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>>TAKE NOTE

USF College of Public Health Wraps Up National Public Health Week Events
A special thanks to the many COPH faculty, staff, and students who have participated in and contributed to our many National Public Health Week (NPHW) events this year! A selection of images are below, and there is also a display of photographs in the COPH lobby!



Our 2009 Outstanding Public Health Woman of the Year Ms. Sandra Magyar



Students present Dr. Elizabeth Barnett-Pathak with Outstanding Teacher for 2009



3/30 - COPH Research Day - J. Fowler and Dr. W. Milhous



3/31 Student Health Services Health Fair



4/1 Annual Awards Ceremony Reception



4/2 - Blood Drive



4/3 - Federal Careers Panel



4/3 - Dean's Lecturer Dr. B. Nahlen



4/4 - COPH Family Picnic at USF Riverfront Park



Our last official day of NPHW will be Tuesday, April 7th, when we will celebrate World Health Day at the COPH, and the events are described below. **9 am - 5 pm.** Throughout the day, visit the exhibits in the lobby to learn more about the Masters International Peace Corps Program (contact: Barbara Kennedy, bkennedy@health.usf.edu) and the International Health Service Corps (IHSC). Please contribute hygiene items to our collection box in the lobby, which IHSC students will bring on their next service trip to Panama. **4 pm - 6 pm.** Come to the monthly meeting of the Infectious Disease Association in COPH Auditorium 1023A for a movie ("Walk to Beautiful") and discussion with a COPH faculty expert in world health issues (Dr. Jeannine Coreil). Contact: Rachele Price, rprice@health.usf.edu.

Sandra Ruzycski Gives Presentation

Sandra Ruzycski, Associate Director Florida Center for Public Health Preparedness, gave a presentation "What is Public Health?" to the Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran School in Temple Terrace as part of their Lutheran Schools Teach-in on March 2, 2009. The presentation had lots of fun facts about public health and was well received by the middle school students and teachers. The College of Public Health provided a folder filled with information about the degrees in Public Health and the College.

>>Students



Student Research and Funding Opportunities:

COPH students are encouraged to check out the comprehensive web site of student research at

<http://health.usf.edu/publichealth/officeresearch/fundingopps.html>

which provides links to COPH student funding opportunities at the COPH, USF, as well as external private foundations and federal funding agencies. The deadline for the (monthly) SHARP

<http://health.usf.edu/publichealth/officeresearch/sharp.html>

applications for March is Monday April 6th, 2009. We advise each student to submit their SHARP applications *at least* one month prior to the conference during which they will be presenting their research, to ensure that there is sufficient time for (a) the application to be reviewed and (b) for the student to work with their departmental administrator to ensure that their travel (TAR) form can be entered into the university system. Feel free to contact Ellen Kent, MPH, Coordinator, Student Research Grants at any time at ekent@health.usf.edu or in room 2150H for advice or further assistance!

Student Service Opportunities:

The USF Health Service Corps is a wonderful way in which you can participate in a wide variety of health-related service activities with other USF Health students. The spring service activities are listed on the website at <http://health.usf.edu/ahec/hsevents.htm> and calendar at <http://my.calendars.net/servicecorps>. Feel free to send questions or suggestions pertaining to student service to Ellen Kent, MPH, Coordinator for the USF Health Service Corps at ekent@health.usf.edu or 974-6622 or stop by room 2150H at anytime!

Next event:

Saturday, April 18th, 10 am - 2 pm. Hispanic Health Fair at Santa Maria Mission in Tampa.

Non-clinical activities: COPH students can assist with: interpreting; health education displays and games; fitness and safety activities; and fitting bicycle helmets. Please sign up with Ellen Kent at ekent@health.usf.edu.

COPH Students Receive Graduate Awards

The Annual Graduate Student Award ceremony was held on Friday, March 27th at 6 pm in the Marshall Center. Four students from the College of Public Health received awards: Beibei Lu, Teri Malo, Matt Tucker, and Lianne Fuino Estafan. It was a well deserved night of recognition for all graduate student awardees from the College of Public Health.



Pictured L to R: Dr. H. Stockwell, Beibei Lu, Dr. J. Baldwin, Teri Malo Dr. B. Kwa and Matt Tucker

COPH Student Featured on USF Profiles

Ryan Michael, a Doctoral Student in Environmental and Occupational Health is featured on the *USF Profiles Website*. You can learn more about Michael and his research at:

<http://usfweb3.usf.edu/absolutenm/templates/?a=1277&z=55>.



>>Faculty

Dr. Yangxin Huang Receives Grant from NIH

Title: Statistical Methods for Long-Term HIV Modeling and Design
 Yangxin Huang, PhD, Assistant Professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics received a notice of R03 grant award from NIH with total cost of \$145,000 for September, 2009--August, 2011. Dr. Huang is the Principal Investigator of this award. The project is to study HIV/AIDS mechanism-based system of nonlinear ordinary differential equations with time-varying drug efficacy and corresponding statistical methods in evaluating protocol designs used in AIDS clinical trials for their effectiveness in generating desired clinical outcomes, therefore guiding the selection of antiretroviral therapies, and investigating associations of biomarkers such as viral load and CD4 cell count with dynamic parameters for furthering our scientific understanding of HIV pathogenesis to foster, sustain and improve HIV treatment. Congratulations Dr. Huang!

Dr. Chu-Hsiang (Daisy) Chang and Colleagues Presented at Conference:

Dr. Chu-Hsiang (Daisy) Chang and colleagues presented four posters and one symposium at the 24th Annual Society for Industrial Organizational Psychology Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Posters:

Chang, C.-H., Johnson, R. E., & Rosen, C. C. (April, 2009). Discrepancy, velocity, and goal revision: Temporal orientation as a moderator. Poster presented at the 24th Annual Society for Industrial Organizational Psychology Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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Johnson, R. E., Chang, C.-H., Jackson, E., & Saboe, K. (April, 2009). Effects of leadership on follower identity: A meta-analysis. Paper presented at the 24th Annual Society for Industrial Organizational Psychology Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Taing, M., Belliveau, T., Singla, N., Johnson, R. E., Chang, C.-H., & Rosen, C. C. (April, 2009). Longitudinal effects of goal orientation on goal-setting and performance. Paper presented at the 24th Annual Society for Industrial Organizational Psychology Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Symposium:

Johnson, R. E., Saboe, K., & Chang, C.-H. (April, 2009). Relationships of self-identity with counterproductive work behavior. In D. L. Lance, J. Spence, & D. Brown (Co-Chairs), Deviant behavior and the self. Symposium presented at the 24th Annual Society for Industrial Organizational Psychology Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dr. Hamisu Salihu Publishes Paper

Salihu HM, Bonnema SM, Alio AP. Obesity: what is an elderly population growing into? *Maturitas* 2009 (PUBMED ID: 19328637): doi:10.1016/j.maturitas.2009.02.010.

Global Health Highlights Keystone Symposium

The impact of the emerging research teams in Global Health Infectious Diseases was evident at the recently completed Keystone Symposium entitled "Drugs for Protozoan Parasites" held at Beaver Run Resort, Breckenridge, CO. Professors John Adams and Dennis Kyle each gave invited talks and postdoctoral fellows Bharath Balu and Alexis Lacrue had poster presentations that were very well received. In addition, Drs. Bill Baker and Roman Manetsch (USF Chemistry) gave poster presentations of collaborative research with the COPH that included recent MPH graduate Tina Mutka and the Kyle Lab. Perhaps most gratifying were several unsolicited comments during a workshop on "Drug Discovery in Academia." Several times the panel members from major funding agencies talked about successful academic models for drug discovery and each of them included the USF COPH-Chemistry model as one to emulate.

>>Center News

March Madness took place at the Florida Center for Public Health Preparedness (FCPHP) with 7 Disaster Behavioral Health and 2 Field Epidemiology training programs delivered throughout the state of Florida to 250 program participants.

The two-day Intermediate Field Investigator Response & Surveillance Training (IFIRST) program kicked off March in Bartow (March 4-5). The IFIRST program focuses building epidemiological outbreak investigation knowledge and skills and features a half-day table-top on Gastrointestinal Illness, a half-day session on epidemiological interview skills, and a full-day table top on Avian Influenza. Sandra Ruzycski, FCPHP Associate Director, and Kelly Cruse, Infection Control Practitioner-Florida Hospital Zephyrhills, facilitated the program. Program participants came from Alachua, Hardee, Hillsborough, Highlands, Lake, Manatee, Orange, Pasco, Polk, and Volusia County Health Departments.

Nadine Mescia, Associate FCPHP Center Director, delivered 4 Disaster Behavioral Health programs in the northern part of Florida on March 11-12. The Disaster Behavioral Health First Aid Specialist Training for Responders (RFAST) and Disaster Behavioral Health First Aid Specialist Training with Special Populations (BFASTplusSN) were conducted in Okaloosa County (Crestview, FL) to participants from Escambia, Okaloosa, and Walton County Health Departments, as well as, HCA Twin Cities Hospital, Bridgeway Centers, Inc., and Navarre CERT. The RFAST program and Disaster Behavioral Health First Aid Specialist Training with Children (CFAST) were delivered in Escambia County (Pensacola, FL) to participants from Escambia County Health Department, Lakeview Center, Fort Walton Beach Hospital, Children's Home Society, Naval Hospital Pensacola, University of West Florida, Bureau of Immunizations, Sacred Heart Health System, and Navarre CERT.

The Field Investigator Response & Surveillance Training (FIRST) took place in Naples, FL on March 18. Sandra Ruzycski, FCPHP Associate Director, and Sarah Matthews (USF-MPH), Epidemiology Program Manager Lake County Health Department, facilitated the program. Program participants came from the Collier County Health Department, Drumm Engineering Corp., Life-Path Hospice, Community School of Naples, and Collier County Medical Reserve Corp.

Nadine Mescia, Associate FCPHP Center Director, delivered 3 Disaster Behavioral Health programs in Ocala, FL on March 26-27. These programs included RFAST, BFASTplusSN, and CFAST. Program participants for these 3 training programs came from Alachua, Marion, Orange, and St. Johns County Health Departments, as well as, New Tribes Mission, Orange County EMS, Marion County CERT, The Villages Public Safety Department, City of Ocala Recreation Department, VMA, Inc., Department of Education, A Beacon of Hope, New Horizon, and Meridan Behavioral Healthcare. The President of the Florida Psychiatric Society also participated in these programs.

A total of 17 programs are scheduled for delivery during April-May 2009. FCPHP will also deliver 4 Disaster Behavioral Health and 2 Field Epidemiology trainings programs in the US Virgin Islands in June. Visit FCPHP's 2009 training calendar at http://www.fcphp.usf.edu/courses_calendar.htm. For information about FCPHP programs, see: <http://www.fcphp.usf.edu>

>>Alumni News

Erika Arteaga Publishes Article

Erika Arteaga recently published an article that originated from her Washington, DC Field Experience with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). The article is titled, Documenting the current state of the healthy municipalities, cities and communities initiative in the Americas. [Arteaga E](#), [Rice M](#), britta.neugaard1@va.gov



>>Alumni News continued...

Erika Arteaga Publishes Article

University of South Florida, Tampa. Int Q Community Health Educ. 2007-2008;28 (4):277-88. Erika is currently in Sweden starting a PhD program. She may be reached at erikarteaga@yahoo.com.

Alan Card Presents Paper

Alan Card, MPH, CPH, FRSPH (Global Communicable Disease, 2006) presented a paper last month at Designing With Care, a workshop held in conjunction with the 3rd International Conference on Pervasive Computing Technologies for Healthcare. Card AJ, Riek LD. First, do no harm: Providing safe and effective chronic disease management during a flu pandemic. Workshop on Designing With Care at the 3rd International Conference on Pervasive Computing Technologies for Healthcare (Pervasive Health 09), London, UK, March 31, 2009.

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Important Dates

Wednesday, April 8, 2009 - 12-1 pm, COPH 2024 - EPB Department Seminar - "Evaluation of Common Variants in Mitochondrial-related and MicroRNA-related Genes as Novel Risk Factors for Ovarian Cancer" - Jennifer Permeth Wey Doctoral Student, Epidemiology

Thursday, April 16, 2009 - 10:00 am, COPH 11008 - EOH Spring 2009 Domestic Field Experience Debriefing

Friday, April 17, 2009 - 11:30 am, COPH 2006 (D/L Studio) - International Field Experience Orientation

Friday, April 17, 2009 - 2:00 pm, COPH 1122 - GH Spring 2009 Domestic Field Experience Debriefing

Tuesday, April 21, 2009 - 10:30 am, LRC 108 - CFH Spring Domestic Field Experience

Thursday, April 23, 2009 - 12:00-1:00 pm, COPH 1023-C - Dean's Lecture - Warren A. Jones, MD, FAAFP, Executive Director
Mississippi Institute for Improvement of Geographic Minority Health Distinguished Professor of Health Policy University of Mississippi Medical Center - Title TBA

Friday, April 24, 2009 - 11:00 am, COPH 2143 - HPM Spring 2009 Domestic Field Experience Debriefing

Friday, April 24, 2009 - 11:30 am, COPH 2016/2018 - EPI/BIO Spring 2009 Domestic Field Experience Debriefing

Friday, April 24, 2009 at 10:00 am, Room 2018, Spring 2009 International Field Experience Debriefing

>>Global Scene

"What I Did on My Spring Break"

by Dr. Russell S. Kirby

Some say that spring break is a time for students to decompress and re-energize for the rest of the academic year. You might think faculty do so as well, however in my case you would be wrong! During Spring

Break 2009, I traveled to China, and led a week-long workshop in scientific writing in English for twelve physicians at the Nanjing Drum Tower Hospital, affiliated to Nanjing University Medical School. Dr. Louis G. Keith, a retired obstetrics and gynecology professor from Northwestern

University and an affiliate professor at USF COPH, joined me in leading the workshop. All participants submitted draft manuscripts in advance, which we edited and reviewed with the entire class. We also provided lectures on all aspects of manuscript writing, reviewing, and publishing, and held a mock international symposium to give the participants the opportunity to present a scientific paper in English in a forum similar to a major scientific congress. Our hosts were magnanimous in their hospitality, introducing us to more than 70 different dishes of Nanjing cuisine, and making sure we saw the historic sites of their ancient city. It is my hope that this initial project will lead to collaborative projects and student exchanges between USF and Nanjing University.



Spring Break: The Department of Global Health and the Global Health Student Association's data collection experience in the Dominican Republic

From March 7th through 21st, Dr. Wayne Westhoff and twenty-one graduate and undergraduate students participated in two data collection projects in the Dominican Republic. The travel included one week in the mountain village of Peralta on the south side of the country and one week in Piedra Blanca and surrounding mountain villages near Pico Duarte.

A door-to-door assessment of clean water availability, reliability and use began as an idea of Honors Thesis undergraduate students that Dr. Westhoff mentors. The project now be handed off to the Global Health Student Association (GHSa) to build upon as they return this summer to begin a household water filter intervention. GHSa Co-presidents Ana Amaya and Nicole Bafford have taken the initiative to assist in the fund raising and coordination of the filters, while Jennifer Peregoy and Jadie Knight participated in the data collection along with six other COPH students. Daragh Gibson's water assessment instrument that she developed for her special project in Ecuador formed the framework for the assessment.

The second data collection project was in partnership with Fundación Familia Sana - Dominican Republic. Data were collected by student teams in clinics and hospitals, in addition to going door-to-door to obtain baseline data on the prevalence of diabetes and cardiovascular disease. The data from the study will be shared with local partners and universities to encourage health promotion and awareness of chronic diseases.

While in the Dominican Republic, a small group of students traveled with Dr. Westhoff and Juan Isidro Rodriguez, the Rector for the new *Universidad Autonomas of Santo Domingo-Bonao* campus. Mr. Rodriguez gave a tour of the 11 million dollar new complex that includes eight new buildings. A college of medicine will open in 2011 and we have already been requested to collaborate with them in developing public health workshops and seminars. Dr. Westhoff gave a one hour presentation to faculty and students on public health and the importance of medicine and public health working together. The team also visited the campus of *Cigar Family*, an elementary, middle and high school that includes a clinic, outreach sites and community-based programs near Bonao. The school was developed by the collaborative efforts of five cigar companies with a main office here in Tampa. The COPH students presented to the high school students on their public health goals and interest.