

SBS PhD students recently published papers and conference abstracts

Emily San Diego and **Nikhil Ahuja** both are first authors on abstracts accepted as research spotlight presentations at the SBM 2021 Annual meeting. Emily's presentation is "A systematic review of fatalism and self-care behaviors and clinical outcomes in individuals with Type 2 Diabetes" and Nikhil's is "Effectiveness of Interventions to Improve Oral Cancer Knowledge: A Systematic Review."

Emily also is first author on a paper recently accepted by the *Journal of Religion and Health*, entitled "Prevalence of Cardiovascular Disease Risk Factors by Key Demographic Variables Among Mid-South Church Leaders from 2012 – 2017." Brook Harmon, Nikhil Ahuja, and MPH graduate Brandi Johnson are co-authors. This paper emerged from their in-class work for the SBS Research Methods course. Well done!

Nikhil is first author on a paper recently published in *Archives of Sexual Behavior* (co-authors include PhD grads **Mike Schmidt** and **Adam Alexander**, and Satish Kedia), entitled "Online narratives of methamphetamine use and risky sexual behavior: can shame-free guilt aid in recovery?" <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10508-020-01777-w>

Emily and Nikhil also co-authored several papers with faculty members, including these new ones:

"Developing a Congregational Health Needs Assessment: Lessons Learned from Using a Participatory Research Approach," which was accepted last week by the journal *Progress in Community Health Partnerships*. Brook Harmon is first author and both Emily and Dr. Pichon are co-authors.

"Compositional and Contextual Factors Associated with Drug Overdose Deaths in the United States," published recently in *Journal of Addictive Diseases*. Dr. Kedia is first author and co-authors included Nikhil Ahuja and MPH grad Cem Akkus.
doi: [10.1080/10550887.2020.1729079](https://doi.org/10.1080/10550887.2020.1729079)

Also a shout-out to recent PhD grad **Masud Alam** who published his dissertation in *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, entitled "The Syrian Center for Tobacco Studies-13 (SCTS-13): psychometric evaluation of a waterpipe-specific nicotine dependence instrument."
<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32738447/>