

January – June 2024

List of Awards/Honors and Presentations

AWARDS/HONORS

BSDS

- **Dr. Qingzhao Yu** was Elected Full Member, Delta Omega National Honor Society (Public Health) in May 2024.
- **Dr. Qingzhao Yu** was Elected Full Member, Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Honor Society in May 2024.
- **Dr. Qingzhao Yu** was Elected Editor-in-Chief, Data Science in Science in June 2024.

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- **SOPHIE AWARD-** The National Office of the Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE), selected **Dr. Tseng** as the recipient of the **SOPHE 2024 Health Education Technology Innovation Award**. This award recognizes individuals or groups who have distinguished themselves by applying innovative, non-commercial technology in health education.
- **Delta Omega Research Day- 1st Place Poster—Miya Tate**, one of our dual degree MSW/MPH students. Her poster— *Age, Coping and Well-Being in Black LGBTQ+ Adults*. Authors—Tate, M, Watts, K., Thrasher, S. & **Phillippi, S. (Major Advisor)** This will be one of two SPH posters submitted to the National Delta Omega competition from LSUHSC.
- Dr. **Wennerstrom** was selected as a **candidate for APHA Executive Board**.
- Alum **Miya Tate** MSW/MPH, was accepted for the poster session at the **National Delta Omega session** of the APHA in Minneapolis. She is **one of only 29 students selected** to present from schools of public health nationally.
- Dr. **Glick** was the **feature article in the SPH Research Office’s “spotlight article” series**.
- PhD student, **Malesa Pereira** is **one of three finalists** at the Applied Public Health Statistics Section of **APHA 2024 Stata Scholar Student Research Competition**.

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- **Honore P** was appointed to the Board of the Council on Alcohol and Drug Addictions (CADA) in January. CADA is celebrating its 50th year serving the New Orleans area.

- **Ferguson TF** chosen as an American Heart Association Woman of Impact Nominee. Please look out for communications on opportunities to support the research and services provided by the AHA February – April 2024. The annual luncheon will be held on March.
- **Tonzel J.** Factors associated with COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy among people vulnerable to HIV in two communities in Western Kenya. Accepted to be presented as a poster. AIDS 2024, the 25th International AIDS Conference, Munich, Germany.

PRESENTATIONS

BSDS

- Siggins RW, McTernan PM, Zaparte A, Pearson CS, **Lin HY**, Simon L, Molina PE, Welsh DA. Alcohol's unseen harm: Fueling immunosenescence and SASP in HIV+ individuals. Research Society on Alcohol (RSA), Minneapolis, MN. Jun. 2024.
- Esmeralda J, **Lin HY**. Somatic Risk Scores of Prostate Cancer Aggressiveness. Louisiana Cancer Research Consortium Scientific (LCRC) Retreat, May 2024. Poster.
- Lin WT, Ting PS, Huang CK, **Lin HY**, Seal D, Chen PH, Tseng TS. Gender differences in the Association Between Diagnosed Status of Metabolic Dysfunction-Associated Fatty Liver Disease and Healthy Eating Index. Presented at the Society of Epidemiology (SER) 2024 conference. Austin, TX, June, 2024
- Tseng TS, Lin WT, Ting PS, Huang CK, Chen PH, **Lin HY**. Racial and Gender Disparities in Healthy Eating Index, and Diagnosed Status of Metabolic Dysfunction-Associated Steatotic Liver Disease. Presented at 17th Health Disparities Conference, 2024, New Orleans, LA.
- Witmeier KN, Gonzalez G, **Lin HY**, Chiu Y, Celestin MD, Trapido E, Tseng TS. Health disparities and LDCT lung cancer screening analysis. Presented at 17th Health Disparities Conference, 2024, New Orleans, LA.
- Robinson J, Lin WT, Ting PS, Huang CK, **Lin HY**, Seal D, Chen PH, Tseng TS. Examining Disparities in Bariatric Surgery Follow-up: Insights from the National Health and Nutritional Examination Survey. Presented at 17th Health Disparities Conference, 2024, New Orleans, LA.
- **Chang, J.**, Lee, Y., 2024 Innovations in Health Science Education Conference, "Education of Optimization Method in Medical Field," The University of Texas System Academy of Health Science Education, Austin, TX, United States. (2024).
- **Qingzhao Yu**, "High-Dimensional Bayesian Mediation Analysis with Adaptive Laplace Priors." 2024 Bayesian World Meeting, Venice, Italy, July 1-7, 2024.
- **Qingzhao Yu**, "Bayesian Mediation Analysis for Time-to-Event Outcome: Investigating Racial Disparity in TNBC Survival," 2024 NAACCR Annual Conference, Boise, Idaho, June 25-27, 2024.
- 2024 LCRC retreat, Xavier University, May 17, 2024
 - Disparities in Oncotype Dx Utilization and Impact on Survival Outcomes among Breast Cancer Patients in Louisiana: A Population-Based Study, Xiao-ChengWu, Yong Yi, Xinhui Yang, Pratibha Shrestha, Meichin Hsieh, Lauren Maniscalco, **Qingzhao Yu**, Edward Trapido.

- Racial Disparities in COVID-19 Deaths Amongst Cancer Patients and Possible Mediators for this Relationship. Leah Vaidya; Xiao-Cheng Wu; Nubaira Rizvi; Lauren S. Maniscalco; Yong Yi; Augusto Ochoa; **Qingzhao Yu**.
- Investigating the Role of Genetic and Non-Genetic Risk Factors on Racial Disparity in Breast Cancer Survival Using AoU Database. Nubaira Rizvi; Hui Lyu; Leah Vidya; Xiao-Chang Wu; **Qingzhao Yu**.
- Social Determinants and Genetic Mutations to Explain Disparities in Breast Cancer Survival Using the AoU Database. Nubaira Rizvi; Hui Lyu; Leah Vidya; Xiao-Chang Wu; **Qingzhao Yu**.

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- **Phillippi, S.**, Maus, B, Bowers, E. & **Fenton, A** (2024) Workshop- Impact over time: A 5-year Study of a Mentoring Program for Youth at Risk for Drug Use and Delinquency. US DOJ- Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention’s National Mentor Summit. January 26, 2024. Washington DC.
- **Wennerstrom, A.** “Using data to support community health workers.” Invited keynote presentation with C. Haywood. Envision Community Health Worker Sustainability Summit. April 16, 2024. Spokane, WA.
- **Wennerstrom, A.** “Community health workers in rural communities.” Invited presentation with C. Haywood. Medicaid Evidence-based Decisions Conference. Oregon Center for Evidence-based Policy. May 8, 2024. Portland, OR.
- **Glick, JL**, Nguyen, M., Huang, A., Alexander, & K. German, D,. *Mental health and social support among sexual minority women at high-risk for HIV in Baltimore City*. [Abstract accepted for oral presentation at the 2024 National LGBTQ Health Conference].
- **Glick, JL.**, Wiegand, A., Disetai, S., Magee, E., Restar, A. Dammons, I., Gribbin, M., Flynn, C. German, D,. *Exploring impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on service access experiences among transgender and nonbinary people in Baltimore City*. [Abstract accepted for poster presentation at the 2024 National LGBTQ Health Conference].
- Kennedy, K., Wiegand, A., Schor, M., Magee, E., **Glick, JL**, Flynn, C., German, D,. *Physically I feel safe, but emotionally I feel very uncomfortable”: Exploring Dimensions of Housing-Related Safety Among Transgender and Gender Diverse People in Baltimore City*. [Abstract accepted for poster presentation at the 2024 National LGBTQ Health Conference].
- Siebach, K., Bailey-Herring, G., Valentine-Graves, M., Lucas, I., Winter, S., Williams, K., **Glick JL.**, Wilcox, H., Sanchez, T., Murray, S. *Safety Protocols in Online Mental Health Research – Emerging Findings from the Rural Exploration and Approaches for LGBTQ+ Mental Health (REALM) Study*. [Abstract accepted for oral presentation at the 2024 National LGBTQ Health Conference].
- **Glick, JL.**, Nestadt, D. Sanchez, T., Li, K., Hannah, M., Rawlings, K., Rinehart, A., Sarkar, S., Vannappagari, V. (2024, July 24). *Location preferences for accessing long-acting injectable pre-exposure prophylaxis (LA-PrEP) among men who have sex with men (MSM) in the U.S currently using daily-oral PrEP*”. Poster at the 25th International AIDS Conference. Munich, Germany.
- **Witmeier, KN.**, **Gonzalez, G.**, Lin, HY., Chiu, Y., **Celestin MD.**, Trapido, E., **Tseng, T.S.** Factor associated with LDCT lung cancer screening in the United States. Presented at LSUHSC School of Public Health Annual Delta Omega Honor’s Day, April, 2024.

- **Gonzalez, G., Witmeier, KN., Norman, M., Wilson, P., Delahoussaye, M., Tseng, T.S.** Assert mapping for people with disabilities of Gentilly Community. Presented at LSUHSC School of Public Health Annual Delta Omega Honor's Day, April, 2024.
- **Tseng, TS.,** Lin, WT., Ting, PS., Huang, CK., Chen, PH., Lin, HY. Racial and Gender Disparities in Healthy Eating Index, and Diagnosed Status of Metabolic Dysfunction-Associated Steatotic Liver Disease. Presented at 17th Health Disparities Conference, 2024, New Orleans, LA.
- Wang, J., **Celestin MD,** Dorsey, K., **Granger A., Bryant T,** Yu Q., **Tseng TS.** Influence peer perception and survey location on E-cigarette use in 2021 and 2022 high school student. American Physician Science Association, 2024
- Wang, J., **Celestin MD,** Dorsey, K., **Granger A., Bryant T,** Yu Q., **Tseng TS.** Influence of Race and Peer Perception on E-cigarette Use: Results from a National Survey of among High School Students. Presented at 17th Health Disparities Conference, 2024, New Orleans, LA.
- **Witmeier, KN., Gonzalez, G.,** Lin, HY., Chiu, Y., **Celestin MD.,** Trapido, E., **Tseng, T.S.** Health disparities and LDCT lung cancer screening analysis. Presented at 17th Health Disparities Conference, 2024, New Orleans, LA.
- **Gonzalez, G., Witmeier, KN.,** Norman, M., Wilson, P., Delahoussaye, M., **Tseng, T.S.** Community Assert mapping for people with disabilities of Gentilly Community. Presented at 17th Health Disparities Conference, 2024, New Orleans, LA.
- Y, Lu., K, Kawn., **TS Tseng.** Insufficient lycopene intake is associated with different levels of periodontitis in older adults. Presented at 17th Health Disparities Conference, 2024, New Orleans, LA.
- J, Robinson., Lin, WT., Ting, PS., Huang, CK., Lin, HY., Seal, D., Chen, PH., **Tseng, TS.** Examining Disparities in Bariatric Surgery Follow-up: Insights from the National Health and Nutritional Examination Survey. Presented at 17th Health Disparities Conference, 2024, New Orleans, LA.
- **Tate, M,** Watts, K., Thrasher, S. & **Phillippi, S.** *Age, Coping, and Well-Being in Black LGBTQ+ Adults.* LSUHSC School of Public Health Annual Delta Omega Honor's Day, April 2024 (poster).
- Davis, S., Johnson, C. **Phillippi, S.,** Singleton, T., Womack, G. (2024). Panel Presentation. Policy & Advocacy: Advancing LDH CoP around SHIP goals and objective for state health improvement. Louisiana Department of Health. Statewide live remote online meeting.
- **Phillippi, S.** (2024). Invited Presentation. Gaps and Needs: Services and Workforce Analyses. State Mental Health Policy Support Centers. March 12, 2024. National Webinar-Live Online.
- **Williams** Speaker, Louisiana is United in Blue to Prevent Colorectal Cancer. State Capitol, March 28, 2024.
- **Phillippi, S.** (2024). Keynote Presentation. The Louisiana Crisis Response System: The Future of Behavioral Health Crisis Services for Louisiana Youth is Expanding Now, So You may Ask Yourself...How? Louisiana Behavioral Health Advisory Council. May 6, 2024 in Baton Rouge Louisiana
- Savicki, K. & **Phillippi, S.** (2024). Mobile Crisis Response Services for LA Youth: Expansion of the Louisiana Crisis Response System. Louisiana Teacher Leader Summit. May 30, 2024. New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Savicki, K. & **Phillippi, S.** (2024). Update on Medicaid Services, Initiatives, and Best Practices for Children and Youth. Louisiana Psychological Association Annual Conference. May 31, 2024. New Orleans, Louisiana.

- **Wennerstrom, A.** “Mass incarceration as a public health issue.” Invited presentation. Diversity, Inclusion, Justice and Equity Seminar Series. University of South Carolina School of Public Health Center for Community Health Alignment. May 23, 2024. Virtual.
- **Glick, J.L.,** Nestadt, D. Sanchez, T., Lucas, I., Valentine-Graves, M., Winter, S. Islek, D., Murray, S. Baral, S., Brown, C., Vannappagari, V. *The role of healthcare-related experiences in willingness and preference for long-acting injectable PrEP (LA-PrEP) among transfeminine persons in the US Transgender Women’s Internet Survey and Testing (TWIST) study.* Poster presented at the at the International AIDS Society - Research for Prevention (R4P) Conference. Lima, Peru.
- Islek, D., Sanchez, T., Baral, S., Brown, C., Caldwell, J., **Glick, J.L.,** Jones, J., Lucas, I., Ragone, L., Ruitter, A., Sullivan, P., Valentine-Graves, M., Winter, S., Vannappagari, V. *Preferences for starting daily, on-demand, and long-acting injectable HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis among transfeminine persons in the United States: Results from the Transgender Women’s Internet Survey and Testing (TWIST) study.* Poster presented at the at the International AIDS Society - Research for Prevention (R4P) Conference. Lima, Peru.
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- **Phillippi, S.** (2024). Identifying Substance Abuse and mental Health Concerns within My Family, My Workspace and My Community—How to Assist Those Who are In Need. 2024 LSBA Annual Meeting & Louisiana Judicial College/Louisiana State Bar Association Joint Summer School. June 4, 2024. San Destin, Florida.
- **Phillippi, S.** (2024). Vicarious Trauma: Why the Practice of Law is So Draining – How to Identify and Cope with the Challenges. 2024 LSBA Annual Meeting & Louisiana Judicial College/Louisiana State Bar Association Joint Summer School. June 4, 2024. San Destin, Florida. **Wennerstrom A.** “Community health workers’ role in addressing mass incarceration as a public health issue.” Invited presentation. Southeast Community Health Worker Network. June 18, 2024. Virtual.

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- **Katner A,** Edwards M, Stelly A, **Brisolara K, Williams D, Trapido E,** Pieper K. Climate hazards faced by underserved communities and recommendations for fostering disaster resilience and environmental justice. 2024 Annual Conference of the American Chemical Society (ACS). New Orleans, LA (March 17-24, 2024).
- **Katner A,** Stelly A, **Brisolara K, Williams D, Trapido E,** Pieper K. Louisiana lessons learned on the cumulative and cascading effects of climate change in underserved communities and strategies for foster disaster resilience and environmental justice. 2024 Annual Conference of the National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI). New Orleans, LA (March 21-23, 2024).

- **Harrington D.** Panelist. Climate Change and Health Competencies Town Hall. ASPPH Annual Meeting, Arlington, VA (Mar 21-23, 2024).
- **Katner A.** Invited Guest Speaker. Environmental Fridays Lecture. Online. Water Policy, Regulations and Public Health. Andrews University. [Link](#).
- Bam A, Mohamed M, **Katner A, Trapido E, Oral E.** Investigating the Role of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) on Cancer in Louisiana. LSUHSC Delta Omega Honors Day, New Orleans LA (4/2/2024).
- **Hu C.** 2024 Taiwan-U.S. Education Symposium in New Orleans. Networking with the Foundation for International Cooperation in Higher Education of Taiwan (FICHET). Taipei Taiwan (May 29, 2024).
- **Katner A.** Lecturer, Shining a Light on Pollution: Odor Documentation and Reporting, Upward Bound, Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA. June 7, 2024.
- **Onyije F** Environmental and Occupational Risk Factors of Cancer: The Ongoing Exploration. IARC, WHO, June 13, 2024.
- **Godebo T.** Environmental Contaminants, Biomarkers and Human Health. Tulane U. New Orleans, LA. (July 22, 2024).

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- **Ferguson TF** was an invite presented at the University of Nebraska Medical Center for the Epidemiology Seminar. EPI Seminar. Talk Title -A Biopsychosocial Approach to Understanding Alcohol Misuse and HIV, Thursday, January 25th.
- Nguyen TH, Yi Y, Brittain D, Yates R, Morrison S, Castellano T, Jernigan AM, **Wu XC**, Nair N. Does living in a food desert impact cancer stage at diagnosis and overall survival among gynecologic cancer patients in Louisiana? Society of Gynecologic Oncology Annual Meeting. Mar 16-18, 2024. San Diego, CA. Poster Presentation.
- PhD Student - **Rachel Denny**, MPH. Presented MPH presenting at the Vertebrate Pest Conference in California - Advisor Straif-Bourgeois.
- Mabvakure B, Li S, Delgado-Herrera DC, **Hsieh M**, Benjamin W, Martinez-Cruz L, Patil S, Mohebbi E, D'Silva N, Sartor MA, Rozek LS. Comparison of HPV Virus-Induced Oropharyngeal Cancer by Self-Reported Race and the Potential Implications on Treatment. AACR Annual Meeting 2024. April 5-10, 2024. San Diego, CA.
- **Wu XC**, Yi Y, Yang XH, **Hsieh MC**, **Maniscalco LS**, Yu QZ, **Trapido E.** Disparities in Oncotype Dx Utilization and Impact on Survival Outcomes among Breast Cancer Patients in Louisiana: A Population-Based Study. Presented at the 2024 Louisiana Cancer Research Center Retreat, New Orleans, May 17, 2024.
- Vaidya Leah, **Wu XC**, Nubaira Rizvi, Lauren S. Maniscalco, Yong Yi, Augusto Ochoa, Qingzhao Yu. Racial Disparities in COVID-19 Deaths Amongst Cancer Patients and Possible Mediators for this Relationship. Presented at the 2024 Louisiana Cancer Research Center Retreat, New Orleans, May 17, 2024.

- **Wu XC**, Yi Y, **Maniscalco LS**, Yu QZ, **Hsieh MC**. HIV Elevates Cancer Mortality Risk More in AIDS-Defining Malignancies than Non-ADM Cases. Presented at the 2024 North American Association of Central Cancer Registries Annual Conference, June 25-27, 2024, Boise Idah.
- Yu QZ, Rizvi N, **Wu XC**, Li B. Bayesian Mediation Analysis for Time-to-Event Outcome: Investigating Racial Disparity in TNBC Survival. Presented at the 2024 North American Association of Central Cancer Registries Annual Conference, June 25-27, 2024, Boise Idah.
- Nubaira Rizvi, Hui Lyu, Leah Vidya, **Xiao-Cheng Wu**, Qingzhao Yu. Investigating the Role of Genetic and Non-Genetic Risk Factors on Racial Disparity in Breast Cancer Survival Using AoU Database. Presented at the 2024 Louisiana Cancer Research Center Retreat, New Orleans, May 17, 2024.
- Zwald F, Sargen M, Austin A, **Hsieh M-C**, Pawlish K, Li J, Lynch CF, Yu K, Engels E. Outcomes in solid organ transplant recipients with a pretransplant diagnosis of melanoma. American Transplant Congress 2024. June 1-5, 2024. Philadelphia, PA.
- **Prusisz T**, Run AL, **Hsieh M-C**, Oral E, Trapido EJ, **Levitzky E**, **Peters ES**. No Elevated Risk of Cancer in Women of Southeastern Louisiana 12 Years after the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. Poster presentation at 2024 Society for Epidemiological Research (SER) Meeting June 18-21, 2024. Austin, TX.
- Tao J, Shing JZ, Yu K, Kreimer AR, **Hsieh M-C**, Pawlish K, Li J, Qiao B, Engels EA. Spectrum of cancer risk in Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and other Pacific Islander Populations After Solid Organ Transplantation in the United States in the US. Society for Epidemiological Research Meeting. Austin, TX. Jun 18-21, 2024.
- **Levitzky E**. ASPPH Sections Retreat. June on BI Analytics and Reporting.
- **Elewonibi, R..** Addressing Colorectal Cancer in Louisiana: Collaborative Initiatives. Southeastern Colorectal Cancer Consortium Conference on June 11th.
- **Ferguson TF**, Madkour AS, Felker-Kantor E, Smith E, Welsh DW, Molina PE. Alcohol Outlet Environment and Co-use of Alcohol with Other Substances among Persons Living with HIV. Alcohol Research in People Living with HIV Alcohol Research and HIV. 47th Annual RSA Scientific Meeting. Satellite Meeting. June 22, 2024. Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- Gill A, Clum G, Molina PM, Welsh DA, Theall KP, **Ferguson TF**. Life course stressors, latent coping strategies, and high-risk alcohol use among people with HIV. 47th Annual RSA Scientific Meeting. Satellite Meeting. June 22, 2024. Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- Edwards S, Gilpin NW, Oral E, **Ferguson TF**, Welsh DA, Molina PE. Pain and negative affect in relation to alcohol use disorder risk in people with HIV. 47th Annual RSA Scientific Meeting. June 23-25, 2024. Minneapolis, Minnesota.