



>>Center News

From the Florida Center for Public Health Preparedness:

Sandra Ruzycki, FCPHP Associate Director, and Sarah Matthews (USF-MPH), Epidemiology Program Manager Lake County Health Department, facilitated the Field Investigator Response & Surveillance Training (FIRST) program on May 22 in Bushnell, FL. A total of 24 participants attended this program from Citrus, Hernando, Levy, Marion, Pasco, and Sumter County Health Departments.

On behalf of the Florida Center for Public Health Preparedness, Sarah Matthews (USF-MPH), Epidemiology Program Manager, Lake County Health Department, presented an "InFLUenza - Past Pandemics, Swine Influenza, Avian Influenza" presentation to the Miami-Dade County Health Department and Cities Readiness Partners on May 29, 2009. The program was attended by over 100 public health personnel and community partners.

Jennifer Baggerly, Assistant Professor of Counselor Education, USF College of Education, delivered the Disaster Behavioral Health First Aid Specialist Training for Children (CFAST) in St. Augustine, FL (May 1), Vero Beach, FL (May 4), Jacksonville, FL (May 11), and Fort Myers, FL (May 14). A total of 92 people attended these 4 Disaster Behavioral Health programs in May. Program participants for these training programs came Florida Department of Health in Lee, Charlotte, Sarasota, Duval, Okeechobee, Indian River, St. Lucie, Brevard, and St. Johns counties. Program participants also came from Florida School for the Deaf and Blind, Indian River Fire & Rescue, Innovative Health Applications, Health First-Holmes Regional Hospital, Medical Reserve Corp, Baptist Medical Center, Jacksonville Fire & Rescue, Clay County School Board, Army Reserve, Lee County Port Authority, Lee Memorial Health System, Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, and Florida DMAT.

In addition, Nadine Mescia, Associate Center Director, delivered a presentation to the FDLE Region 5 Epidemiology Strike Team entitled "SMART-Stress Management and Resilience Training for Pandemic Influenza Response Workers" in Vero Beach, FL (May 21) and Tavares, FL (June 2).

The first week of June (June 1-June 5) the Florida Center for Public Health Preparedness delivered 4 Disaster Behavior Health programs and 2 Field Epidemiology programs in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Lisa Brown, Assistant Professor, School of Aging and Mental Health, Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute and W. Michael Reid, Director - Center for Leadership in Public Health Practice, delivered the Disaster Behavioral Health First Aid Specialist Training with Special Populations (BFASplusSN) and Disaster Behavioral Health First Aid Specialist Training for Responders (RFAS) in both St. Croix and St. Thomas. Kelly Cruse, Infection Control Practitioner, Florida Hospital-Zephyrhills, and Kirsten Miller, Associate Director of Operations, Center for Leadership in Public Health Practice, facilitated the Field Investigator Response & Surveillance Training (FIRST) program in St. Croix and St. Thomas.

The Florida Center for Public Health Preparedness in collaboration with Michigan Public Health Training Center and the Florida Department of Health, Division of Environmental Health will present the **Healthy Water Education Summit - Public Swimming Pools, Spas, and Water Parks** on June 30, 2009. This will be a live presentation from 8:00am-12:00pm at the Morsani Center for Advanced Healthcare, University of South Florida - Tampa Campus. A live webcast is also available. This program is free and provides free Environmental Health continuing education credits. For more information and to register, go to <http://www.fcphp.usf.edu/HealthyWaterWebcast.htm>.

For information about FCPHP programs, see: <http://www.fcphp.usf.edu>

>>Faculty

Department of Global Health Lectures, Presentations and Keynote Addresses:
Milhou W. 2009. Keynote address: Product and Process Innovation in Global Health. Research Forum: College of Health, Education and Human Development, Clemson University, April 24, 2009

Kyle D. "Changes to Peer Review at NIH - Lunch & Learn" with COPH faculty on Thursday, April 30

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Department of Global Health Reviewer, Study Sections, and Editorial Boards:

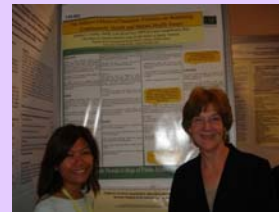
Dr. Wilbur Milhou

- Congressionally Mandated Peer Reviewed Research Program (CMDRP):
Wound Healing & Sepsis Chemotherapy, 2009;
- National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID); Special Emphasis Panel/Scientific Review Group 2009/08 ZRG1 BCMB-A, May 2009;
- Roadmap Transformative R01 Program (R01).RFA-RM-08-029, May 2009;
- NIH Challenge Grants in Health & Science Research, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. RFA-OD-09-003;
- Editorial Board of Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy, 2009-2012 H1N1 Advisory Team, Florida Public Health and Medical Preparedness
- Strategic Planning Oversight Team (SPOT), May 2009

Dr. Dennis Kyle

Dr. Dennis Kyle was selected to serve as a Chair of the Drug Discovery and Mechanisms of Antimicrobial Resistance (DDR) study section for NIAID.

Dr. Martha Coulter and Ms. Cara de la Cruz Present Poster



Dr. Martha Coulter and doctoral candidate Cara de la Cruz, both from the Harrell Center for the Study of Family Violence at the Department of Community and Family Health, recently attended the 12th World Congress on Public Health in Istanbul, Turkey to present their poster "The Indirect Effects of Domestic Violence on Sustaining

Employment: Health and Mental Health Issues" (Coulter, M., de la Cruz, C. & VandeWeerd, C.). Additionally, Cara was selected from students around the world to participate in a satellite conference, the first ever International Students' Meeting on Public Health.

Dr. Hamisu Salihu's Work Featured on World's Famous and Prestigious Physician Website

Dr. Salihu's article 'Low pre-pregnancy body mass index and risk of medically indicated versus spontaneous preterm singleton birth' in European Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology and Reproductive Biology was featured on MDLinx.com site. MDLinx is the world's most up to date index of articles that matter in the daily lives of physicians and other healthcare professionals. You can see your article by clicking here: <http://www.mdlinx.com/obgynlinx/news-article.cfm/2735028>.

Dr. Amina Alio and Colleagues Publish Article in the International Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics

Amina P. Alio, Ellen M. Daley, Philip N. Nana, Jingyi Duan, Hamisu M. Salihu. Intimate partner violence and contraception use among women in Sub-Saharan Africa. Int J Gynaecol Obstet. 2009 May 28. [Epub ahead of print].

Dr. Donna Haiduven to Present Two Posters

Dr. Donna Haiduven, from Department of Global Health, has had two papers accepted for poster presentation at the 36th Annual Educational Conference & International meeting of the Association for Professionals in Infection Control & Epidemiology, June 7-11 in Ft. Lauderdale. Dr. Haiduven will present the poster of the first paper, entitled "The Ergonomics of Retraction: A Comparison of Two Brands of Retractable Syringes". Her doctoral student, Christine McGuire-Wolfe will present the second poster, entitled, "Using a Graduate Infection Control Certificate to Educate Infection Control Professionals". Christine received a SHARPS award from COPH to attend this conference.

The abstracts of both papers will be published in the June 2009 issue of the American Journal of Infection Control.



>>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. 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 service activities with other USF Health students. The spring service activities are listed on the website at <http://health.usf.edu/ahc/hsevents.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 or 974-6622 or stop by room 2150H at anytime!

Here are some upcoming opportunities that may be of interest to COPH students:

Friday, June 19th, 3 - 5 PM [World Refugee Day](#) at USF College of Education. In collaboration with the Florida Center for the Survivors of Torture and USF Pediatrics' Ronald McDonald Care Mobile™, USF Health Service Corps volunteers will be able to contribute to this important event which will provide services to Iraqi, Russian, Burmese and Cuban refugees. (See also <http://www.qcifs.org/fcst/worldrefugeeday.html>) **Information for COPH student volunteers:** *Non clinical activities:* Up to 4 COPH or other graduate students can assist with health education exhibits regarding prevention of the flu and food safety/nutrition; please sign up with Ellen Kent, MPH, at ekent@health.usf.edu.

June 15th -18th. Shriners Camp Care A Lot at Rotary Camp Florida in Brandon. To request a volunteer application, please contact Renee Savic at (813) 972-2250 ext: 7325 or at rsavic@shrinenet.org and please mention that are a USF Health student! Volunteers are asked to please commit to 2 or more days or 2 evenings, with 4 hour shifts minimum (to enable the children to bond with the volunteer staff).

June 15th-19th. Children's Cancer Center Sickle Cell Camp. Please contact Jamie Nettles at jnettl@childrenscancercenter.org and please mention that are a USF Health student! Volunteers are asked to please commit to 2 or more days, to enable the children to bond with the volunteer staff.

>>Global Scene



department to learn about their disease reporting system. One of my favorite experiences was the time I spent with ASASTRAN. I was able to help them harvest one of their traditional medicines used for headaches.

During the field experience I had the opportunity to go into the communities and learn about the different health projects the Ministry of Health, the Peace Corps, and

various independent public health professionals were working on. Some of these projects include educational training courses for community members, the use and implementation of latrines, and a systems approach to reducing parasite infections.

The project I spent most of my time working on was a community training course. The main focus of the training course was to teach community members how to use a microscope that was donated to the community.

The course also included lessons on parasite lifecycles and diagnosis, prevention, and surveillance. One of the key components in designing this training course was to make it sustainable with limited resources. A few concepts that got implemented in the training course included: using matchsticks instead of applicator sticks, finding the appropriate ratio for saline solution using a standard plastic soda bottle and the cap, and using a grain of rice in boiling water to determine when slides have been sterilized. I also designed a teaching tool made of felt to demonstrate the parasite lifecycles and to teach different ways to break the chain of transmission.

For this type of community based field experience I would recommend courses that are hands-on such as Global Health Applications in the Field. I felt well prepared with a concentration in the Global Communicable Disease and for this particular field site, Parasitology was especially useful.

Before deciding to embark on an international journey, you should know it is important to have developed problem solving and functional skills such as flexibility, adaptability, and creativity. Getting things accomplished is difficult with limited resources and you may have to re-learn many things. Events you spend time planning for may fall through at the last minute and you have to figure out a new way to achieve your goal, oftentimes under time and money constraints. No matter what type of situation you may encounter during an international field experience, it is always an adventure worth the waging.



Amanda Eiden

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)

>>Global Scene

Panama International Field Experience

by Amanda Eiden, Global Communicable Disease Student

I completed my international field experience in San Felix, Panama. San Felix serves as a city center for many of the health services provided for the Ngöbe-Buglé indigenous populations. There is a hospital with a laboratory for medical services, ASASTRAN (an organization founded by the Ngöbe's for traditional medicine), and the Ministry of Health. The Ministry of Health has services similar to the Department of Health in the United States such as, Epidemiology, Nutrition, and Environmental Health. During my field experience I was able to get exposure to all of these agencies. I was able to spend time in the hospital laboratory becoming familiar with parasite and tuberculosis diagnosis. The Ministry of Health allowed me to spend time with their epidemiology



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>>Alumni News

Update from Dr Umashankar. S

The following post is from a 2006 graduate of a program the College had in conjunction with the International Institute of Information Technology in Pune, India. Indian students earned an MPH degree with a concentration in Health Informatics. The following is an example of the successful careers graduates of this program have achieved.

Hi Barbara,

How are you? It's been a long time since I've emailed you. I receive the newsletter from USF Alumni Association and in this way I'm connected with USF. Here in India I am doing well working in a Hospital as Senior Manager and Heading the Department of Public Health and Health Informatics, with the additional charge of Director of International Programmes. As part of International Programmes we receive students from other countries like USA, UK, Israel, Paris. These students come as volunteers or for their research studies or for field experience. Early this year, 26 public health and medical students from University of Iowa came to our hospital for their field visit for 3 weeks. They work in the hospital and outreach programmes and also we arrange for them to work with other hospitals and Not for Profit organizations working in public health. This is a regular activity going on here. Next week a student is coming for her research. I was thinking that students from my university of USF could also benefit. I would like to inform you that we can make similar arrangements for USF students also. Kindly let me know how we can proceed further. Very shortly I am planning for my PhD too. Convey my regards to Dr. Debaldo and other faculty members.

Thanks

Regards.

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Important Dates

Thursday, June 11, 2009 - 12:00 - 1:00 pm, COPH 2004 - ETA Workshop - "Digital Photography", RSVP by June 10th to 974-6666 or email: eta@health.usf.edu.

Monday, June 15, 2009 - 12:00 pm, COPH 1023-A - Dean's Lecture Series - Dr. David Redden, Assistant Professor Department of Biostatistics School of Public Health University of Alabama at Birmingham - "Will the Largest Confounder Please Stand Up"

Summer 2009 Field Experience Departmental Debriefings:

Wednesday, July 8, 2009 - 10:00 am, COPH 1122, Global Health Dept.

Thursday, July 9, 2009 - 10:00 am, LRC 108, Community & Family Health

Thursday, July 9, 2009 - 1:00 pm, COPH 2143, Health Policy & Management

Friday, July 10, 2009 - 10:00 am, COPH 1108, Environmental and Occupational Health

TBA, Epidemiology & Biostatistics

Fall 2009 Field Experience Orientation:

Wednesday, August 19, 2009, COPH 2004

9:30 am Domestic

11:00 am International