This year, the HPOP Cluster welcomed its sixth and final member, a population geneticist, Dr. Andrew Kern. Each member of the HPOP cluster represents six unique, but overlapping and interdisciplinary programs of research. These programs are focused on promoting health and well-being in various populations. In the past year, the interests of the HPOP members intermixed and these collaborative initiatives emerged:

For additional details regarding each faculty member’s program of research, as well as ongoing research initiatives, please visit the HPOP website: https://blogs.uoregon.edu/hpop/

The HPOP cluster has presented its work at the:

- American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, (San Diego, CA)
- Active Living Research Annual Meeting, (Canada)
- International Conference on Eating Disorders, (Chicago, IL)
- Obesity Society’s Annual Convention, (Washington, DC)
- International Society of Developmental Neuroscience’s Annual Conference, (Japan)

*It is with great sadness that we report the untimely passing of our colleague and friend, Dr. Smith. As a cluster, we are committed to carrying Dr. Smith’s memory forward through community-based research with the goal of eliminating health disparities.*