



>>Take Note

COH Hosts Two Events at Annual Florida Public Health Meeting on August 5, 2009

The USF College of Public Health hosted two 25th anniversary events at the annual Florida Public Health meeting in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida on August 5th. Dr. Donna Petersen was the keynote speaker at the annual College of Public



Health luncheon where the event opened with the video about COH's 25th year celebration, which can be found on our website at:

<http://www.health.usf.edu/publichealth/25thAnniversary/>. Dr. Petersen spoke about reviewing the future of public health using articles from recent newspapers, and stressing how much there was still to do. She finished by congratulating UF for their recent accreditation and by welcoming all other schools of public health in Florida to our collaborative efforts to positively affect health in Florida.

USF COH also hosted a 25th anniversary reception on August 5th in the early evening. Dr. Mike Reed hosted this reception and welcomed current faculty, staff, alumni, and friends. He then turned the stage over to Mary Peoples-Sheps, Senior Associate Dean for Public Health, College of Public Health and Health Professions, University of Florida, who presented a beautiful plaque to the college in honor of our 25th anniversary and for all the support they have gotten from us in working towards accreditation. She noted that in many states colleges of Public Health are not supportive of each other and the atmosphere here is terrific. She presented the plaque to Dr. Charlie Mahan, who accepted the plaque on behalf of Dean Petersen who could not be present.



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College of Public Health Honors Summer 2009 Graduates
The College of Public Health held their summer 2009 graduation celebration and reception on Friday, August 14th in the college auditorium and lobby. We were honored to have Dr. Karen Liller, Dean of the Graduate School and Associate Vice President for Research and Innovation, act as host in Dean Petersen's absence. The College honored 48 MPH graduates, two MSPH graduates, one MHA/MPH graduate and five MHA graduates. Congratulations to all of our summer 2009 graduates!



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>>Faculty

Dr. Dennis Kyle Publishes Article
Nicanor Obaldia, III, Barbara M. Kotecka, Michael D. Edstein, Richard K. Haynes, Burkhard Fugmann, Dennis E. Kyle, and Karl H. Rieckmann: Evaluation of Artemisone Combinations in *Aotus* Monkeys Infected with *Plasmodium falciparum* Antimicrob. Agents Chemother. 2009 53: 3592-3594.

Dr. Hamisu Salihu Publishes Article
Salihu H. Stillbirth: Measurement Issues. *Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology*. September 2009

>>Students



Student Research and Funding Opportunities:

COH 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 COH student funding opportunities at the COH, USF, as well as external private foundations and federal funding agencies. This comprehensive web site also includes Glossaries of Grant Terms and Free Web-based Guides to Writing Grant Proposals. In addition, students may wish to visit the COH Student Research & Service Resource Center adjacent to Mrs. Kent's office (room 2150H). The next deadline for [Student Honorary Award for Research and Practice "SHARP"](#) applications is Tuesday, September 8, 6 pm (since the first Monday of the month falls on Labor Day); see also <http://health.usf.edu/publichealth/officeresearch/sharp.html>. Please note: We advise each student to submit his/her SHARP application 8 weeks prior to the conference during which he/she 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 TAR form is 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!

NEW! COH Students are encouraged to participate in the second annual Graduate Student Research Symposium see online application at <http://www.grad.usf.edu/programs/research-week-present.php> and website at http://www.grad.usf.edu/research_symposium.asp. Key Dates:

Application Deadline:Friday, August 28, 2009
Compliance Form Deadline:..... Friday, September 11, 2009
Event Date:..... Thursday, October 8, 2009
Awards Ceremony Date:..... Friday, October 9, 2009

Student Service Opportunities:
The USF Health Service Corps (see <http://www.hsc.usf.edu/ahec/servicecorps.html>) enables COH Students to engage in a wide variety of meaningful and FUN health-related service activities with other USF Health students. The summer listing of service events and projects is now 'live' at [Service Corps Events and Projects](#) page and students may also check out the calendar format at [USF Health Service Corps Calendar](#). Students are always welcome 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 stop by room 2150H anytime.

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>>Global Scene

Dr. Wayne Westhoff's student, Linell Fromm, is spending four months in Sri Lanka working as a contractor with the Asian Development Bank. Dr. Westhoff receives frequent posts from Linell describing her life in the real world of international work. We believe her perceptions are instructive for those interested in international work, so are publishing selected stories this summer and fall. Dr. Westhoff will make her writings available in his course, Global Health Applications in the Field.

Library Card Catalogues



Last week I visited three libraries. The first library, a public library, was decrepit and depressing. Right smack in the middle of Colombo, it's a large building with no lights, and perhaps, no electric. I had not seen a card catalog in twenty five years, yet in front of me was a card catalog wall. An ancient courier typewriter had prepared

each entry. During my tour I actually saw the old manual typewriters in the offices. Work areas were filthy, covered in dust and grime, with papers stacked in mounds everywhere. The circulation area had three full time positions - a person to check items out, a person to check items in, and the person handling overdue fines. Now I know unemployment is a serious problem here, but these simple make-work tasks have been extended into full time jobs, stretching the bounds of credulity. The papers in the library's newspaper room were not current, and the newest non-Sri Lankan paper dated back to March 2009 (European edition of Wall Street Journal). The collection needed weeding badly, and items on the shelf were rotting as a consequence of no climate control. Yet people were using the library, reading newspapers and checking books out. I wouldn't describe it as a majorly popular destination, but it surely wasn't closing its doors from lack of use.

The University of Colombo library was brighter and the architecture modern. I noticed it had an eLearning project, carved out as a separate program. That's both good and bad news. The good news is that the library is either paying attention to distance students now or planning to work in the future with them, but the bad news might be that its catalog is not available electronically and its resources preclude subscribing to databases.

The third and final library was the National Library, intended to serve as the archive for the country. Like the public library, the computer sat unused in the far corner of the office. There was no air conditioning, only huge open air expanses with eaves. In fact the entire floor followed this architectural design, which might have been fine for a recreation room, but for documents and books? Here, I saw my second card catalog of the morning. There it was, standing in the middle of the floor in its ancient splendor. The staffer giving me the tour showed me their one computer with an electronic database running an old version of *Alice for Windows* (an Australian product). Inadequate and simplistic, I realized I was up against a huge challenge in trying to upgrade school libraries if the National Library, and others of its stature, have such inadequate resources. But Sri Lanka is a developing country and libraries are not a priority when preparing to rebuild after a long and costly civil war.

We would like to know about any international initiatives you may be working on! Please send information and photographs for the Global Scene to Barbara Kennedy (bkennedy@health.usf.edu)

Date: 8/17/2009

>>Alumni News

Bambi Arnold (EPB) recently completed a fellowship with the CDC's Office on Smoking & Health. She now works with the Jaeb Center for Health Research in Tampa as an epidemiologist.

Jim Chastain Invited to Join National Library of Medicine Scientific Review Panel



Dr. Jim Chastain, PE, MPH, President of Chastain-Skillman, Inc., has been invited to join the National Library of Medicine Scientific Review Panel (SRP) that examines and edits entries into the National Library of Medicine's Hazardous Substances Data Bank (HSDB). The HSDB is one of the world's primary sources of on-line information for chemicals and pharmaceuticals relative to their impact on humans and the environment. The database contains information on over 5000 chemicals and is a key component of TOXNET.

The SRP is composed of 17 individuals at the PhD or MD level who are experts in chemistry, toxicology, occupational medicine, poison control, environmental engineering, industrial hygiene, governmental regulation and public health. Dr. Chastain was selected in part because he has advanced degrees in both environmental engineering and public health as well as over 35 years of experience in professional practice.

He earned his MPH in Fall 1993 and PhD in Fall 2004 from the USF COPH in 2004.

Important Dates

Tuesday, August 18, 2009 - 8-5 - College of Public Health Annual Cleaning Day

Fall 2009 Field Experience Orientation:
Wednesday, August 19, 2009, COPH 2004
9:30 am Domestic
11:00 am International

Friday, August 21, 2009 - 8:30 am, COPH 1023- Fall 2009 COPH Student Orientation

Monday, August 24, 2009 - First Day of Classes - Fall 2009

Thursday, August 27, 2009 10:30 am, COPH 1023 - 25th Anniversary Celebration - Representative Kathy Castor

Wednesday, September 16, 2009 • 4:30-5:30pm • COPH 2024 • It's Your Career, So Develop It! - Contact: npreston@health.usf.edu

Wednesday, September 23, 2009 • 4:30-5:30pm • COPH 2024 • Dynamic Cover Letters - Contact: npreston@health.usf.edu

Wednesday, October 21, 2009 • 4:30-5:30pm • COPH 2024 • Work Your Network - Contact: npreston@health.usf.edu

Wednesday, October 28, 2009 • 4:30-5:30pm • COPH 2024 • Dynamic Resumes: Part 1 of 2 - Contact: npreston@health.usf.edu

Wednesday, November 4, 2009 • 4:30-5:30pm • COPH 2024 • Open Resume Critiquing: Part 2 of 2 - Contact: npreston@health.usf.edu

Tuesday, November 17, 2009 • 5-6:30pm • COPH 2003 (on site interviews November 16-17) • USF COPH MPH Office on Smoking and Health Fellowship Info Session - Contact: npreston@health.usf.edu