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Public Health at HSLIC

by David Lucero on April 6th, 2022 | [o Comments](#)



In addition to National Library Week, we are celebrating Public Health Week along with the American Public Health Association. This year's theme is: Public Health is Where You Are! Here at HSLIC, we thought we'd share our special interests and involvement in public health.

Lisa Acuff, Research & Education Librarian: During my doctoral studies in public health, I conducted research with the T1D Exchange on uncertainty in type 1 diabetes self-management. The project involved literature searching, data collection and analysis, and sharing through publication. My public health work centered on community health education, and I enjoyed exploring the lived experiences of health information and chronic illness.

Jon Eldredge, Evidence Based Practice Librarian: Nina Wallerstein and I co-teach the required MPH Determinants and Equity in Public Health course. I also teach a segment of the MPH Alternative Culminating Experience seminar, serve on or chair MPH theses committees, and conduct original research on public health in my roles as a professor in the UNM College of Population Health.

Alexis Ellsworth-Kopkowski, Education and Research Librarian: I completed my Bachelor's in Public Health and my internship focused on evaluating a Native American Cancer Prevention program. My first job out of college was working as a research assistant on a sexual violence prevention grant at the Mel & Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health and I currently am collaborating on projects that investigate Adverse Childhood Experiences, cancer prevention, and improving the social determinants of health for American Indian/Alaskan Native populations.

Robyn Gleasner, Resource Management Librarian: My role at HSLIC is to develop collections that support the research being done by our students, faculty, and clinicians. If you have a

resource you would like to recommend in support of public or population health, please [Request a Library Purchase](#) for consideration.

Laura Hall, Division Head for Resources, Archives and Discovery: In my role at HSLIC, I work with our general collection as well as HSLIC's unique and local collections. Many of our local collections document the state's progress in public health, and can be accessed: <https://hsc.unm.edu/hslc/resources/special-collections.html>

Gale Hannigan, Research Services Librarian: As an undergrad, I worked part-time inputting data for occupational health studies of lead and petroleum workers; I was also a student worker at the UC Berkeley School of Public Health Library. After pursuing an MPH, I followed the development of public health informatics and taught this topic at Texas A&M's School of Rural Public Health.

Kelleen Maluski, Student Success and Engagement Librarian: I am extremely interested in the need to build equity into our public health spaces and to make sure that we are looking to the experts who have been doing this work as opposed to perpetuating [health equity tourism](#). I work to incorporate these considerations into all of my teaching and have been lucky enough to be able to assist with a couple of rapid scoping reviews on topics related to this field of study.

Two undergraduate Population Health students, **Samantha Pellman and Jessica Maxwell**, are completing their capstone projects at HSLIC. Their project is to review the standards of practice for peer information specialist programs and to come up with a program proposal.

Jonathan Pringle, Scholarly Communications & Digital Librarian: As the manager of the library's Native Health Database, I realize that public health is collaboration within a network of individuals and provides access to health information that responds to the needs of populations – almost always rooted in culture.

Melissa Rethlefsen, Executive Director: My first professional position was at the Minnesota Department of Health's RN Barr Library, where I conducted searches that contributed to health policy, programming, and research in all aspects of public health. I'm currently the Past Chair of the Public Health/Health Administration Caucus of the Medical Library Association.

Nydia Villezcas, Project Assistant: I am enrolled in the COPH MPH Program for Epidemiology and intend to pursue a PhD in that field. At HSLIC, I'm part of a scoping review team focused on the role of academic health sciences libraries in engagement and outreach to Native American communities.

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