



APHA ANNUAL MEETING GUIDE

NOVEMBER 2-5, 2025

DORNSIFE APHA ANNUAL MEETING GUIDE

Several members of the Drexel community are presenting or showcasing their work at multiple sessions at the [American Public Health Association's \(APHA\) 2025 Meeting and Expo](#) in Washington, D.C. from November 2 - 5, 2025.

EXIBITOR BOOTH

Be sure to stop by the Dornsife booth (# 343) designed for visitors to connect and recharge.

Hours:

Sunday, November 2, 12:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Monday, November 3, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

(9:00 – 10:00 a.m. is quiet time for those attendees with sensory challenges)

Tuesday, November 4, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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SPECIAL EVENT(S)

Dornsife Alumni and Friends Reception

Sunday, November 2

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. EST

Right Proper Brewing Company (624 T St. NW. Washington D.C.)

Join Drexel Alumni and the Dornsife School of Public Health in Washington, D.C., for an Alumni & Friends Reception and connect fellow alumni, faculty, staff, and friends attending APHA from across the country. Registration is complimentary and includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, and cocktails.

[> RSVP](#)

APHA's Rally for the Public's Health

Wednesday, November 5

2:30 - 4:30 p.m. EST

National Mall (Exact Location to be Announced)

Join APHA and our partners on the National Mall to rally for critical public health issues and initiatives. Whether you're visiting Washington, D.C. for the Annual Meeting or you are a local public health advocate, this rally is for you. Take this opportunity to join us, foster your network of public health peers and speak up for public health!

[> RSVP](#)

SCHEDULE

 Please note that this guide may be updated periodically.

All times are in Eastern Standard Time

SUNDAY, NOV. 2

Time	Session	Presenters / Authors
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Board 1: Building Resilient Foundations: Innovations in Early Childhood Health, Safety and School Readiness	Adaobi Anakwe, Colleen Kazokas
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Board 9: Uncovering the Hidden Burden of Hepatitis B: Sociodemographic, Behavioral, and Clinical Determinants of Physical Functioning in Korean Americans with Chronic Hepatitis B	Ann Klassen
2:30 – 2:45 p.m.	Citizenship status, institutional trust, and COVID-19 vaccination among Latino adults	Clara Barajas
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Board 3: Aligning inclusion strategies with participant needs to enhance racial and ethnic representation in clinical research	Gabrielle Ramos
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Board 7: Supporting autistic students in higher education: challenges and opportunities	Liza Tomczuk
4:30 - 6:00 p.m.	At the Nexus of Disability, Social Work and Public Health (A collaborative session with Disability section)	Kiley McLean, Wei Song, Liza Tomczuk, Joe Wright, Lindsay Shea
4:30 - 5:00 p.m.	Cannabis Policies: The Impact of Deregulation and Legalization on Health Outcomes	Janna Ataiants, Ekaterina Fedorova, Benjamin Cocchiaro, Maddy Finkelstein, Ojaswini Parab, Jim Seaberg, and Stephen Lankenau

MONDAY, NOV. 3

Time	Session	Presenters / Authors
8:30 - 10:00 a.m.	Inventory of state workers' compensation laws in the United States: first responder mental health	Jennifer Taylor
8:45 - 9:00 a.m.	Community-driven work to rebuild trust in public health and science	Esther Chernak Kathryn Devlin Katie Singley
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Board 4: CHPPD Special Topic: Confronting Urgent Public Health Challenges with Community Health Innovation	Maggie Beverly, Belinda Faakye, Meghan Gupta, Steve Mooney, Christina Brown, Hyden Terrell, Rita Nelson, Amy Carroll-Scott

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Board 6: The influence of sleep duration on obesity across demographic groups: The weight of sleep	Edmond Appiah
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.	An intersectional comparison of social determinants of health by sexual minority status and rurality	Tai Simpson, Kaylee Wilson and Stephanie Hernandez

TUESDAY, NOV 4

Time	Session	Presenters / Authors
8:30 - 10:00 a.m.	CRIH Roundtable Session: Enhancing Emergency Communication and Community Resilience among Migrant Seasonal Farmworkers during Wildfires	Bertranna Muruthi, James Muruthi, Amanda Mcrell
8:30 - 10:00 a.m.	Law Section Roundtable: Table 8 - Quantifying the impact of states preempting local immigration policies on public health outcomes	Caroline Kravitz, Alina Schnake-Mahl, Brent Langellier, Alexandra Eastus, Lita Lillibridge, Kalee Fahndrich
8:30 - 10:00 a.m.	Table 9 - Culturally Responsive Mental Health Care: The Role of Motherwork in Black Immigrant Communities	Bertranna Muruthi, Amanda Mcrell, Bukiwe Sihlongonyane
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Evaluating the impact of a trauma-informed community health worker training program for youth	Maggie Beverly, Vahan Boyajyan, Kayla Williams, Shanna-Kay Townsend, Amy Carroll-Scott
10:45 - 11:00 a.m.	Voices from Black barbershops: Contexts for physical activity promotion with millennial Black men	Idris Robinson, Shiriki Kumanyika, Allison Groves, Turea Hutson
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.	Board 5: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participants: Food acquisition practices and their impact on food waste	Vijaya Chebolu Subramanian
1:00 - 1:15 p.m.	Housing Insecurity and Cancer Survivorship Using BRFSS 2022-2023	Tina Duong Nguyen, Jan Eberth, Gabriel Schwartz
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Board 2: Multi-level Stigma as a Barrier to Accessing Medical Cannabis for Parents in Pennsylvania	Olivia Cordingley, Elizabeth Salerno Valdez, Samantha Pagán, Emily Lincoln, Janna Ataiants, Stephen Lankenau
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Board 6: Applying role strain theory to medical cannabis using parents in Pennsylvania	Maddy Finkelstein, Elizabeth Salerno Valdez, Olivia Cordingley, Samantha Pagán, Janna Ataiants, Stephen Lankenau
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Board 8: NeuroHIV in Focus: Understanding communication and engagement needs of researchers, community advocates, practitioners, and people living with HIV regarding brain health: a qualitative community-based needs assessment	Esther Chernak, Maria Schultheis, Atharva Bidaye, Kathryn Devlin

4:45 - 5:00 p.m.	Cannabis practices and pain symptoms among medical cannabis patients in Pennsylvania	Ekaterina Fedorova, Janna Ataiants, Vahan Boyajyan, Maddy Finkelstein, Benjamin Cocchiaro, Stephen Lankenau
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WEDNESDAY, NOV 5

Time	Session	Presenters / Authors
8:35 - 8:40 a.m.	Joint effect of diabetes and APOE ε4 on cognitive decline and incident Alzheimer's disease in younger and older adults	Longjian Liu
9:00 - 9:15 a.m.	Comparing experiences of WIC participants and non-participants in navigating family food choices during the COVID-19 pandemic: A qualitative study	Maggie Beverly, Amy Carroll-Scott, Kelly Courts, Matthew Jannetti, Félice Lê-Scherban
9:15 - 9:30 a.m.	Studying displacement as a health exposure: unseen quantitative biases in research on eviction, gentrification, and well-being	Gabriel Schwartz
9:15 - 9:30 a.m.	Promoting Health and Wellbeing: Community-Based Programs for People with Disabilities	Wei Song, Jordan Gifford, Conner Carlton

In addition to Dornsife faculty, staff, and student involvement at APHA, other members of the Drexel community from the College of Nursing and Health Professions (CNHP) and College of Medicine (DUCOM) have research being showcased.

SUNDAY, NOV. 2

Time	Session	Presenters / Authors
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	Impact of discrimination and heightened vigilance on vision health and care	Vivian Bui (DUCOM)
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	Board 2: Stratifying traditional birthweight classification to enhance mortality risk assessment for preterm infants in U.S. NICUs	Irene E. Olsen (CNHP)
3:00 - 3:15 p.m.	Slow growth, high risk: The relationship between weight gain and severe retinopathy of prematurity in preterm infants	Irene E. Olsen (CNHP)

MONDAY, NOV. 3

Time	Session	Presenters / Authors
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Board 1: Comparing barriers and facilitators to interacting with nature between individuals with varying dietary behaviors: A mixed methods study	Dahlia Stott, DeAndra Forde, Rebecca Ippolito, Jonathan M. Deutsch, Michael Bruneau, Jennifer A. Nasser, Brandy-Joe Milliron (CNHP)

TUESDAY, NOV 4

Time	Session	Presenters / Authors
11:15 - 11:30 a.m.	Eliminating barriers for Community Health Workers/Certified Peer Specialists and the underserved populations they work with	Leon Smith (DUCOM)
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Board 5: Impact of necrotizing enterocolitis on preterm infant growth in the NICU: A longitudinal analysis of weight trajectory	Irene E. Olsen (CNHP)

WEDNESDAY, NOV 5

Time	Session	Presenters / Authors
	Impact of Hydration Promotion on Beverage Consumption in 9th Grade Students in the Pennsylvania Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education	Kusuma Schofield, Judy Ensslin, Michael Bruneau Jr. (CNHP)

To view the whole schedule and abstracts, visit [APHA.org](https://www.apha.org).