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## &gt;&gt;TAKE NOTE

## USF Health Research Day 2009

Congratulations to all of our COPH and ERC students who participated in USF Health Research Day 2009! All of our students and their faculty mentors should be very proud of their excellent oral and poster presentations! The listing below includes the names of all of our COPH and ERC student presenters. In addition, the names of the students who received certificates of recognition at the Research Day awards ceremony are indicated in *UPPER CASE LETTERING*.

COPH oral presenters: **MARISSA ZWALD** and **PATRICIA SPENCER**

COPH student poster presenters: **MATT TUCKER**, Tara Trudnak, Robin DeHate, Aimee Eden, Christopher Einmo, Teri Malo, Mary Martinasek, Rachelle Price

ERC Student poster presenters: **LIU-QIN YANG**, Erin Eatough, Natalia Saunders, Kristen Shockley

In addition, special thanks to our wonderful judges (Dr. Stuart, Dr. Coulter, Dr. Milhous and Dr. McCluskey) and special thanks to Dr. Petersen, Dr. Liller, Dr. Bernard and a number of other COPH faculty and staff for taking the time to meet with our student researchers!

A sampling of photos taken during research day are below. Print copies are on display at the student research bulletin board in the hallway leading to Epi-Bio Dept. on the second floor of COPH.



-submitted by Ellen Kent

## &gt;&gt;Faculty

## Dr. Russ Kirby and Colleagues Publish Article

Mandell, David S., Lisa D. Wiggins, Laura Arnstein Carpenter, Julie Daniels, Carolyn DiGuseppi, Maureen S. Durkin, Ellen Giarelli, Michael J. Morrier, Joyce S. Nicholas, Jennifer A. Pinto-Martin, Paul T. Shattuck, Kathleen C. Thomas, Marshalyne Yeargin-Allsopp, Russell S. Kirby, "Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Identification of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders", *American Journal of Public Health*, 99,3 (March 2009), 493-498.

## Dr. Hamisu Salihu and Colleague Publish Book

Hamisu Salihu, Alice R. Richman. *Epidemiology and long-term consequences of obesity* (Chapter 1). In "Obesity and Pregnancy". Edited by Rees M, Karoshi M, Keith L. Publishers: The Royal Society of Medicine Press Limited, London, UK.

## &gt;&gt;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 applications (<http://health.usf.edu/publichealth/officeresearch/sharp.html>) for February is Monday March 2nd, 2009. Feel free to contact Ellen Kent, MPH, Coordinator, Student Research Grants at any time at [ekent@health.usf.edu](mailto: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 Winter and Spring service activities are now listed on the website at <http://health.usf.edu/ahec/hscevents.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](mailto:ekent@health.usf.edu) or 974-6622 or stop by room 2150H at anytime!

## Upcoming service events!

Wednesday, February 25th, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Committed Action to Community Health (CATCH) Health Fair at Tampa Bay Downs, Oldsmar. Non-clinical activities: COPH students can assist with interpreting and educational displays; please sign up with Ellen Kent at [ekent@health.usf.edu](mailto:ekent@health.usf.edu). NOTE! This is a really unique and FUN health fair. We will be providing health education and screening services for the stable workers who travel with the horses, and who are now residing at Tampa Bay Downs. Many of these people lack health insurance and they are very appreciative of this annual health fair, and the health education services provided by COPH Students. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to learn and serve with other USF Health students!

## &gt;&gt;Alumni Updates

## Update on Erika Arteaga

Erika will be starting a PhD in the Department of Public Health and Clinical Medicine, Epidemiology and Public Health Sciences at Umea University (Sweden) this March. She is currently conducting research regarding Intercultural Health in the Amazon Region (Ecuador) not only as part of the PhD program but also as a novel researcher in the Global Teasdale -Corti project. You can contact Erika via email at [erikarteaga@yahoo.com](mailto:erikarteaga@yahoo.com).

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## &gt;&gt;Global Scene

## Did you Know? - Notes from a journey:

**Amazonian Peru** - Blight has seriously affected the Amazonian rubber tree. The same blight has begun to appear in Asian rubber trees, causing concern for the future of rubber. Airplane tires are 100% rubber - no synthetics are used. More rubber = more strength.

**Patagonia - Chile** - Patagonian sheep's wool is in great demand. The geographic isolation for sheep ranching is sanitary and makes excellent white wool. Did you know that pampas grass is so dry that sheep's teeth wear down in about 6 years and sheep can no longer eat.



**Easter Island or Rapa Nui**: Here is the most remote population on earth with its closest neighbor Pitcairn Island 1400 miles west. Easter Island is 14 miles long and 7 miles wide. The US lengthened the runway on Easter Island after the NASA shuttle Atlantis's 3 engines shut down half way across the Pacific forcing a landing on Easter Island. Local anthropologists tell of the US marines, working on the runway, changing the culture of the young people on Easter Island. The book Shuttle Down (Correy) tells the story.

**Cook Islands - Raratonga**: Seen at a sacred ceremony: A British family of 4 - children of about 8 and 10 - taking 4 months to circumnavigate the world exposing their children to many cultures.

**Australia - Queensland**: No swimming! The dreaded Box Jelly Fish stings can be fatal. And, a male wild turkey builds a nest about the size of a Smart Car. The female lays eggs. Neither sit on the nest, but the male uses a sensor in his beak to occasionally check the temperature of the eggs. The baby turkeys are born orphans.

**Vietnam - Hanoi**: Burial monuments mark the corners of rice paddies and other crops to keep the ancestors near. Ho Chi Min Mausoleum: Single file - keep moving; no sunglasses; no cameras; no talking; no hands in pockets!

**India - Cochín**: "One has to be comfortable with contradiction to be comfortable in India. India produces more PhDs than any other nation; has 15 official languages and 1600 dialects. Cities pulse with vitality." [Anthropologist and Ethno-botanist Wade Davis, lecturer]

**Jordan - Dead Sea**: The Dead Sea is 1,300 plus feet below sea level. It is more properly called the "Dead Lake" because it has no water outlets. The water feels oily. Descending by car to the Dead Sea, a water bottle collapses as when descending in a plane.

**Country - Un-named**: Customs formalities for the military airport: "Open your passport to the photo page and walk past the military guard to the bus."



-submitted by Barbara Kennedy

## &gt;&gt;Classifieds

**TENURED/TENURE-TRACK FACULTY POSITION**. Washington University Division of Health Behavior Research is accepting applications for an assistant or associate professor in any area of cancer prevention/control, diabetes, and related disciplines. Applicants whose expertise lies in smoking prevention and cessation research, biobehavioral research, or behavioral genetics are especially encouraged to apply. We are particularly interested in candidates who have a strong record or potential to develop interdisciplinary, extramurally-funded research collaborations. Qualifications include a doctoral degree in public health, psychology, epidemiology, or related science and a commitment to excellence in research and scholarship. The successful candidate will possess unique qualities that offer the Division an opportunity to expand its vision or mission, or augment existing strengths. To apply, send cover letter, curriculum vitae and professional reference list by email to: [bbeato@wustl.edu](mailto:bbeato@wustl.edu) or mail documents to: Beth Beato, Washington University, Division of Health Behavior Research, 4444 Forest Park Blvd, Box 8504, St. Louis, MO 63108. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. More information about the Division of Health Behavior Research can be found on the Internet at <http://dhbr.im.wustl.edu/>.

**Saint Louis University School of Public Health Faculty Positions** Saint Louis University, a Catholic, Jesuit institution dedicated to education, research and healthcare, invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant or Associate Professor in the School of Public Health. The successful candidates will be appointed in the Department of Community Health on a 9-month contract. Applicants must have a doctoral degree with advanced training in behavioral science-health education or related discipline, and a focus in any area within social and behavioral sciences with an emphasis on applied, trans-disciplinary research. S/he should have a productive record of research publication and demonstrated ability to secure external research funding. Primary responsibilities for the position include conducting independent research, teaching graduate courses, and providing professional and community service. The Saint Louis University School of Public Health is nationally recognized for its community-based prevention research. Successful candidates will find opportunities for collaboration in a productive school portfolio of projects across many topics and from community partners. Interested candidates must submit a cover letter, application, curriculum vitae, and three letters of recommendation to <http://jobs.slu.edu>. Inquires may be sent to: Elizabeth Baker, PhD, MPH; Director, Division of Behavioral Science and Health Education; Saint Louis University School of Public Health; 3545 Lafayette Avenue Saint Louis, MO 63104; [bakerpa@slu.edu](mailto:bakerpa@slu.edu). Saint Louis University is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity Employer, and encourages nominations and applications of women and minorities.

## Important Dates

Wednesday, February 25, 2009 - 4:00-5:15 pm, CPH 1023 - ERIC Seminar - "A First-hand look at Discovery Channel's Project Earth" by Dr. Jennifer L. Languell, President, Trifecta Construction Solutions and co-host of Project Earth

March 12-13, 2009 - "The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health Education & Research Centers Regional Seminar and Research to Practice (r2p) Symposium will be held in Pensacola Beach, FL. For more information contact: Hana Osman 974-0989 or by e-mail: [hosman@health.usf.edu](mailto:hosman@health.usf.edu).