

# VOICES OF PUBLIC HEALTH

## A message from our community



### Welcome to the Public Health Department's inaugural newsletter!

Twice a year, *Voices of Public Health* will bring you research, insights, and accomplishments in the UC Merced Public Health community. We invite you to connect with our vibrant and growing group of undergraduate and graduate students and interdisciplinary faculty, alumni, and community partners!

*"Public Health at UC Merced officially became a department in 2016; our mission is to promote and protect health in the San Joaquin Valley and the world through our research and the training of the next generation of public health leaders."* — Asa Bradman, Department Chair

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## Research and action



### COVID-19 research and community action

Professors Sidra Goldman-Mellor, Maria-Elena De Trinidad Young, Iren Yen, and Nancy Burke, as well as graduate student Fabiola Perez-Lua, conducted key research and outreach that helped many underserved communities in the San Joaquin Valley who were disproportionately affected by COVID-19. They did groundbreaking work, documenting racial disparities in health care access and combatting vaccine hesitancy.

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## Student leaders



## Public Health Society named student “Organization of the Year”

The Public Health Society at UC Merced hosted its first National Public Health Week on campus in April and won “Organization of the Year.” The President and VP also earned awards for leadership and championing equity, justice, and inclusion.

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## Community partners

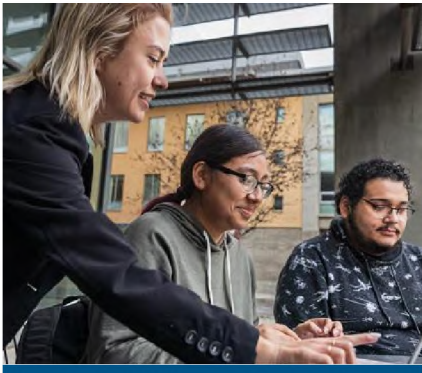


## UC Merced + the Central California Asthma Collaborative = Better Health

CCAC and UC Merced are working together to learn about air pollution in homes and how it affects children’s health. We are measuring pollution in homes in Fresno and also working to build resilience in the San Joaquin Valley against wildfires.

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## Faculty on the forefront



## Thumbs up for project-based learning

Lindsay K. Crawford works to identify and promote effective learning practices to help students succeed. Her research looks at how project-based learning contributes to the success of Public Health students, the future leaders who can help fix our world.

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## Fulbright research in Norway

Violence and suicide are major public health threats around the world, but we know little about how they are related. Sidra Goldman-Mellor’s Fulbright Fellowship project is shedding light on that relationship and building an international partnership with the University of Oslo in Norway to solve these problems.

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### In the news

[Attorney General Bonta Announces \\$10 Million in Grants to Research Vehicle-Related Air Pollution and Mitigate Impacts to Environmental Justice Communities Across California](#)

– California State Attorney General

[UC Merced: Study Finds Childhood Exposure to Weed Killer May Increase Risk of Disease in Young Adulthood – Glyphosate is the Main Ingredient in Roundup](#)

– *Sierra Sun Times*

[Overworked California firefighters struggle with PTSD](#)

– Cal Matters

[After Madera's hospital closure, could others follow?](#)

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