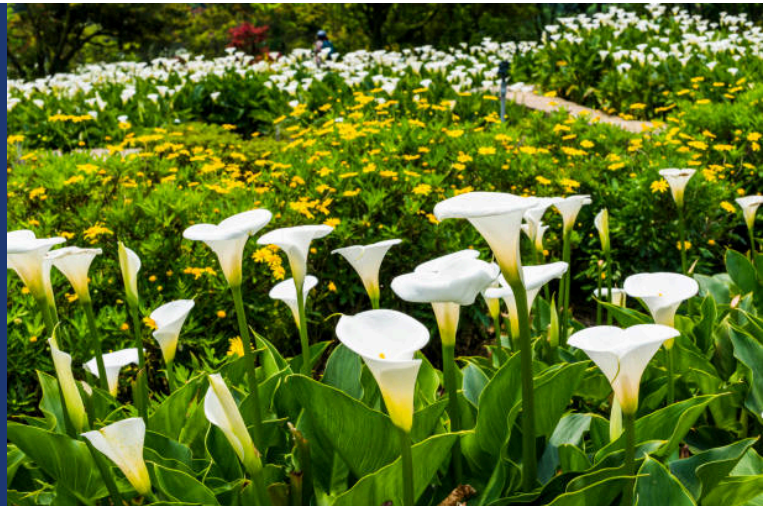


# COEH & NIOSH ERC

October Newsletter

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## Note from COEH

Dear Reader,

As a reminder, this monthly newsletter highlights important news and opportunities such as COEH events, webinars, internships, funding opportunities, calls for papers, and much more. Calendar event invitations for TRT Seminars, Symposia, and Field Trips are sent from COEH. Please RSVP for these items by responding to the calendar invites.

If you have announcements, highlights, photos, or accomplishments to share, please send them to [coeh@berkeley.edu](mailto:coeh@berkeley.edu), or submit them on our website and they will be included in our next newsletter.

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## Announcements & Events

### Robert Spear Internship Fund

We were deeply moved by the celebration of life for **Robert Spear**, which honored his remarkable legacy as a founder, mentor, and champion of occupational and environmental health. To keep his impact growing, we invite you to support the [Robert Spear Internship Fund](#), which will provide students with the hands-on experiences and mentorship that Robert valued so deeply. Together, we can honor his memory by investing in the next generation of leaders in worker and community health.

We welcome people to email tributes to Dr. Robert Spear to [coeh@berkeley.edu](mailto:coeh@berkeley.edu).

[Read the full tribute to Dr. Robert Spear here.](#)



## COEH Fall Gathering

Please join us on **Thursday, November 20th**, to celebrate the start of the new academic year. Learn about our program and research opportunities at our Fall Gathering!

Please RSVP [using this link](#) or RSVP via your calendar invite if you received one. Food and refreshments will be provided for attendees who RSVP.

Reach out to Marianne with any questions at [marianne23@berkeley.edu](mailto:marianne23@berkeley.edu).



## Build your LinkedIn Network Training

Learn how to grow your LinkedIn presence! We'll go over ways to promote your work effectively and build new connections with fellow researchers and institutions using common social media tools.

**When:** November 13, 2025, 12pm-1pm

**Where:** Berkeley Way West, Room 5101



## COEH Scholarships

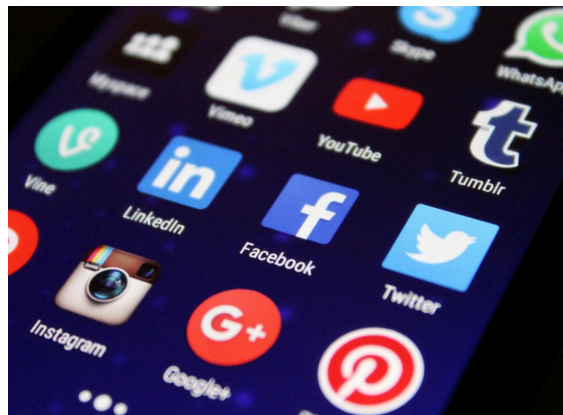
Interested in gaining financial support as you continue your education? COEH wants to help you! COEH currently has 3 competitive scholarships ranging between \$500 and \$5,000 in support.

Click on the link [here](#) to find out how you can apply! Applications are due January 16, 2025!



## Connect With Us Through Social Media

Like, share, or comment on our posts! We will be highlighting the achievements of our trainees and programs. Make sure to follow us and fill out the [social media interest form](#) to be featured on one of our pages!



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## Upcoming Conferences & Presentations

### October Occupational Health Grand Rounds

**UCSF** Division of Occupational, Environmental, and Climate Medicine  
Department of Medicine

**October 9, 2025 from 8:00-9:00am**

Joshua Potocko, MD, MPH

Beyond Boundaries: The Role of Aerospace Medicine in Occupational Health

[Zoom Link](#)

[Full Schedule](#)

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Suzaynn Schick, MPH

Carcinogens in Secondhand Cannabis Smoke

[Zoom Link](#)

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## Mid-Atlantic Regional & Metro Washington Colleges of Occupational & Environmental Medicine (MARCOEM) 2025

October 24 - 26, 2025

Washington, DC

[More Information](#)

Find additional NIOSH opportunities and updates below:

- [Newsroom](#)
  - [NIOSH Science Blog](#)
  - [Fellowships and Training Opportunities](#)
  - [NIOSH Publications and Products](#)
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# Job & Internship Opportunities

Lecturer in the Department of Public Health at Fresno State

[Find full description here](#)

Boeing Summer 2026 Internship Program (Paid)

[Find full description here](#)

2026 University Intern - Health, Safety, and Environment

[Find full description here](#)

ConocoPhillips Intern, Health, Safety & Environmental 2026

[Find full description here](#)

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## Highlights & Achievements



### "What We Carry: Voices in Patient Safety" a Documentary on Patient Safety

*What We Carry: Voices in Patient Safety* focuses on medical errors and advocating for patient safety. It features stories from patient safety advocates, experts, and individuals who have experienced medical harm. [Watch the documentary here.](#)

To watch the 15-minute presentation by COEH Alum Jiayin Chen which provides more context on the documentary, [click here.](#)



### Congratulations to Dr. Padilla-Salas from the COEH Industrial Hygiene Program

Mayela Padilla-Salas, PhD, M.P.H, a recent Industrial Hygiene doctoral program graduate, shared with us that she finished their final dissemination report to the Navajo Nation Cove Chapter and gave them a hard copy of her dissertation. Both major contributions were very well received.

The attached photo shows Dr. Padilla-Salas presenting her dissertation to the Navajo Nation Cove Chapter.



### Manuscript Moving Into Production

"Valley Fever is an occupational illness: Let's get the data to prevent it", co-authored with two of our trainees from last spring, Julie Bartels and Simon Camponuri from our COEH Epidemiology program, is now in press at the [American Journal of Industrial Medicine.](#)



## Scholarship Awarded to Javier Freire

Javier Freire, a PHD candidate working with COEH, was awarded an International Association of Wildland Fire Scholarship for 2025! Javier is exploring the effects of environmental factors such as heat, humidity, and air quality on the risk of occupational heat stress among wildland firefighters.

We would like to congratulate Javier on his accomplishments, and we look forward to seeing more of his work.

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## Continuing Education

### Upcoming Free Webinars

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#### [Evaluating Degreaser VOC Exposure in Auto Shop Using Air Sampling and Biomarkers](#)

9 - 10 AM HST | 12 - 1 PM PT | 2 - 3 PM CT | 3 - 4 PM ET  
Speaker: **Diana Ceballos, PHD, MS, CIH**

[Register Here](#)



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#### [Swine Processing and Worker Health: Results from the PULSE Study](#)

9 - 10 AM HST | 12 - 1 PM PT | 2 - 3 PM CT | 3 - 4 PM ET  
Speaker: **Carisa Harris, PHD, CPE**

[Register Here](#)



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### Upcoming Courses



#### [ERG120 | 10/13 - 12/14/2025 | Physical Human Factors and Ergonomics](#)

[Register Here](#)

## Labor Occupational Health Program

### Preparing for a New Law in CA

A new law (AB 1350) extends health and safety protections for the first time to many domestic workers in CA. We helped prepare domestic worker leaders to teach others about safe cleaning, heat, and ergonomics, and to ask employers for changes needed to protect their health.

Read more about LOHP by [checking out their Facebook page here](#), or clicking on the button below to be directed to their website.



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