like air pollution and autism, cancer, cardiovascular disease, health disparities, big data on health, infant mortality, mass incarceration, nutrition, tobacco and e-cigarettes, water health, and more. Our students obtain an education informed by multiple fields, that delivers concrete skills through hands-on learning, from one of the nation's top universities for research and community engagement.

The Zilber College is Wisconsin's only college of public health accredited by the Council on Public Health Education (CEPH). The Zilber College is also a candidate for the Registered Dietitian credential accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND).

The Zilber College embraces its mission to advance population health, health equity, and social and environmental justice among diverse communities in Milwaukee, the state of Wisconsin, and beyond through

education, research, community engagement, and advocacy for health-promoting policies and strategies. We educate current and future health professionals in the science, practice, critical thinking, and leadership skills necessary to promote population health and reduce health inequities.

## Programs

The Zilber College of Public Health offers bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs across seven public and population health areas (biostatistics/health informatics, community and behavioral health promotion, environmental health, epidemiology, kinesiology, nutrition, and public health policy). We also offer minors, certificates and pre-professional pathways.

### Undergraduate

#### Major

- Kinesiology, BS (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/public-health/kinesiology-bs/>)
- Nutritional Sciences, BS (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/public-health/nutritional-sciences-bs/>)
- Public Health, BS (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/public-health/public-health-bs/>)

#### Minor

- Kinesiology, Minor (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/public-health/kinesiology-minor/>)
- Nutritional Sciences, Minor (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/public-health/nutritional-sciences-minor/>)

#### Pre-Professional

- Pre-Athletic Training (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/public-health/pre-athletic-training/>)
- Pre-Dietetics (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/public-health/pre-dietetics/>)
- Pre-Physical Therapy (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/public-health/pre-physical-therapy/>)

### Master's

- Biostatistics, MS (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/public-health/biostatistics-ms/>)
- Health Care Informatics, MS (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/public-health/health-care-informatics-ms/>)
- Health Care Informatics, MS/Library and Information Science, MLIS (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/public-health/health-care-informatics-ms-library-information-science-mlis/>)
- Kinesiology, MS (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/public-health/kinesiology-ms/>)
- Public Health, MPH/Social Work, MSW (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/public-health/public-health-mph-social-work-msw/>)
- Public Health, MPH: Community Health Equity Promotion (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/public-health/public-health-community-health-equity-promotion-mph/>)
- Public Health, MPH: Environmental Health Sciences (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/public-health/public-health-environmental-sciences-mph/>)
- Public Health, MPH: Epidemiology (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/public-health/public-health-epidemiology-mph/>)
- Public Health, MPH: Nutrition and Dietetics (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/public-health/nutrition-dietetics-mph/>)

- Public Health, MPH: Public Health Policy and Management (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/public-health/public-health-policy-management-mp/>)

## Doctoral

- Environmental Health Sciences, PhD (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/public-health/environmental-health-sciences-phd/>)
- Epidemiology, PhD (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/public-health/epidemiology-phd/>)
- Kinesiology, PhD (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/public-health/kinesiology-phd/>)
- Public Health, PhD: Community and Behavioral Health Promotion (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/public-health/public-health-community-behavioral-promotion-phd/>)
- Health Data Science, Graduate Certificate (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/public-health/health-data-science-graduate-certificate/>)
- Interprofessional Public and Population Health, Graduate Certificate (Zilber College of Public Health) (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/public-health/public-population-health-graduate-certificate/>)
- Maternal and Child Health, Graduate Certificate (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/public-health/maternal-child-health-graduate-certificate/>)
- Public Health, Undergraduate Certificate (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/public-health/public-health-undergraduate-certificate/>)
- Study of Complementary and Integrative Health Approaches, Undergraduate Certificate (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/public-health/complementary-integrative-health-approaches-undergraduate-certificate/>)

## Certificates

- Health Care Informatics, Undergraduate Certificate (Zilber College of Public Health) (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/public-health/health-care-informatics-undergraduate-certificate/>)

## Faculty

Name	Rank	Degree	School	Graduate Faculty	Emeritus Faculty
Chibuzor Abasilm	Assistant Professor	PhD, MPH	University of Illinois Chicago	✓	
Chris Cho	Associate Researcher, Statistician	MS	University of Illinois Chicago		
Young Cho	Associate Professor	PhD	University of Illinois Chicago	✓	
Ron Cisler	Professor	PhD	University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee		✓
Stephen Cobb	Associate Professor	PhD, ATC	Georgia State University	✓	
Phuong (Phoenix) D. Do	Professor	PhD	The RAND Graduate School	✓	
Xiaobei (Shel-bay) Dong	Assistant Professor	PhD	University of Maryland	✓	
Keith Dookeran	Visiting Associate Professor	PhD, MBA, MD	University of Illinois Chicago		
Margaret Duncan	Professor	PhD	Purdue University		✓
Chukuka Enwemeka	Distinguished Professor, Dean	PhD	New York University		✓
Paul Florsheim	Professor	PhD	Northwestern University	✓	
Christy Greenleaf	Professor	PhD	University of North Carolina-Greensboro	✓	
William Gregory	Professor	PhD	Massachusetts Institute of Technology		✓
Amy Harley	Associate Dean / Associate Professor	PhD, MPH, RD	The Ohio State University	✓	
Barbara Hart	Associate Professor	PhD	University of Massachusetts		✓
Cynthia Hasbrook	Professor	PhD	University of Illinois		✓
Lu He	Assistant Professor	PhD	University of California, Irvine	✓	
Rose Hennesey Garza	Visiting Assistant Professor	PhD	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee		
Chiang-Ching (Spencer) Huang	Professor	PhD	University of Michigan	✓	
Laleh Jamshidi	Assistant Professor	PhD	KU Leven (University of Leuven)	✓	
Amy Kalkbrenner	Professor	PhD, MPH	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	✓	
Kevin Keenan	Associate Professor	PhD	University of Colorado	✓	
Lori Klos	Associate Professor, BS Nutritional Sciences Program Director, MPH-Nutrition and Dietetics Program Director	PhD, RD	Cornell University	✓	
Susan Kundrat	Clinical Professor	MS, RD	Iowa State University		✓

Linnea Laestadius	Associate Professor	PhD, MPP	Johns Hopkins University	✓
Michael Laiosa	Associate Professor	PhD	State University of New York, Upstate Medical University	✓
Sara Luellhoff	Clinical Assistant Professor, Sport & Recreation Program Director	MS	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	
Jake Luo	Associate Professor	PhD	Queen's University, Belfast, UK	✓
John Lynch	Associate Professor	PhD, MS	Marquette University	✓
Lorraine Halinka Malcoe	Professor	PhD, MPH	University of California at Berkeley	✓
Todd Miller	Associate Professor	PhD	University of Maryland	✓
Priya Nambisan	Associate Professor	PhD	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	✓
Emmanuel Ngui	Associate Professor	DrPH, MSc	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	✓
Kristian O'Connor	Professor, UWM Associate Vice Provost for Research	PhD	University of Massachusetts	✓
Elise Papke	Special Senior Lecturer	DrPH	University of Illinois Chicago	✓
Michelle Rimer	Clinical Assistant Professor	MPH, MS, RDN, LDN	University of TN Knoxville	
Erika Sander	Associate Professor	PhD	University of California, Berkeley	✓
Renee Scampini	Teaching Faculty II	PhD, RD	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	
Carter Schmitz	Clinical Assistant Professor	MS	University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee	
Stephanie Send	Clinical Assistant Professor	MS, RDN, LDN, CNSC	Rush University	
Ann Snyder	Professor	PhD	Ball State University	✓
Scott Strath	Professor, MS Kinesiology Program Director, PhD Kinesiology Program Director	PhD, FACSM	University of Tennessee	✓
Kurt Svoboda	Associate Professor	PhD	S.U.N.Y at Stony Brook	✓
Ann Swartz	Professor	PhD, FACSM	University of Tennessee	✓
Ellen Velie	Professor	PhD, MPH	University of California, Berkeley	✓
Jinsung Wang	Associate Professor	PhD	Arizona State University	✓
Lance Weinhardt	Professor, Associate Dean for Research	PhD	Syracuse University	✓
Monica Wendel	Dean, Professor	DrPH, MPH, MA	Texas A&M University	✓
Min Wu	Associate Professor	PhD	University of North Carolina	✓
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