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SPECIAL EDITION

LASSO them in! ROUND 'em up! This collection of news is a showcase of the innovative work being done by our impressive affiliates based at CU Anschutz Medical Campus and CU Denver, together in one special issue! ~ WOO-HOO!



media coverage

During a recent Colorado legislative session, [Kate Coleman-Minahhan](#) (Assistant Professor, College of Nursing/Anschutz) provided oral testimony on two reproductive health bills in support of SB23-188 (for which she testified on behalf of the University of Colorado that publicly supported the bill) and SB23-190, along with a research brief. Included in these bills is a new shield law that protects people who travel to Colorado for abortion or gender-affirming care from out-of-state lawsuits and criminal prosecution. She attended the signing of the entire package of the bills (188, 189, and 190) by Governor Polis on April 14. The *Colorado NewsOnline* captured this event in the article "[Colorado Gov. Polis signs 3 abortion-related protections into law.](#)" ~ an amazing testament to the importance of your work Kate!



Can you find **Kate** in this photo? Clue: her "aura" is radiating brightly!

Kate also spoke with radio station **KUNC** (NPR for Northern Colorado) about the increase in people seeking abortion from out-of-state: [Out-of-state abortions in Colorado more than doubled in 2022.](#) "It's disappointing and concerning and

it's really a tragedy that people have to leave their state to get essential health care," she comments. "I'm grateful that Colorado is continuing to provide and protect that care."

Priyanka deSouza (Assistant Professor, Urban and Regional Planning/CU-Denver) studies the health impacts of air pollution and climate change on vulnerable populations, while keeping in mind the questions surrounding environmental justice. Specifically, she focuses on how to make cities more resilient from global warming by developing new methods based on low-cost sensors and satellite data to generate estimates of air pollution concentrations. Her team's extraordinary work has been drawing attention recently from major news outlets! Just look at this media blitz:

MIT News: "[Low-cost device can measure air pollution anywhere.](#)"

The New York Times: "[Cleaner Air Helps Everyone. It Helps Black Communities A Lot. A new study quantified the benefits of pollution reduction in terms of race and class.](#)"

CNN Health: "['Equal opportunity to be healthy': Stricter air pollution standards would benefit some populations more than others, study says.](#)"



~ very exciting Priyanka – congratulations on this much-deserved limelight!

recently published papers

We think it's fair to say that **Priyanka deSouza's** tank is as full as it has ever been! Here are just a few of her team's many recently published papers that have caused the media frenzy mentioned above, and is drawing interest from policymakers and environmentalists alike:

["Air Pollution and Mortality at the Intersection of Race and Social Class,"](#) *New England Journal of Medicine.*

["An analysis of degradation in low-cost particulate matter sensors,"](#) on the cover of *Environmental Science Atmospheres.*

The United States sure can use some tips from many other wealthy, democratic countries that have lower mortality rates! **Patrick Krueger** (Associate Professor, Health and Behavioral Sciences) and coauthor Sarah E. Dehry evaluate the many reasons and causes in their paper "[Excess Deaths in the United States Compared to 18 Other High-Income Countries,](#)" published in *Population Research and Policy Review.*

We all love our kids, but does raising them come at the expense of our own health? **Patrick Krueger, Joshua Goode,** and their colleagues examine whether time spent working or caring for children reduces the time available for undertaking time-intensive health behaviors, in their paper "[Less Time for Health: Parenting, Work, and Time Intensive Health Behaviors among Married or Cohabiting Men and Women in the United States,](#)" recently published in ASA's *Journal of Health and Social Behavior.* With detailed "time-use" data from the National Health Interview Survey, they find that

longer work hours and younger children do decrease hours of sleep, but interestingly, physical activity does not decrease. ~ *well done Patrick!*



Risky drinking mixed with unprotected sex can result in what's known as "Alcohol Exposed Pregnancies" (AEPs), which can cause a lifelong disability known as [Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder](#) (FASD), the leading cause of birth defects in the United States. At the Colorado School of Public Health, Professor [Carol Kaufman](#) and her colleagues at the [Centers for American Indian and Alaska Native \(AIAN\) Health](#) have been assessing ways to combat AEP among the AIAN population, focusing on those who primarily live in urban areas rather than on reservations. How? By designing a mobile app! Read all about their methods and results in the article "[A virtual randomized controlled trial of an alcohol exposed-pregnancy prevention mobile app with urban American Indian and Alaska Native young women: Native WYSE CHOICES rationale, design, and methods](#)," published in the journal *Contemporary Clinical Trials*.

~ *great job Carol, and thank you for calling attention to this important issue!*

It seems obvious that increased immigration enforcement should decrease employment among undocumented immigrants in the United States, but are these policies also affecting U.S.-born workers? [Hani Mansour](#) (Professor/Associate Chair, ECON), [Andrea Velasquez](#) (Assistant Professor, ECON) and other coauthors investigate the impacts of police-based immigration enforcement in their paper "[The Labor Market Impacts of Immigration Enforcement](#)," forthcoming in the *Journal of Labor Economics*. They find that for *both* immigrants and U.S. born workers, there is a decrease in employment *and* a decrease in hourly wages, and explore possible reasons for these outcomes.

honors



Of all the things a university professor can achieve in their career, few are as desirable as **academic tenure**. And gaining tenure is not easy, nor is it quick - in fact, it takes years! Faculty must demonstrate academic excellence in research or teaching. And let's not forget the long, grueling probationary period, during which a professor's work is evaluated by their peers. That's why we are thrilled to announce that just this past Friday, tenure was achieved by our CU Denver affiliate [Adam Lippert](#) (Associate Professor, SOCY)!

~ *congrats Adam! Such a fitting acknowledgement of all your hard work and scholarly potential!*

invited talks and presentations

While [Sara Yeatman](#) (Professor/Chair, Health and Behavioral Sciences) has been enjoying a much-needed sabbatical in the United Kingdom this past year, she has been giving talks at the [London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine](#), the [University College London, Oxford](#), and in June, she will be speaking at the [Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research](#) in Germany.

On the eve of the PAA conference held in New Orleans last month, [Hani Mansour](#) organized the [Economic Demography Workshop](#), which was **partially funded by CUPC**! Hani confirms that they had a great program and it was well attended.

many thanks



We are incredibly fortunate to have had [Karen Lutfey Spencer](#) (Professor, Health and Behavioral Sciences) serve on the CUPC Executive Committee these last couple of years, as our at-large CU Denver representative. Thank you Karen for sharing your valuable wisdom and insight during our monthly meetings and participating in CUPC's important decision-making matters. We appreciate your devotion to the committee!

*~ We hope this special "CUPC Highlights" has been enlightening. By placing our affiliates from CU Denver and CU Anschutz up front and center, we not only get more familiar with their work but are also reminded that our CUPC "family" stretches across three CU campuses – SO MUCH TO CELEBRATE! **Take a bow everyone!***