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INTERVIEWS OF INTEREST



**Katrina
Korfmacher, PhD**

Healthy Living Healthy Radio interviewed our CEC Director and Policy Scientist on Episode 187 of their podcast. Tune in to hear their discussion on environmental justice and how it affects all of us.



Irfan Rahman, PhD

What Makes Us Tick: Smoking's Effect on Our Biological Clock --NIEHS's latest Story of Success features one of our faculty members and lead researcher in the field of environmental and tobacco-related lung disease.



Steve Georas, MD

The WXXI Evan Dawson show *Connections* interviewed one of our medical practitioners and researchers in pulmonary health on the health impacts of the smoke from the Canadian wildfires.

[TUNE IN TO KATRINA'S INTERVIEW](#)

[READ IRFAN'S STORY](#)

UPCOMING SEMINARS

Particles, Disruption of Iron Homeostasis, and Biological Effects

Thu, Sept 21 @ 11:00 AM
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Andrew Ghio, MD

Medical Officer, Environmental Protection Agency



SEE FULL SEMINAR
CALENDAR

EVENTS

Children's Environmental Health Day Celebration:

The University of Rochester has partnered with the Children's Environmental Health Network to raise awareness of children's environmental health issues, celebrate successes, share exciting new initiatives, and discuss challenges on the road ahead. Join us by attending some of the events:



Seminar

Influence of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances on Breastfeeding Duration and Human Milk

THU, OCT 12 @ 11:00 AM
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Megan Romano, PhD

Associate Professor, Dartmouth University

Public Event

SAT, OCT 14 @ 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
ROCHESTER PUBLIC MARKET

The Preventative Care Program for Children with Asthma (Golisano Children's Hospital) will be tabling with asthma awareness, respiratory health, and breathing care education materials for parents, children, and adults. Demonstration materials and information about intervention programs will also be available.



HIGHLIGHTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. ZAHÍRA QUIÑONES TAVÁREZ!



Congratulatory remarks by one of her advisors, Dr. Deborah Ossip, on Dr. Quiñones Tavárez's successful thesis defense:

"Zahíra Quiñones Tavárez (MD, PhD, MPH, MS) successfully defended her dissertation, Linking Exposure to Flavors in Electronic Cigarettes and Coughing, in July. She [joined] our Department of Public Health Sciences faculty as a Research Assistant Professor on September 1.

Zahíra was a doctoral student in our Translational Behavioral Science Department; Dongmei Li, Irfan Rahman, Dan Croft, Steve Gill, Andrew Wojtovich, and I comprised her committee (Steve and I were her primary co-advisors). Tom Mariani chaired the defense. She has been a mentee with our NIH/FDA Center for Research on Flavored Tobacco (CRoFT), a past winner of our CRoFT Tobacco Regulatory Science student competition, and a current recipient of a CRoFT pilot project award. Starting September 1, she [moved] into a co-investigator role on CRoFT, examining the effects of nicotine type (tobacco-derived vs. synthetic) and tobacco flavors on sensory perceptions and vaping topography."

CONGRATULATIONS TO JING (JASON) WU!



Dr. Wu (Department of Medicine, Nephrology) has earned the following accolades:



Selected for 2023 Class Fellow of the American Heart Association (FAHA)

Selected for the 2023 Rising Star Lecture at the American Heart Association Council on Hypertension Scientific Sessions, September 7-10, Boston, MA

Received the 2023 John Laragh Research Award from the American Journal of Hypertension

HIGHLIGHTS CONT'D

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHN ONUKWUFOR!



Dr. Onukwufor (Department of Pharmacology and Physiology) was selected to be this year's recipient of the NIEHS Environmental Health Sciences Center Career Development Award.

WELL, THAT'S A WRAP!

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