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School Assembly Agenda **Tuesday October 15, 2024**

1. Dean's update
2. Education, Lisa Sullivan
3. Staff senate
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5. Spotlight on Think. Teach. Do., Jonathan Buonocore
6. Other

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1. Dean's update

Dean Sandro Galea (sgalea@bu.edu) shared school-wide updates.

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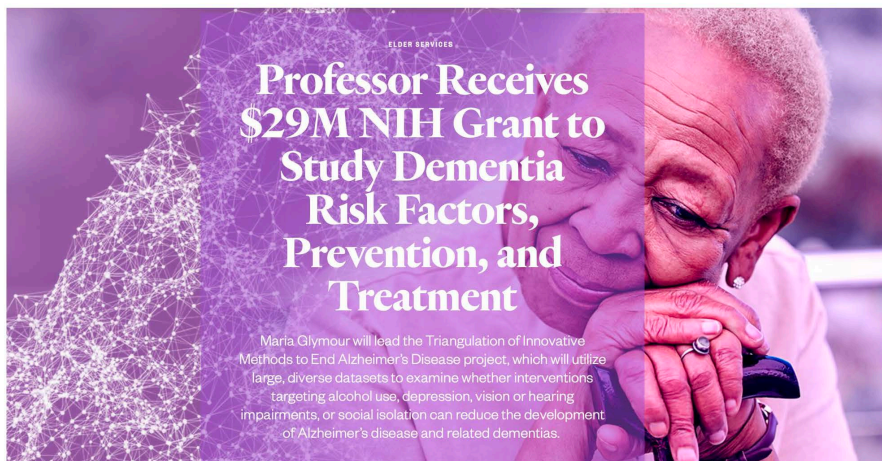
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ALL NEWS

'A Solution That Can Help Shrink Inequality'

Anoop Jain, an assistant professor of environmental health, researches the far-ranging benefits of shared high-quality toilet facilities serving impoverished communities in India.



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RACISM

Elevated Suicide Risk Post-Incarceration Demands a Response Rooted in ‘Equity, Justice, and Human Dignity’

The twofold risk of suicide mortality among formerly incarcerated individuals, compared to the general population, requires culturally and racially competent reentry programs that provide continuity of care and long-term support for individuals after they are released, writes Noel Vest in a new commentary in the *American Journal of Epidemiology*.



SPH Launches New Center for Health Data Science

Debbie Chehg, professor of biostatistics, will lead the new center, which will combine and expand the work of the Population Health Data Science Program and the Biostatistics and Epidemiology Data Analytics Center.

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2. Education update

Dean Lisa Sullivan (gwaters@bu.edu) shared school-wide education updates.

Education Updates

October 15, 2024

Updates

1. Review of approach to teaching, programs
2. Admissions, recruiting and yield
3. Education Committee policies, program changes
4. Registrar's Office
5. Graduate Student Life
6. Career and Practicum Office
7. Faculty development opportunities
8. Ongoing, new initiatives

1. BUSPH teaching approach, philosophy

- BUSPH leads in educational excellence and innovation in teaching public health
- Faculty are committed to excellence in teaching
- We aim to teach in a way that is authentic, inclusive, flexible, ongoing, and reflective of changes in the health of the population and needs of the workforce
- We are committed to equitable and inclusive pedagogy for faculty and students, and cohesive, science-based curricula that combine foundational learning and practical training

Programs

- **On-campus MPH** – 48 credits: Integrated core (16 credits); specialization options: 8 functional certificates, 9 context certificates; applied practicum experience; integrative learning experience
- **Dual on-campus MPH degrees** – JD/MPH, MBA/MPH, MD/MPH, MS/MPH, MSGC/MPH, MSW/MPH, BA-BS/MPH

Functional certificate (required)

- Community assessment, program design, implementation, and evaluation
- Environmental health (STEM approved)
- Epidemiology and biostatistics (STEM approved)
- Global health program design, monitoring, and evaluation
- Health communication and promotion
- Health policy and law
- Healthcare management (CAHME accredited)
- Program management

Context certificate (optional)

- Chronic and non-communicable diseases
- Climate change and health
- Global health
- Human rights and social justice
- Infectious disease
- Maternal and child health
- Mental health and substance use
- Pharmaceutical development, delivery, and access
- Sex, sexuality, and gender

Programs

- **Online MPH** – 42 credits: 6 modules: focus on health equity
- **MS (research degrees)** – 32-34 credits, 8 specializations: rigorous coursework in research methods and dissemination; mentored research experience

MS in Applied Biostatistics
MS in Climate and Health
MS in Global health
MS in Translation and Implementation Science

MS in Biostatistics (GRS)
MS in Epidemiology
MS in Public Health Data Science
MS in Population Health Research

Programs

- PhD in Biostatistics (GRS)
- PhD in Environmental health
- PhD in Epidemiology
- PhD in Health Services and Policy Research

- DrPH in Leadership, Management, and Policy

2. Admissions, *2024-2025 new enrollments*

Standard MPH	351	(312 fall, 39 spring)		
Dual degrees	66	(29 fall, 29 spring, 8 summer)		
OL MPH	287	(+65%)		
MS in Applied Biostatistics	14		MS Biostatistics	10
MS Climate & Health	1		MS Epidemiology	15
MS Global Health Research	2		MS PH Data Science	7
MS Transl & Impl Sci	2		MS Pop Health Research	2
PhD Biostatistics	11		PhD Environmental Health	5
PhD Epidemiology	8		PhD Health Serv & Pol Res	5
DrPH	8			

Applications and yield

- Numbers of applications remains strong, with a dip in doctoral applications
- Higher percentage of international applicants
- Increasing competition, challenges with cost and housing

Prospective students love to hear about your work – please share it!



Our funding commitments

Along with eliminating the GRE as a requirement, increasing financial support for our public health students is an important step towards reducing inequity in educational opportunities. Our investment in you is an investment towards a healthier world for all.

Guaranteed Access Grant

All students accepted into our 2024 On-Campus MPH and MS single degree programs are guaranteed grants to immediately reduce the cost of your tuition:

- ✓ On-Campus MPH: **\$25,000 Access Grant**
- ✓ On-Campus MS: **\$20,000 Access Grant**

You may also be eligible for additional scholarships and financial aid. Please review the information below regarding eligibility.

Applications for 2025 opened in August

- Friday visits and campus tours
 - Coffee chats with current SPH students
 - General information sessions and webinars
 - Digital library of recorded information
 - Program-specific information sessions
 - Virtual campus tour
 - Diversity events/fairs
 - Select scholars and preferred partners sessions
 - One-on-one coffee chats in selected US markets
 - QS tour for master's degrees (Fairs and connect one-on-one)
 - College/University and This is Public Health fairs with Career Services
- Saturday Campus Visit – Nov 2nd**
Virtual Accepted Students Day - Dec 13th

3. Education Committee policies, program changes

- Degree modifications
- Course proposals
- New degree program proposals
- ILE administration

Degree modification proposals

MPH certificates

- CAPDIE
- Environmental health and justice
- Epidemiology and biostatistics
- Health communication and promotion
- Health policy and law
- Program management
- Maternal and child health

4+1 programs

PhD programs

Course proposals

Phase 1 proposals

- Advanced seminar in community-engaged research for social justice
- Advanced survival analysis
- Advanced topics in global health
- Concepts in measurement of psychosocial constructs
- Environmental health and justice: Essential strategies for effective action
- Epidemiology doctoral student seminar
- Social justice in action: Theories and methods for community health sciences
- Topics in Infectious Disease I and II

Course proposals

Phase 2 proposals

- Basic survival analysis
- Logistic regression

Special topics proposals

- Advanced epidemiology research methods seminar
- Advanced methods for reproductive, perinatal, and pediatric epidemiology
- Advanced social epidemiology: Theories of disease distribution and health inequality
- Advanced social epidemiology: Methods

New degree program proposals

- PhD in Community Health Sciences
- PhD in Global Health Sciences

Proposals are under committee review. If approved, will move to University Provost and GAPP review.

ILE administration

- Ed Committee reps reported department feedback
- Reps sharing certificate ILE administration processes in each dept
- Committee will recommend guidance for Governing Council consideration

4. Registrar's Office

SPH Registration for Spring 2025 opens Sat, Nov 2nd at 9am

- The Schedule Builder should be available to students by Thu, Oct 17th
- Students should prepare in advance by:
 - Reading the SPH Registration email
 - Checking their compliance status/service indicators on MyBU Student Portal
 - Checking their enrollment appointment to make sure it says 11/2 at 9am
 - Saving the link for the SPH waitlist form
 - Saving multiple schedule options
 - Contacting sphregr@bu.edu with questions
- SPH Reg will be open the morning of registration

4. Registrar's Office, continued

- Students should anticipate they may run into issues as this is only the 2nd registration cycle in MyBU Student and there are ongoing issues
- Students who have trouble registering on registration day should
 - Fill out an SPH Waitlist form right away
 - Keep trying to register
 - Check service indicators
 - Contact sphregr@bu.edu with questions
- If there are global issues, we will update students, chairs, program and certificate directors, and department staff right away
- Seat reservations are in place for 2 weeks, after they expire waitlist offers begin on Nov 18th

Important Dates

- May 2025 graduation applications are due November 10th
- Standard classes drop w/a W deadline for Fall 2024 is Wednesday, November 6th
- Last day of the semester is Tuesday, December 17th
 - Grades are due 72 hours after the last scheduled date of the class
 - Assessments should not be due after the last day of class if it will impede timely grading
 - Timely grading is crucial for Academic Standing and graduation processes

5. Connect with Graduate Student Life (GSL)



**STUDENT
NEWSLETTERS**



WEBSITE:
[HTTPS://WWW.BU.ED
U/SPH/STUDENTS](https://www.bu.edu/u/sph/students)



EMAIL:
SPHGSL@BU.EDU



SOCIAL MEDIA:
[@THEGRADLIFE_BUSPH](https://www.instagram.com/thegradlife_busph)



Mary Murphy-Phillips
Assistant Dean of Students
**Counseling Referrals,
Commencement**



Ashley Leonard
Assistant Director for GSL
**Student organizations,
Orientation**



Kori MacInnis
Assistant Director for Student
Engagement
**Student newsletters,
Academic Accommodations**



Tenbit Mitiku
Assistant Director, Student Success
Tutoring, Peer Coach Writing

Academic Support Resources

Core Course Tutoring Program

- PH 717 and PH 719 One-on-One Peer Tutoring
- 211 appointments to date this year (Spring & Fall 2024)

**Tutors needed for PH717 Quantitative Methods and
PH719 Health Systems, Law & Policy to ensure that
all students receive needed assistance**

Peer Writing Coach Program

- Writing and presentation appointments via WC Online
- Open to all students enrolled in SPH classes
- 27 hours of appointments & Fall 2024)

58 students receiving academic accommodations





Student Success Resources

International Students Success Program

- Day-long orientation workshop for international students (78 attended)
- 2nd Year international students serve as Success Coaches
- ISSO – Holds office hours every Thursday at BUMC/Talbot Building
- Monthly Social Sips with International Students ~200 attended this year
- Virtual networking & panel with international alumni
- Off-Campus activities and events

Student Engagement

New Student Orientations

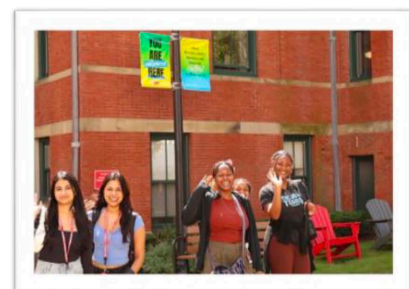
June Virtual Orientation

MS PHR, MS AB, MPH Part-Time and Dual Degree students

August In-Person Orientation (New sessions this year)

- Seminar on coping with rejection
- Workshop on what to expect the first semester
- Time Management
- Boston Scavenger Hunt

Over 310 new students attended!



Student Engagement

19 student organizations and growing!

- Focused on enrichment & community building
- 3 NEW Orgs! *First-Gen Association, Reproductive Justice Student Alliance, and BU Students in Health Data Science*

Student Leadership Training Workshop

Student Organization Fair - over 200 students attended!

Student Org Event Highlights

- Prison Book Donation Drive
- Nutrition Symposium with Food is Medicine Collective
- Exploring Global Health Careers Alumni Panel
- Volunteering with Bridges to Moms Program at Brigham & Women's Hospital



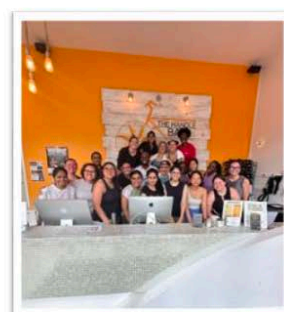
Upcoming Events

Student Org Events

- Student Senate Social at Fuller's BU Pub
- State House Tour with Health Policy and Law Student Org
- Museum Meet-Up with First-Gen Association

Community Events

- Annual Boston Harbor Cruise
- Spin Class at The Handle Bar
- BUMC Professional Clothing Closet Pop-Up with Newbury Center
- Campus Visits with Bean
- Red Sox Game- sold out!
- Duck Tour & Lunch
- Apple Picking at Cider Hill Farm
- Third Thursdays with BU Arts Initiative
- GSL Monthly Dinner Socials



Wellness

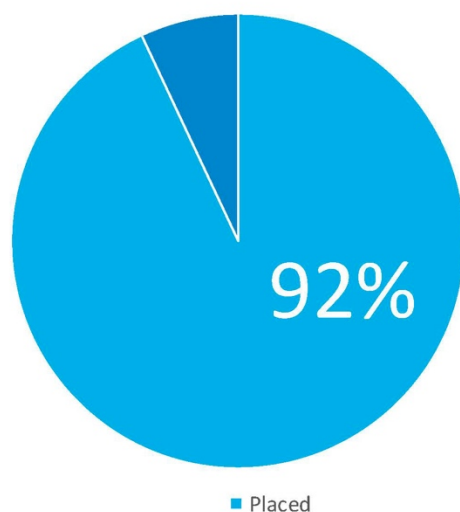
- 1 on 1 Wellbeing appointments with Kori through Handshake
- Over 300 Sleep Kits distributed
- Programming:
 - Craft & Snack breaks that focus on self-care, affirmations, gratitude, and resources to support mental wellbeing
 - Workshops
 - Busting Imposter Syndrome with BU Wellbeing
 - Strategic Snacking with Sargent Choice Nutrition Center
 - LinkedIn and Self-Branding for First-Gen students as a part of First-Generation College Celebration Week with Career and Practicum Office



6. Career & Practicum Office Updates

- Latest graduate placement data for 6 and 12 months (2023)
- Generation Health / Practicum
- Career PREP update
- Employer relations snapshot:
 - Careers in Governmental Public Health Panel & Networking event
 - Employers on campus this Fall

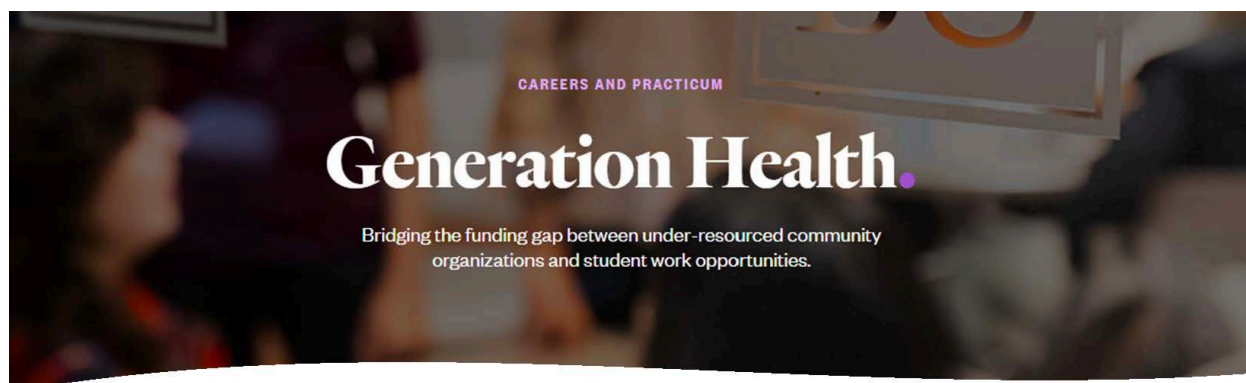
BUSPH Employment Outcomes at 6 months 2023*



98% at
12 months

Median Salary:
\$68,000

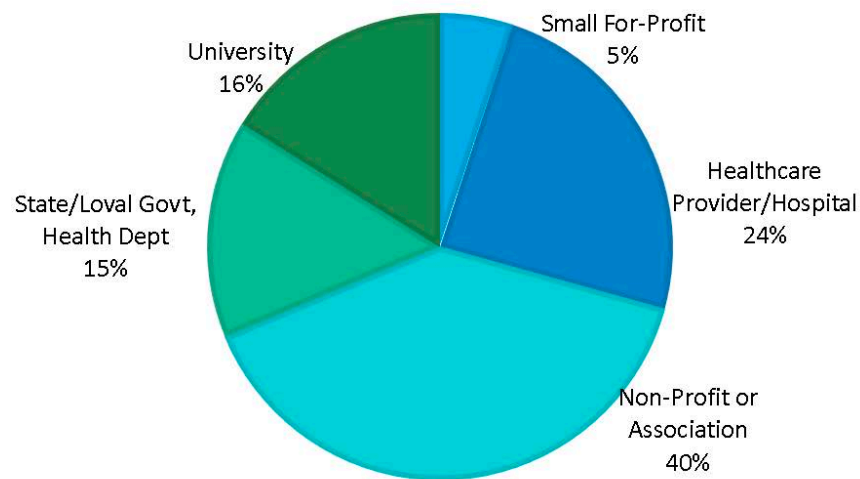
* Biggest graduating class ever at SPH; COVID class (most started in Fall 2021)



Generation Health 2 Year Pilot Results:

- \$1m awarded to 219 students (max \$5K per student)
- Went from 48% to 71% paid practicums in 2 years

Industries that benefited from Gen Health



Student impact of Gen Health funds

"As a first-generation international student, the Generation Health funding gave me a great sense of security, especially with so many internships being unpaid. It allowed me to fully focus on my practicum without financial stress, which made a huge difference for me."

- Spring 2024 Practicum Student

Career PREP (PH746) Overview

- Mandatory for MPH; **open to students in all degree programs**
- Recommend that students take in 1st or 2nd semester of their program
- Re-launched Fall 2023 (14 weeks; 50 min sessions; 0-cr)
- In-person OR **online sessions** for *On Campus Students*

Online sections are back after a one-year hiatus to re-vamp the curriculum!

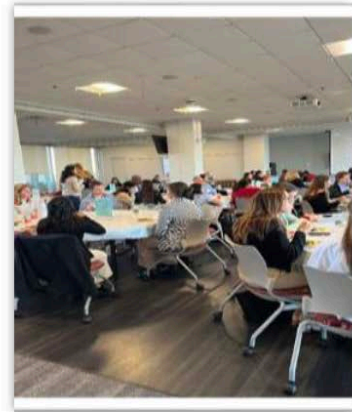
Please share with your advisees for Spring 2025.

Fall 2024 Snapshot of Employer Engagement



2024 Careers in Governmental Public Health Panel & Forum

- **October event hosted by BUSPH; invited students from other institutions**
- 31+ government employers (local + state)
- Student Attendance:
 - 89 BUSPH Students
 - 41 Non-BU Students from 18 colleges and universities including Bay Path University, Boston College, MCPHS, Northeastern, Tufts, UMass Amherst



7. Faculty Development

- Guide to Education at SPH
bu.edu/sph/teaching/instructor-resources/
- Teaching & Learning at SPH
Sept 18, 2024 (Prof Dolan: Enhancing our Socio-Political Wellbeing - Workshop on preparing for and coping with current world turmoil in the classroom)

Oct 22, 2024 at 1 pm via Zoom (Registrar Nikki Longe: Advising and Registration Prep)
- McCahan Medical Campus Education Day
May 21, 2025

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8. Ongoing, new initiatives

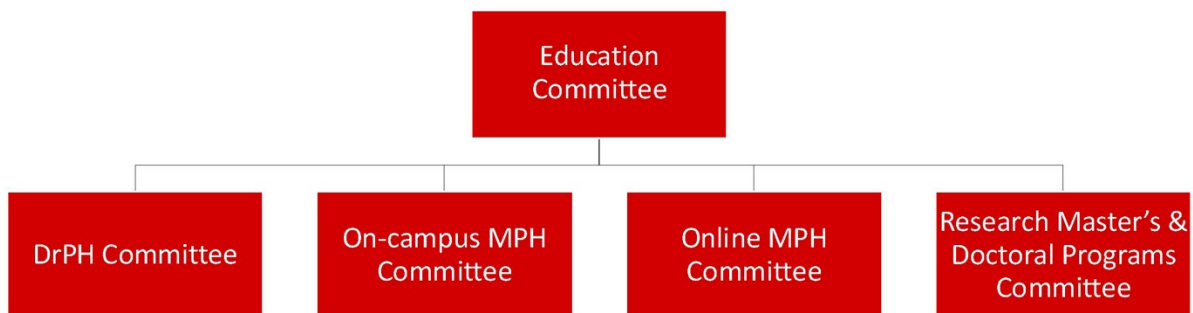
- AI workshop (Aug 15, 2024)
Lisa Burgess, Asst Director of Center for Teaching and Learning, [resources](#) for using AI in assessment, classroom activities, etc
- Education retreat (Sept 23, 2024)
 - ✓ Peer feedback (Profs Belanoff, Sabin, Wirtz)
 - ✓ Self-reflection on teaching (Profs Healey, Leibler, Peloso)
 - ✓ Metrics for excellence in teaching (Profs Dukes, Hicks, Strombotne)

Realigned education structure

Education leadership group

Lisa Sullivan, Associate Dean for Education
Amanda Velez, Assistant Dean, Strategic Ed Initiatives
Megan Healey, On-campus MPH Director
Emily Goldmann, Online MPH Director
Jessica Leibler, DrPH Director
Birgit Claus Henn, Research Master's and Doctoral Programs Director

Updated committee structure



Subcommittee membership

DrPH Committee

*Jessica Leibler, DrPH Program Director
Samantha Auty, HLPMP Research Assistant Professor
Salma Abdalla, GH Assistant Professor
Harold Cox, CHS Professor of the Practice
Anoop Jain, EH Assistant Professor
Collette Ncube, EPI Assistant Professor
Sarah Preis, BIOS Research Associate Professor

On-campus MPH Committee

*Megan Healey, On-campus MPH Director
Sophie Godley, Undergraduate Programs Director
Chris Louis, Dual Degree Programs Director
Core instructors & Certificate leads

Subcommittee membership

Online MPH Committee

*Emily Goldmann, Online MPH Director
Faculty module directors (join as needed)

Research Master's and Doctoral Programs Committee

*Birgit Claus Henn, Research Master's and Doctoral Programs Director
Kevin Lane, EH PhD Director
Jaimie Gradus, EPI PhD Director
Steve Pizer, HSPR PhD Director
Andrew Stokes, MS Director (C&H, GHR, EPI, PHDS, T&IS, PHR)
Yorghos Tripodis & Chunyu Liu, MS Applied Biostatistics Directors
Laura White & Kathy Lunetta, MS Biostatistics Directors

Subcommittee membership- Administrative support



Strategic review

PhD programs

- Existing program harmonization (e.g., adding Pedagogy and Curriculum Development Course (2 cr) and Mentored Teaching Practicum (2 cr), minimizing redundancies)
- Two new PhD proposals in Community Health Sciences and Global Health Sciences

DrPH program

- Review program structure, modality

MS programs

- Review enrollment trends, market projections, teaching expertise and capacity

Strategic review

On-campus MPH

- Review certificate offerings and requirements, update cores

Online MPH

- Content revisions, changing administrative supports (e.g., new student success system), exploring new enrollment partner



CEPH Re-accreditation

Fall 2024	Draft self study
Spring 2025	Complete self study
Summer-Fall 2025	Gather documents for ERF
Fall 2025	Mock site visit
End of Dec 2025	Self study due to CEPH
End of April 2026	Final self-study due
May 27-29, 2026	Site visit

Thank you for all you are doing to support
teaching & learning at BUSPH!

Questions?

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3. Staff senate

Denise Joseph (dejoseph@bu.edu) provided the school with updates from Staff Senate.

BUSPH Staff Senate.

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SPH New Hires

Name	Position Title	Dept.
Vedika Srivastava	Research Scientist	Biostats
Scott Zimmerman	Sr. Research Fellow	Epidemiology
Marina Sa Teixeira	Research Data Analyst II	Biostats

SPH New Roles

Name	Position Title	Dept.
Lindsay Kastner	Program Assistant	EH
Izabela Sadej	Principal Policy Analyst	HLPM

Staff Inclusion in Dean's Search

- 9/27/24: Sent letter to Provosts requesting seat for Sr. Staff on the search committee
- 9/27/24: President Gilliam's inauguration acknowledges staff
- 9/29/24: Initial request rebuffed
- 10/1/24: Sent second letter clarifying faculty handbook language which allows for 3 unspecified members to be designated by Provost
- 10/2/24: SPH Faculty Senate votes to support staff inclusion on committee and notified provost of this vote
- 10/5/24: Provosts responded to Faculty Senate chair:

"We appreciate the importance of including staff and we are looking into this and will get back to you."

Staff Senate Elections

Elections in October for:

- Global Health
- Environmental Health
- Education
- Health Law, Policy and Management
- At Large seat 4
- At Large seat 5

VOTE

Watch your
email for a
ballot.



Staff Senate

Representatives	Constituency
Denise Joseph, Senate Chair	Education Offices
Heatherly Mitch, Vice Chair	Global Health
Ashley Scott	EPI/Biostats
Selene Vences	Environmental Health
Skylar Karzhevsky	Health Law, Policy & Management
Matt Bullard	BEDAC
Sarah Lawrence	Community Health Sciences
Megan Jones	Central Admin & Service Offices
Tenbit Mitiku	At Large rep
Kwesi Essilfie	At Large rep
Kimberly Graham	At Large rep
Eric DelGizzo	At Large rep
Aboli Goghari	At Large rep

October Staff Senate Meeting

Thursday, October 17
11:30am – 1:00pm
Founders Room Talbot 307C
Lunch provided
Hybrid
Join us

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4. Faculty senate

Professor Danielle Haley (dfhaley@bu.edu) provided the school with updates from Faculty Senate.

Dean Search Advisory Committee Election Update

SPH Faculty Senate

University Guidelines: Policy

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The provost will appoint a chair from among the members of the committee.

Policy: bu.edu/handbook/appointments-and-promotions/appointment-of-deans/

University Guidelines: Representative Responsibilities

- Proposing refinements to the initial position description;
 - Actively soliciting nominations for candidates from appropriate sources within the University and nationally;
 - Actively recruiting outstanding candidates who have a record of administrative leadership and achievement and an academic profile suitable for appointment at the level of professor at Boston University;
 - Evaluating the qualifications and assessing the strength of nominees and applicants;
 - Consulting with the faculty of SPH and other school and University stakeholders on finalists; and
 - Recommending the names of 3-5 qualified candidates, outlining the strengths and limitations of each, for final selection by the president and provost, with approval by the Board of Trustees.
- *Target date for dean candidate recommendation: March 7, 2025*

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Faculty Senate Dean Search Election Working Group

- Biostats: Chunyu Liu
- CHS: Danielle Haley
- EH: Kevin Lane
- EPI: Eric Rubenstein
- GH: Meredith Brooks
- HLPM: Tim Callaghan

SPH Election Process

- Process roughly modeled after SPH Bylaw voting process
 - Formal announcement at School Assembly: September 24
 - Faculty self-nominate: September 24- September 30 (deadline at 10 am ET)
 - Vote of the primary faculty: October 1 – October 10 (deadline at 5 pm ET)
 - Communication of election results to Provost Waters: October 11
- 6 exceptional nominees (thank you!)
- 133 primary faculty voted in the election
 - Representation from all departments, tracts, ranks

SPH Elected Representatives

- Maria Glymour
- Madeleine Scammell
- Veronika Wirtz

Anonymous Qualtrics Feedback Form

- Affiliation (SPH Faculty, Staff, Student, Alumni + Other)
- What are three qualities you hope to see in the next Dean of BUSPH?
- What are the most important challenges you feel the next Dean will need to tackle?
- Candidate recommendations
- Other feedback about the Dean search



Listening Sessions

- Faculty listening sessions
 - November 7, 1 pm – 2 pm, in-person
 - November 15, 1 pm – 2 pm, online
- Staff listening sessions
 - October 28, 1 pm – 2 pm, in-person
 - November 1, 1 pm – 2 pm, online
- Student listening session (TBD in coordination with GSL)

>>>Details forthcoming

Faculty Senate Meetings are Open to All Faculty

- 4th Tuesday of each month (12:30-2), except December (December 17)
 - Meetings held in CTC through 446 through December 2024, Talbot January-June 2025
 - Zoom [https:// bostonu.zoom.us/ j/ 8351568301](https://bostonu.zoom.us/j/8351568301) (Meeting ID: 835 156 8301)
- Department Representatives
 - Biostats: Chunyu Liu
 - CHS: Danielle Haley
 - EH: Pat Kinney
 - EPI: Mary Willis
 - GH: Meredith Brooks
 - HLPM: Paul Shafer

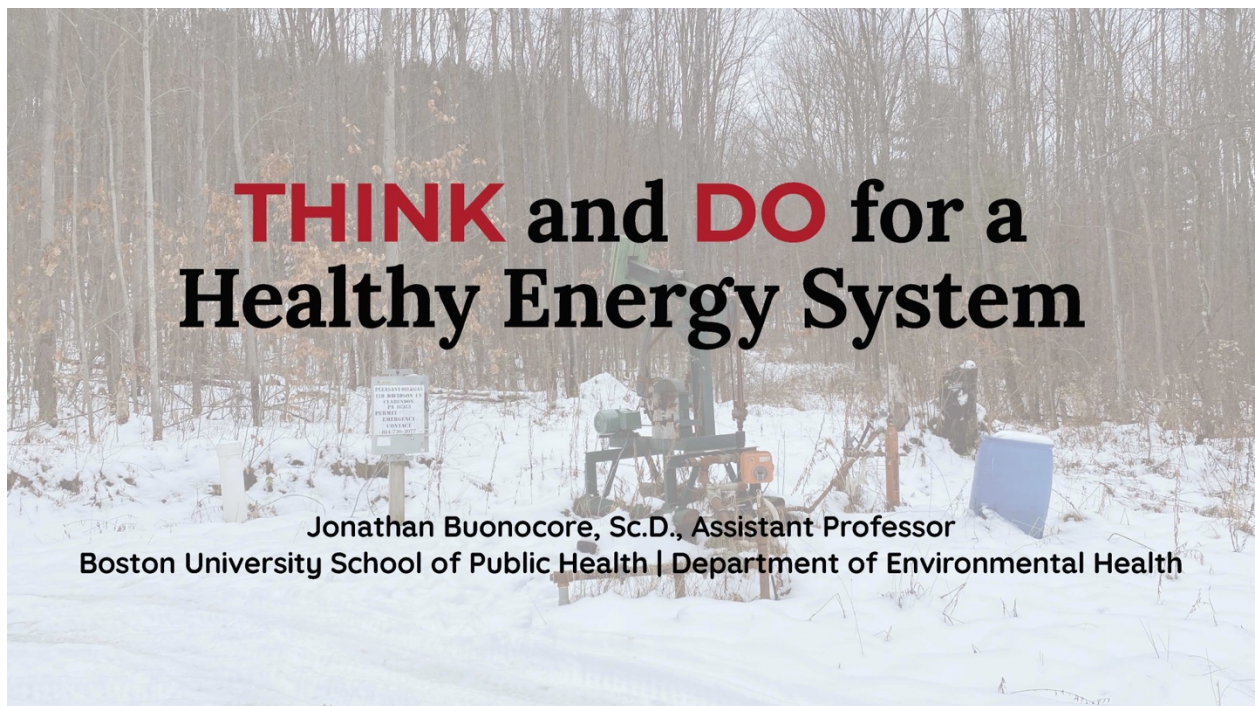
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5. Spotlight on Think. Teach. Do

Professor Jonathan Buonocore (jjbuono@bu.edu) shared updates on his current work and research.



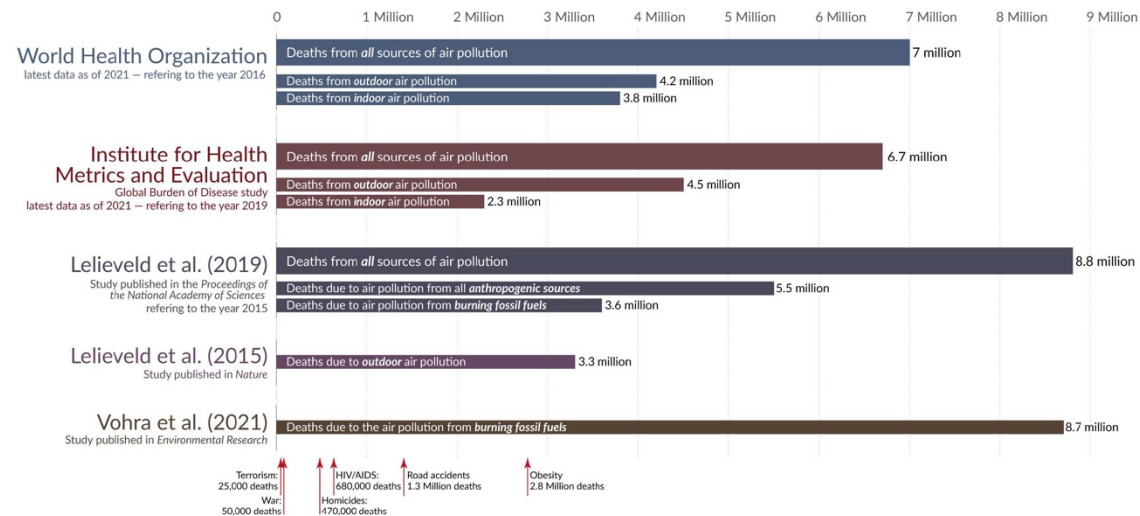
How many people die from air pollution each year?

Estimates of the global death toll from air pollution published in major recent studies

Our World
in Data

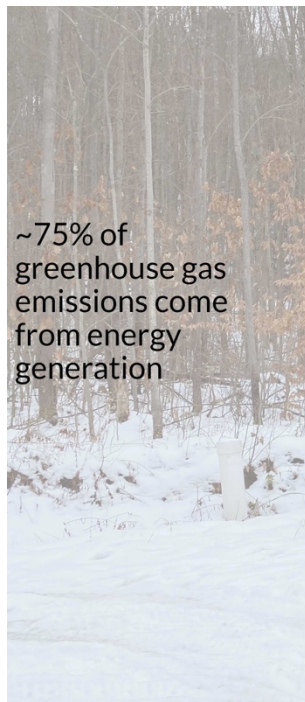
'All sources' includes both anthropogenic and natural sources:

- The largest source of natural air pollution is airborne dust in the world's deserts. Other natural sources are fires, sea spray, pollen, and volcanoes.
- Anthropogenic sources include electricity production; the burning of solid fuels for cooking and heating in poor households; agriculture; industry; and road transport.



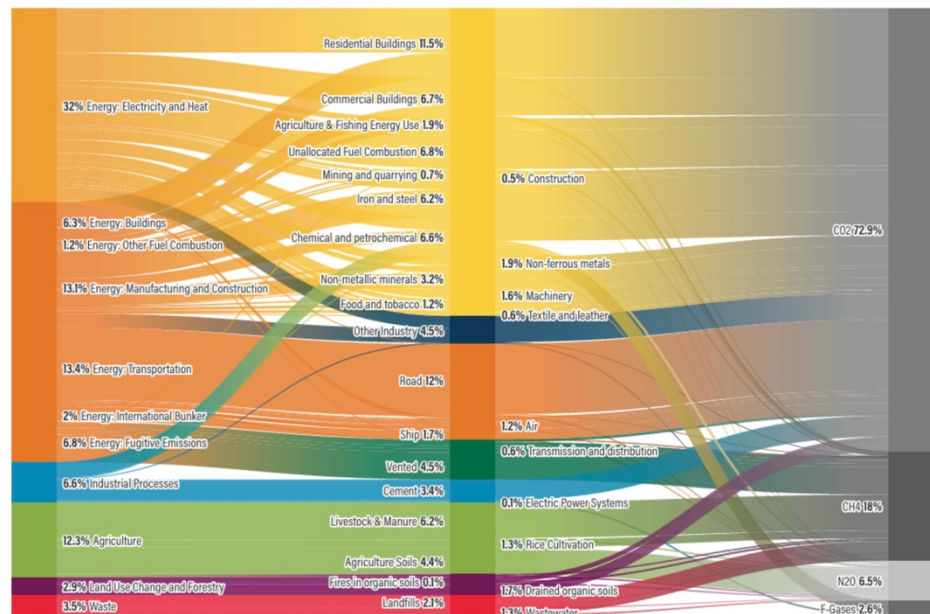
Data on annual death tolls from other causes is the latest data from the World Health Organization, UCDD, and Global Terrorism Database as of November 2021.
OurWorldInData.org — Research and data to make progress against the world's largest problems.

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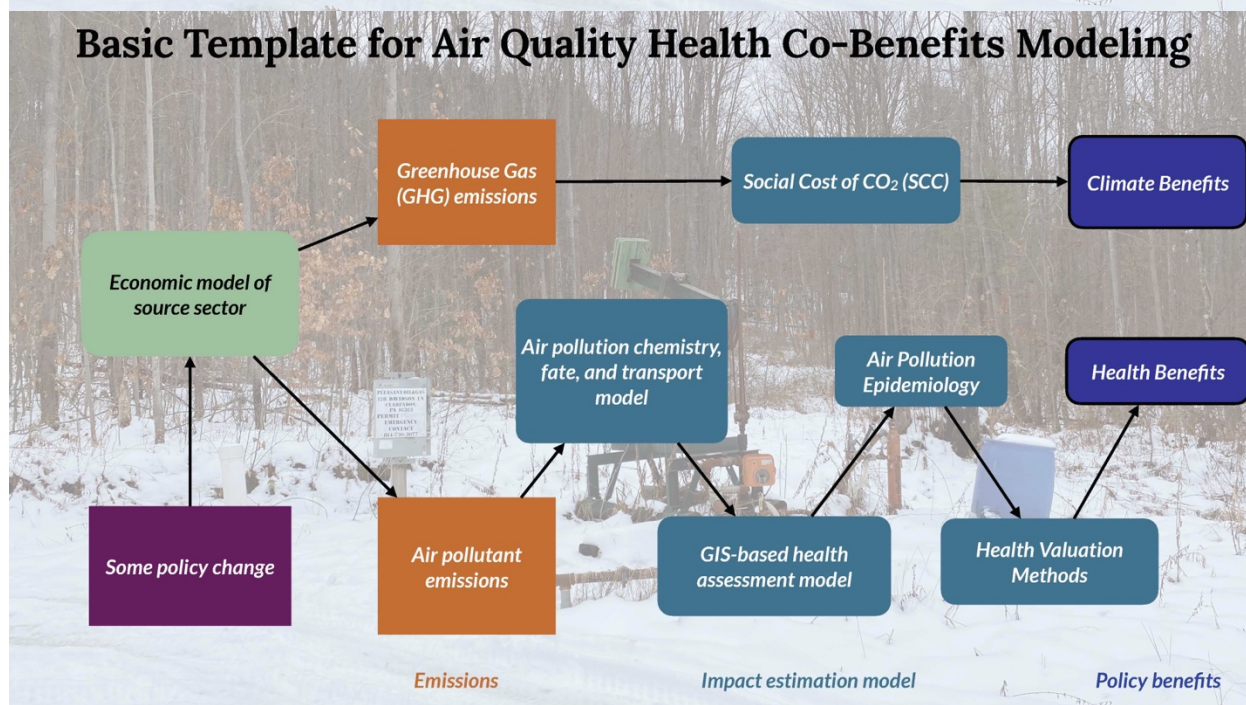
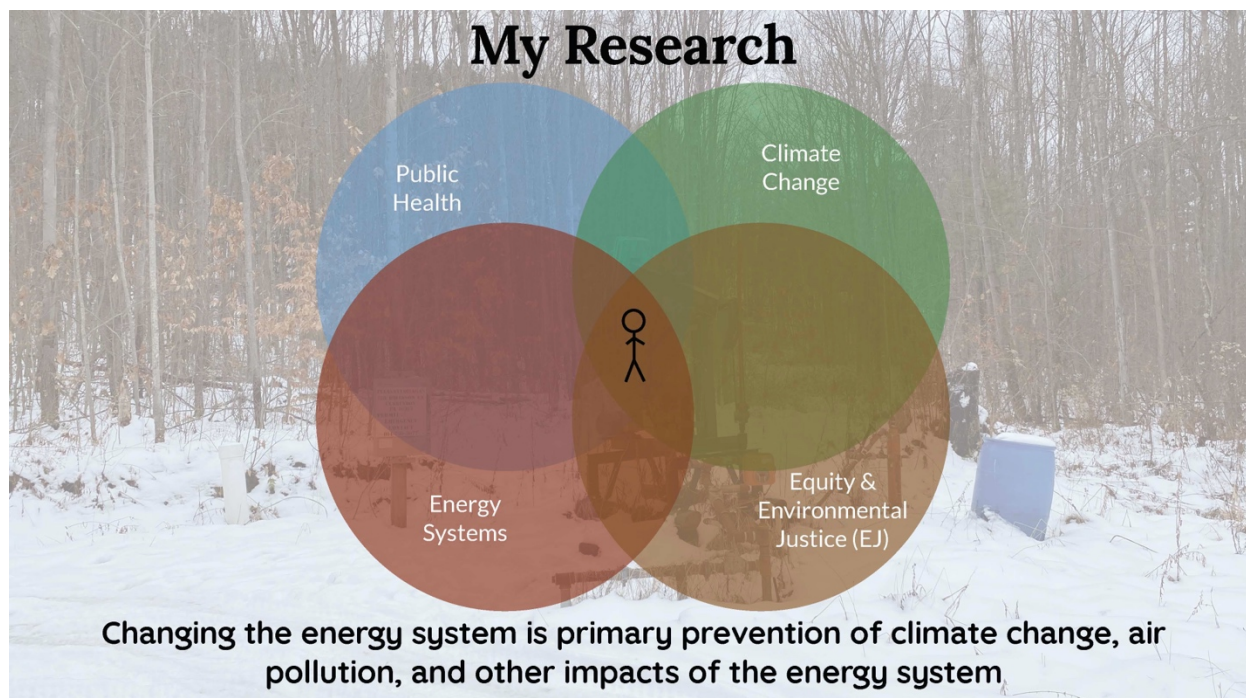


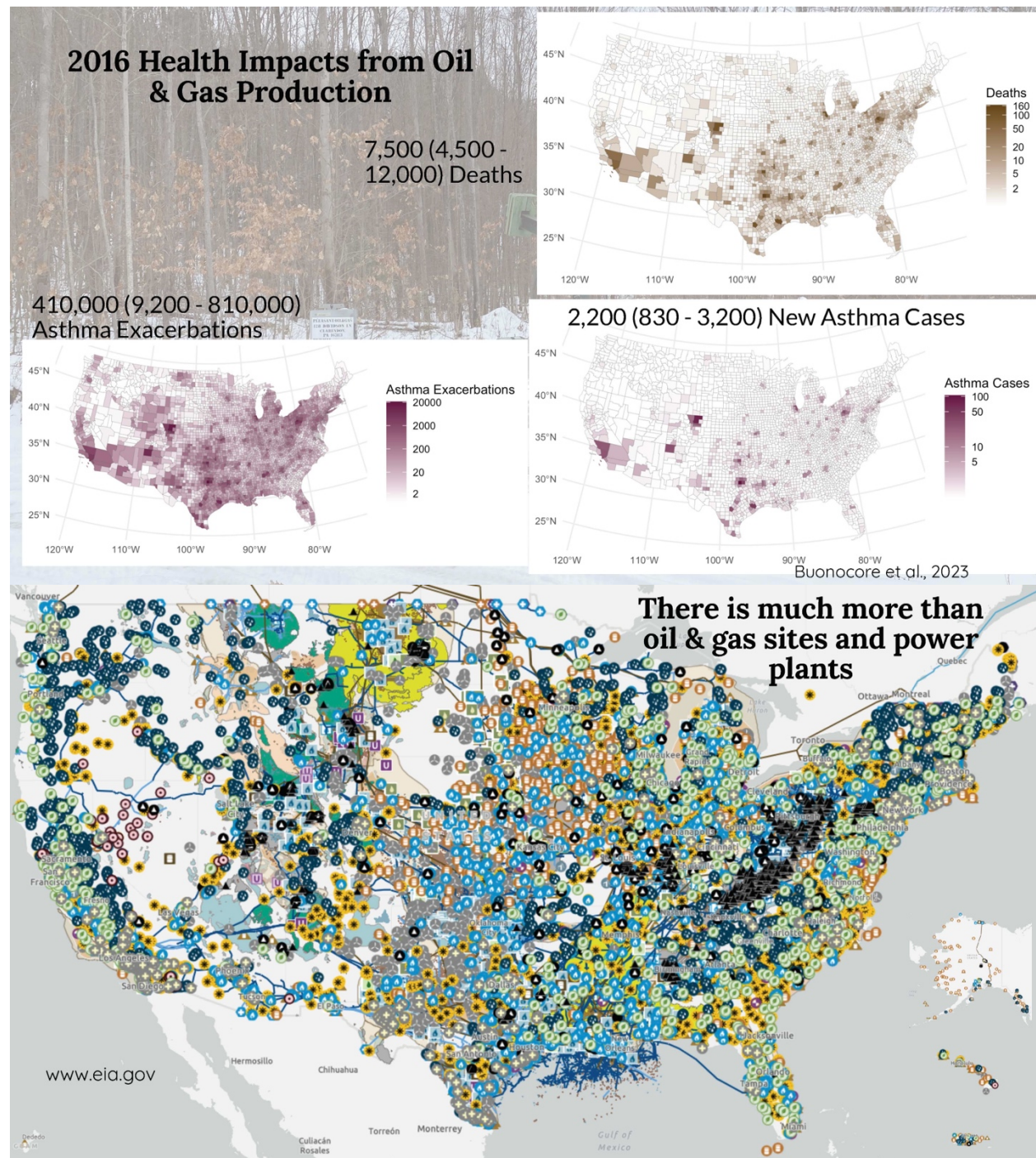
World Greenhouse Gas Emissions in 2020 (Sector | End Use | Gas)

Total: 47.5 GtCO₂e



Source: [Climate Watch](#), based on raw data from IEA (2022), GHG Emissions from Fuel Combustion, [www.iea.org/statistics](#), modified by WRI.





Pervasive Infrastructure in Oil & Gas Regions



Valves and pipes associated with East Brach Storage, LLC an underground gas storage facility in Ludlow, PA.



Active oil well in a cemetery leaking gas



Oil extraction well on standby



Oil storage tanks

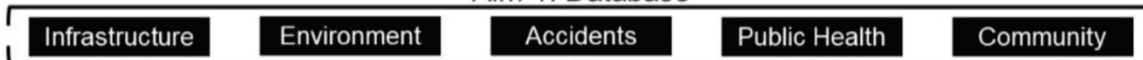
Photos from in and around Warren, PA, by Jonathan Buonocore

[EI]3 Main Aims

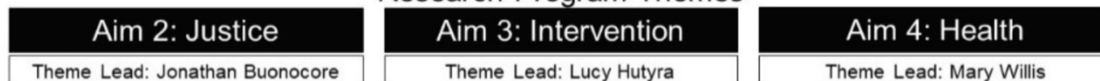
Energy Infrastructure Exposure Intensity and Equity Indices

The Energy & Equity Exposures Database for Population Health:
A Tool for Understanding the Health and Societal Implications of a Just Energy Transition

Aim 1: Database



Research Program Themes



Initial findings and directions with [EI]3

- Major exposure and environmental justice issues
 - ~91% of U.S. census tracts within a health-relevant distance of energy infrastructure
 - Density of emitting infrastructure is ~5x higher in census tracts with high percentage of non-white populations
 - ~8x for storage infrastructure
- Storage, refining, transportation, distribution infrastructure (collectively “midstream”) overlooked so far
- Expanding to cryptocurrency and data centers
 - Early warnings of health impacts in host communities
 - Major electricity consumers

Meet Networked Geothermal

Coming to Boston Soon!

- Framingham – running since June
- Eversource – Franklin Park + others(?)
- Merrimack Valley
- Four others by National Grid, including full electrification
- Many more on their way...

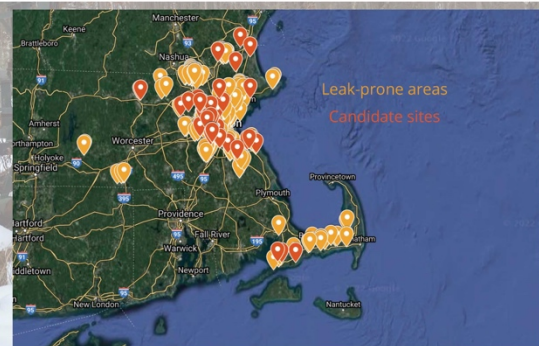
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News Release

Eversource and the City of Framingham Set to Launch Environmentally Friendly Geothermal Project

Three-year pilot to explore if innovative geothermal network can more efficiently meet heating and cooling needs of densely populated, mixed-use community



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Field Evaluation of the GeoGrid

Part of a large research team - innovation to address health, safety, equity, and emissions

- Collect field data on performance
- Model climate and outdoor air quality impacts
- Build and evaluate scenarios for deployment
- Potential for studying indoor air pollution, health, and comfort of residents of retrofitted homes



Energy system is important for public health

Benefits – keeping society and the economy moving, but more directly relevant to health:

- Heating and cooling
- Transportation
- Residential electricity supply

Major Impacts

- ~1/5 deaths due to fossil fuel air pollution
- ~75% of greenhouse gas emissions
- Disasters
- Many poorly-understood hazards across supply chains
- Environmental justice issues

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