Engaging with Population Health Sciences
Michelle B. Bass, PhD, MSI, AHIP, Population Research Librarian
@mbbassdrlib
Lane Medical Library, Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, CA

2015
- The Center for Population Health Sciences (PHS) at Stanford University is founded in 2015.
- Its mission is to improve individual and population health by bringing together diverse disciplines and data to understand and address social, environmental, behavioral, and biological factors on both a domestic and global scale. This multidisciplinary center has over 750 members from all 7 schools at Stanford University; members receive access to data sets, funding notices, consultation and collaboration opportunities.

2016
- Lane Medical Library creates a new research and instruction librarian position to serve as a liaison to PHS: Population Research Librarian
- The Center for Population Health Sciences’ Data Center hosts a collection of high-value data sets and partners with several data sources around the world. There are over 42 billion records from 88 distinct data sets currently in the Data Center.
- PHS contracts Redivis, a company founded by Stanford graduates, to create the data center platform for hosting and searching data sets.
- Finding use cases of licensed library data sets (e.g. CoreLogic tax and deed data) which can be hosted on the secure Data Center platform and accessed only by approved researchers who meet use agreement requirements.
- Office hours at PHS office space (4.5 miles from medical campus)
- First few weeks, consultations are scheduled in advance
- Remainder of spring 2017 quarter is lightly attended
- Slack Channel creation
  #lanemedlibrary channel shares information about webinars, grants and funding opportunities, job postings, and new library resources
- PHS Trainee Seminar Presentation
  Introduction to library resources across multiple formats: video, images, journals, articles and data sets
  Highlight Population Health Sciences portal
  Encourage librarian collaboration on projects
- A portal page is created for the PHS Community containing links to databases of data sets and literature, and websites of similar centers across the country
- Feedback is requested about content to include on this personalized library resource page but only received a handful of responses
- Office Hours 2.0: Using Data Core’s Calendly.com scheduling tool to offer 45 minute consultation slots to researchers
- Outreach to faculty PHS affiliates to share teaching tools
- Cataloging Data Core data sets to add to the Lane Medical Library catalog
- Work with Occupational Health exhibit team to train more members on how to enter metadata variables into tables in order to add resources to the SDR
- Co-author on Systematic Review on Blue Collar Women’s Health