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>>Take Note

Congratulations to Somer Burke



Tinsley Burke is here! She arrived at 6:35 am on Sunday, June 21st (both Father's Day and Somer's Birthday!). 8 lbs 11 oz & 22 1/2 inches long! Somer, Ryan and Tinsley are all doing great.

>>Faculty

Dr. Hamisu Saliyu Publishes Book Chapter

Saliyu HM: Multiple pregnancies at the extremes of maternal age. Multiple Pregnancy (Taylor Francis) London & New York, 2009.

Dr. Dennis E. Kyle and Colleagues Publish Paper

Obaldia N, Kotecka BM, Edstein MD, Haytnes RK, Fuqmann B, Kyle DE, & Rieckmann KH. 2009. Evaluation of artemisone combinations in Aotus monkeys infected with *Plasmodium falciparum*. *Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy* [June 8 2009, Epub ahead of print].

Dr. Amina Alio and Colleagues Publish Article

Alio AP, Kornosky JL, Mbah AK, Marty PJ, Saliyu HM. The Impact of Paternal Involvement on Feto-Infant Morbidity Among Whites, Blacks and Hispanics. *Maternal and Child Health Journal* [Published On Line Ahead of Print 2009].

>>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).

Please note that at the bottom of this main COPH student research website, we have added in this link: [Student Research Days Photo Galleries](#), which contains links to this year's NEW websites for [USF COPH RESEARCH DAY MARCH 30, 2009](#) and [USF HEALTH RESEARCH DAY FEBRUARY 20, 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](#) 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 [USF Health Service Corps Events and Projects](#) page and students may

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also check out the calendar format at [USF Health Service Corps Calendar](#). Moreover, here is the link to the NEW 2008-09 USF Health Service Corps photo gallery <http://health.usf.edu/ahec/PhotosFall2008Spring2009.htm>, which contains numerous photos of our COPH students engaged in service with other USF Health students! 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 to stop by room 2150H anytime.

Special thanks to the COPH students who contributed to the Friday, June 19th, [World Refugee Day](#) at USF College of Education: Andrea Naylor, Christina Moore and Shahnjayla Connors! See photos below!



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For Immediate Release:

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USF SafetyFlorida Offers HurriPlanner Tool for Small Businesses *Owners Can Create Customized Emergency Management Plan Online in Three Easy Steps*

With the return of the hurricane season, USF SafetyFlorida is encouraging small business owners to do damage control ahead of the storms. The safety and health consultation program for Florida's small businesses has developed HurriPlanner (www.hurricanebusinesssafety.com), a free online hurricane and emergency preparedness plan. With it, business owners can create hurricane business safety plan in just a few clicks.

The HurriPlanner website delivers a comprehensive approach to hurricane preparedness with safety tips for before, during and after a storm. The HurriPlanner tool is a quick and easy way for small business owners to develop a plan specifically for their business and employees, helping them to prepare for extreme weather conditions. HurriPlanner takes only three steps. The first screen places into the plan important contact information—name of business, location, phone numbers and names of emergency and disaster coordinators. Step two asks if an owner wants additional disaster information added to the plan such as hurricane disaster assistance, continuity of operations; floods, tornadoes and wildfires assistance; emergency planning for employees and preventing structure assistance. Step three produces their HurriPlanner plan in a Microsoft Word document that is easy to print and save. The end result is a thorough and tailored emergency management plan, with detailed how-to's for protecting management information systems and handling other key areas such as utility disruptions, damage assessments, employees and suppliers, emergency supplies and more.

Bob Nesbit, program manager of USF's OSHA Training Institute (a USF SafetyFlorida partner), says "Having an emergency management system in place—for hurricanes or any type of disaster—can be life-saving for a business. More importantly, the HurriPlanner ensures that business owners and employees understand the important details that come with dealing with all phases of a storm, from preparation to business re-entry.



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This website can be an invaluable tool for Florida small businesses." To learn more about the USF SafetyFlorida consultation program or to request a free and confidential safety consultation, call toll-free at 1-866-273-1105 or visit www.safetyflorida.usf.edu.



About USF SafetyFlorida
USF SafetyFlorida, headquartered in Tampa and with consultants across the state, is a workplace safety consultation program for Florida's small businesses. It is funded by OSHA and the State of Florida and is operated as a service of the University of South Florida's College of Public Health. The consultation program offers free and confidential assistance statewide. To help employers profit from a safer workplace, the program identifies workplace hazards, offers solutions for safety and health problems, provides training and education, and assists in creating safety and health management plans. To learn more about the USF SafetyFlorida Consultation Program or to request a confidential consultation, visit its website at www.safetyflorida.usf.edu.

>>Global Scene

USF Health IHSC Students Collaborate to Help Make Lasting Change - by Samantha Spedoske

On April 11th of this year I was lucky to be a part of a collaboration of 25 enthusiastic students from each of the USF Schools of Health as we left traditional work behind to work in Oma, Panama as a part of student run organization, International Health Service Collaborative (IHSC). After two flights and an interesting five hour bus ride we arrived in San Felix and met Steve Russo, an American Peace Corps volunteer who would be leading us for the remainder of the week. Our group was composed of medical, public health, nursing and University of Florida Pharmacy students. We worked for six days in the village of Oma completing several days of clinical work including eye exams with free glasses, physical exams, and health education. Teams also completed manual labor in the hot sun to help complete eight latrine tops and work with the community to break ground and lay aqueducts to provide water to the busy clinic and eventually throughout the entire community, which has not had running water in over 20 years.



Pictured: IHSC Students in Panama

IHSC is a well established group which was led by recent USF Medical School graduate Dr. Tania Velez. This group has also worked for several years in the Dominican Republic and Honduras completing similar projects. A decision was made to start a project in Panama in hopes that it will become a long term sustainable project. In order for this to work a survey was implemented to better understand the needs of the community. Although the lack of running water and infrastructure seemed to be obvious problems to us, we were able to better understand what the community wanted from their own experiences.



Pictured: Dr. Tania Velez with local children

As a student who has been on several other service trips I knew to expect hard work, but had no idea the rough mountain terrain we would be working with as well as had little idea about how hard it really is to dig two feet into the ground across, down, and up a mountain in order to build the aqueducts. We quickly learned we would come back to the states with a little more muscle after the first day of climbing "the hill" several times. The village, set in the mountains, had little flat land to walk. Slipping on loose rocks became

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the norm while I noticed the women and children walking with ease, usually not wearing shoes and carrying loads using their heads. Most of us enjoyed the hard work joking about "team mule" who carried cinder block and stones down the mountain, and "team Everest" who felt they climbed forever in order to build a latrine in a remote area. Overall, we had a wonderful cultural experience as many of us saw for the first time what life is like in a lower developed area. Our creativity was tested as we had little tools to carry objects or mix cement and our patience was also often tested as we tried to communicate with the community (through an obvious language barrier for most) and learn what "village time" actually means. Although I was excited to turn on tap water and know it would not make me sick when the plane landed in Miami, I am very anxious to get back to the community next year and continue our hard work and put what we have learned into practice.



Pictured: Sami Spedoske handing out toothpaste and toothbrushes to classroom students

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First Group of USF Students go to the Netherlands for Research and Training at the United Nations Institute of Water Education

Ms. Wendy Mussoline, doctoral student from the Department of Global Health, went to the United Nations Institute of Water Education (UNESCO-IRES) as part of the first group of USF students who will be carrying



L to R: [Wendy Mussoline](#), [Michael Gerdjikian](#), [Duncan Peabody](#), [Hong Ting \(Sam\) Chiu](#), [Robert Bair](#), [Dipesh Dev](#)

out their research and training at the UNESCO-IRES during a ten-week academic training in the Netherlands this summer. Wendy will work under the tutorship of Dutch faculty Drs. Amy Petrusevski, and Lens on her doctoral dissertation related with helminthes inactivation under anaerobic conditions and energy recovery. USF is the only university in the U.S. that has an existing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with UNESCO-IHE, Institute for Water Education to pursue opportunities to collaborate on research

and education. The Institute is based in Delft, the Netherlands, and is owned by all UNESCO member states. It is established as a UNESCO 'category I' institute jointly by UNESCO and the Government of the Netherlands. The Institute is the largest water education facility in the world, The USF students will be fully financially supported by the International Research Experience for Students (IRES) Program, sponsored by the National Sciences Foundation.

We would like to know about any international initiatives you may be working on! Please send information and photographs for the [Global Scene](#) to Alina Lezcano, International Programs Coordinator, Office of International Programs (alezcano@health.usf.edu)



>>Alumni News

Laila Abdullah to Participate in Innovative Research Doctoral Program
Laila Abdullah, M.S., is a graduate of the University of South Florida with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a master's in Epidemiology. Abdullah is studying the biological cause of the chronic and complex health problems that Persian Gulf War veterans experience compared to other veterans, using both standard molecular biology and advanced proteomic technology. You can see the complete announcement here:
http://www.redorbit.com/news/health/1708201/roskamp_institute_announces_enrollment_of_first_students_to_participate_in/

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Important Dates

Summer 2009 Field Experience Departmental Debriefings:
Wednesday, July 8, 2009 - 10:00 am, CPH 1122, Global Health Dept.
Thursday, July 9, 2009 - 10:00 am, LRC 108, Community & Family Health
Thursday, July 9, 2009 - 1:00 pm, CPH 2143, Health Policy & Management
Friday, July 10, 2009 - 10:00 am, CPH 1108, Environmental and Occupational Health
Friday, July 10, 2009, 10:00 am, CPH 2016/2018, Epidemiology & Biostatistics

Fall 2009 Field Experience Orientation:
Wednesday, August 19, 2009, CPH 2004
9:30 am Domestic
11:00 am International