



## &gt;&gt;TAKE NOTE

## USF Health's SMART Program Featured in USF Magazine

An article entitled Playing Smart regarding the SMART program was published in the Winter 2009 issue of USF Magazine. Dr. Karen Liller is the Director of the Injury Surveillance Registry and Siew Wong and Siwon Jang are two students from the College who work with Dr. Liller collecting and analyzing data for the Sports Injury Surveillance Registry for the state of Florida. Siew is a masters degree student in the EPB and Siwon is a doctoral student in CFH. To view the entire article please visit: <http://usfweb2.usf.edu/university-communications-and-marketing/marketing/USF-Magazine/2009/winter.html>.

## COPH Student Wins APHA Poster Competition

An article recently appeared in the February 2009 issue of Nation's Health announcing that Sarah Smith, won the APHA Poster Session at the annual meeting in San Francisco in October, 2008. Sarah is a masters degree student in the Community and Family Health department. Her winning entry in the poster session was "Sources of health and sexual health information: A preliminary survey of where college students go when they have questions". Sarah conducted her research under the guidance of three professors: Hollie Jo Fuhrmann, MA, Eric Buhi, PhD, MPH, CHES, and Ellen Daley, PhD.

## &gt;&gt;Faculty

## Please Note the Following Correction to Last Week's Faculty Section

Last week's information regarding the article that was published in Lancet was wonderful news, but it turns out that the article should have included congratulations to one of our Assistant Professors, Dr. Amina Alio, who was the lead author on this article! This is quite an accomplishment for an Assistant Professor! We want to send our congratulations to Dr. Alio on this great accomplishment!

Dr. Jeannine Coreil Publishes New Edition of Textbook, *Social and Behavioral Foundations of Public Health*, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ed. (Sage, 2009). Emphasizing the importance of social context and cultural construction, the book examines current issues in health from a social and behavioral sciences perspective. It uses a social ecological framework to address multilevel influences on health and enlarge the dominant "risk factor" approach to health behavior. The editor and contributing authors use examples from the forefront of public health to illustrate the relevance of core competencies in the field to diverse real-world problems. A number of COPH and USF faculty contributed to the volume, including: *Planning Health Promotion & Disease Prevention Programs* - Eric Buhi, Rita DeBate & Robert McDermott; *Community-Based Approaches to Health Promotion* - Carol Bryant; *Social Marketing in Public Health* - Carol Bryant; *Approaches to Policy and Advocacy* - Linda Whiteford; *Childhood Overweight & Obesity* - Rita DeBate, Carol Bryant & Marissa Zwald; *Mental Health and Illness* - Stephanie L. Marhefka; *Prevention of Unintentional Injuries* - Karen Liller; *Violence and Public Health* - Martha Coulter; *Occupational Health* - Paul Spector & Chu-Hsiang Chang.

## Dr. Dennis Kyle and Colleagues Publish Article

Linnington, R.G., Clark, B.R., Trimble, E.E., Almanza, A. Urena, L.D. Kyle, D.E., & Gerwick, W.H. Antimalarial peptides from marine cyanobacteria: Isolation and structural elucidation of gallinamide A. *J Nat. Prod.* 72: 14-17, 2009.

## Dr. Hana Osman Publishes a Book Chapter

Osman, H. (2009). Informed consent (I) In F. A. Paola, R. Walker & L. L. Nixon (Eds.), *Medical Ethics and Humanities*. Boston: Jones and Bartlett Publishers.

## &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/hiscevents.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

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## &gt;&gt;Global Scene

**Agreement Between Gorgas Regional Training Institute and USF Health Signed**

We are very happy to announce that an agreement has been signed with the Gorgas Regional Training Institute in Panama City, Panama, to provide training in a wide variety of health-related topics to health professionals throughout Central America and the region. "This agreement builds upon a long-standing relationship with the Gorgas Memorial Institute in Panama and comes at a very good time," said Dr. Ann DeBaldo. "The US Department of Health and Human Services provided the funding for construction of the state-of-the-art Center and will pay for training courses to be offered there. Under current funding, the workshops and seminars will cover all aspects of pandemic influenza from surveillance and epidemiological studies, to training in clinical and pandemic disaster management and will offer wonderful opportunities for our faculty to participate." During her recent visit Dr. DeBaldo together with USF Health Office Director Dr. Arlene Calvo met the then US Secretary of Health Dr. Michael Leavitt and the head of the US FDA Dr. Andrew von Eschenbach, both of whom were in Panama to present the Panamanian Ministry of Health and the Center with an additional two million dollars to provide future training in food safety and security, and the safety of drugs and medical devices, all timely topics for the region.

The USF Health Office at the City of Knowledge was opened officially by Mayor Pam Iorio in 2005 during the Tampa Trade Mission to Panama. The USF Health International Foundation celebrated its opening with a gala celebration last June at the City of Knowledge. "Since the inception of our programming in Panama, International Field Experiences for our College of Public Health students, College of Nursing courses, USF Study Abroad programs, research conferences and other programs have been very successful and we look forward to greatly expanding our activities through our new relationship with the Gorgas Regional Training Center."



(left to right) Drs. Jorge Motta (retiring director), Ann DeBaldo, and Nestor Sosa (interim director Gorgas Memorial Institute)

**Important Dates**

**Friday, February 13, 2009 - 5:00 pm - Spring 2009 Comprehensive Core Exam Application Deadline**

<http://health.usf.edu/publichealth/academicaffairs/compexam.html>

Note: You may take the core exam as soon as you have completed all your core classes (or are registered in your last core class). Go to link above for more information on eligibility requirements and application.

**Monday, February 16, 2009 - 4:00-5:30 pm, COPH 2004 - Informational Session - Training Opportunities with ASPH.** From more information and to confirm your attendance please contact Natalie Preston-Washington at [npreston@health.usf.edu](mailto:npreston@health.usf.edu).

**Friday, February 20, 2009 - 8:30 - ? - College of Nursing Rotunda - USF Health Research Day**

**Friday, February 20, 2009 - 12-1 pm - COPH 2006 D/L Studio - ETA Workshop - Checkbox.** Please RSVP your attendance to [eta@health.usf.edu](mailto:eta@health.usf.edu)