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[Exploring Tobacco Control at Small Worksites](#)



Connect to Wellness Supplement

Christine Kava will study evidence-based tobacco interventions used at small worksites through the workplace wellness program known as Connect to Wellness.

Kava's study team — including a workgroup of academic and community experts — will design an approach to improve implementation of tobacco control interventions, which will be driven by input from employers and employees.

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HPRC HAS A NEW ADDRESS

While HPRC team members continue to work remotely, our office has moved from the University District Building to the new Hans Rosling Center for Population Health where we will (someday) be with many of our fellow colleagues in the UW Department of Health Services as well as colleagues from across the UW School of Public Health and university.

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Upcoming Events



November Seminar

The Market Foundation Neighborhood: A Model That Provides Housing, Healthcare, Healthy Food, and a Community of Support

Thursday, November 12 | 10 – 11 a.m. (PST)

Presenter: Patricia Gray, Pike Place Market Foundation

Zoom Meeting ID: 730 693 565

Listen to audio by phone if needed: [408-638-0968](tel:408-638-0968)

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TEAM UPDATES

CONGRATS

- **Basia Belza** is serving on the executive committee for the new [Public Health Center of Excellence on Dementia Caregiving](#) based out of the University of Minnesota. The center is the result of the BOLD (Building Our Largest Dementia) Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act that became law in 2018. It's designed to promote implementation of the CDC Healthy Brain Initiative.
- **Perla Bravo Acevedo**, who served as a research assistant on the PEARLS Connect project until she earned her master's in June, is now a research study coordinator for the same project. Perla is also working with the Connect to Wellness team, interviewing small employers about their experiences with COVID-19.

WELCOME

- **Mary Grace Asiro** joined HPRC as a research coordinator in August with Anne Turner's [study about decision-making for older adults with dementia](#).
- UW MPH student **Stefani Florez-Acevedo** joined HPRC as a research assistant with Barbara Baquero's Shop Healthy Seattle Tienda study.
- **Sarah Knerr**, assistant professor in the Department of Health Services, joined HPRC as an investigator and is leading the study about [improving genetic counseling referrals for early onset colorectal cancer](#).
- UW MPH student **Evalynn Romano** joined HPRC as a research assistant on Barbara Baquero's Participatory Active Transportation for Health in South Seattle (PATHSS) study.

- UW MPH student **Katie Spears** is working with Anne Turner's team on the [study about decision-making for older adults with dementia](#) for her master's thesis.
- UW MPH student **Anjali Vasavada** joined HPRC as a research assistant in October and is working on cancer prevention and control projects with her supervisor Thuy Vu.

FAREWELL

Thank you to the following team members for their work and support during their time with HPRC.

- **Kori VanDerGeest**, research coordinator for cancer prevention and control projects, accepted a new role in August at the New Mexico State Department of Health.
- **Meg Robertson**, research coordinator for workplace projects, accepted a new role in July with the UW Population Health Initiative.

Recent Publications

[Training the next generation of aging and cognitive health researchers](#). Croff R, Tang W, Friedman DB, Balbim GM, Belza B (Sept 2020)

[Using a Social Capital Framework to Explore a Broker's Role in Small Employer Wellness Program Uptake and Implementation](#). Thornton M, Hammerback K, Abraham JM, Brosseau L, Harris JR, Linnan LA (Sept 2020)

[The Workplace Support for Health Scale: Reliability and Validity of a Brief Scale to Measure Employee Perceptions of Wellness](#). Kava CM, Passey D, Harris JR, Chan KCG, Hannon PA (August 2020)

[Read additional publications here.](#)



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