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News & Announcements

**Swetland Center Virtual Summer
Internship Application is Open!**

Application Deadline: February 15th, 2021

Swetland Center is committed to providing training and professional development opportunities to help educate the next generation of environmental and public health researchers within our community! Our 2021 Internship is fully virtual and open to any university student interested in community-based environmental health research. Find details about the internship on our [website](#) and please share this opportunity! CWRU and Non-CWRU students, undergraduate or graduate, are encouraged to [apply](#) for this paid training opportunity.

Food Systems, and Community Development

Congratulations to authors Dr. Sanchez-Flack, Dr. Joshi, Dr. Lee, and Dr. Freedman for their publication, "Indicators of Readiness and Capacity for Implementation of Healthy Food Retail Interventions" in the Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development. Research for this publication is supported by the

[Building Capacity for Obesity Prevention \(BCOP\)](#) project and is synthesized into the [PSEREADI tool](#). This article will be available in Spring 2021.



Be sure to keep up with Swetland news through our online [News & Events](#) page!

Events & Opportunities

February Swetland Center Seminar: Development of Innovative Curriculum on Climate Change for 1st Year Medical Students

February 23rd | 9 – 10:00 am

Presenter Karen B. Mulloy, DO, MSCH will discuss the topic of innovative learning strategies introduced into the medical school curriculum, the results of the evaluation and how that will prepare future physicians and public health professionals to address how adaptation and mitigation strategies can reduce adverse health impacts of climate change.

[Register today!](#)

Helpful Resources

In 1926, Carter G. Woodson created Negro History Week in Washington D.C. during the month of February, and in 1986 Congress passed law which designated the entire month of February as African American History Month. Gaining a better understanding of African American history – American history – allows us to understand our past and prioritize diversity, community, and inspire generations to come. Learn and celebrate black history through some resources listed below, and let's work to transform our future:

- [**The 2021 Black History Month Virtual Festival**](#) hosted by Association for the study of African American Life and History
- African American History Month – [**Exhibits and Collections**](#)
- [**CWRU's Social Justice Institute**](#) 10th Anniversary event
- National Museum of African American History and Culture – [**Talking About Race**](#)

Share Your Thoughts On Ohio's Active Transportation Plan:

Walk.Bike.Ohio



The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) presents Walk.Bike.Ohio; Ohio's first statewide plan for active modes of transportation. Many Ohio residents depend on alternative modes of transportation to remain mobile and more individuals are choosing walking or biking to live healthier, more sustainable lifestyles. Strategies in Walk.Bike.Ohio address goals of safety, equity, network connectivity, network utilization, preservation, and quality of life.

ODOT invites your feedback on this draft plan. Review the [draft plan](#) and share your feedback by taking a [brief survey](#) by Friday, February 26.

Swetland Spotlight

Welcome New Staff Member Sheena Fryerson, MPH!

We are excited to introduce our newest staff member Sheena Fryerson to the Swetland Community! Her role as Community-engaged Researcher will support research within the Food Systems Change Fellowship of the foodNEST 2.0 study and center-wide efforts aimed at evaluating our community-engaged approach.

Where are you from? I was born, raised, and spent a bulk of my childhood in the Mount Pleasant and Slavic Village area.

What is your background in? I have a cumulative 15 years of scientific research experience, beginning in molecular biology (recombinant DNA techniques, cancer biology research, and surveillance of Class A,B,C biohazardous agents in a BSL-2, Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) laboratory as well as H1N1–H3N1 control creation. After receiving the MPH, I engaged in studies that measured HIV/AIDS acquisition and violence exposure. This led to working in violence prevention and engaging communities that serviced families who were victims of violence and trauma in the Cleveland area.



What excites you about joining the Swetland Center? I am excited to join a team of researchers (with rich and diverse backgrounds) that are examining the social environment, health disparities, and food security within the community in which I grew up with the intent to inform equitable policies.

What is your favorite outdoor space in Cleveland? When weather permits, I really enjoy working and spending time in my home vegetable garden in my backyard.

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What is a piece of advice you have been given or quote/statement that is significant to you? "Feed your faith and starve your fear"

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