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>>Take Note

25th Anniversary Event Naming Contest

Thanks to everyone who weighed in with an idea for naming the 25th anniversary event. By a huge margin, the name "Silver Anniversary Soiree" took the prize. Many of you submitted this name idea or some variant of it. But the first entrant with this idea was Dr. Linda Detman from the Chiles Center, so Linda, you win two tickets to the event on Friday December 11th. Congratulations and thanks to everyone for participating!

Communication to PERT Certifiers for Spring 2009 (12/20/08-05/06/09) - Certification Deadline is Friday, August 14, 2009

The *SPRING 2009 PERT* effort reports are currently under review and will be released as soon as they have been verified by Research Administration and Compliance. At this time you will need to make sure that you can access GEMS - Self Service without any problems. The instructions for accessing GEMS - Self Service is noted below:

Access to PERT reports

You may access the PERT system and your effort report via:

- Through GEMS/GEMS Self Service:
<https://gems.fastmail.usf.edu/psp/gemspro/?cmd=login>
- You will need your userid (**11 digit emplid**) and password. If you don't remember your ID and password, or if your password has expired, you can get the information by contacting the IT helpdesk <<http://itsupportservices.custhelp.com>> or send request to helpdesk@admin.usf.edu or by contacting Betty Persky.
- *Please remember it could take up to 24 hours to have your password reset and obtain access to your PERT report. If you are having problems accessing GEMS, please contact Betty Persky at 974-4609.*

Thank you for all of your assistance on this very important compliance request.

USF College of Public Health + Florida Public Health Association Educational Conference = A 25th Anniversary Celebration!

You're Only 25 Once!

Come celebrate USF College of Public Health's Silver Anniversary at the Florida Public Health Association Annual Meeting by attending a celebratory reception with cocktails and hors d'oeuvre with faculty, alumni and friends.



August 5, 2009 * 6 - 8 p.m.

Vista Room * PGA National Resort and Spa * Palm Beach Gardens, FL

For additional information on the 25th anniversary and celebratory events, visit <http://www.health.usf.edu/publichealth/25thAnniversary/>. No RSVP is necessary.

>>Faculty News

Dr. Michael Reid Invited Guest at Conference

Dr. Michael Reid, Director of the Florida Center for Public Health preparedness, was an invited participant in the *VHA Comprehensive Emergency Management Program Evaluation and Research Conference*. Dr. Reid was one of seven preparedness center directors who were invited. The Veterans Health Administration sponsored the conference in Washington, D.C. on July 21 and 22.

>>Faculty News con't....

Drs. Hamisu Salihu and Colleagues Publish Article

Salihu HM, Mbah AK, Alio AP, Kornosky JL, Bruder K, Belogolovkin V. Success of programming fetal growth phenotypes among obese women. *Obstetrics and Gynecology*. 2009 Aug;114(2 Pt 1):333-9.

>>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. 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 COPH 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 Monday August 3, 6 pm, 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! COPH 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/ahc/servicecorps.html>) enables COPH 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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>>Students continued...

Special thanks to the students who participated in the recent Shriners Summer party, sponsored by USF Health Service Corps and PHSA! And, here is a fantastic service event that COPH students may wish to participate in!

NEW! All About Kids Back to School Bash and Bike Rodeo at Tampa Convention Center on August 8th (10am to 4pm) and August 9th (Noon to 4pm) (see <http://www.backtoschoolbash.com/index.html>) Students can help Safe Kids with fitting bike helmets and run the bike safety rodeo stations. Please sign up with Ellen Kent, MPH at ekent@health.usf.edu (Total # of USF Health student volunteers needed: 16; 8 per day). Free food! Lots of fun! You can feel like a kid for the day while helping kids stay safe!

Valerie Girona Reports on Her Presentation at the AAPM Conference

It is an honor to report to the SHARP award committee on my opportunity to present at the 51st annual AAPM (American Association for Physicist in Medicine) conference where national and international scientist attended. This very large conference was attended by many medical



physicist, dosimetrist, consultants and physicians from state, government, and the private sector who were interested in our research work. Request to implement and receive a copy of our work was requested by at least 8 individuals who approached me personally and many others who spoke with my

colleagues about our research. The education program and professional program offered a significant opportunity to gain practical knowledge on emerging technical and professional issues. A major focus of the scientific program is the increasing integration of advanced imaging concepts in the routine practice of radiotherapy.

This experience is sure to bring acclaim and assurance of the University of South Florida's College of Public Health and Moffitt Cancer Center's dedication to safe and quality health care for many years to come. As a bonus, my future career development has been aided with the opportunity to improve my presentation skills, knowledge of the latest research in the radiation oncology field, and increase my network of collaborators and resources.

submitted by Valerie Girona

>>Global Scene

DEBRIEFING TIME!

Come one, come all to hear eight students speak about their academic accomplishments and experiences while completing the Supervised Field Experience course. The students have recently returned from more than eight different countries on four continents. The countries are: Guatemala; Honduras; Lesotho; Malaysia; Niger; South Africa; Switzerland, Nicaragua and Panama and Colombia in Central and South America aboard a US Navy ship.



Student and field site names follow:

- Renee Clarke - International Organization of Women and Development
- Anna Heffernan - Global Healing
- Roberta Hughes - US Navy Fourth Fleet & Alliance for Rabies Control
- Eni Njoh - Desmond Tutu HIV Centre
- Charlotte Noble - Catholic Relief Services
- Rachele Price - University of Malaysia at Sarawak
- Juan Santiago-Matias - International Mission Board
- Meredith Tenouri - World Health Organization

Debriefings will be on Friday August 7th in the College Auditorium 1023-B from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

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



Ana Amaya Accepted into DrPH Program

Ana Amaya (Global Health) leaves for England in August. She was accepted to the DrPH program at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and begins this fall.

Dr. Robert Tabler (EOH) Uses His Training as a Volunteer

Dr. Robert Tabler, a recent graduate of the USF College of Public Health, has been volunteering for Hillsborough County Emergency Operations Center near his home in Tampa, FL. An article recently appeared in the July 27th edition of the New York Times. You can access the complete article here: http://www.nytimes.com/2009/07/28/us/28hurricane.html?_r=2&hp.

Updated information on Jessica Cohen

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Important Dates

Wednesday, August 5, 2009 - 6-8 pm, Vista Room ; PGA National Resort and Spa, Palm Beach Gardens, FL - USF COPH 25th Anniversary Celebration Reception at the Annual FPHA Meeting

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 - Town Hall Meeting with Representative Kathy Castor