

# Department of Health, Society, and Behavior

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The Department of Health, Society, and Behavior (DHSB) is comprised of a multifaceted faculty with diverse backgrounds and training. The thread which unifies us is our research, teaching, and practice. Each address the complex pathways linking social determinants and health, with an emphasis on health equity. The DHSB is composed of faculty with expertise in health disparities, health equity, social determinants of health, community-based research, biobehavioral health, health communication, and health behavior change interventions. The topical areas of emphasis in DHSB map directly onto the social and behavioral sciences core disciplinary area of public health. Research and teaching in this department integrate empirical and theoretically informed perspectives spanning the social sciences to understand the multiple levels of influence shaping health, health behavior, health status, and health behavior change interventions.

Faculty provide guidance and mentoring regarding both curricular and programmatic activities, for the M.P.H. emphasis in Sociocultural Diversity and Health. Faculty also mentor students in the Ph.D. in Public Health, with its three concentrations: 1) Global Health 2) Disease Prevention and 3) Biobehavioral Mechanisms of Health. The Ph.D. degree program is administered jointly by the Department of Health, Society, and Behavior, and the Department of Population Health and Disease Prevention. The concentration in Disease Prevention maps most directly onto the expertise and focus of the faculty in the DHSB.