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SPH Presentations at the American Public Health Association Annual Conference

School of Public Health faculty and doctoral students presented their research at the American Public Health Association 2021 Annual Conference, held in Denver and virtually from Oct. 24-27, 2021.

[Factors associated with e-cigarette quit intention among adolescents in the United States](#)

Nikhil Ahuja, PhD, MDS¹, Satish Kedia, PhD, MPH², Yu Jiang, PhD², Kenneth D. Ward, PhD², Latrice C. Pichon, PhD, MPH, CHES², Patrick Dillon, PhD³ and Xinhua Yu, MD, PhD²

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[3059.0 - Impact of chronic or heavy use of opioids on health care utilizations among community dwelling elderly in the United States](#)

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[5024.0 COVID-19-Related Challenges and Advances for Health Administrators](#)

Aram Dobalian, PhD, JD, MPH, Veterans Emergency Management Evaluation Center (VEMEC), The University of Memphis School of Public Health, North Hills, CA and **Murray Côté**, College Station, TX

[4079.0 Economic, Financial, and Operations Considerations for Health Administrators during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

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[5125.0 COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy among elderly and homeless veteran populations](#)

Michelle Balut, MPH¹, **June Gin, PhD**¹, Tamar Wyte-Lake, DPT, MPH², Yvonne Mudoh, MPH¹, Sona Hovsepian, MSW, LCSW¹ and Aram Dobalian, PhD, JD, MPH³

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[4081.0 Rapid implementation of telehealth at a VA medical center during COVID-19](#)

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[Driving under the influence of substances and highway fatalities among elderly in the United States](#)

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[4190.0 - Providing eye care to populations in need during a pandemic: Identifying and evaluating necessary changes in clinical procedures](#)

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[4152.0 - Compliance with mandated mask usage in public: A direct observation study](#)

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[A national collaborative to implement surveillance of masking and distancing in public settings](#)

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[4192.0 - Meeting public health competencies with the city health dashboard](#)

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[5052.0 Association between insomnia symptoms and incident heart failure among middle-aged and older adults: A population-based cohort study](#)

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[Longitudinal associations between time-varying insomnia symptoms and all-cause hospitalization among middle-aged and older adults in the United States: A population-based cohort study](#)

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[5110.0 - Key demographic variables, social determinants of health and diabetes: Findings from a congregational health needs assessment](#)

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[4150.0 Examining self-reported needs of church leaders and church members: A secondary data analysis of the mid-south congregational health survey](#)

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