

# 2023 Networking Mixer



**David Shade, JD**

Is a Research Professor in the Department of Epidemiology, Center for Clinical Trials and Evidence Synthesis, in the School of Public Health (and I have a joint appointment Pulmonary Medicine in the School of Medicine). I teach graduate courses in data management; the design, conduct, and analysis of clinical trial; and general epidemiology. I also teach undergraduate courses at Homewood - a first-year seminar in the fall, an upper-level pulmonary physiology course in biomedical engineering, and an Intersession class in Law & Medicine. My research focuses on large multisite clinical trials in a variety of disciplines, currently including reproductive medicine, Alzheimer's disease, and lung disease. Most importantly, I did my undergrad at Homewood (in the BME department) where, among other things, my class was the first to occupy AMR III and the men's lacrosse team won the national championship three times during my four years!

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**Lisa Folda, MHS**

Is an experienced public health professional with a history of working in a variety of skill and content areas. This includes, but is not limited to, infectious disease, chronic disease, maternal and child health, vaccine science, health communication, research support, global health program development and management, community-based learning, student support services, writing for a variety of audiences, teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels, and relationship-building. She has a Masters in Health Science from the Population, Family and Reproductive Health Department at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, plus a Certificate in Health Communication. Currently with the Department of International Health, she has also worked for the Department of Health Behavior and Society via the Center for Communication Programs. Her public health work really began as a volunteer with Planned Parenthood in college, and as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Madagascar.

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**Khushbu Balsara, DDS, MPH**

Is a Postdoc Research Fellow at JH-IIRU, SOM, & BSPH. An oral surgeon with interests in transforming healthcare and creating lasting global impact with an aim to provide improved and equitable preventive and surgical care across international health systems in low-income countries by strengthening research and developing programs. She has extensive skills and experience in mixed methods research, policy analysis, and global health, and has contributed to multiple projects, publications, and certifications in these domains. She is also a co-chair of the Communications Committee at Johns Hopkins Postdoctoral Association, where she leads and manages various initiatives to enhance the visibility and outreach of the postdoctoral community

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**Peter Winch, MD**

Has been faculty in the Department of International Health since 1988.

He develops and evaluates interventions to promote health behaviors for maternal and child health, water, sanitation, infectious diseases, and environmental sustainability. He teaches two undergraduate courses: Honors in Public Health seminar and Global Health Principles and Practices.

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**Sally Safi, PhD, MSPH**

As the Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Population, Family and Reproductive Health (PFRH) at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Sally is passionate about supporting students and faculty in their educational endeavors. Sally oversees the department's graduate education programs including the Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH) degree and the joint Bachelor's-MSPH degree designed for Hopkins undergraduate students. Prior to coming to Hopkins in 2012, Sally served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Rwanda (2010-2012)

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**Gabrielle S. Evans, PhD, MPH, CHES**

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**Becky Shade, MHS**

Is a first year PhD student studying climate-driven disease in the Environmental Health program at the BSPH. She finished the 5-year BA/MHS program in Public Health Studies and Epidemiology at Hopkins in 2022. Her research experience includes clinic and field work, data analysis, and systematic review.

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**Eileen McDonald, MS**

Eileen has worked in public health for over 30 years, specializing in developing, implementing and evaluating interventions that promote child safety. Eileen also directs the MSPH in Health Education and Health Communication program.

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Is a second-year ScM student in Epidemiology specializing in cardiovascular diseases, is a medical graduate from Karachi, Pakistan. With a frontline healthcare background during three pandemic waves, Asma chaired the Aga Khan Local board, leading successful projects such as congenital heart disease screening and achieving an 85% COVID vaccination rate for over 20,000 community members. Asma aims to bridge theory and practice, leveraging her experiences to develop innovative approaches for public health challenges in cardiovascular diseases and aging.  
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Is a professor of Political Science at Johns Hopkins University where he teaches courses on American politics and institutions, including a popular seminar on the politics of food. His current research interests include the political development of the United States in comparative perspective, the evolution of U.S. food and agriculture policy, and the spending patterns in political campaigns. Sheingate joined the Johns Hopkins University faculty in 2000 and served as Department Chair from 2015–2020.  
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