



Humanities, Arts and Public Health Practice at Yale (HAPPY Initiative)

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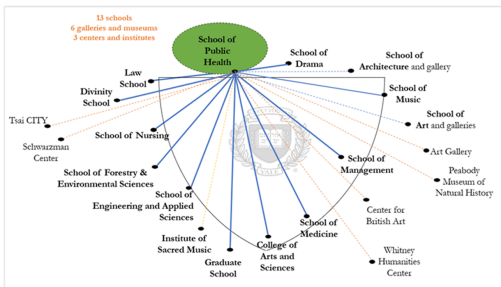
Yale School of Public Health

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Program Objective:

To develop a plan and partnerships for an interdisciplinary program focused on health, the arts, and humanities, leveraging the rich resources across Yale's campus.



Based at Yale School of Public Health (YSPH) in collaboration with the Schwarzman Center and Yale's top ranked Schools of Medicine, Nursing, Music, Drama, Art, Divinity, Architecture, and Management, HAPPY bridges the complementary perspectives and contributions of humanities, arts, and public health practice to improve the health of communities.

HAPPY Initiative: Three-pronged Approach



Education

Train students to use interdisciplinary arts to promote community health through a new arts and humanities MPH course track

Achievements:

Inaugural HAPPY course for Spring 2022 in collaboration with Schwarzman Center

Development of curriculum for Online Executive MPH Program

Ongoing discussions with faculty across campus for Arts and Health seminar series



Collaboration

Build collaborations to establish a center for arts, humanities, and public health practice

Achievements:

Host for film series and panel discussion, *Welcome to Chechnya*

Pandemic Archive

Host for touring performance of *Ezell*, an NEFA-funded outdoor play about climate change and rural community health

Host Salon on Sleep and Community Health in collaboration with Schwarzman Center



Research

Conduct research and evaluation to measure health outcomes of arts-based programming

Achievements:

Received grant to create an original play about climate change communication in the context of COVID-19 (Burroughs Wellcome Fund)

Identified potential Foundations and Research Funding Agencies to target grant applications

Accomplishments:

Collaboration with Schwarzman Center:

- Offer students from all of Yale's schools and colleges a thought-provoking and unique lens into public health and the arts through innovative courses and events
- Enrich the Schwarzman Center's **mission** of building a sense of belonging at Yale and providing unique opportunities to discover, connect, and create through the Center's programs in arts & society, arts & health, and arts & media

- Schwarzman Fellow, Taiga Christie, MPH '19

Network Building:

- Dr. Neal Baer, physician, author, award-winning showrunner and television writer/producer, and public health advocate
- Meeting with Deans and faculty across Yale

Next Steps:

- Fundraising - working with Yale development
- Curriculum development
- Networking and collaboration building
- Grant and Foundation submissions