HEALTH PROMOTION SCIENCES FACULTY

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- Social and behavioral aspects of disease control and prevention
- Global maternal, child and adolescent health
- Global health policy
- HIV/STI prevention
- Access to care in low and middle income countries

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- Life Course Perspective in Maternal and Child Health
- Nurtured Heart Approach to parenting high-energy children
- School-based psychosocial programs to promote healthy transitions in development
- Parent and peer relationships during adolescence

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- Director of the Arizona Prevention Research Center (AzPRC)
- Health promotion theory, Latino/cultural behavioral research methods, intervention design, and evaluation methods
- Understanding a range of health behaviors that convey risk or protection and mental health outcomes, with a major emphasis on testing social ecological models within minority populations
- Community-based participatory research lead programs that include aims of the promotion of physical activity, healthy eating, and health screening with under-served border populations
Halimatou Alaofé, PhD, MSc  
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- Maternal, adolescent and child nutrition in low-income populations and countries  
- Prevention and control of iron deficiency and anemia in women and young children  
- Development of dietary assessment methodologies and evaluation of community-based programs to reduce obesity and related chronic disease risk among multiethnic and indigenous populations

Richard Carmona, MD, MPH, FACS*  
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- 17th Surgeon General of the United States  
- Clinical sciences, health care management, and preparedness  
- Commitment to prevention as an effective means to improve public health and reduce health care costs while improving the quality and quantity of life  
- Health disparities, health literacy, and global health

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- Mental health and well-being across the life-span  
- Research, programs, and policy to improve early childhood development, health, and school readiness  
- Childcare research and policy  
- Director of Health and Public Policy at the United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona

Burris “Duke” Duncan, MD  
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- Special needs children with complicated multi-system problems  
- Early detection and then reversal of obesity through maternal monitoring  
- International experience, including clinical work, teaching, research, field work, and administrative responsibilities in more than a dozen countries

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- Behavioral weight loss interventions, including diet and physical activity, for Hispanic populations  
- Technology-assisted (e.g., mobile health- mHealth) physical activity/dietary assessment and intervention  
- Promoting physical activity with healthy dietary behaviors and weight management as it relates to cancer risk reduction in Hispanics  
- Director of “Nosotros Comprometidos a Su Salud - Committed to Your Health,” a program developed to foster community-engaged research collaborations, service, and education to advance health equity.  
- Director, Community Health and Outreach, Center for Health Disparities Research, University of Arizona Health Sciences  
- Assistant Director of Community Outreach and Engagement, The University of Arizona Cancer Center
Lynn Gerald, PhD, MSPH
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- School based asthma, including implementation of asthma management programs, school based asthma case detection, and internet based asthma monitoring
- Clinical, behavioral and epidemiological research in asthma, COPD, and tuberculosis
- Associate Director, Clinical Research, Asthma and Airways Disease Research Center at the UA
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- Translational research and work on the role of bioactive food compounds such as green tea and limonene in modulation of oxidative damage and prevention of chronic diseases such as cancer and cardiovascular diseases
- Health promotion, dietary interventions, and the role of gene-environment and gene-nutrition interactions in chronic disease prevention

Patricia L. Haynes, PhD, CBSM
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- Stressful life events, sleep, social rhythms
- Behavioral sleep and mental health intervention, cognitive behavioral therapy, obesity prevention
- Behavioral randomized controlled trials, health behavior change theory
- Occupational health psychology and public safety
- PI of Assessing Daily Activity Patterns through occupational Transitions (ADAPT) study

Maia Ingram, MPH
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- Co-Director, Arizona Prevention Research Center, collaborating with US Mexico Border communities to address chronic disease
- Community-based participatory research to engage communities in addressing health disparities
- Policy research related to the built environment to increase active living
- Participatory evaluation of community-based prevention and health promotion using the community health worker (promotora) model.
- Engages in public health advocacy for the advancement of the community health worker workforce and active transportation in Tucson.

Aminata P Kilungo, PhD
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- Infectious diseases prevention using Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WaSH) interventions
- Understanding challenges related to access to safe and clean water in low-income countries
- Finding sustainable holistic approaches to address water security and safety issues in underserved communities
- U.S-Mexico Border environmental health
- Global health
Lindsay Kohler, PhD, MPH  
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- Epidemiologist  
- Behavior and lifestyle factors in disease prevention and health promotion  
- Database programmer/statistical analyst, Behavioral Measurement and Interventions Shared Resource  
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- Relationship violence including:  
  - Sexual and physical violence prevalence, risk/vulnerability, impact, prevention, policy and practice  
  - Justice response to campus and community sexual misconduct using restorative methods  
  - Family Strengthening approaches  
  - Theory-based program evaluation

Priscilla Magrath, PhD  
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- Global health with a focus on:  
  - How global health policies are translated in local settings  
  - The framing of health promotion messages  
  - Global maternal health policies including policies towards traditional midwives  
  - Achieving universal access to health care in low and middle income countries  
  - Water, sanitation and hygiene programs  
  - Regional expertise in South-east Asia and Africa

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- Executive Director, Center for Border Health Disparities  
- Reducing health disparities  
- Social and behavioral aspects of disease prevention with emphasis on diabetes and obesity  
- Behavioral and clinical trials  
- Promoting medication adherence  
- Use of technology in diabetes management and self-care

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- Community led assessments, research and interventions addressing inequities in undeserved urban and rural communities  
- Latino health  
- Women’s health  
- Policy, systems and environmental change to improve population health  
- Community health worker training and interventions
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- Nicotine and Tobacco Dependence and behavioral interventions
- Physical activity promotion among smokers
- Sleep and Smoking
- Assistant Director, Arizona Smokers’ Helpline

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- Working with community agencies to improve the nutritional status and health status of individuals, families and communities
- Role of self-esteem, body image, culture, and spirituality in health behaviors and lifestyle choices
- Public health workforce development in Arizona in health promotion

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- Physician-scientist, pediatrician with research focus on precision medicine to address health disparities and improve health outcomes
- Investigator of the AZ Precision Medicine Initiative All of Us Research Program
- Director of the first ever Precision Medicine Community Health Worker Program in AZ
- Interprofessional Education Associate Director, MEZCOPH

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- Maternal and child nutrition, with a special emphasis on decreasing health disparities with low income populations and countries
- Prevention and treatment of vitamin A deficiency in pregnant women and young children
- Effectiveness studies on decreasing mother-to-child HIV transmission
- Improving dietary assessment methods and community-based programs to decrease childhood obesity

Cynthia Thomson, PhD, RD  
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- Cancer prevention & control scientist
- Behavior and lifestyle intervention in cancer survivorship
- Behavioral interventions for weight control and metabolic regulation
- Director for the Canyon Ranch Center of Prevention and Health Promotion, whose mission is to support a healthier Tucson community
Ronald Watson, PhD
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- Alcohol-researcher, nutritionist and immunologist
- Bioactive disease, particularly immune function and cardiovascular effects, including studying complementary and alternative medicines
- Bioactive foods’ components in health promotion
- Dietary supplements in the treatment of diabetes and related cardiovascular disease including heart failure

Nicole Yuan, PhD, MPH
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- Community-based participatory research with AI/AN communities to develop resilience and strengths-based prevention strategies
- Qualitative research to examine the meaning, responses, and impacts of significant life events among youth and adults
- Quitline research on AI/AN tobacco use, home smoking bans, and gender differences in cessation
- Applications of integrative medicine to promote the health of underserved populations

* Faculty members who are not currently advising students