Welcome Back!

Student Assembly General Meeting - Wednesday, September 3rd, 2014 at 12 pm, W2008
Agenda

I. Student Assembly Leadership
II. Centennial Festival Ideas
III. 2014-2015 Budget Approval
IV. Bylaws Approval
V. VP Updates
VI. Basecamp Accounts
VII. School-wide Committees
VIII. URM Welcome Dinner
IX. Upcoming Events
X. New Student Group Approval
XI. Announcements
Student Assembly

SA Officers

President: Katie Kuhns
President-Elect: Nicolae Done
President Ex-Officio: José Flores
Treasurer: Raúl Saraiva
VP of Social and Cultural Affairs (2): Jasma Rucker and TBD
VP of Communications: Katelyn Bruno
VP of Elections (MPH Co-Officers) (2): Farouk Dako and Lorenzo Bertizzolo
VP of Community Affairs: Kate Stevens
VP of Honors and Awards (2): Nick Wohlgemuth and TBD
VP of Student Groups: Tyler Henning
VP of Quality of Life: TBD
Student Assembly

SA Officers

Members-at-Large
Liming Dong
Adam Leibold
Hyesung “Hace” Oh
Andrew Pike

Departmental Reps

EHS - Merricka Livingstone
MMI - Olivia Hall
EPI - Hoda Magid
Mental Health – Rida Anmol
Health Policy and Management
BMB
Biostatistics
Health Behavior and Society
International Health
Population Family and Reproductive Health

MPH Part-time: Sean Andrews
JHSPH is Celebrating its 100th Birthday!

...And we’re throwing a big party next fall!
-Suggestions/ideas?
Budget Approval
# JHSPH Student Assembly Budget Proposal, 2014-2015

## Expenses

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| Carry-Over            |          |          | $20,273,41 |
| Auction Proceedings   |          |          | $10,000.00  |
| **Subtotal**          |          |          | $30,273,41  |

**Total Expenses**  $147,780.00  **Total Revenues**  $160,705.73

**Student Conference Fund Carry-Over**  $12,273.41
Bylaws Approval
VP Updates

1. Finance
2. Student Groups
3. Community Affairs
4. Communications
5. Quality of Life
6. Elections
7. Honors and Awards
8. Social and Cultural Affairs
Student Assembly

Basecamp Access

Online Project/Data Management:
- Upload Files
- Create To-Do Lists
- Create Projects
- Discussion Threads

Centralized location of resources
Online history for continuity of group

ALL SA Officers must create accounts
School-Wide Committee Openings

- Academic Ethics (4)
- Technology Transfer (1)
- Civility, Equity, and Diversity (2)
- University Health Services (2-3)

If interested, contact Katie at kkuhns3@jhu.edu.
URM Welcome Dinner-Tonight at UNOS in Inner Harbor at 6 pm

We are in need of 6 more Student Assembly representatives.

If interested, contact Jessica Harrington at jharring7@jhu.edu for more details.
Upcoming Events
Save the Dates!

September 3rd-10th: SA Nominations
September 5th: SA Nomination Happy Hour at JHSPH
September 6th: Interschool Welcome Back Mixer (SPH, SOM, SON, and ND SOP) at PowerPlant at 7:30 pm
September 16th: Student Group Speed Networking at 12 pm in Feinstone Hall
September 24th: Student Group Training at 12 pm in W3008
September 25th: SET Training at 12 pm in Feinstone Hall
October 1st: SA General Meeting at 12 pm in W2008
October 2nd: Student Groups’ Deans’ Lunch at 12 pm in Feinstone Hall
October 4th: SA Officer Orientation
New Student Groups

1. Bhakti Yoga and Vegetarian Club
2. Biomedical Scholars Association
3. Lab Sciences Student Group
4. Student Interest in Vision and Eye Health (SIVEH)
5. Social Epi
Biomedical Scholars Association
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What is BSA?

• The Biomedical Scholars Association (BSA) is a tri-school organization that celebrates diversity and supports minority graduate students and postdoctoral fellows academically, professionally, and socially within the Johns Hopkins Medical Institute community.

• We aim to create meaningful change both within and outside the Hopkins community. Our commitment to diversity includes fostering cultural understanding amongst our members and the Hopkins community at large.
The goal of the BSA is to unify minority scholars within the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutes (JHMI) community and support said scholars academically, socially, and professionally.
Purposes of BSA

1) to provide a support system for every scholar who considers him or herself a minority within the Hopkins community;

2) to promote the academic and professional success of said scholars;

3) to enhance minority scholar recruitment to and retention within the Hopkins community;

4) to provide a network for career development and advancement within the scientific community and;

5) to serve our immediate community through volunteerism
Aims of BSA

a.) Encourage the academic endeavors of minority graduate students;
b.) Establish group solidarity;
c.) Facilitate effective communication among minority graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and faculty;
d.) Form alliances with other minority support groups within the JHMI community;
e.) Inform university administration of the condition and needs of BSA members.
Missions of BSA

1) To **Support Minority Graduate Students and Postdocs**

2) To **Celebrate Diversity**

“We may have different religions, different languages, different colored skin, but we all belong to one human race.” -- Kofi Annan

“Diversity is the one true thing we all have in common. Let’s celebrate it every day”
BSA FUNDING

- Office of Student Diversity = $5,000
- Graduate Student Association = $750
- School of Public Health = TBD
- Other sources: Diversity Innovation Grants/Alumni Association = TBD
6th annual **James E.K. Hildreth Lecture** where **Dr. Kathleen Page** was presenting "Centro SOL: Salud and Opportunity for Latinos (and beyond) A case study of how passion and diversity drove change at JHU".
JUMP dinner for undergraduates and Junior Biomedical Scholars (JBS)

- JUMP gives advice to undergraduate students on decisions concerning entering Graduate School and why to do a PhD

Last year 40 - 50 undergraduates were present to ask questions to graduate students.

- JBS provides a rigorous, high quality science enrichment, public health exposure, talent development and college readiness program targeting disadvantaged youth in underserved areas in an effort to diversify the fields of science, medicine, and public health.
Congressman *Elijah Cummings* gave an inspirational speak to High School students about pursuing higher education.
Last Year’s Community Service

• Fostered connections with organizations such as SOURCE, SNMA, IMP

• Volunteered twice with SNMA’s HPREP program
  – 3/8/14: College Admission Workshop
  – 3/29/14: Intro to Science, Biomedical Areas, and Graduate School

• Currently: Potential mentoring program or seminar series with IMP.

1. 2014 World Cup Parties
2. Whitewater Rafting or “Lazy River” Tubing
3. Camping Trip (or Cabin “Camping”)
4. Paint Night at a Local Restaurant/Pub
5. Trivia Nights at a Local Restaurant
6. Formal/Banquet
7. Ski/Snowboarding Trips
8. Pick-Up Sports at Patterson Park, Sports Leagues, etc.
9. Biking Trip
10. Theme Park (Six Flags, etc.)
11. JHU Marathon Team-organize joint 5k
B I O M E D I C A L  S C H O L A R S  A S S O C I A T I O N
Mission

Crowdsourced Development

- Reagent/equipment share
- Protocol experts
- Mock oral exams
- Professional development
Reagent Share

Sharing
a. User1: Request Reagent
b. User2: Shares with the click of a button (on the site or through email)
c. Transaction gets recorded and creates an inventory item under the control of User2

Request Reagent

Reagent: pYES2-Ub-G76V-GFP
Reagent Category: Plasmids
Comment: I would really appreciate it if anyone has this vector and is willing to share it! I'll buy you coffee thanks!
Reagent Share

Inventory Building
a. We scrape free scientific papers
b. Search for known reagents
c. Associate with labs at Hopkins
Mission

Community Building

Poster Sessions
Guest Speakers
Journal Clubs
Cookie Hour
Cooley Center Intramural Team
Leadership Structure

Executive Board
Hugo Jhun, President	MMI, 4th year PhD
Dolly Singh, VP	BMB, 5th year PhD
Christina Vivelo, Treasurer	BMB, 3rd year PhD
Smita Das, Secretary	MMI, 5th year PhD

Department Representatives

**MMI:**
- Ashley Nelson
- Andrea Hodgson

**EHS:**
- Katelyn Bruno
- Katie Kuhns

**BMB:**
- Justin Jacob

**Biostats:**
- Steven Cristiano
Executive Board

Annual elections open to all departments in all years of the PhD.

VP serves as President the subsequent year

Department Representatives

Open to all students from all departments.

Specifically looking to recruit master’s and postdoc-level representatives as well
SIVEH

Student Interest in Vision and
Vision (no pun intended)

• To lead, inspire, and encourage students interested in global eye health; by enriching their acumen, furthering their skills, and providing support in working towards improving global vision and eye health
Mission

• To gather and support interested minds in advancing global eye health
• Open to all
Purpose & activities

• Round tables discussion
• Guest lectures
• Networking
• Website & Email

Point of contact for interested students wanting to learn more and do more for eye health
Novel group

- Currently, *Eye Disease: Epidemiology & Control* (2nd term)
- Concentration in vision and eye health planned
Sustainability

• Again... concentration planned
• Open to all
  • School wide
  • Home for anyone interested in all aspects of eye health
• Strong faculty support
  • JHSPH
  • Dana Center for Preventive Ophthalmology
Leadership structure

• Faculty advisor:
  • David Friedman, MD, MPH, PhD
    • Alfred Sommer Professor of Public Health Ophthalmology,
    • Wilmer Eye Institute and Bloomberg School of Public Health
    • Director, Dana Center for Preventive Ophthalmology,
    • Senior Ophthalmologist, Helen Keller International

• President: Lucy Mudie
• Secretary: Varshini Varadaraj
• Treasurer: Fares Alsaleh
SOCIAL EPIDEMIOLOGY
STUDENT ORGANIZATION

APPLICATION TO JHSPH STUDENT ASSEMBLY

SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2014

USAMA BILAL, EMILY KNAPP
WHAT IS SOCIAL EPIDEMIOLOGY?

• “Where the social epidemiologist departs from other epidemiologists is at the level of causal thinking. Instead of posing the question ‘Why did this individual get sick?’, the social epidemiologist is motivated by the question ‘Why is this society unhealthy?’” (Kawachi, 2002)

• “Social Epidemiology has been defined as the branch of epidemiology that studies the social distribution and social determinants of health” (Berkman and Kawachi 2000).
WHY DO WE NEED A GROUP?

- **Lack of a track in Epidemiology**
  - No journal clubs/research in progress
  - No seminars
- **Lack of a group in JHSPH** that brings together students and faculty interested in the Social Determinants of Health
- We have **people from all over the school** in our activities!
- Been a **successful and useful** group in the past: want to get it back!
WHAT KIND OF ACTIVITIES HAVE WE DONE?

• 2006-2014: Monthly Journal Club and sporadic research in progress sessions
  • In 2014: 5 Journal Clubs in 1 Research in Progress, attendance between 15 and 45 people in each

• 2006-2011: Annual Lectureship
  • New one Planned for Spring 2015
A JHSPH-sponsored advertisement in Times Square, NYC
Photo: Matt Carr

“These lights broadcast a different message. We’ve lost lives.”

**SES.ORG: Studying Social Determinants of Health in Baltimore**

By: Arijit Nandi, Bryan James and Manuel Franco

Web Page: http://www.jhsph.edu/assembly/SESorg/
Email: sesorg@jhsph.edu

From left: Bryan James, Arijit Nandi, Manuel Franco
Photo: Arijit Nandi

We believe this gap is not driven by a lack of concern, but instead public health’s—particularly modern epidemiology’s—preoccupation with clinical and biological risk factors for disease. In his influential writings, Geoffrey Rose distinguished between two kinds of questions regarding the determinants of disease: ‘why is this life for our neighboring residents of Baltimore?’

Maybe the question we should ask is ‘why is this population sicker than other populations?’ To answer this question, we must better understand macrosocial characteristics such as crime, poverty, and discrimination that provide the context that shapes behavior and regulates the probability of exposure to proximal risk factors, thus placing certain populations ‘at risk for risk’. Rather than simply identifying high risk individuals within a given distribution of
HISTORY

• ~2006: Founded (Manuel Franco, Arijit Nandi)
• 2006: 1st Lectureship (Sandro Galea, Former SER President, Chairman of Epidemiology @ Columbia)
• 2007: 2nd Lectureship (Ana Diez-Roux, Former Chairman of Epidemiology @ Michigan, Dean @ Drexel SPH)
• 2008: 3rd Lectureship (Michael Oakes, UMinn, Editor of book ‘Methods in Social Epidemiology’)
• 2009: 4th Lectureship (Nicholas Christakis, Harvard, author of book ‘Connected’)
• 2011: 5th Lectureship (Leonard Syme, UC Berkeley, ‘Father of Social Epidemiology’)
WHAT KIND OF ACTIVITIES DO WE PLAN TO DO IN 2014-2015?

- **Monthly Journal Club (Funded by the Dept of Epidemiology):** running continuously since 2006
- **Research in Progress Sessions**
- **6th Lectureship (Spring 2015):** Maria Glymour (UCSF, editor of the book ‘Social Epidemiology’)
SUPPORT AND COLLABORATION FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

• **Department of Epidemiology:** provides $500 per academic year for journal club food

• **Health Behavior and Society Student Organization:** in talks to co-organize a seminar with an invited speaker

• **Previous members…**
MANUEL FRANCO, MD PHD

Founder and former Director (2006-2008)
Adjunct Associate Professor (JHSPH Epidemiology)
Associate Professor (University of Alcala, Spain)

"MY TIME AS A COORDINATOR OF THE SES WAS A VERY FRUITFUL ONE BY ORGANIZING JOURNAL CLUBS, YEARLY INVITING SEMINAL RESEARCHERS IN THE EPI AND PUBLIC HEALTH ARENA AS DRS ANA DIEZ-ROUX AND SANDRO GALEA, AND ORGANIZING WORKING GROUPS OF FACULTY AND STUDENTS TO WORK ON DIFFERENT SPECIFIC TOPICS AS SUICIDE AND MULTILEVEL ANALYSIS. NOW THAT I AM GETTING OLD I SEE THIS TYPE OF STUDENT RUN ACTIVITIES AS A FUNDAMENTAL PART OF THE TRAINING STUDENTS CAN GET IN AN INSTITUTION LIKE HOPKINS."
Former Director (2008-2009) 
Epidemiologist with the Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center (Chicago) 
Assistant professor in the Department of Internal Medicine, Rush University.

“I TRULY VALUED BEING A MEMBER AND EVENTUALLY A CO-DIRECTOR OF SES.ORG WHILE I WAS A JHSPH STUDENT AS IT PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO COLLABORATE WITH OTHER STUDENTS AND FACULTY DEDICATED TO INVESTIGATING THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH, AND TO LEARN FROM SOME OF THE MOST DISTINGUISHED RESEARCHERS IN THIS AREA AT THE ANNUAL LECTURESHIP. AS THE EPIDEMIOLOGY DEPARTMENT DID NOT HAVE A SPECIFIC SOCIAL EPI TRACK, THIS WAS ONE OF THE ONLY AVENUES TO LEARN ABOUT AND CREATE A COMMUNITY OF SOCIAL EPIDEMIOLOGISTS AT JHSPH.”
KARA RUDOLPH, PHD

Former Director (2009-2011)
Postdoc at JHSPH
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Health and Society Scholar at UC Berkeley/UCSF (San Francisco)

“Effectively addressing health disparities for future generations requires bringing together emerging researchers from diverse backgrounds and areas of expertise within the school—SES.ORG does just this.”
QUESTIONS?

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 GEOFFREY ROSE, “THE STRATEGY OF PREVENTIVE MEDICINE”, 1992
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