

Bachelor of Science in Public Health Summer 2019 Newsletter

Program Director Welcome

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Welcome to the Bachelor of Science in Public Health (BSPH) program! We couldn't be more excited about the launch of our new program in the new Parkinson School of Health Sciences and Public Health. This fall we welcome our new BSPH majors, and, as our inaugural cohort, you will always occupy a special place in the program's history. We are thrilled that you have chosen to pursue public health. By making this choice, you are creating a new community at Loyola and are setting the stage for students to follow in your footsteps in the years and decades to come.

Being in the first cohort comes with tremendous opportunity but also great responsibility. You will have the opportunity to become knowledgeable about the field of public health and skilled in critical thinking, ethical decision-making, statistical methods, effective health communication, advocacy, and project management. But you will also have the responsibility that comes with helping to shape the BSPH program itself. You can make a positive impact by making an investment in your coursework, co-curricular activities such as a public health club and career development workshops, and in each other. Be as generous as you can in helping shape the program. In turn, we are committed to: delivering a high-quality education that prepares you for public health practice; listening to your ideas and concerns; advocating on your behalf, and being a program students are glad to have chosen. We have high expectations of you, and you should expect no less of us in return!

Public Health (PUBH) Courses - Fall 2019

PUBH 300, Introduction to Public Health, Class #6830 (2nd Year or 3rd Year students)

8/26/19 – 12/14/19; Julie Darnell, PhD plus team of Public Health Science faculty

Public health is the science of preventing disease and protecting and promoting the health of populations and communities. Through interactive exercises and application of concepts, this course considers its history; ethical principles; scientific foundation and tools; biomedical bases; socioeconomic and behavioral factors; environmental issues; and relationship to medical care.

PUBH 301, Health and the Environment, Class #6835 (2nd Year or 3rd Year students)

8/26/19 – 12/14/19; Justin Harbison, PhD

This course is designed as an introduction to the field of environmental health, including regulations, research, disease prevention, and advocacy.

Reach out to Keith Kramer, Program Coordinator/Advisor for the BSPH at kkramer4@luc.edu if you have questions about BSPH courses.

Loyola Public Health Club

Be a charter member of a new student-led club at Loyola! Public Health majors and interested non-majors will come together to socialize, meet new people, network, gain professional experience, develop skills in leadership, organization and management, and serve local communities and beyond. Please contact Keith Kramer to share your interest in helping to create this new Loyola student organization: kkramer4@luc.edu. Link to SAGA (Student Activities & Greek Affairs—oversees clubs): <https://www.luc.edu/saga/studentorgs/startanorganization/>

American Public Health Association (APHA)

Join APHA! The APHA is a national organization for public health professionals seeking to “champion the health of all people and all communities.” The APHA speaks out on public health issues and policies backed by science. Its mission is to improve the health of the public and achieve equity in health status.

Joining the APHA Student Assembly (7000+ members) provides many opportunities to gain valuable leadership experience, further students' education, and network with other public health professionals. Members of the Student Assembly have exclusive access to the *American Journal of Public Health* and *The Nation's Health* and are invited to attend APHA's Annual Meeting and Expo, where they can present their own research abstracts and posters. Members also enjoy discounts on publications, travel and other resources, as well as having the opportunity to network with other public health professionals. <https://www.apha.org/>

Student Membership - \$65 annually with green discount for online access only to the *American Journal of Public Health*.



Featured Profile

Justin Harbison, PhD Parkinson School of Health Sciences & Public Health



An Assistant Professor at Loyola Chicago since 2007, Justin Harbison's research has focused on mosquito control in Kenya, California, Illinois, and elsewhere as he seeks to discover how to reduce mosquito numbers and cases of human disease, and what policies and procedures need to change to help the cause. Given that many urban mosquitoes breed in catch basins, storm water retention ponds, and other parts of sewage systems, Justin earned the nickname "Sewer Monster" for the time he spends in sewers.

Regarding the value of our new B.S. in Public Health, Justin feels the program will give students a broad basis in public health that will allow them to pursue their interests in improving the health of others in many different ways.

This fall Justin teaches our PUBH 301 Health and Environment course and will be co-teaching PUBH 300 Introduction to Public Health. For more information on Justin's work: [PUBLICATIONS](#).

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

Part-Time Job, Internship & Service Fair, Wednesday, September 4, 1 – 4 PM, Damen Student Center

Learn about part-time jobs on/off campus, engaged learning opportunities, and volunteer work in the fall semester.

BSPH Pizza Meet & Greet, Wednesday, August 28, 5PM – 6 PM, Cudahy Hall Room 301

Join Public Health students and faculty informally for some pizza and snacks, and learn more information about program happenings.

Parkinson School Welcome Picnic, Sunday, September 15, 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM, Upper Quad
Food, fun and swag including Parkinson School t-shirts!

Wellness Fair, Wednesday, October 2, Noon – 4 PM, Damen MPR

Free flu shots, HIV/STI testing, massages, and more! This event is open to all LUC students and is designed to educate students about the different aspects of wellness (emotional, financial, physical, etc.). Public Health will be present with a table as well.

Parkinson School Professional Development Lunch & Learn Workshops 2019-2020

Featured presenter: Christie Asif, MA, Career Development Advisor, Career Services

Are You LinkedIn? How to Connect with People & Opportunities, Wednesday, October 16, Noon – 1:30 PM in IES 123/124.

Resume Writing in Health Sciences & Public Health, Wednesday, January 29, Noon – 1:30 PM in IES 123/124.

Job Search Jump Start, Wednesday, March 11, Noon – 1:30 PM in IES 123/124.

Additional Information

Student Support Resources:

- **ITS Help Desk**
 - helpdesk@luc.edu
 - 773-508-4487
- **Career Services**
 - <https://www.luc.edu/career/index.shtml>
- **Library**
 - Subject Specialists: <http://libraries.luc.edu/specialists>
- **Student Accessibility Center**
 - <https://www.luc.edu/sac/>
- **Writing Center**
 - <http://www.luc.edu/writing/>
- **Tutoring Center**
 - <https://www.luc.edu/tutoring/index.shtml>
- **Ethics Hotline**
 - <http://luc.edu/sglc/aboutus/>
 - 855.603.6988

For more information about the B.S. in Public Health program, please contact:

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