Winter 2021 Newsletter

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As we survive another Winter in Wisconsin, we see glimmers of Spring on the horizon. I am pleased to share positive news throughout the Population Health Sciences department and want to congratulate Karen Cruickshanks on her recent retirement.

- Chair's Note: Karen Cruickshanks Retires
- Maureen Smith Awarded Strategic Education and Research Grant
- Tiffany Green Featured in New England Journal of Medicine
- SHOW Profiled in SMPH's Quarterly Magazine
- Dr. Remington Appears on Center Stage podcast
- Amy Trentham-Dietz Named Vilas Associate

Chair's Note: Karen Cruickshanks Retires
Dr. Karen Cruickshanks retired from the Department of Population Health Sciences in January and will continue her affiliation with PHS as an Emerita. As the principal investigator of numerous studies with the National Institute of Health, Karen has published more than 240 papers on the epidemiology of aging and spearheaded two NIH-funded population-based longitudinal cohort studies of sensory and cognitive aging. Her groundbreaking hearing research increased awareness for improved hearing care for aging adults. These multigenerational studies earned her a NIH MERIT award for her multisensory work. We thank Karen for the outstanding contributions she has made to Population Health Sciences for more than thirty years.

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Maureen Smith Awarded Wisconsin Partnership Program’s Strategic Education and Research Grant

Understanding and Addressing Health Disparities in...
Wisconsin through Statewide Partnerships Principal Investigator: Maureen Smith, MD, PhD, MPH, Professor, Population Health Sciences Amount: $1,500,000 The grant is jointly funded by the Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin Endowment at the Medical College of Wisconsin for a total of $3 million from both programs over three years.

Tiffany Green co-authored article in New England Journal of Medicine

[Article](#) and [audio interview](#) with Green on how economics can help guide public health and policy.
SHOW Delivers Critical Data about COVID-19 Spread

In early 2020, the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health’s (SMPH) Survey of the Health of Wisconsin (SHOW) sought to leverage its extensive health data and bio-sample collection to assist the university and state in the face of the growing pandemic. SHOW investigators, led by the program’s director, Kristen Malecki, PhD, MPH, an associate professor in the SMPH Department of Population Health Sciences, quickly mobilized their research team and study participants across Wisconsin to support the DHS’s need for critical, timely data on COVID-19’s spread.
Dr. Remington Showcased in WI State Journal podcast

Center Stage: A booster dose of Dr. Remington's sage advice as omicron takes over.

Amy Trentham-Dietz Named Vilas Associate

Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education announced 26 faculty winners of the Vilas Associates Competition.
Recent Publications:


- Kenneth J Nieser, Amy L Cochran Addressing heterogeneous populations in latent variable settings through robust estimation. PMID: 34694831 DOI: 10.1037/met0000413

- Gwen C Jacobsohn, Courtney M C Jones, Rebecca K Green, Amy L Cochran, Thomas V Caprio, Jeremy T Cushman, Amy J H Kind, Michael Lohmeier, Ranran Mi, Manish N Shah Effectiveness of a care transitions intervention for older adults discharged home from the emergency
- Allison M Letkiewicz, Amy L Cochran, Josh M Cisler. Frontoparietal network activity during model-based reinforcement learning updates is reduced among adolescents with severe sexual abuse. PMID: 33199053 PMCID: PMC8195295 (available on 2023-01-01) DOI: 10.1016/j.jpsychires.2020.10.046


- Chapman CH, Schechter CB, Cadham CJ, Trentham-Dietz A, Gangnon RE, Jagsi R, Mandelblatt JS. Identifying Equitable Screening Mammography Strategies for Black Women in the...


• **Pillai P, Bagwell S, Orman J, Beamsley M.** Health Advocacy Learning Activities for Medical Students in Clinical Clerkship Training: Why We Are Changing Our Model. _Acad Med._ 2021 Nov 1;96(11S):S195. doi:10.1097/ACM.0000000000004310
  PMID: 34705695.


