

Monday, September 21, 2026

FALL WELCOME 2026



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Fall Welcome 2026

AGENDA

9:30 – 10:20 AM

Land Acknowledgement, Gary Westley, Assistant Director, Native American Student and Community Center

Opening Remarks & Overview of the Day

Emily Morris Kemmerer, Assistant Dean, Student & Alumni Affairs

Community Tree Project Kickoff

Many Roles, One Commitment: Building an Antiracist Public Health Community

Noni Villalobos, Student Success Program Coordinator

Carlos Quatela, Program Coordinator, IGNITE & ASCEND

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Educational Sessions – in NASCC and Broadway Building, 2nd floor

12:00 – 2:00 PM

Campus Resource Fair

Lunch

New Graduate Student Headshots

2:00 PM

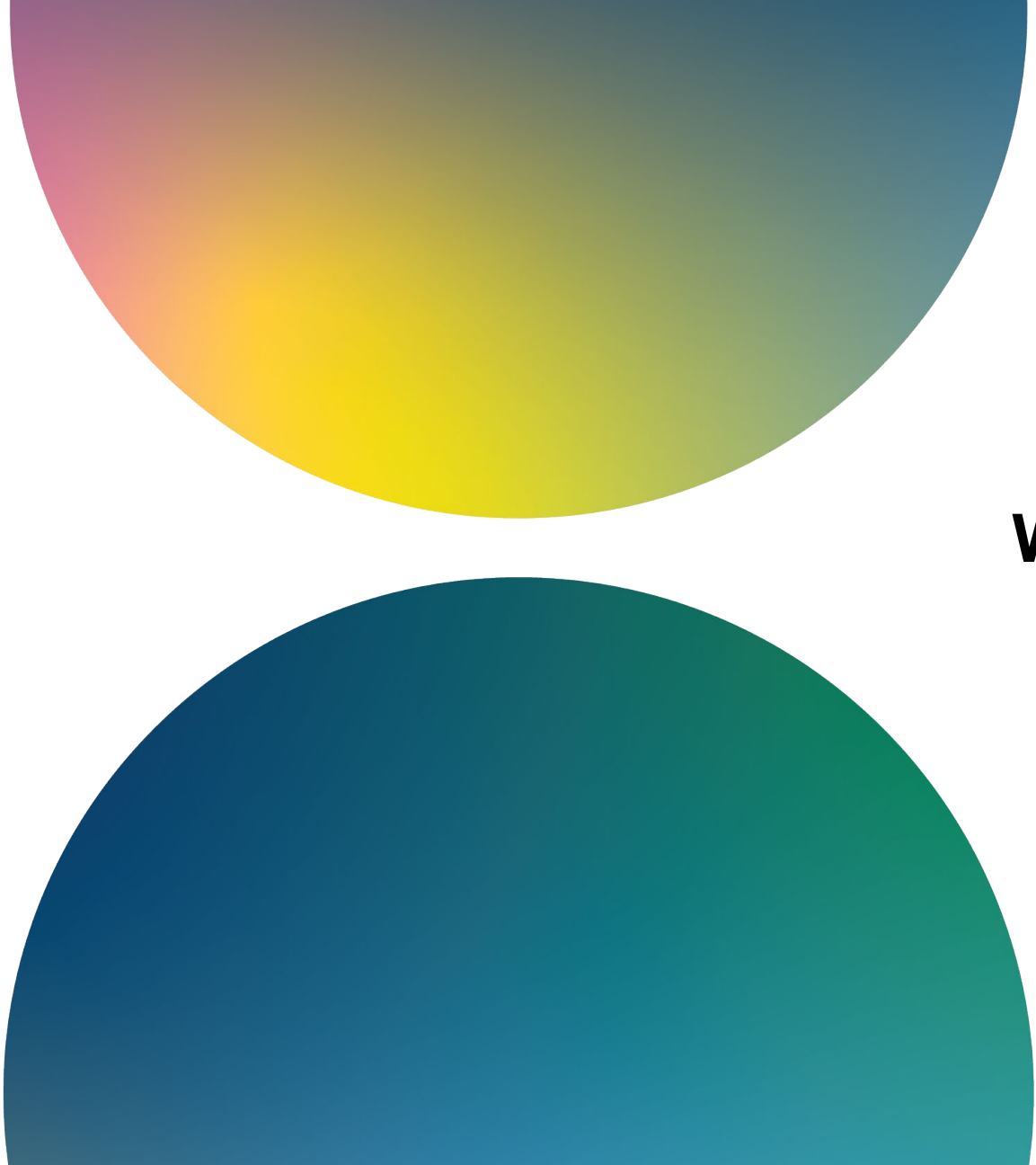
Program Sessions for New Graduate Students

Returning graduate students and all undergraduate students may leave

**We are thrilled that
you are here.**

**Today is about meeting the
people who will be part of your
year: faculty, staff, and most of
all each other.**

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HEALTH.**



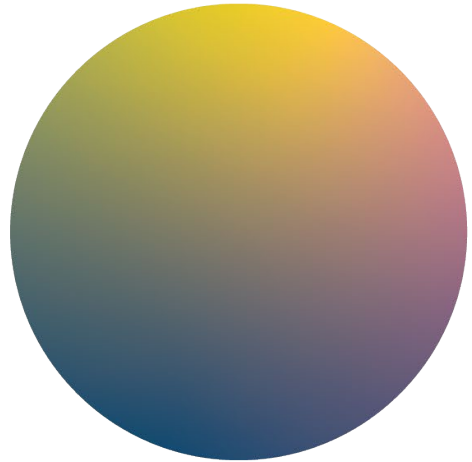
Who is here today?

People you will meet

- Undergraduate Students
- Graduate Students
- Academic Operations Team
 - Student Success Center
- Your program director
- Student leaders
- Our campus and community partners



Need help? Forget what to do or where to go? Struggling in class – or out of class?

- SPH Student Success Center
 - Assistant Dean for Student Affairs
 - Your Program Director, advisor, and faculty
 - Don't remember? Ask any of us. We all work together and can send you to the correct resource
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COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

Select a Leaf

- Undergraduate Students: Yellow
- Graduate Students: Blue

Write Details

Include your name and program on your leaf.

Answer Prompts

Respond to one or all of the prompts below:

- "I hope to contribute _____ to the Public Health community."
- "What inspires me about Public Health is..."
- "By the end of this academic year I want to..;"



Fall Events

- **PSU Viking Days:** September 24 – October 3
- **PSU Party in the Park:** October 3 – free lunch!
- **OHSU Welcome BBQ & Info Fair:** October 3

Check the SPH Events Calendar for fall events and activities.

Sign up for SPH texts here:





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Thank You! Kemmerer@ohsu.edu

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Facilitators

Carlos A. Quatela he/him
IGNITE Program Manager &
Academic Advisor

Noni Villalobos she/they
Student Success Program
Coordinator



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Collaborators

Dawn Richardson
Senior Associate Dean of
Academic Operations

Shanthia Espinosa she/her
Anti-Racism & Social Justice
Graduate Administrative
Assistant, MPH student

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Activity Agenda

- (5-minutes) Brief overview of OHSU-PSU School of Public Health commitment to antiracism and social justice
- (30-minutes) Small group reflection discussion
- (5-minutes) Personal reflection question
- (5-minutes) Wrap-up and large group share

Learning Objective



Reflect how antiracism and social justice work looks/feels/is/aspires to be in your academic and/or health career.

Learn about how other people in their group engage with antiracism and social justice work.

Institutionalizing Antiracism and Social Justice in SPH

- Official commitment statement to antiracism and social justice in 2020 – now.
- In 2020, Dean appointed inaugural Associate Dean for Social Justice, hires graduate researcher each year.
- Continued financial investment in positions and institutionalizing commitment to antiracism and social justice.
- Equity lens has been adopted into official hiring practices, faculty cluster hires, strategic plans, curriculum, workshops and events, etc.

The OHSU-PSU School of Public Health is committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive environment, recognizing that this is essential to achieving our mission. We are dedicated to training public health professionals who are equipped to address racial inequities and advance public health through a combination of education, research, and community service.

In practice, this work is shared and extends beyond one role or department

Small Group Reflection - Assign a Scribe & a Speaker

Theme 1: Where You Are Now (10 minutes)

- What does social justice and antiracism work look like for you now?
- Where does this work show up in your role, whether front-facing, behind the scenes, technical, or administrative?
- What has shaped your current understanding of this work?

Large Group Share-Out (5 minutes)

Small Group Reflection - Assign a Scribe & a Speaker

Theme 2: Where You're Headed (10 minutes)

- What social justice and antiracism work do you wish to continue?
- What do you wish to expand?
- What do you wish to begin?

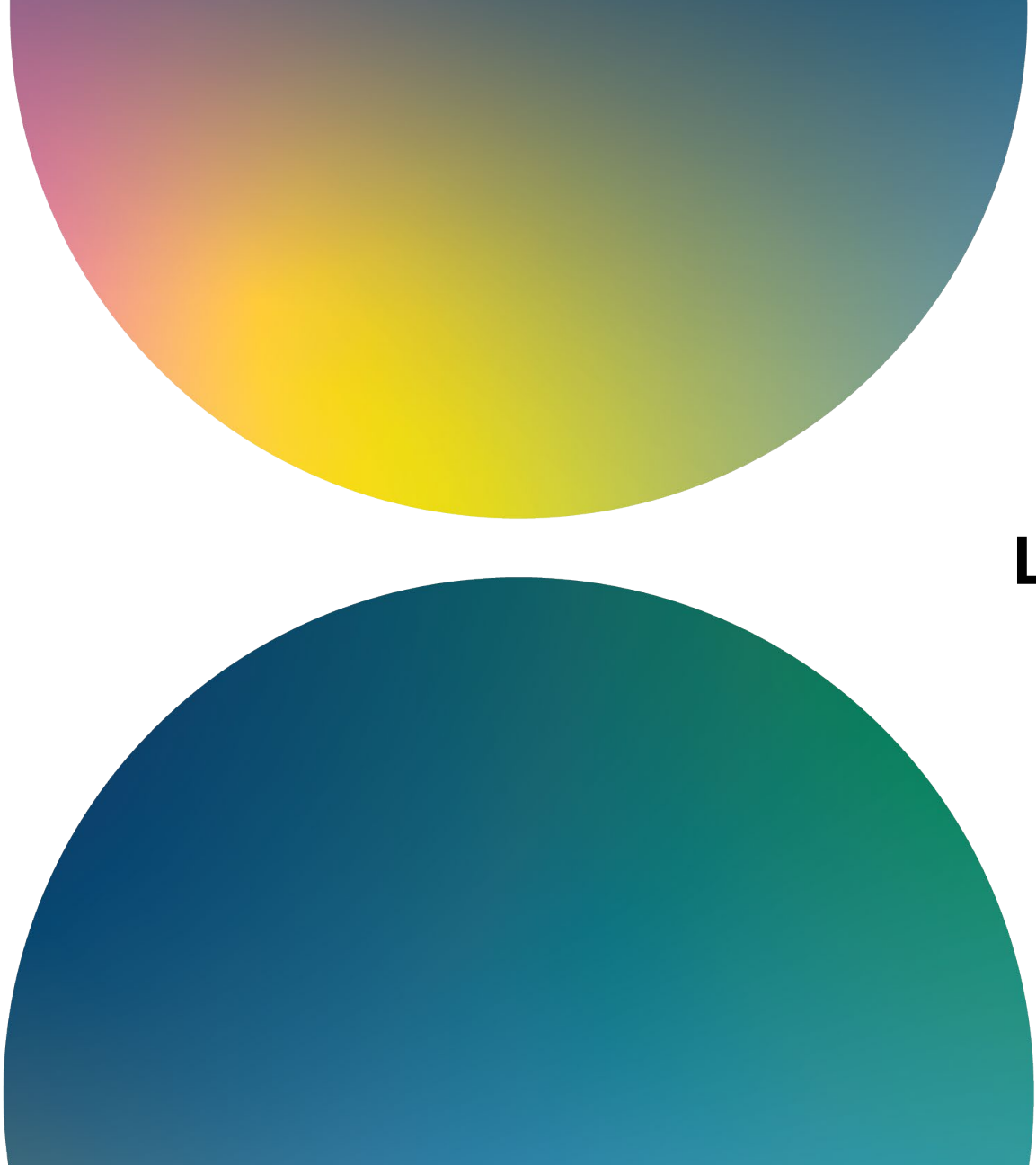
Large Group Share-Out (5 minutes)

Personal Reflection Question

Theme 3: What's Changed (5 minutes)

- What's one way your definition of antiracism and social justice work has expanded today?
- What did you learn from someone at your table that you didn't expect?
- How might you carry this forward in your academic or health career?

Large Group Share-Out (5 minutes)



Large Share Out



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Thank you



Where to go now.

Morning sessions: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

- Undergraduate students: NASCC
- Graduate students: Broadway Building, 2nd floor

Afternoon: 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

- Resource Fair
- Lunch
- Time to explore on your own
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2:00 pm – New graduate students only

- Program breakout sessions: Vanport Building