

**Master of Public Health  
MPH CAPSTONE AWARD RECIPIENTS  
May 2023**

Special honors are given to the 16 students listed below for their capstone written projects.  
These students will receive an MPH capstone award plaque for outstanding achievement.

**Rachel Bervell**

*“Investigating the Black Maternal Health Crisis and Proposing Solutions: A Podcast”*

Capstone Advisor: Rebecca Fix

**Jessica Boklan**

*“A global landscape and pipeline analysis of childhood cancer medicines to improve access for children in low- and middle-income countries”*

Capstone Advisor: Ruth Karron

**Joseph Buffaloe**

*“Care coordination, navigation, and case management to increase hepatitis C treatment among persons who use drugs: rationale, best practices, and implementation considerations for New Mexico, United States”*

Capstone Advisor: Karin Tobin

**Jessica Crow**

*“Development and implementation of a health-system policy for evidence-based prevention and management of infiltration and extravasation of irritants and vesicants”*

Capstone Advisor: Kenneth Shermock

**Courtney de Balmann**

**Center for Health Security MPH Capstone Award- Recipient of \$300 Prize**

*“Disrupting infectious disease spread among animals and zoonotic spillover through self-spreading vaccines. Do the potential benefits outweigh the potential risks of misuse and other unintended consequences?”*

Capstone Advisor: Douglas Norris

**Hannah Gray**

*“Spread The Word: Developing a Sexual Health Peer Education Program within a Faith-Based University”*

Capstone Advisor: Maria Trent

**Kelly Hubbard**

*“Coalition-based SMART Advocacy for the Inclusion of Pregnant and Lactating People in Clinical Research”*

Capstone Advisor: Beth Fredrick

**Alyssa Kretz**

*“Syphilis Incidence Following an STI Diagnosis Among Cisgender Women in Baltimore, MD, from 2009-2021”*

Capstone Advisor: Jacky Jennings and Anna Powell

**Premikha M**

*“Examining the Role of Resilience in Adolescent Suicide: A Gender-Based Perspective in Singapore”*

Capstone Advisor: Shoshanna Fine

**Joyce Ma**

*“A Process Evaluation Plan to Assess Implementation of the Los Angeles Universal Basic Mobility Pilot Program’s Electric Mobility Element”*

Capstone Advisor: Keshia Pollack Porter

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**Kristin Pareja**

*“Organizational Characteristics of Community First! Village, a Permanent Supportive Housing Community in Austin, Texas, and Secondary Data Analysis of Demographic and Social Characteristics of Formerly Chronically Homeless Adults”*

Capstone Advisor: Amy Knowlton

**Ayu Putri Sarena**

*“Evaluating the Effect of Medicaid Expansion on Time to First Treatment Disparities in Breast Cancer Patients”*

Capstone Advisors: Lisa Jacobs and Olutayo Sogunro

**Shalini Singh**

*“Project Sunset: A Global Tobacco Endgame Assessment”*

Capstone Advisor: Joanna Cohen

**Caila Wagar**

**Department of Environmental Health and Engineering MPH Capstone Award- Recipient of \$300 Prize**

*“The Public Health Implications of West Virginia v. EPA”*

Capstone Advisor: Paul Locke

**Meng-Ju Wu**

*“Evaluation of dementia care program with focus on community network in Taiwan”*

Capstone Advisor: Leiyu Shi

**Arisa Yamaguchi**

**MPH Capstone Award of Distinction- Recipient of \$500 Prize**

*“Listening to children matters: The association between the children’s sense of being heard and the quality of life”*

Capstone Advisor: Christina Bethell