



APHA ANNUAL MEETING GUIDE

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Dornsife School of Public Health faculty, professional staff, and students are presenting their work at multiple sessions at the American Public Health Association's (APHA) 2026 Meeting and Expo at the Henry B. González Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas from November 1-4, 2026.

The theme is "Together We Thrive: Health Across the Lifespan."

 **Please note that this guide may be updated periodically.**

PRESENTATIONS AND POSTER SESSIONS

All times are in **Central Daylight Time**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Time	Session	Dornsife Presenters / Authors
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Environmental Restoration and Adolescent Violence: Assessing the Impact of Greened Vacant Lots on Adolescent Victimization and Perpetration	Michelle Kondo, PhD
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Work and Occupational Safety and Health As Determinants of Children's Health Across the Life Course	Leah Schinasi, PhD
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	"Don't Cry": Masculinity, Emotional Suppression, and Health Among Latine Queer And Gender-Expansive AMAB Adults	Luis Valdez, PhD; Cooper Kidd, MIM; and A. Tai Simpson, MPH
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM	2075.0 - Beyond Punitive Responses: Violence Prevention and Mental Health Equity for African and Caribbean Black Youth	Bertranna Muruthi, PhD
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	From Support to Strain: How Family of Origin Shapes Experiences of Medical Cannabis Patients	Janna Ataiants, DrPH, MPA; Ekaterina Fedorova, DrPH; Benjamin Cocchiaro, MD; Ojaswini Parab, MPH; Clive Stevens, BS; and Stephen Lankenau, PhD

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Time	Session	Dornsife Presenters / Authors
9:00 AM – 9:10 AM	3017.0 - Associations between hair cortisol levels and markers of liver disease progression in Korean Americans with chronic hepatitis B infection	Ann Klassen, PhD; Giyoung Lee, MPH; and Eunji Kim, MPH
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Fathering Through His Father: The Intergenerational Transmission of Fatherhood Among First-Time Fathers	Chizoba Okorie, MPH, and Adaobi Anakwe, PhD
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	"From Pressure to Purpose: Leveraging Emergent Fathering Identities to Support Black Fathers Perinatal Health"	Triny Efanga, MPH student, and Adaobi Anakwe, PhD

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	(Re)Framing Fatherhood in Pregnancy Care: Media Portrayals and Men's Health During the Transition to Fatherhood	Chizoba Okorie, MPH, and Adaobi Anakwe, PhD
10:30 PM – 12:00 PM	3088.0 Advancing Community-Led Research Partnerships: Authentic Engagement and Measurable Impact	Amy Carroll-Scott, PhD, MPH
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM	3129.0 If Not Federal Datasets, Then What?	Usama Bilal, MD, PhD, MPH
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	Using Electronic Health Records to Identify Disparities in Adolescent Vaccination Rates in Disaggregated Asian American Subgroups	Giyoung Lee, MPH; Lilianna Phan, PhD; Bertranna Muruthi, PhD; and Ann Klassen, PhD
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM	3152.0 - Emerging Health Inequities Among Immigrants, Refugees, and Forcibly Displaced Populations	Yawa M Kugbe, MPH student
3:00 PM – 3:15 PM	3175.0 - Intersecting Pressures: Exploring Chronic Stress and Health Equity Among Latine AMAB Communities	Cooper Kidd, MIM; Luis Valdez, PhD; and A. Tai Simpson, MPH

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Time	Session	Dornsife Presenters / Authors
11:15 AM – 11:35 AM	4124.0 - The People's Health Movement and the Championing of Health Justice: Shared Solidarity Across Borders	Jennifer Ware, MPH
12:30 – 1:30 PM	Family HBV History and Diagnosis Context: Associations With Stigma and Knowledge Among Korean Americans With Chronic Hepatitis B	Eunji Kim, MPH; Hee-Soon Juon, PhD; Giyoung Lee, MPH; Amy Auchincloss, PhD; Sandra Bloom, MD; Stephanie Ewing, PhD; and Ann Klassen, PhD
5:30 PM – 5:45 PM	4205.0 - Measuring Community Power: A scale to measure collective self-determination, Embodied Earth Care and Connection, and Ubuntu among urban farmers and gardeners	Ashley B. Gripper, PhD, MPH

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Time	Session	Dornsife Presenters / Authors
11:15 AM – 11:30 AM	5108.0 - Healing after war: a personal account of the public health dimensions of refugee trauma and resettlement	Yawa M Kugbe, MPH student

To view the whole schedule and abstracts, visit [APHA 2026](#).