

Meet our Faculty

Doctor of Public Health (DrPH)

Environmental and Occupational Health Program



Core DrPH faculty (from left to right);

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Greg Kearney, DrPH, MPH, REHS

Associate Professor and DrPH Program Director

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Research Interests: Environmental Public Health Practice, Epidemiology, Child Asthma, Farmworker Health, Climate Change and Vulnerable Populations, Rural Health

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Stephanie Richards, PhD, MSEH

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Jo Anne Balanay, PhD, MS, CIH

Associate Professor

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Lok Pokhrel, MSc, MS, PhD

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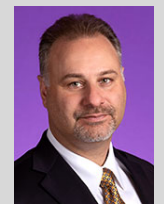
Department of Public Health, Brody School of Medicine and Department of Health Education and

Promotion, College of Health and Human Performance

Research Interests: Nanotoxicology (Human Toxicology and Ecotoxicology), Nano-Technology/Drug

Discovery and Development, Nano-Bio Interactions and Surface Chemistry, Risk Assessment of Legacy and Emerging Contaminants, Water Quality Assessment, and Microbial Resistance

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Sinan Sousan, PhD, MSc

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Research Interests: Airborne Exposure Science; Chemical and Biochemical Engineering, Occupational and

Environmental Exposure Assessment, Prevention, and Control (Airborne and Physical Hazards),

Agricultural Safety and Health, Indoor Air Quality and Air Treatment, Aerosol Generation, Sampling,

Control, Detection, and Characterization, Development of Low-cost Air Quality Monitors for Exposure

Assessment, Bioaerosol Sampling and Treatment, and Air Quality Modeling.

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Charles Humphrey, PhD

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Research Interests: Evaluating Pollutant Removal Efficiencies of Wastewater Treatment Systems, Stormwater Management, Land Use Impacts on Groundwater and Surface Water, Implementation and Monitoring of Various Best Management Practices to Improve Water Quality.

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Guy Iverson, PhD

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Research Interests: Surface Water and Groundwater Quality, Nutrient Cycling in Aquatic Environments, Human and Animal Wastewater Management Systems, Geospatial Analysis.

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Timothy Kelly, MEd, PhD

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Research Interests: Waste Disposal and Treatment to Minimize Environmental Health

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Paul Knechtges, PhD, MS, REHS

Adjunct Professor

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Environmental Health and Risk Communication

Research Interests: Risk Analysis with Emphasis on Microbial Risk Assessment, Systems Analysis Methods, and Translational Research for the Transition of Basic S&T to Environmental Public Health Applications.

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Research Interests: Cancer, Public Health Practice, and Health Disparities

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Research Interests: Radiation Safety, Biologic Safety and Hyperbaric Medicine

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Nicole Arnold, PhD

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Research Interests: Food Safety Education and Interventions, Risk Communication, Consumer Perceptions of Food Processing Methods, Food Labeling, Food Policy and Regulations, Qualitative Research Methods

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Luke Curtis, MD, MS, CIH, CMPP

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Research Interests: Infection Control, Molds/Bacteria/Bioaerosols, Indoor Air Quality, Wood/Biomass Burning, Asthma, Rhinitis, Autism, Nutrition

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DrPH Program Courses and Instructors (*Not pictured)

Course	Primary Instructor(s)
PUBH 8020 Organizational Theory and Leadership	Dr. Robert Kulesher*
PUBH 8025 Quantitative Research Methods	Dr. Paul Vos*
HUMS 7004 Ethics and Research	Dr. Annette Greer*
PHAR 7680 Essentials of Toxicology of Diseases	Dr. Jamie DeWitt*
PUBH 7930 Environmental and Occupational Exposure Assessment	Dr. Lok Pokhrel
PUBH 8002 Public Health Microbiology, Water and Food Safety	Dr. Paul Knechtges; Dr. Nicole Arnold
PUBH 8245 Health Policy Analysis	Dr. Robert Kulesher*
PUBH 8110 Emerging Issues in Env and Occ Health	Dr. Greg Kearney
PUBH 8125 Environmental and Occupational Epidemiology	Dr. Greg Kearney
PUBH 8004 Public Health Pests and Vector Borne Diseases	Dr. Stephanie Richards
PUBH 8005 Advanced Control of Occupational Hazards	Dr. Sinan Sousan
PUBH 8006 Water Supply and Wastewater Treatment	Dr. Charles Humphrey
PUBH 8007 Advanced Industrial Hygiene Applications	Dr. Jo Anne Balanay
PUBH 8003 Issues and Case Studies in Occupational Medicine	Dr. Paul Barry
PUBH 8100 Applied Environmental and Industrial Hygiene	Dr. Jo Anne Balanay
PUBH 8120 Introduction to Environmental and Occupational Health Law	Dr. Stephanie Richards
PUBH 8150 Environmental Risk Communication	Dr. Greg Kearney; Dr. Nicole Arnold
GEOG 6340 Advanced Geographical Information Systems	Dr. Yin Moo Park*
PUBH 8684 Field Practicum	Academic Advisor and Host Site
PUBH 9000 Dissertation	Academic Advisor and Committee

