

Fall News at the CCHE



Introducing Our New Managing Director



The UC Center for Climate, Health, and Equity is thrilled to welcome Sapna Thottathil, PhD, as its Managing Director. Starting in her new role October 1, Sapna will work closely with the Center's students, faculty, and staff leadership to advance the Center's overall vision and mission, develop partnerships and fundraise, and execute the Center's programming.

Sapna is currently an [Associate Director of](#)

Community Events & Opportunities

Sep 23: [Annual NorCal Symposium on Climate, Health and Equity](#)

Oct 1: [CFPs Due for Climate, Justice, and the Politics of Emotion - A Symposium at UC Riverside \(April 2023\)](#)

Oct 31: [RFI - SAMHSA's Role in Possible Agency Actions Regarding Mental Health and Substance Use Wellbeing in the Context of Climate Change and Health Equity](#)

[Sustainability](#) in the University of California's Office of the President. She has worked on environmental policy for multiple organizations, from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to Health Care Without Harm, and has taught courses on global environmental politics for graduate and undergraduate students.

Sapna earned her BA from the University of Chicago, where she was awarded the [Udall Scholarship](#) for environmental leadership, before going on to receive an [MSc from Oxford University](#) and a PhD in Geography from the University of California-Berkeley, where she was the recipient of a [Fulbright Fellowship](#). She currently sits on the Boards of [Pesticide Action Network](#) and [My Green Lab](#), and is also the author of [India's Organic Farming Revolution: What it Means for Our Global Food System](#) and editor of [Institutions as Conscious Food Consumers: Leveraging Purchasing Power to Drive Systems Change](#). Sapna lives in Oakland, California with her husband and three children. In her spare time, she enjoys raising chickens, identifying wildflowers and birds, and relearning how to play the piano.

Sapna will join the Center's growing team of two faculty founding co-directors, 15 and growing UC campus leads and pillar co-chairs, a Strategy and Communications Advisor, Events and Operations Manager, and student fellows.

[Nov 4: Call for Expressions of Interest for Ocean Protection Council Science Advisory Team](#)

UC Climate, Health, and Equity Recent Publications



- **Advancing Chemical Hazard Assessment with Decision Analysis: A Case Study on Lithium-Ion and Redox Flow Batteries Used for Energy Storage**
- **Advancing Early Warning Capabilities with CHIRPS-Compatible NCEP GEFS Precipitation Forecasts**
- **Advocacy to Support Climate and Health Policies: Recommended Actions for the Society of Behavioral Medicine**
- **Analysis of Heavy Rainfall in Sub-Saharan Africa and HIV Transmission Risk, HIV Prevalence, and Sexually Transmitted Infections**

- **Broad Spectrum Integration of Climate Change in Health Sciences Curricula**
- **Climate and Health Education for Medical Students**
- **Community-Engaged Sustainable Health Care Education**
- **Discussing Climate Change and Other Forms of Global Environmental Change During the Clinical Encounter: Exploring US Physicians' Perspectives**
- **Drought, HIV Testing, and HIV Transmission Risk Behaviors: A Population-Based Study in 10 High HIV Prevalence Countries in Sub-Saharan Africa**
- **Environmentally Sustainable Brachytherapy Care**
- **Evaluating the Sensitivity of Heat Wave Definitions Among North Carolina Physiographic Regions**
- **How to Prepare Nurses to Advance Health Equity Amid Climate Change**
- **The Mental Health and Well-Being Effects of Wildfire Smoke: A Scoping Review**
- **The Planetary Health Report Card: A Student-led Initiative to Inspire Planetary Health in Medical Schools**
- **Public Awareness of Air Pollution and Health Threats: Challenges and Opportunities for Communication Strategies to Improve Environmental Health Literacy**
- **The Role of Behavioral Medicine in Addressing Climate Change-Related Health Inequities**
- **The Role of Neighborhood Air Pollution Exposure on Somatic Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer Mutations in the Los Angeles Basin**
- **Surgeons' Perspectives on Operating Room Waste: Multicenter Survey**
- **Up in Smoke: California's Greenhouse Gas Reductions Could Be Wiped Out by 2020 Wildfires**

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