

Graduate Student Panelist Biographical Information

TIME/DATE/LOCATION

Friday, July 10th, 2020, at 3:05 pm-4:05 pm Pacific Time, via Zoom

Panel Goals

1. To provide Scholars with concrete examples of health career opportunities in graduate school
2. To offer Scholars guidance about graduate school as they progress through the EXITO program

Panel Format

Each panelist will have 1-2 minutes to briefly introduce themselves and their background/ area of study. Scholars will then move into breakout rooms for approximately 5 minutes to formulate 2-3 questions to ask the panelists. After 5 minutes, we will come back to the large group. The remainder of the time will be Q&A, allowing each small group the opportunity to ask a question. There may also be an opportunity for individual questions from Scholars if time allows



Moderator- **Carlos Quatela**, EXITO
Academic Advisor (He/Him)

Carlos is BUILD EXITO's Academic Advisor. He holds an MS in Educational Leadership and Policy, with a research focus on supporting First-Generation College Students through servant leadership philosophy and transition theory. He supports students navigate the university environment: whether you're applying for financial aid or graduate school, registering for classes, or writing a resume - he's here to help.



Ashley Widmer (she/they)

EXITO Alum- UAA Alaska WWAMI, MS1 University of Washington School of Medicine

Ashley Widmer (*she, they*) is a BUILD EXITO cohort 1 alumni from UAA, having majored in Biology with a secondary concentration in Spanish. Her research project involved targeting antigen-presenting cells with liposomal nanoparticles for cancer immunotherapy with Max Kullberg, Ph.D. They are currently a second-year medical student at the University of Washington School of Medicine.

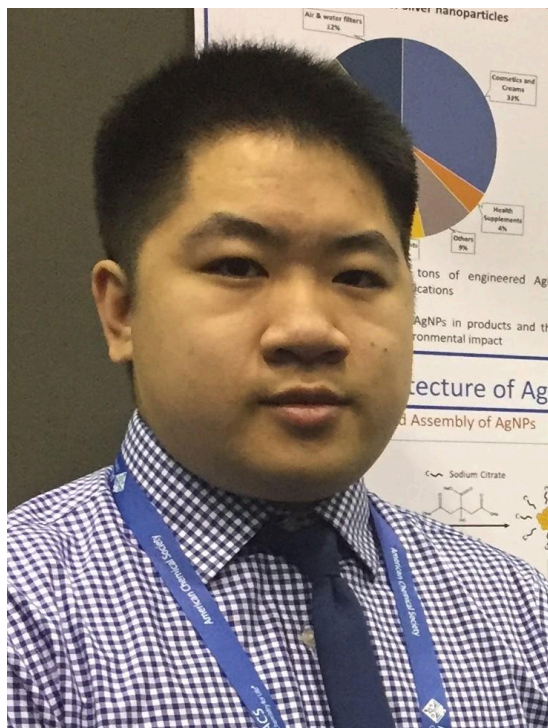


Rosey Le (she/her)

EXITO Alum-PSU

My name is Rosey Lê (she/her) and I graduated from EXITO's first cohort in 2017 and graduated from Portland State with a degree in biology in 2018. As an EXITO Scholar, I worked in Jason Podrabsky's lab studying the remarkable anoxia tolerance of Venezuelan annual killifish. Currently, I'm working towards my M.S. in Cell &

Molecular Biology at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas where I study the physiology of unusual tropical hibernators.



Henry Wu

I am a graduate student (Ph.D. track), doing materials chemistry at the University of Michigan. I am officially part of the Maldonado Group. Their interests are Electrochemistry and nanomaterials. My current work (very recent) is on "Electrodeposition of Intermetallic Compounds".



Jesse Deleon Guerrero

(he/him/his)

Jesse is currently a graduate student in the Educational Leadership and Policy program with a specialization in Leadership for Sustainability Education (LSE) at Portland State's College of Education. He is a cohort 2 alumnus from Northern Marianas Islands. His RLC was in the Starry Lab and he conducted research in Comparing Heavy Metals in Spinach Grown on Ecoroofs to

Ground Sites at PSU with Dr. Olyssa Starry. He is currently one of the Graduate Assistants for the BUILD EXITO program.



Juell Towns(she/her/hers)

Major: Health Science: Community Health Education

RLC: OHSU Dept. of Neuro. Layton Aging and Alzheimer's Center *SHARP Study*

PI: Raina Croff, Ph.D.

Research Project: My research project highlighted the power of implementing culturally relevant approaches to cognitive health research for sustaining engagement and retaining participation among older African Americans living in Portland, Oregon.

Bio: Juell is a second-year MPH student at the University of Washington studying Global Health; specifically exploring the critical relationships between reproductive health outcomes, mental health outcomes, and anti-Black racism, sexism, colonialism, capitalism, and the carceral state. In whatever work she does, Juell is committed to meaningfully addressing health necessity in ways that center equity and justice.



Teala Alvord

Cohort: 2 (2017-2019)

Major: Public Health Practice, MPH

PI: Lisa K. Marriott, OHSU-PSU School of Public Health

Research Projects in RLC:

Let's Get Healthy!: testing and validating a new self-report measure for sun-sensitivity using more culturally neutral language for use on the LGH! website

HOP (Healthy Oregon Project): qualitative assessment of Oregonian's knowledge of, attitudes about, and interest in participating in predictive cancer genetic testing

Current Projects: Developing a photovoice project in partnership with the Health Sciences & Technology Academy (HSTA) program in West Virginia for students

(training materials for faculty as well as instructions for students) in the absence of the USA

Science and Engineering Festival in Washington DC (canceled in May due to Covid-19). We will be working with high school students in the HSTA program as well as undergrad students in the EXITO program. Students will have an opportunity to learn about theory, practice, and ethical best practices of photography as a medium for research and social change, as well as a new method of qualitative research and analysis.

Bio: Teala is a first-year student in the MPH program in Public Health Practice in the OHSU-PSU School of Medicine, expected to graduate in June 2021. She is a native of San Francisco and has been in Portland for ten years. She is an alumn of Portland Community College (AS General Sciences in 2017) and Portland State University (BS Community Health in 2019). Teala work as a senior research assistant for Lisa K. Marriot in science education research and her research passions are in food access, food justice, food sovereignty, and human nutrition. When she's not cursing at statistical software, Teala can be found in her kitchen, cuddling with her cat Oliver, or in the mountains with her husband, as far away from the city as they can get.