



>>Faculty

Dr. Hamisu Salihu and Colleagues Publish Paper

Zoi R, Salihu HM, Alio AP, Lynch O, Belogolovkin V. The Association of Prepregnancy Body Mass Index with Pregnancy Outcomes in Triplet Gestations. *American Journal of Perinatology* DOI 10.1055/s-0029-1239488. ISSN 0735-1631

Dr. Russell Kirby and Colleagues Publish Paper

Duke, C. Wes, Adolfo Correa, Paul A. Romitti, Joyce Martin, Russell S. Kirby. "Challenges and Priorities for Surveillance of Stillbirths: Report on Two Workshops", *Public Health Reports*, 124,5 (September-October 2009), 652-659.

Dr. Chu-Hsiang (Daisy) Chang and Colleagues Publish Article

Dr. Chu-Hsiang (Daisy) and colleagues published an article exploring the effects of perceived organizational politics on employee stress, morale, job performance and turnover intentions using meta-analysis. Chang, C.-H., Rosen, C. C., & Levy, P. E. (2009). The relationship between perceptions of organizational politics and employee attitudes, strain, and behavior: A meta-analytic examination. *Academy of Management Journal*, 52, 779-801.

Dr. Dennis Kyle and Colleagues Publish Article

Bacon DJ, Tang D, Salas C, Roncal N, Lucas C, Gerena, L, Tapia, L. Llanos-Cuentas, AA, Garcia, C, Solari, L, Kyle, DE, and Magill, AJ. (2009) Effects of Point Mutations in *Plasmodium falciparum* Dihydrofolate Reductase and Dihydropterate Synthase Genes on Clinical Outcomes and In Vitro Susceptibility to Sulfadoxine and Pyrimethamine. *PLoS ONE* 4(8): e6762. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0006762

Dr. Eric Buhi Receives Grant

Dr. Eric Buhi, assistant professor in Community and Family Health, has been awarded a \$43,000 grant from the USF Area Health Education Center (AHEC). The purpose of Dr. Buhi's pilot project will be to partner with USF Student Health Services and Distributive Networks—the company that handled Barack Obama's 2008 mobile outreach strategy—to develop and test the use of SMS technology to aid in an existing smoking cessation program. This study will address the following aims: 1. Assess the added benefit of mobile text messaging to supplement existing smoking cessation methods, and 2. Test the acceptability of mobile text messaging services among college students enrolled in a smoking cessation program.

>>Job Opportunities

LRN Sentinel Laboratory Trainer - Tampa

The Florida Department of Health Bureau of Laboratories is recruiting an Associate Laboratory Response Network (LRN) Sentinel Laboratory Trainer for the Tampa Laboratory. Candidates must hold at least an earned bachelor's degree. At least one year of experience facilitating, organizing and/or presenting training modules is desired by not mandatory. Familiarity with the LRN Sentinel Laboratory Training Program is a plus. Interested parties should apply on-line at [https://peoplefirst.myflorida.com/logon.htm] for requisition number 64005463-51371410-20090819085852 (MANAGEMENT ANALYSTS, Government Analyst I). Questions should be directed to Dr. Mary Ritchie at Mary_Ritchie@doh.state.fl.us; or to Dr. Ritchie at the Dept. of Health, Bureau of Laboratories, 1217 Pearl St., Jacksonville, FL 32202. Applications will be accepted through the posted closing date of September 9, 2009. EOE/AAVA.

>>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. In fact, the websites for the Student Research Scholarship (SRS) Awards guidelines for 2009-2010 at <http://health.usf.edu/publichealth/officeresearch/srsawards.html> and Student Honorary Award for Research and Practice "SHARP" guidelines for 2009-2010 at

<http://health.usf.edu/publichealth/officeresearch/sharp.html> have just been updated. Print copies of the new guidelines and the application forms are also available at the student research display in COPH vending/snack area near the lobby. Students are encouraged 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! Please note that the next deadline for SHARP applications is Tuesday, September 8th, 6 pm (since the first Monday of the month falls on Labor Day).

Student Service Opportunities:

The USF Health Service Corps (see <http://health.usf.edu/ahec/USFHealthServicesCorps/servicecorps.htm>) enables COPH Students to learn and serve in a wide variety of meaningful and FUN health-related service activities with other USF Health students. A preliminary listing of Fall 2009 service events is now available in print format at the Service Corps display in COPH vending/snack area, and will also be available on line at <http://health.usf.edu/ahec/USFHealthServicesCorps/hsevents.htm> after Sept 1. Current and new 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. Here are two neat and related upcoming events!

September 11th, 4-6 pm, Graduate Student Association Picnic at Riverfront Park. See GPSC website <http://gpsc.usf.edu> for details. GPSC and USF Health Service Corps collection drive: Students are asked to bring donations of computer games and old fashioned puzzles and board games that will be donated to the Farm Workers Self Help Teen Center on Sept. 25th.

Friday, Sept 25th 4-6 pm. "Health Ed for Everyone!" at Farm Workers Self Help (FSH) in Dade City. (Please see <http://fshflorida.org/node/86>) USF Health students will be able to share their knowledge of health with teens by giving interactive health education lessons to teens at the My Other House' Teen Center. USF Health students can in turn learn from the teens and FSH leaders about migrant health care issues. Volunteers will also bring donations of computer games and old fashioned puzzles and board games to the teen center. COPH students can sign up with Chiaka Nwoga, cnwoga@health.usf.edu with Global Health Student Association.



>>Global Scene

STUDENTS' SUMMER STORIES

Daragh Gibson, Global Health Practice and Environmental Engineering student, spent her summer in Ecuador studying tropical diseases and global health. Her internship was sponsored by the Hispanic-Serving Health



Professions Schools. The eight-week program was based in Quito at the Bio-Medical Center with lectures, laboratory and field work taking place in three ecological areas of Ecuador: the Amazonian rainforest, the tropical coastal region, and the Andean zone. Training was in tropical diseases as they relate to nutrition-associated diseases; poisonous plants and animals; gastroenterological and dermatological problems; respiratory, cardiovascular, and hematological problems; sexually transmitted diseases and travel medicine. The laboratory component included identification of parasites and diagnosis. As part of the program, Daragh also visited private and public clinics, health centers, hospitals, and observed

various public health programs. The public health interventions deal with issues of: nutrition, sex-worker health, immunization, and tuberculosis, malaria and diabetes control programs. In Quito, Daragh participated in home visits with physicians in the peri-urban areas to identify families with little or no access to health care. Daragh reports, "This internship gave me in-depth knowledge of tropical infectious diseases and public health concerns in Ecuador, its healthcare system, and the effect of different ecological regions on health. The field trips were a valuable practical experience to see first-hand the tropical diseases I learned about in the classroom and the different infectious disease control techniques used in the field."

For her International Field Experience, Roberta Hughes, DVM, served on board the US Naval ship Comfort, a hospital ship, on a humanitarian mission to Central and South America. The mission seeks to help the people of select nations by delivering primary health care, dental care, optometry, veterinary care, engineering services, and preventive medicine assistance.



Roberta recounts: "My work consisted of preventive medical care for food animals, service animals, and some pets. We also educated people about such

zoonotic diseases as rabies. This mission represented a unique opportunity to immerse myself in the culture of several different countries, interact with people in the villages, and observe sanitation and contributors to disease. Additionally, it was a great opportunity to help the people of these countries and represent the good will of the United States to our neighbors to the south."

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)

>>Alumni News

TAMPA, Fla. (Aug. 26, 2009) - Recognizing the difficulty of finding employment in the current economy, the University of South Florida Career Center, in collaboration with the USF Alumni Association, will offer career and job search assistance services to all USF alumni. The services will be exclusively for unemployed alumni who have earned a degree from USF and will be provided free of charge.

For more information, visit <http://usfweb3.usf.edu/absolutenm/templates/?a=1650&z=31>.

Important Dates

Wednesday, September 2, 2009 - 12:30-1:30 pm, CPH 1108 - NORA Symposium - "Patient Reported Efficacy of the use of Botulinum Toxin A in Treatment of Migraine Headache" - Patrick Whitney, MD

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

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

Friday, September 25, 2009 - 12:00-1:00 pm - CPH 1023A - Dean's Lecture Series - Dr. Boakye Boatin, UNICEF/UNDP/World Bank/ WHO Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases-TDR Title: TBA

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

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

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

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