

PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION
The University of Michigan
School of Public Health
Department of Health Behavior and Health Education

Ritesh Mistry, assistant professor of health behavior and health education, Department of Health Behavior and Health Education, School of Public Health, is recommended for promotion to associate professor of health behavior and health education, with tenure, Department of Health Behavior and Health Education, School of Public Health.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	2004	University of California Riverside
M.P.H.	1997	University of California Los Angeles
B.S.	1993	University of California Los Angeles

Professional Record:

2016-present	Core Member, Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Michigan
2012-present	Core Member, Center for South Asian Studies, University of Michigan
2012-present	Assistant Professor, Department of Health Behavior and Health Education, University of Michigan
2010-2012	Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Health Policy and Management, University of California Los Angeles
2008-2010	Post-doctoral Fellow, Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of California Los Angeles
2005-2010	Project Director, Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of California Los Angeles
2001-2004	Graduate Student Researcher, Center for Healthy Children, Families and Communities, School of Public Health, University of California Los Angeles
1996-2002	Research Associate, Veterans Affairs Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System, Department of Psychiatry

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Professor Mistry's three courses--Program Evaluation in Health Education (HBHE 622), Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Health (HBHE 626) and Adolescent Substance Abuse Prevention (HBHE 659)--play a vital role in our M.P.H. teaching program. He approaches teaching as a co-learning experience, partnering with students to examine health disparities and equity. Professor Mistry helps students apply course content to case studies and contemporary problems, allowing them to engage with the material and relating to current public health practices and research methods. This is particularly important when teaching the Health Behavior and Health Education required course, Program Evaluation (HBHE 622), a difficult course to teach with an enrollment of 60-80 students. Since 2012, Professor Mistry has advised and mentored 29 M.P.H. students, two Ph.D. students and has served on three dissertation committees, once as a co-chair.

Research: Professor Mistry's research productivity and quality is more than adequate for an assistant professor. He has had 21 peer-reviewed publications since beginning his tenure track appointment in 2012, with three currently under review. He is first or second author on 27 of the 46 papers since 2001. Notably, most of the papers involving co-authors include students and colleagues, demonstrating Professor Mistry's leadership and collegiality on research teams. Many of his papers are published in prestigious journals (e.g., *Journal of Adolescent Health*, *Tobacco Control*, *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, *Developmental Psychology*, *AIDS*, *Nicotine and Tobacco Research*).

Professor Mistry has also been successful in obtaining external funding for his research. With colleagues, he has recently received substantial federal funding to establish a "Center for the Assessment of the Public Health Impact of Tobacco Regulations." This is a five-year, \$18 million Center grant and is one of the NIH and FDA's Tobacco Centers of Regulatory Science. Professor Mistry plays a major role in the center as a core researcher and steering committee member. As the PI of the Career Enhancement Core, and co-I on project 3, he will assess the impact of tobacco policies on health disparities associated and polytobacco use. Professor Mistry is also co-I on the Data Analysis and Dissemination Core. In addition, Professor Mistry also has an R01 funded by the National Cancer Institute to carry out a five-year longitudinal study of how tobacco control policy implementation and compliance interact with family risk and protective factors to influence adolescent tobacco use trajectories in India. In July 2018 Professor Mistry resubmitted a R01 proposal to the National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) as the PI for a Youth Empowerment Solutions (YES) project. With a first submission score of 39, Professor Mistry has the potential to add this to his research portfolio. Professor Mistry has been a productive researcher with a clear and unique program of research.

Recent and Significant Publications:

- Mistry R., McCarthy W.J., Pednekar M., Resnicow K., Pimple S., Hsieh H.F., Gupta P.C. (2018) Compliance with Point-of-Sale Tobacco Control Policies and Student Tobacco Use in Mumbai, India. *Tobacco Control*. doi: 10.1136/tobaccocontrol-2018-054290.
- Mistry R., Jones A., Pednekar M.S., Dhumal G., Dashika A., Kulkarni U., Gamore M., Gupta P.C. Antenatal Tobacco Use and Iron Deficiency Anemia: Integrating Tobacco Control into Antenatal Care in Urban India. *BMC Reproductive Health*;15(1):72.
- Assari S., Mistry R. (2018) Educational Attainment and Smoking Status in a National Sample of American Adults: Evidence for the Blacks' Diminished Return Theory. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*; 15:763-775.
- Patel M., Mistry R., Maxwell A.E., Divan H.A., McCarthy W.M. (2018) Contextual Factors Related to Conventional and Traditional Tobacco Use among California Asian Indian Immigrants. *Journal of Community Health*; 43(2): 280-290.
- Mistry R., Dasika A. (2017) Antenatal tobacco use and secondhand smoke exposure in the home in India. *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*; 20(2) 258-261.

Service: Professor Mistry's service activities at SPH include participating in the Health Behavior and Health Education M.P.H. Curriculum Committee and M.P.H. Admissions Committees, as well as serving on the school's Global Public Health Faculty Advisory Committee. He is also active as a core member of UM Cancer Center and UM Center for South Asian Studies. Professor Mistry is an intramural grant reviewer for health behavior and health

education scholarship programs, the school's Global Public Health internship programs, and the university's International Institute scholarships and UM Cancer Center health disparities research applications. Additionally, Professor Mistry serves as an extramural grant reviewer for several major research organizations, including the United Kingdom Medical Research Council, the Netherlands Organization for Health Research and Development, the U.S.-India Educational Foundation Fulbright-Nehru Scholars program and the California Tobacco Related Diseases Research Program. Professor Mistry has also shared his expertise by giving workshops and lectures at community-based and research institutions, such as the Ann Arbor Community-Campus Coalition, Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS), National Youth Leadership Forum and Tata Memorial Center and Healis Sekhsaria Institute in India. He is also a reviewer for 24 national and international scientific journals. These activities all demonstrate significant and important service contributions.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer A: "Dr. Mistry is doing excellent work...His strength in my opinion is in tobacco control policy...His most recent manuscript is of great interest and most impactful: Mistry, R., et al., (2018 Tobacco Control)."

Reviewer B: "Dr. Mistry has a strong record of funding..."

Reviewer C: "I would estimate that Professor Mistry is near the top of the distribution of assistant professors working in the area of tobacco control."

Reviewer D: "Dr. Mistry's scholarship is distinguished by its focus on global and local public health, its interdisciplinary nature, and its advanced methodologies....Overall, these papers represent high quality important contributions to the field...This line of research has a strong potential to be useful for designing tobacco prevention programs...My overall assessment of Dr. Mistry's research is that it is of high quality, reflects strong productivity, and is having an important impact on the field of public health."

Reviewer E: "Professor Mistry's NCI-funded research focusing on tobacco retailers near schools, policy compliance and youth smoking in India is groundbreaking in several ways."

Reviewer F: "...Dr. Mistry's ability to secure this funding in the current funding environment for a project that is relatively high-risk due to its practical complications involving long-distance collaborations is particularly impressive and bodes well for his continued success."

Reviewer G: "...overall I see the publication record as a strong one...I see the diversity of his research as a strength, and the recent awarding of an R01 grant from NCI is clear evidence of a productive focus...The grant record is strong, the publications are impactful ones, and the topics, approaches, and findings are very relevant for public health...I think the record is clear and strong all around."

Summary of Recommendation:

Professor Mistry is a leading scholar conducting research to understand and reduce disparities in major behavioral health risks in adolescents. Professor Mistry has received considerable extramural peer-reviewed funding, with grants as a PI from federal, state and foundation sources. Professor Mistry's teaching of core courses play a vital role in our M.P.H. teaching program. His level of productivity, student support, teaching, and service contributions are notable. It is with the support of the School of Public Health Executive Committee that I recommend Ritesh Mistry for promotion to associate professor of health behavior and health education, with tenure, Department of Health Behavior and Health Education, School of Public Health.



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