Welcome to the Epidemiology & Population Health Section Newsletter

Section Meeting and Poster Competition

We hope you had an enjoyable and rewarding meeting experience this year in New Orleans. We held a very successful poster competition during our Section meeting and recognized the following ten students/trainees for their outstanding posters:

- Maria Bygdell, PhD Candidate, Institute of Medicine
- Catherine Cioffi, RD, PhD Candidate, Emory University
- Liliana Bahena Espina, BSc, MEd, Instituto Nacional de Salud Publica
- Vivienne Hazzard, MPH, RD, University of Michigan School of Public Health
- Azad Hussain, Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine
- Yeeli Mui, PhD Candidate, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- Steven Nguyen, MPH, University of Minnesota
- Viral Patel, MD, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine
- Emily Unger, MD Candidate, Harvard Medical School
- Courtney Walls, MPH, Boston University

We would like to thank our esteemed judges for making our poster showcase a success:

- Sara Bleich, PhD, Harvard School of Public Health
- Andrea Deierlein, PhD, New York University
- Jeanette Gustat, PhD, Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine
Based on the judges' scores, the winner of this year's Best Student Poster was Yeeli Mui, PhD Candidate, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health for her poster: *Longitudinal Associations Between Change in Neighborhood Disorder and Change in Food Swamps in an Urban Setting*. The People's Choice Award, voted on by all members in attendance, went to Vivienne Hazzard, MPH, RD, University of Michigan School of Public Health for her poster: *Maltreatment in Childhood Predicts Overeating and Loss of Control Eating in Early Adulthood*. Congratulations to all!

We would also like to thank the Momentum Center at the University of Michigan for their generous sponsorship of the poster competition and the Section members who made individual contributions.

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**Mission and Goals of Epidemiology & Population Health**

The mission of the Epidemiology & Population Health Section is to: provide a forum to increase collaboration and networking among obesity epidemiology researchers; support and promote research to understand etiology; prevent and manage obesity and facilitate the dissemination of knowledge to the scientific community, public policy stakeholders and the public.

Our goals are to:

1. Promote participation in TOS among young investigators conducting obesity epidemiology research.
2. Promote networking and collaboration among TOS obesity epidemiology researchers.
3. Provide mentoring for young investigators.

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Best wishes,

The Epidemiology & Population Health Section Leaders

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