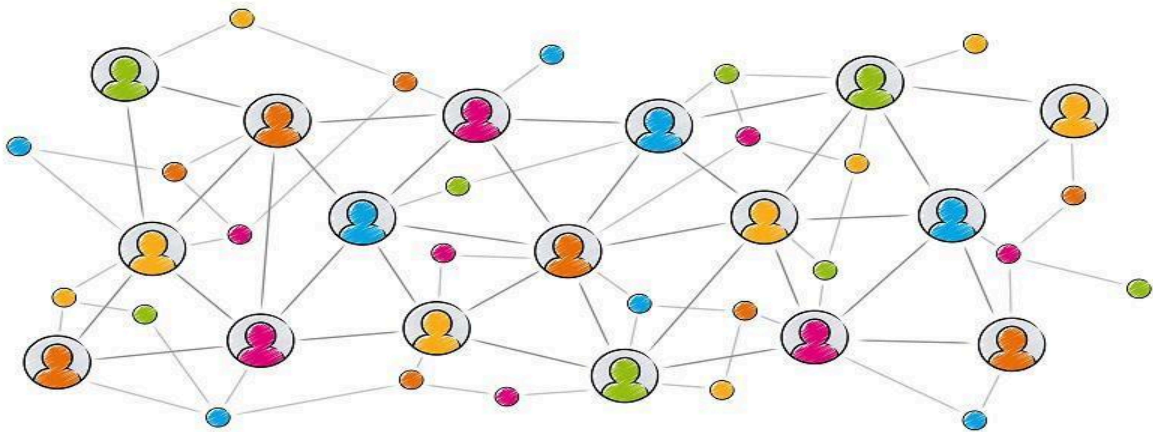


CGHS Connections

monthly newsletter for students and alumni



July 2024

Announcements

Welcome to the 2024-25 Academic Year!

July 15 marks the beginning of a new academic year and a new term. CGHS would like to enthusiastically welcome all of our students, whether you are returning to us after summer break or are embarking on a new academic journey with us! All faculty and staff are here to support and mentor you as you work to achieve your academic and professional goals.

We extend a hearty welcome to our alumni as well! Please stay in touch, send us updates, and let us know if you'd be interested in serving CGHS by mentoring a student, serving on a committee, or sharing your career insights.

Best wishes to all! ~ *CGHS Faculty and Staff*

Do you have news to share with the CGHS community? If so, please email Jolynn Gardner at: jolynngardner@atsu.edu.

Introducing *BuckyBot*: a chatbot for Enrollment Services



Get instant assistance without the wait! Our Enrollment Services chatbot, BuckyBot, is available 24/7 to answer general questions regarding academic records and financial aid. Say goodbye to waiting for email replies during business hours. Get the answers you need, when you need them!

You will find BuckyBot at the bottom right-hand corner of any Enrollment Services page on the ATSU website. As always, our dedicated Enrollment Services team is available to assist with more complex questions.

I have an Enrollment Services question!

Of course! I am here to help. What would you like to ask?



Updates from Enrollment Services

Federal Financial Aid: Are you ready for Fall 2024?

Enrollment Services provides ATSU students with the tools needed to understand the Federal Financial Aid process. If you are utilizing Title IV Federal programs to assist you with your educational expenses, the first step is always to file the [FAFSA](#) each academic year you are enrolled. Once ATSU receives your results, and you are enrolled at least in half-time status, you will receive a financial aid offer email with instructions to view and accept your offer within your Anthology Student Portal.

Good to Go Checklist

Located in the [my.ATSU.edu](#) portal, you will find the Financial Aid Good to Go Checklist by using the search bar at the top of the page. The Good to Go Checklist presents you with a series of steps for each loan and uses a green checkmark to indicate it has been completed and a red X to indicate it has not yet been completed.

- The first 5 steps for each loan must have green check marks in order to be Good to Go with your financial aid.
- The 6th and final step in the list is optional. It is okay if that stays as a red X.
- The checklist may take a few days for each step to update as it does not update automatically.

Disbursement Timing

Once you see those green checkmarks on your Good to Go Checklist, the next common

student question is regarding when the loans will be disbursed. Enrollment Services provides this disbursement timing information on their website under [Receiving, Returning or Requesting More Loan Money](#).

Still have questions?

Enrollment Services provides 30 minute one-on-one meetings via Zoom, phone, or in-person on the Missouri and Arizona campuses with a member of our financial aid advising team. If you'd like to schedule an appointment, please visit: atsu.edu/financialaid-meeting.

ATSU Library News

Access: Library Resources remotely

**Always login through the [ATSU Portal](#) before accessing any library resources. It is the best way to avoid any access-related issues you might encounter while doing your research.

Access: [Download and install Libkey Nomad](#):

A browser extension designed to streamline access by integrating with library subscriptions to provide direct links to fulltext in databases such as PubMed and other open access alternatives. Do not forget to select A.T. Still University once the installation begins. (Look out for a green flame once download is complete)

Where can I find textbooks for my course?

1. Library CGHS [Program Toolkit](#), select your program and use the guide left side bar for listed textbooks online
2. Library [Still OneSearch](#): Search by title
3. [EBSCO eBooks](#): Search by title or any other information you have about the textbook.

Need Help?

Make an appointment for additional help by emailing maudmundava@atsu.edu.

CGHS Career Services

Making the Most of Your Summer While Advancing Your Career Goals

Summer is an ideal time to attend professional events, [connect with alumni](#), and reach out to potential mentors in your field. Building your network can open doors to new opportunities and provide valuable insights into your chosen profession.

Within your CGHS courses, take advantage of opportunities to build relationships and expand your network. The Coffee Shop forum is a great place to start making valuable connections today!

While Career Services is on pause during July, our [Career Services website](#) offers a wealth of resources and tools to support your professional development. We encourage you to

explore these resources and look forward to resuming our services in August to continue supporting your career aspirations.

University Writing Center

Take your writing to the next level at the

University Writing Center

a free academic support service for currently enrolled ATSU students dedicated to helping you become a better writer in the health care professions

document review via email

To receive feedback on any written assignment, simply send your work (MS Word attachments only, please!) to writingcenter@atsu.edu

tailored support for second- language writers

If you need second-language (ESL) writing assistance, add "ATTN: ESL" to your email subject line. Complete guidelines for submission can be found on our website.

one-on-one tutoring sessions

To discuss your writing with a coach via Zoom, go to <https://atsu.libcal.com/appointments/uwc> to make an appointment.



Questions? Suggestions? Get in touch!



writingcenter@atsu.edu



[writingcenter@atsu.edu](https://chat.atсу.edu) on Gchat



660.626.2228 (voicemail only;
messages returned within 48 hours)

CGHS at a Conference Near You!

Stop by and say hello to our team at these upcoming conferences:

- August 24 - 26: National Association of Community Health Centers - Community Health Institute, Atlanta, GA
- September 18 - 20: National League for Nursing, San Antonio, TX
- September 22 - 25: National Network for Oral Health Access, Baltimore, MD
- October 1: University of Missouri Health Science Fair, Columbia, MO
- October 15 - 18: National Consortium for Health Science Education, Phoenix, AZ
- October 17 - 18: New England Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine, Springfield, MA
- October 24 - 25: Mid-Continent Dental Congress, St. Louis, MO
- November 13 - 15: Missouri Hospital Association, Kansas City, MO

Alumni Spotlight



Justin W. Silverstein, DHSc, FASN, FASET, CNIM

Justin W. Silverstein is a **supervising clinical neurophysiologist in the Department of Neurology at Northwell Health, a Clinical Assistant Professor of Neurology at Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell and the CEO/Owner of Neuro Protective Solutions.** Dr. Silverstein earned his **Doctor of Health Science Degree** at A.T. Still University in Mesa AZ with a research focus in Clinical Neurophysiology. His Doctoral Thesis 'Causal factors for position-related somatosensory evoked potential changes in spinal surgery' was published in the European Spine Journal. In this role as a supervising neurophysiologist, he oversees a team of highly skilled surgical neurophysiologists who cover a wide range of neurosurgical, orthopedic, vascular, and neuro-otologic

procedures. Throughout his career, he has authored many peer-reviewed manuscripts. These publications reflect Dr. Silverstein's dedication to advancing the field of clinical neurophysiology. In addition to his research efforts, he has actively mentored medical students from the Zucker School of Medicine, as well as neurosurgery, orthopedic, and ENT residents along with clinical fellows at Northwell Health, working with them in publishing cutting-edge research in the disciplines of clinical neurophysiology and neurosurgery.

With two decades of experience in providing intraoperative neurophysiological monitoring, Dr. Silverstein has pioneered novel techniques that significantly enhance the safety of surgical procedures for patients. He has been honored to have been recognized as a thought leader in his field, having been invited to give over 100 lectures for local, regional, national, and international symposia. Dr. Silverstein has also been awarded fellowship status with the American Society of Neurophysiological Monitoring, as well as The Neurodiagnostic Society. His research focus revolves around the practical application of innovative neurophysiological monitoring techniques. Through his research and clinical innovations, he has contributed to reshaping the terminology and practices within the field of surgical neurophysiology. A notable achievement in Dr. Silverstein's career was introducing saphenous nerve somatosensory evoked potential and quadriceps motor evoked potential monitoring to transposas approaches to the spine. Prior to this advancement, the literature reported post-operative femoral nerve injuries as high as 60% after such procedures. Thanks to his research in femoral nerve monitoring, these deficits have effectively been eliminated, significantly improving patient outcomes. More recently, he has pioneered the utilization of intraoperative external urethral sphincter reflexes as a discreet method to monitor urinary function, particularly in cases where the sacral spinal cord and nerve roots are vulnerable to intraoperative injury. In 2024, Dr. Silverstein was honored with the prestigious Founders Award from the American Society of Neurophysiological Monitoring, recognizing his exceptional contributions to his field.

Student, Alumni, Faculty, and Staff News

Congratulations to **Public Health faculty member Daniel Smith, Ph.D., M.B.A.**, on being awarded funding for his internal grant proposal "*A Retrospective Data Analysis of Pre and Post Home Blood Pressure Monitoring Device Prescriptions and Other Blood Pressure Control Strategies at El Rio Health.*" Dr. Smith's project is funded through the ATSU Community Health Workgroup Quality Improvement and Research Pilot Project Grant. Best wishes on this exciting project, Dr. Smith!

Erin Breitenbach, Ph.D., M.Ed., Chair, Health Professions Education and several colleagues have just published a transformative commentary on diversity in interprofessional education:

Glymph, M. E., Ferguson, D., Cecil, A., Baugh, G., **Breitenbach, E.**, King, A., & Karpa, K. (2024). Who's missing from the table?: A commentary on incorporating external and worldview diversity in interprofessional education. *Journal of Interprofessional Education & Practice*, 36(100718), 100718. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.xjep.2024.100718>

Thanks for sharing your insights, Dr. Breitenbach!

Tania Shearon, DHSc has just published her applied doctoral research project on urinary incontinence and quality of life with her faculty mentor, **Health Sciences Professor Jeffrey Alexander, Ph.D., FAACVPR, ACSM-CEP.**

Shearon, T.L. & Alexander, J.L. (2024). Urinary incontinence and quality of life: A cross-sectional study. *OTJR: Occupational Therapy Journal of Research*.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/15394492241256869>.

Congratulations, Drs. Shearon and Alexander!

Melanie Tidman, DHSc, MA, OTR/L, MHP, Health Sciences adjunct faculty, has collaborated with two **Health Sciences alumni, Dawn Reid White, DHSC, and Tim A. White, DHSC**, on a study investigating the effects of a ketogenic diet on Parkinson's disease:

Tidman, M. M., White, D. R., & White, T. A. (2024). Impact of a keto diet on symptoms of Parkinson's disease, biomarkers, depression, anxiety and quality of life: a longitudinal study. *Neurodegenerative Disease Management*, 1–14.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/17582024.2024.2352394>.

Thank you, Drs. Tidman, White, and White for this important research!

Kudos to **Health Administration alumnae and adjunct faculty member Emily Bonazelli, DHSc**, and her faculty collaborators, **Lihua Dishman DBA, MBA, FACHE, and John Fick, EdD, MS, FACHE** on their recent publication:

Bonazelli, E., Dishman, L., & Fick, J. (2024). What competencies matter most to improve hospitals' performance in the value-based purchasing environment? *Psychology of Leaders and Leadership*, 27(1), 143–157. <https://doi.org/10.1037/mgr0000159>

This article reports the qualitative part of Dr. Bonazelli's mixed methods DHA Dissertation, which was also the winner of the **2022 DHA Dissertation of the Year Award**.

Jonathan Mikhail, AuD, EdD and his **Health Professions Education faculty mentor Arsenio Paez, Ph.D.** have published the results of Dr. Mikhail's doctoral research project, which investigated the impact of COVID-19 on hearing loss:

Mikhail, J., & Paez, A. (2024). COVID-19's Effect on Pre-existing Hearing Loss. *Hearing Review*, 31, 20–23.

Thank you for investigating this critical issue, Drs. Mikhail and Paez!

Other News, Events, and Opportunities

Missouri Public Health Association Scholarships

Established in 1995, the **Missouri Public Health Association (MHA) Education Foundation** receives funds that promote a higher awareness and knowledge of public health, to educate public health professionals, community leaders, and communities about public health issues, and to honor Missouri public health leaders by awarding scholarships in their name. In addition to giving scholarships, the Foundation supports awards to public health professionals and students, as well as educational programs to promote quality public health for Missouri. *The Foundation is currently accepting applications for four scholarships:*

- **Edna Dell Weinel Scholarship (public health)**
- **Jackie Liesemeyer Nursing Scholarship**

- **Health Professional Scholarship**
- **Leuthen-Brunner Local Public Health Agency Scholarship**

Applications are due by September 1, 2024.

Details and application can be accessed through this link:

https://www.mopha.org/images/1195/document/scholarship-application_234.pdf

Rural Health Fellows Leadership Program

Application Deadline: September 12, 2024

NRHA's Rural Health Fellows Leadership Program is a yearlong, intensive training program that develops leaders who can articulate a clear and compelling vision for rural America.

<https://www.ruralhealth.us/programs/center-for-rural-health-innovation-and-system-redesign/rural-health-fellows-leadership-program>

American Public Health Association - Unpaid Internships

Next Application Deadline: October 06, 2024

Both undergraduate and graduate students are eligible for unpaid APHA internships that offer practical work experience. Candidates should be working toward a bachelor, graduate, or postgraduate degree, and all majors are welcome. All internships are unpaid and located in Washington, D.C.

APHA internship general information (please read before applying)

<https://www.apha.org/Professional-Development/APHA-Internships-and-Fellowships/Internship-General-Information>

Connecticut Children's Injury Prevention Center - Hayley Petit Injury and Violence Prevention Fellowship

Next Application Deadline: October 07, 2024

The Hayley Petit Injury and Violence Prevention Fellowship awards young women enrolled in a college or university with a stipend from the Petit Family Foundation to study injury and violence prevention with Connecticut Children's experts.

<https://www.connecticutchildrens.org/community-child-health/community-child-health-programs/injury-prevention-center/injury-prevention-center-education-training/injury-prevention-on-center-hayley-petit-injury-and-violence-prevention-fellowship/>

Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities - The HACU National Internship Program (HNIP)

Next Application Deadline: October 28, 2024

Offering paid internships in federal agencies to students from all majors and backgrounds!

<https://www.hacu.net/hacu/Apply.asp>

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation - Health Policy Fellows

Applications open: August 1, 2024

Application Deadline: November 1, 2024

Fellows have the opportunity to work hand-in-hand with key players in federal health policy and use that leadership experience to improve health, health care, and health policy.

Since 1973, this non-partisan fellowship has offered direct, hands-on policy experience with the most influential congressional and executive offices in the nation's capital to exceptional mid-career health professionals, behavioral/social scientists, and others with an interest in health and health care.

More than 300 fellows from across the nation have gained an insider's perspective of the political process, develop unmatched leadership skills, and build a professional network that lasts a lifetime.

The National Academy of Medicine conducts and administers the fellowship, with funding support from RWJF.

- *Upcoming Information Sessions*
 - Tuesday, August 13 (3:00-4:00 pm EDT)
 - [Register Here](#)

For more information, start here: <https://healthpolicyfellows.org/>

The American Climate Corps

The effects of Climate Change are a top public health priority. Many of the positions offered through the American Climate Corps are directly related to public health. You will earn a salary in these term-limited positions, help mitigate the effects of climate change, and develop valuable skills in real-life practice.

More details about what the American Climate Corps is, positions available, and how to join: <https://www.acc.gov/>

Maternal & Child Health Student Fellowship – American Public Health Association

Application Deadline: July 26, 2024

The Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Section of the American Public Health Association (APHA) is currently accepting applications for the Student Fellows Program 2024-2025 cohort.

The goals of the Student Fellows Program are:

- Enhance Student Fellows' understanding of current MCH challenges and innovative solutions
- Develop leadership skills of Student Fellows to drive future advancements in the field of MCH
- Provide mentorship opportunities with experienced leaders in the field of MCH
- Encourage Student Fellows to pursue leadership positions within the MCH Section upon fellowship completion
- Ensure that Student Fellows remain active members of the MCH Section after completing the program

Student Fellows will have the opportunity to attend the 2024 APHA Annual Meeting & Exposition, network with leaders in public health and MCH, and pursue leadership roles within the MCH Section.

For more information:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/11GyKmj08Og2-W7lyxhka_M8Yc60dOtm3/view

Applications are due by July 26, 2024 at 11:59pm EST

Application Link: <https://forms.gle/HCdLMZpKQs9ERAJk6>

