

Public Health Innovations Conference

Spring 2026

Wednesday, April 15th

Midtown Collaboration Center

1974 East 66th Street

Schedule of Events

8:00am Breakfast, Welcome & Opening Remarks

8:30am - 11:15am Oral Presentations

11:15am - 12:00pm Lunch & Poster Session

12:00pm **Keynote Presentation:**

Two Speckled Monsters

Public Health in America: 1721 and 2026



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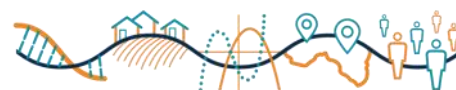
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1:30pm - 4:30pm Oral Presentations



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Oral Presentations

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8:30am **Ajay Mahenthiran:** *Multimorbidity Profiles Among Hospitalized Adults with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities: A 2022 National Inpatient Sample Analysis*

9:00am **Kelao Neumbo:** *HIV Disease Progression and Western Blot Antibody Patterns Among Women in the Women's Interagency HIV Study*

9:30am **Gabriella Malz:** *Continuity Matters: The Influence of Community Health Worker–Client Relationships on Engagement, Satisfaction and Psychosocial Well-Being in Nourishing Beginnings*

10:15am **Jiya Vaidya:** *Assessing the Impact of Medical-Legal Partnership Services in UH Rainbow Ahuja Center for Women and Children*

10:45am **Jordan Spradlin:** *Emergency Department Utilization in Cleveland, OH: A Quality Improvement Project*

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1:30pm **Maggie Lowden:** *Age-Stratified Mental Health Outcomes Following Prophylactic Mastectomy*

2:00pm **Ethan P. Martin:** *Building Program Evaluation Capacity at the LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland*

2:30pm **Mashaal Qureshi:** *Community Mental Health & Environmental Burdens: Neighborhood-Level Associations Between PM2.5, Mold, and Depression in Cleveland, Ohio*

3:15pm **Kelly Bowen:** *Spatial Video Assessment of Environmental Conditions in Displacement Camps near Goma, Democratic Republic of the Congo*

3:45pm **Faye Hashim:** *Integrating Hybrid Health Education into Disease Management and Understanding: An Analysis of Experiences from Adults Living with Sickle Cell Disease*



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Poster Session

Midtown Collaboration Center: Innovation Hall

Posters will also be available for viewing on the MPH program website

Lauren Bashein: *Point-of-Care (POC) Syphilis Testing in a Jail Setting: Implementation and Research Development*

Kelly Bowen: *Spatial Video Assessment of Environmental Conditions in Displacement Camps near Goma, Democratic Republic of the Congo*

Ify Chidi: *Cancer Screening Outreach at MetroHealth's J Glen Outpatient Clinic*

Maleek Cusack: *Governmental Epi at CDPH: Audience, Collaboration, and Expertise*

Ajay Mahenthiran: *Evaluating the Public Health Impact of Synthetic Food Dyes*

Joseph Poniatowski: *Impact of a Hand Sanitizer Brand Change and Education on Hand Hygiene Compliance*

Ally Roberts: *Practicum Experience at Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Ohio*

David Taylor: *Cleveland Division of Air Quality 2024 Air Report*



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