

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

UCLA INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE PROGRAM WINTER 2023

Shane Que Hee, Director, UCLA IH Program, squehee@ucla.edu, FAX (310)794-2106



NEWS

1. SCERC.

Our new SCERC Director/EHS Department Chair, Professor **Rachael Jones**, BS, MPH, PhD, CIH, is settling into her new roles. She had to rescue the Outreach and Continuing Education Programs (and hence also the whole SCERC) from their low priority scores. She has designed a new Senior year EHS course for the new FSPH Undergraduate major. She headed the SCERC/IH Interdisciplinary Orientation on **Sep 12/13**.

SCERC Assistant Director **Negar Omidakhsh** PhD resigned her Academic Administrator post in early Oct. We thank her for her SCERC efforts. The search for her replacement is ongoing.

Continuing Education and Outreach Program Director **Ani Adzhemyan** is a proud mother of two. She returns from maternity leave on **January 13**.



Rachael Jones



Negar Omidakhsh



Ani's Two Tykes

2. IH PROGRAM.

Senior Associate Dean of Academic-Personnel **Yifang Zhu** is currently coordinating the team-taught PH200A,B sequence for MPH students in Fall22 and Winter23.

IH Deputy Director **Candace Tsai** MPH, DSc,CIH received her Clean-Room module for her nanotechnology research. She taught EHS 200A Fundamentals of Environmental Health and EHS 255 Control of Airborne Contaminants in Industry in Fall22 and she will teach her new EHS 280 Nanomaterial-Related Emerging Technologies: Exposure and Health Effects. This is a required course for the R25 training grant of which she is PI.

Hamid Arabzadeh MS,CIH,FAIHA,CSP is teaching EHS 253 Physical Agents and EHS 454 Health Hazards of Industrial Processes.

George Brogmus MS, PhD, PErg will teach EHS259A Occupational Safety and Ergonomics in Spring 2023.

IH Program Director **Shane Que Hee** taught the refresher Chemistry course EHS 101 and Safety Fundamentals course EHS 259B in Fall 22 and will co-teach EHS 410A Instrumental Methods in Environmental Sciences and EHS 253 in Winter 23. He also was the Interim EHS MPH Field Studies Director and Chair of the EHS Curriculum and EHS Equity Diversity and Inclusion Committees in Fall 22.



Zhu

Tsai

Brogmus

Arabzadeh

Que Hee

The memorial for **John Froines** occurred in the UCLA Sculpture garden on **Saturday October 1 2022**. Many of his associates and colleagues paid tribute to him in-person and by zoom. The UCLA colleagues who spoke or commented in-person were Emeritus Professor **Art Cho**; **Christina Batteate**; Dean Emeritus **Abdelmonem Afifi**; and Senior Associate Dean of Academic Personnel **Yifang Zhu**.



3. ALUMNI NEWS:

Lori Chu (1995) CIH is now Safety Coordinator of the City of Pasadena.

Carina Kouyoumji (2010) was a recipient of a Developing World Outreach Initiative training grant in 2019, & a technical project grant in 2020. She was able to go to the American University of Beirut to teach Industrial Hygiene Instrumentation & conduct an IH monitoring project for their University and Medical center staff in 2021. Her time at AUB was among the most fulfilling in her career (so far). She even met her husband there when she first went to do the training!

SUPPORT SAFER WORKPLACES BY DONATING TO DWOI

The Developing World Outreach Initiative (DWOI), supported by the American Industrial Hygiene Association, Northern California Chapter, is a group of dedicated safety professionals looking to make a positive impact on workplace safety and laborers, globally.

Since 2006, DWOI has successfully funded hundreds of safety trainings and technical projects to improve work environments in the developing world, where safety standards and professionals are lacking. Want to learn more about DWOI? Scan the QR code to see the list of past and ongoing initiatives.

DWOI is able to fund these impact focused projects, through your donations. You can contribute to the success of our members by donating any amount to @New-Ways-To-Work-295 or write a check payable to New Ways to Work with a memo note for DWOI: New Ways to Work P.O. Box 124 Berkeley, CA 94701-0124

You're also welcome at our fundraiser at Cornerstone Brewery in Berkeley CA, on October 25th!

Dr. Airek Mathews (2013) is happy in his position as Compton College Distance Education Manager after transferring from California State University Long Beach where he was the instructional learning spaces coordinator. He is helping professor Tsai on her R25 program.



Robert Phalen PhD (2006), CIH(2006), FAIHA(2019), is Professor and Program Chair of Occupational Safety and Health, College of Science and Engineering in the University of Houston, Clear Lake. His primary research areas include industrial hygiene, personal protective equipment, ergonomics, and air quality. He is a co-author with his Inhalation Toxicologist father of the book "Air Pollution Science: A Public Health Perspective," published by the American Public Health Association and Jones and Bartlett. He is also the senior editor with Howard Maibach of the 2022 revision of "Protective Gloves for Occupational Use" (3rd Edition, CRC Press, Taylor and Francis).

GREAT WORK BOB!

<https://www.taylorfrancis.com/books/edit/10.1201/9781003126874/protective-gloves-occupational-use-robert-phalen-howard-maibach>



Wenhai Xu PhD (2007), MBA, CIH, CSP, CHMM, Tenneco, Southfield, Michigan wrote a chapter entitled "Occupational Hygiene Assessments for the Use of Protective Gloves" in the Phalen and Maibach book just above.