AzPHA Member Spotlight

Leila Barraza, J.D., M.P.H., is an Assistant Professor in Community, Environment & Policy at the U of A's Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health and a Consultant for the Western Region of the Network for Public Health Law.

An AzPHA member since 2012, Leila is active in our Public Health Policy committee and has presented at past AzPHA conferences. She's also a member of our parent organization (the American Public Health Association) and participates in the APHA Law Section, reviewing abstracts for the APHA conferences in 2016 and 2017.
She's also active in building the evidence base for public health policy—having published articles in several journals, including JAMA, Public Health Reports, Preventing Chronic Disease, Duke Forum for Law & Social Change, Jurimetrics Journal, and Journal for Law, Medicine, and Ethics.

Leila is a rare and valuable resource for public health practitioners and policy makers, having a good grasp of both public health and the law. She received her J.D. (Law Degree) from the ASU College of Law and her M.P.H. from the UA College of Public Health.

Earlier in her career she worked for the Center for Rural Health (formerly Rural Health Office) at the Mel & Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health where she provided help to rural and tribal hospitals and clinics. Following law school, Leila served as a Law Clerk for the Arizona Court of Appeals.

**AzPHA Lunch and Learn Sessions**

**SAVE THE DATES - Upcoming Lunch and Learns:**

Free for members and $35 for nonmembers.

- **UPCOMING WEBINAR!** Horses and Zebras: an overview of infectious disease in Arizona | Thursday, July 13, 2017 | 12:00 PM

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  - **Lisa Villarroel**, Arizona Department of Health Services
  - **Webinar Description:** Clinicians are taught during diagnosis that "when you hear hoofbeats, think horses not zebras.". Infectious disease in Arizona ranges from common "horses" like influenza to exotic "zebras" like tuberculosis - and this is a whirlwind tour through their numbers, epidemiology and clinical aspects that factor into public health's management.

  Register Now!

- **UPCOMING WEBINAR!** Mental Health Policy | Thursday, August 17, 2017 | 12:00 PM
• Marjorie Baldwin, Arizona State University

• Webinar Description: Based on my research and experience, this webinar describes current mental health policy from the dual perspectives of professional and parent. The presentation focuses on why the community mental health movement failed to achieve its goals, and what can be done to improve the mental health system today, so that persons with serious mental illness are better able to achieve their recovery goals.

Register Now!

Community Events

Psychological First Aid Courses

When: Friday June 30 | 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Where: Crisis Response Network | 1275 W. Washington Street, Ste 108, Tempe, AZ 85281

The Arizona Department of Health Services has partnered with Crisis Response Network to provide the community with Psychological First Aid. Psychological First Aid is an evidence-informed approach to help children, adolescents, adults and families in the immediate aftermath of disaster, terrorism and trauma. Psychological First Aid is designed to reduce the initial distress caused by traumatic events and to foster short- and long-term adaptive functioning and coping. This is a course that was developed by the National Child Traumatic Stress Network and National Center for PTSD.

PFA covers:

• Five Empirically-Supported Early Interventions
• PFA Core Actions
• Awareness of At-Risk Populations
• Service Delivery Sites and Settings
• Provider Care
• Liability
• Planning
• Requesting and Coordinating PFA

PFA is a four hour interactive course that engages learners in helping community members in the aftermath of disaster and terrorism. We will be offering the course for free and this is an amazing opportunity for MPH students, faculty and anyone who helps in the aftermath of a disaster.
To register, please view the following flier for the following course:

- **Friday, June 30**

**Mental Health First Aid**
Mental Health First Aid is an eight hour course that teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. The training gives you the skills you need to reach out and provide initial help and support to who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem, or experiencing a crisis.

Just as CPR helps you assist an individual having a heart attack, Mental Health First Aid helps you assist someone experiencing a mental health or substance use-related crisis. Attendees will receive a three year certification from this evidence-based program. In the Mental Health First Aid course, you learn risk factors and warning signs for mental health and addiction concerns, strategies for how to help someone in both crisis and non-crisis situations, and where to turn to for help.

Topics covered in MHFA:

- Depression and mood disorders
- Anxiety disorders
- Trauma
- Psychosis
- Substance Use disorders

Mental Health First Aid USA is listed in the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices. To learn more about MFHA and to check for courses, please visit: https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/cs/take-a-course/what-you-learn/

**Arizona Asthma Coalition Meeting: Arizona's Tobacco Tax & Education Program**
**When:** Wednesday, June 28, 2017 from 3:00-5:00 PM  
**Where:** Vitalyst Health Foundation | 2929 N Central Ave, Suite 1550, Phoenix  
**Call-in Conference Number:** 602-385-6524; use code 0628#  
**Speaker:** Jason Gillette, Office Chief of Tobacco Prevention, ADHS

Tobacco smoke is a serious trigger for asthmatics. Come learn about the many successful initiatives in Arizona to curb exposure to tobacco smoke.

- Tobacco prevalence over time, and how it’s been affected by taxation and smoke-free laws  
- Arizona’s tobacco tax  
- Research behind the advertising campaign  
- Tobacco education programs - statewide and local  
- Engaging youth

**Rural Women's Health Symposium - "A Holistic Approach to Health"**
**When:** June 28-29, 2017

The 2nd Annual AzRHN Rural Women's Health Symposium will be held at the Poco Diablo Resort in Sedona, Arizona. This symposium is an opportunity for different organizations to share their best practices in serving women in rural Arizona and recognizing champions in rural women's health with an award celebration. Please join us for this year's theme, "A Holistic Approach to Health" to learn, network and discuss rural women's health needs. Please click here for a flyer and here for a copy of a tentative agenda.

Registration is now open!
Arizona Rural Health Service Awards
When: Nominations due July 7th, 5:00 PM
Act now to nominate your favorite rural health Volunteer, Professional, or Program. The Arizona Rural Health Service Awards honor outstanding rural health volunteers, professionals, and programs for their dedication and commitment to improving the health of rural residents of our state. Each year the Arizona Rural Health Association (AzRHA) recognizes the award winners at the annual Arizona Rural Health Conference. This conference will be held on July 25 & 26, 2017 at the High Country Conference Center in Flagstaff, Arizona.

To view the nomination form, please click [here](https://www.aachc.org/events-training/calendar-of-events/events/arizona-rural-womens-health-symposium-exhibitors-and-sponsors/). For more information, please contact Alison Hughes at alisonhughes@cox.net

The Arizona Telemedicine Training Program and the Southwest Telehealth Resource Center offers 1-day training courses on telemedicine and telehealth. There are two tracks offered throughout the year; 1) Developing a Telemedicine Program and 2) Telemedicine Applications. ATP’s staff and colleagues, many of whom are national experts in telehealth, distance education and the business of telemedicine, teach both tracks. The Arizona Telemedicine Training Program is accredited by the [American Telemedicine Association](https://www.amte.org). Advanced Registration is required to attend ATP training courses.

**TRACK 1: Developing a Telemedicine Program**

**September 11, 2017; January 8, May 7, and September 17, 2018**

Course Content:

This conference gives a broad overview of a variety of telemedicine topics, including:

- Clinical services
- Telecommunications and infrastructure development/operations
- Distance education
- Evaluation
- Business aspects
- Telemedicine equipment/technology demonstration

Who should attend?

This course is excellent for individuals or groups who have some telehealth experience and are interested in expanding their services. It is also a great course for those new to telehealth who are interested in gaining a deeper understanding of this growing industry.

Conference Goals:

- To provide ongoing training for health care professionals involved or interested in clinical telemedicine and telehealth services
- To promote improved public health in rural and urban communities by providing current telemedicine and telehealth information and training
- To provide health care systems throughout Arizona and nationally with information, training, and expertise in telemedicine and telehealth applications
TRACK 2: Telemedicine Applications

July 17, 2017; March 5, July 23, and November 5, 2018

Course Content:

This conference covers advanced telemedicine topics through an in-depth look at real-world clinical applications of telemedicine and telehealth.

Who should attend?

This course is excellent for individuals or groups who have some telehealth experience and are interested in expanding their services. It is also a great course for those new to telehealth who are interested in gaining a deeper understanding of this growing industry.

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To register: [http://telemedicine.arizona.edu/training/upcoming-training-events](http://telemedicine.arizona.edu/training/upcoming-training-events) (Registration fee is waived for Arizona Residents.)

Questions: Contact Tracy Skinner, Program Coordinator, Senior at tskinner@telemedicine.arizona.edu

The 44th Annual Arizona Rural Health Conference - SAVE THE DATE

When: July 25 & 26, 2017
Where: High Country Conference Center, Flagstaff Arizona
Please contact Rebecca Ruiz at raruiiz@email.arizona.edu.

Telemedicine Telehealth - Service Provider Showcase | Advancing Health Partnerships

When: Monday - Tuesday, October 2-3, 2017
Where: Hyatt Regency Downtown Phoenix
The SPS 2017 agenda is jam-packed with practical advice on identifying winning telehealth strategies and creating successful programs; understanding legal, regulatory, and reimbursement considerations; finding appropriate telemedicine partners and integrating remote clinical services into your organization’s workflows; and navigating the rapidly changing telehealth technology.

SPS speakers are nationally known telehealth innovators, experts and thought leaders, including C-suite officers of some of the country’s largest health-care companies, legal and regulatory authorities, and telemedicine program trendsetters.

To view the tentative schedule, click [here](http://telemedicine.arizona.edu/training/upcoming-training-events). | Learn more about the speakers and exhibitors. | Click [here](http://telemedicine.arizona.edu/training/upcoming-training-events) to register and make hotel reservations.

Save The Date - Arizona Asthma Coalition Conference

When: Saturday, October 7, 2017 | 8:00AM - 4:00PM
Where: Mayo Clinic Campus on Shea Boulevard in Scottsdale
Stay tuned for The Arizona Asthma Coalition’s 11th Annual Asthma and Allergy Clinical Conference. The conference will explore best practices in various outpatient, inpatient, and community settings: There will also be several tracks including: clinical practice, school asthma management, and pharmacology.
CME/CEU credits will be applied for: physicians, PAs, nurses, nurse practitioners, asthma educators and respiratory care practitioners.

Watch for registration materials in July! - For further information, please contact Barbara Burkholder at barbburk5@msn.com

**Training Certificates from Western Region Public Health Training Center**

**Communications Skills for Successful Health Care Team Relationships**

**Webinar**

**When:** Thursday, June 22, 2017 | 12:00 - 1:00 PM  PST

1. Recognize and understand the importance of communication and relationship development in the development of, and ongoing work of a health care team.
2. Identify communication strategies for participants to use to foster better communication within their own health care team. Understand the theory of group dynamics and how it applies to health care teams.
3. Recognize the characteristics of an effective and an ineffective team and identify strategies to move a team from ineffective to effective.

**Continuing Education:** 1.0 CNE for RNs, 1.0 CPEU for RDs, 1.0 CECH for CHES

Click [here](https://wrphtc.arizona.edu/virtual-conference) to register

**Articles and Updates**

**Tell Your Senators to Protect Medicaid and the Prevention & Public Health Fund**

Senate Republicans are working behind closed doors to develop their version of legislation to repeal the Affordable Care Act and hope to schedule a vote as early as this month. The bill that passed earlier this year in the U.S. House of Representatives was [strongly opposed by APHA](https://www.apha.org) and other leading health and medical groups. Call your senators via the Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121, use these [talking points](https://www.apha.org) and urge them to oppose legislation that damages Medicaid and the Prevention & Public Health Fund.

You can also use [APHA’s action alert](https://www.apha.org) to send a message directly to our senators.
AHCCCS Seeking Comments on Integrated Healthcare Delivery

In November AHCCCS will issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to integrate physical and behavioral healthcare services and streamline services for members. Beginning October 2018, members will choose one healthcare plan for medical care (physical) as well as any needed behavioral health services (with exceptions for SMI and CMPD populations and crisis services).

Before the RFP opens, AHCCCS is looking for input from Medicaid members. If you have a regular distribution list that contains Medicaid members please consider sharing this webpage with AHCCCS members and encourage them to take their member survey.

Our Turn: Nevada had - and wasted - the perfect Obamacare solution

Check out what Dan Derksen and Will Humble had to say in an article recently published to the Republic. Click here to view the story.

Arizona American Indian Health Status Summary Report

The Arizona Department of Health Services published an American Indian Health Status Summary Report last week. The report provides a comprehensive overview of the health status of American Indian people in Arizona on and off reservation.

The goal of the report is to inform elected leadership and health administrators on health disparities impacting American Indians in Arizona as a guide to develop programs and interventions aimed at improving the health of the American Indian population in Arizona.

*Student Seeking for a Preceptor* & Job Opening

REPOSTED: Program Manager II (Coconino County)
Closing date: 2 DAYS!
The Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program (PHEP) coordinates emergency response planning and preparedness efforts for the Coconino County Public Health Services District (CCPHSD). The program supports and enhances the capacity of the state, local public health, Tribes, and the healthcare system to prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies, which pose a substantial risk to the health of Coconino County residents. This is done through routine response planning, surveillance, early detection of communicable diseases, laboratory support, emergency communications, training / education and exercising.

Click here for job posting & to apply now!

Health Educator II (Prescott)
Closing date: July 4, 2017 at 5:00 PM
Under general supervision, health educator participates in coordinating activities, organizing community events, and teaching and promoting healthy lifestyle choices. Duties include carrying out health education plans for health promotion activities for specific subjects or geographical areas; leads and facilitates group education for adults and children. Fosters community relationships with internal and external partners and coordinates health education activities in the assigned area. Attends meetings and completes reports for programs as required and performs other job duties as assigned.

Click here for job posting.

Oral Health Coordinator
This position will support the Oral Health Program Manager in coordinating the Arizona Oral Health Coalition, working with AACHC Dental Peer Networking group, Community Health Center (CHC) training and technical assistance, and promotion of oral health integration with CHCs and other interested parties. The position is grant-funded and full-time (40 hours per week). Potential for continued employment will be based on availability of funds. To view more about the job description, please click here.
If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Jonathan Frederick at jonathanf@aachc.org.

Do you know of anyone interested in being a preceptor?
(Seeking for 1 position for public health, and 1 position for nursing)

A Public Health graduate student at Grand Canyon University is seeking a preceptor for a fall internship position. The program requires the student to complete a 16-week internship program from August 17-November 30, 2017. Catrina's area of interest is Epidemiology and Environmental health.

Please click here to view GCU's preceptor qualifications and responsibilities. If you are interested in being a preceptor, please contact the student, Catrina Woodruff at CATRINAANN@msn.com.

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A advanced professional nursing student at Grand Canyon University is seeking a preceptor for an internship position. Elizabeth has over 16 years of healthcare experience and have been a registered nurse for 7 years. Her area of interest is Masters of Science in Nursing (MSN) emphasizing public health, with a focus interest in indigenous populations and a secondary focus on on infection control and prevention.

Elizabeth is seeking for a preceptor that must hold a MSN degree and have at least 2 years of public health experience. The time commitment requirement is a minimum of 150 hours over a maximum of four months.

Please click here to view GCU's preceptor qualifications and responsibilities. If you are interested in being a preceptor, please contact the student, Elizabeth Macmillan at emacmillan13@cox.net or Tiffany at tiffany@azpha.org for more personal contact information.

AzPHA Member Opportunities

Please consider joining one or all of the following AzPHA Committees:

- **Public Policy Committee:**
  - This committee reviews proposed and existing federal, state, and local healthy laws and ordinances and makes recommendations for policy action to the Board of Directors. They also propose needed legislation and are most active when the Arizona Legislature is in session, usually from January through April.

- **Membership Committee:**
  - The committee devises ways to recruit and retain members, and to make membership effective and make recommendations to the Board. The committee works with the Executive Director and Staff to design appropriate materials and carry out the recommendations of the Board. This committee may arrange for membership displays to be set up at Association meetings and other meetings where potential members could be recruited.

- **Professional Development & Academic Relations Committee:**
  - This committee is in charged with planning and scheduling the professional events of the Association for the calendar year. This committee will help identify subcommittee members to plan the content of the events and ensure activities are spread throughout the year and not overlap the work of others.

Upcoming AzPHA Board and Committee Meetings:
• **Board Meeting:**
  - July 21, 2017: 10am - 12pm | Vitalyst Health Foundation [map](#) | Please contact [Will Humble](#) for more information

• **Professional Development & Academic Relations Committee:**
  - Meeting with resume in July | Committee Call | Please contact [Lauren Savaglio](#) for more information

• **Membership Committee:**
  - Please contact Holly for a time. | Vitalyst Health Foundation [map](#) | Please contact [Holly Orozco](#) for more information

• **Public Policy Committee:**
  - Committee Call | Please contact [Eddie Sissons](#) or [Will Humble](#) for more information

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