



UCLA INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE PROGRAM SPRING 2022

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NEWS

1. SCERC.

June 30 2020 was the last day that **Dr. Niklas Krause** was Director of the SCERC. His place was taken by **Dr. Wendie Robbins** as Acting Director. The SCERC submitted its NIOSH 5-year renewal in November 2020, and it appears likely that it will be renewed but the the Summary Statement has not appeared yet. The new permanent Director will have a position co-joint with EHS Chair.



Left to Right: Drs Krause and Robbins

2. IH PROGRAM.

A new faculty member, associate professor **Candace Tsai**, whose prior appointment was at Colorado State University, arrived in **Nov 2021**, and is now Deputy Director of the UCLA IH Program. She is the PI of a new NIEHS R25 training grant. She has expertise in aerosol-, nano- and emerging- technologies. She has already taught EHS classes in Gases and Vapors EHS252E, Aerosol Technology EHS 252D and Control of Airborne Pollutants in the Occupational Environment EHS255.



Dr. Candace Tsai, Deputy Director, UCLA IH Program

Hamid Arabzadeh has been awarded for his efforts on the industrial hygiene aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic by AIHA. <https://ph.ucla.edu/news/press-release/2022/mar/ucla-fielding-school-professor-recognized-covid-19-related-service>



Hamid Arabzadeh, CIH,FAIHA,CSP

Tony Norton Award winners during the newsletter hiatus were:
2020: Gabriel Albano; Zarreen Amin
2021: Jp Angulo; Chris Holguin; Sierra Raby

2.AIHCE

A.UCLA Presentations.

Students who will present at the Nashville AIHCE include **JP Angulo** (MPH), **Alex Munoz** (MS), **Chris Holguin** (MPH), and **Travis Cribbs** (PhD).

IH Director **Shane Que Hee** will present on the 2nd Edition of AIHA Biological Monitoring-a Practical Field Manual for Health and Safety Professionals on Tues May 24 2:30p-2:55p at the AIHA Pavilion in the Exposition.



Dr. Shane Que Hee, EHS Interim Chair and Director of the UCLA Industrial Hygiene Program

B. Banquet:

Since the Nashville AIHCE is in-person, UCLA will have a student-alumni banquet this year on **Tuesday evening May 24 8p**, place to be announced. If interested in attending, please RSVP Shane Que Hee at squehee@ucla.edu by **May 13**.

4. EHS NEWS

The previous Department Chair **Michael Jerrett** did not apply to do a 2nd term as EHS Chair. IH Director **Shane Que Hee** became Interim EHS Chair in January 2020 and his term will end June 30 2022. Four scientists interviewed for the position for permanent EHS Chair/SCERC Director. An official announcement is pending.



Former EHS Chair **Michael Jerrett**

Professor **Yifang Zhu** of the UCLA IH Program became Senior Associate Dean for Academic Programs at the Fielding School of Public Health in 2021.



Yifang Zhu

Former EHS Department Manager **Adelin Lo** has transferred to the HPM Department in the FSPH as its new Department Manager. Former Assistants to the Chair **Nancy Arroyo**, **Yayoi Robinson**, **Mikah Williams** and **LaTreshia Scott** have left. Student Affairs Officers **Rebecca Greenberg**, and **Susana Luis** found new jobs. Fund Manager **Joan Klemstine** retired. The current Department Manager is **Luis Espana** while the current SAO is **Violet Ket**, and the current Fund Manager is **Lulu Wong**.

As most of you already know, the first EHS Chair and 1st UCLA IH Program Director **William C Hinds** died on **May 14 2021**. See the tribute: https://ehs.ph.ucla.edu/news/item?item_id=74040

The COVID-19 pandemic caused all UCLA classes after **March 2020** to become remote. The **2021-2022** academic year saw changes in that **Spring 2022** classes are in-person or hybrid.

The disturbances of summer 2020 brought out advocacy for minorities nationwide. EHS students also demanded action and Department faculty and staff responded well. Issues of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) have been swept under the rug for far too long and EHS will try to correct those things relative to EDI that are in its purview.

[https://dgit.ph.ucla.edu/environmental-health/files/view/documents/Request for Statement of Action \(EHS\)- FINAL20.pdf](https://dgit.ph.ucla.edu/environmental-health/files/view/documents/Request%20for%20Statement%20of%20Action%20(EHS)-FINAL20.pdf)
[https://dgit.ph.ucla.edu/environmental-health/files/view/documents/EHS response letter to students 6.12.20 \(signed by faculty\).pdf](https://dgit.ph.ucla.edu/environmental-health/files/view/documents/EHS%20response%20letter%20to%20students%206.12.20%20(signed%20by%20faculty).pdf)

5. ALUMNI NEWS:

Carla Adolphus (MPH 2021) is Project Assistant with Citadel EHS.

Gabriel Albano (MPH 2021) is industrial hygienist specialist at the City of Hope.

Sean Banaee (PhD 2015) is still head of the industrial hygiene program at Old Dominion University.

Cynthia Blackman (MS 2019) is slaving away in the U.S. Airforce and at her PhD with Wendie Robbins.

Joshua Cacho (MS 2020) is in Japan with the U.S. Navy as an IH.

Lizbeth Diaz (MS 2021) is with LOSH and doing a PhD with Candace Tsai.

Nadia Ho (MPH 2019) is Environmental Health Safety Engineer with Northrop Grumman

Sherry Liu (MS 2019) is an industrial hygienist with EH&S at the Univ. Massachusetts

Mary Anne Messiha (nee Seif) (MPH 2011) is now CIH, CSP, CPH

Michael Nguyen (MPH 2013) has left University of California San Bernadino EH&S for Desert Sands CCD in the Coachella Valley.

Marion Peralta (MPH 2021) is industrial hygienist with Health Sciences Associates.

Supasara Prasertphong (MPH 2020) is with BioLegend in San Diego.

Robert Schupp (MS 2021) is Environmental Health & Safety Consultant with Kasai Consulting in Carlsbad California.

Nakeisha Seymore (MPH 2020) is employed in Austin TX.

Suzie So (MS 2020) is an industrial hygienist at Northrop Grumman.