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>>TAKE NOTE

Congratulations to Laura and Chris Rusnak!

Laura Rusnak has tidings of good joy. Ayla Michelle Rusnak joined her and her husband Chris on Christmas morning. She arrived at 9:50 a.m. weighing 7 lbs. 13 oz., though she is now tipping the scales at 8 lbs. Congratulations!

COPH Holds Spring 2009 Student Orientation and 25th Anniversary Kickoff Celebration

USF COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

On Friday, January 9th, the USF College of Public Health held student orientation for entering students in the Spring 2009 semester in the college auditorium. The college

welcomed 79 masters students for the semester. The event included a special speaker to help kick off the college's 25th anniversary, Mr. Sam Bell. Mr. Bell was a major contributor to helping establish the College of Public Health in 1984. His talk included a bit of history on how the college was formed by the Florida Legislature.

The College will be celebrating it's 25th anniversary throughout 2009 with various special events and lectures. Keep your eyes posted to this publication as well as the college website at www.publichealth.usf.edu for more information.

A Note of Sadness from Dr. Jeannine Coreil

It is with great sadness that I learned this week of the death of Kimberly Harper Black, a 1998 graduate of the CFH doctoral program. Kim died in Atlanta where her family lives, after a courageous battle with a long-term illness. I served as Kim's major professor from 1993-98, and stayed in contact with her after she graduated. She went on to take a faculty position in the newly established Florida A&M Public Health Institute, and after her marriage to Larry Black, she moved to Philadelphia and found a position at Temple University. Kim's family has posted an obituary on the following website, where one can sign the electronic Guest Book and make donations in her honor.

<http://www.legacy.com/Atlanta/Obituaries.asp?Page=LifeStory&PersonID=121834885>. Kim did her dissertation on "Middle-Income African-Americans and Household Hazardous Waste Management: Designing Messages for Adult Environmental Education," and made important contributions to public health education and research in the following decade. She will be fondly remembered.

submitted by Dr. J. Coreil

>>Students

**Kamilah B. Thomas (Doctoral Candidate, Department of Community and Family Health) and Colleagues Publish Article**

Thomas, K.B., Simpson, S.L., Tarver, W.L., Gwede, C.K. (2008). Is social support from family associated with PSA testing in a sample of men? An exploratory analysis using the Health Information National Trends Survey (HINTS) 2005. *American Journal of Men's Health*.

Global Health Fellows Program Session a Success

More than 30 students packed the conference for a presentation from the Global Health Fellows Program (GHFP). John Hembling, MPH, program coordinator with the GHFP, shared information on their fellowship and internship programs; their partnership with the One World

Foundation for international internships and scholarships; and, addressed maintaining a professional image (especially in the virtual world). The deadline for some internships is as early as Feb. 6. Visit the [GHFP website](http://www.ghfp.org) to learn more about the aforementioned opportunities. The event was sponsored by Career Development and Field Experience in the Office of Academic Affairs.

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/fundingopp.htm> 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 annual Student Research Scholarship (<http://health.usf.edu/publichealth/officeresearch/srsawards.html>) is **Monday, January 26, 2009** and deadline for the (monthly) SHARP applications (<http://health.usf.edu/publichealth/officeresearch/sharp.html>) for February is Monday February 2nd, 2009. 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.

Student Service Opportunities

The USF Health Service Corps is a wonderful way in which you can participate in a wide variety of health-related volunteer 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/hsevents.htm>!** Our first service event will take place on **January 17th, from 2-5 pm** at San Jose Mission in Dover. (This will also be our Stampede of Service event) COPH students will be able to volunteer with other USF health students in a bike safety rodeo, led by Safe Kids Tampa, and will also be able to lead kids in a variety of fun fitness and hands on learning activities. Free t-shirts and refreshments! To sign up, please contact ekent@health.usf.edu. 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 or 974-6622 or stop by room 2150H.



>>Faculty

Natalie Preston-Washington Writes Blog for *The Tampa Tribune*

Natalie D. Preston-Washington, and a few other former community columnists, was invited to write for a new blog hosted by *The Tampa Tribune*—Thinking Out Loud. The blog launched in December. To read Natalie's posts on [teen pregnancy](#), the [shortage of dresses](#) at Macys and [holiday traffic](#) at Westfield Brandon visit <http://www.tboblogs.com/index.php/thinkoutloud/>.

Dr. Hamisu Salihu and Colleagues Publish Article

Nana PN, Mbu RE, Tonye RN, **Salihu HM**, Ako SN, Fomulu NJ, Leke RJ. Rupture of the spleen due to domestic violence in pregnancy: a report of two cases. *Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology* pubmed ID 19085550; 28(8): 799-800.

Dr. Eric Buhi Awarded Research Grant

Dr. Eric R. Buhi, assistant professor in Community and Family Health, was awarded a \$15,000 research grant from the Florida Center for AIDS Research for his proposal, "Seeking out sex online: A novel 3-campus research study of HIV and other sexual health risks among young people." The project will involve researchers and students at USF, the University of Florida, and Florida A&M University.

Important Dates

Wednesday, January 14, 2009 – 4:00 -5:15 pm, CPH 1023C. Dr. Jyotika Virmani, Executive Director, Florida Coastal Oceans Observing System (COOS) Consortium - "Coastal Ocean and Coastal Cities: Emerging problems and solutions"

Wednesday, January 14, 2009 - 4:30-5:30pm, CPH 2003 - Career Planning

Wednesday, January 21, 2009 - 4:30-5:30pm, CPH 2024 - Dynamic Resumes

Friday, January 23, 2009 – 12:00-1:00 pm, CPH 1023 – CPH Dean's Lecture – Dr. Frank Brocato, Topic TBA

>>Global Scene

A NEW YEAR. A NEW CITIZEN!

Aurora Sanchez-Anguiano, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics became a United States Citizen on Tuesday, January 6th. Born in Mexico, and of Mexican and Spanish heritage, Dr. Sanchez-Anguiano moved to Tampa in 1992

to pursue a PhD in Epidemiology - this after several years practicing as an Occupational Physician in Mexico City, and as a Field Epidemiologist trained by the CDC, and the Mexican Ministry of Health. As a Field Epidemiologist, she worked on outbreak investigations throughout Mexico. Dr. Sanchez-Anguiano tells us, "The US has been my home for 16 and a half years. After earning my PhD in 1999, I stayed in the US working under my Practical Training visa for one year, and then worked for almost three years under a special visa offered to Canadians and Mexicans under the Free Trade Agreement. After that, Executive Dean, Dr. Phil Marty, initiated a USF sponsorship so that I could apply for a Permanent Residency. This sponsorship was supported by the Director of the VA Patient Safety Center of Inquiry, Dr. Audrey Nelson, and the VA's Dr. Robert Campbell; former College of Public Health Professor of Biostatistics, Dr Clifford Blair; the CDC's Ms Elliott Churchill; Sarasota County Health Department's Dr Mark Magenheim; Professor Emeritus, Paul Leaverton, and personal friends. The Permanent Residency was awarded in 2003. Once five years passes, the US allows a Permanent Resident the right to apply for citizenship. I submitted my application in September 2008 and took the oral exam on December 17. Four months and two days later, I was sworn in as a US citizen! That was January 6, 2009 at 12:30 p.m. The ceremony was at the Tampa Convention Center. We were a total of 272 people from 63 countries (another ceremony took place the same day at 8:30 a.m.) Thanks to changes in policy between the United States of America and Mexico, I am proudly an American and Mexican citizen."