



Date: 3/16/2009



## &gt;&gt;TAKE NOTE



National Public Health Week is approaching! Here is a preview of some of the exciting events; please feel free to contact Ellen Kent, MPH for additional information. A detailed flyer of events at COPH can be found at [http://publichealth.usfhealthalumni.net/resource/resmgr/nphw\\_2009\\_final.pdf](http://publichealth.usfhealthalumni.net/resource/resmgr/nphw_2009_final.pdf).

Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> - *Public Health Teach-in*. The theme for this year's [National Public Health Week](#) is 'Building the Foundation for a Healthy America', so what a better way to accomplish this goal than by introducing our youth to public health? COPH Students and alumni can sign up with Ellen Kent, [ekent@health.usf.edu](mailto:ekent@health.usf.edu).

Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 11 am - 2 pm - *COPH Wellness Day* • COPH Auditorium A and Chiles Center Courtyard. For more information, contact: Christina Bernadotte, [cbernado@health.usf.edu](mailto:cbernado@health.usf.edu).

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 9 am - 10 am. *Healthy Floridian Months Hikes* at the Hillsborough River State Park.

Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 11 am - 1 pm • *COPH Student Research & Practice Poster Competition* • COPH Lobby. For additional details and to submit an abstract, COPH graduate students can contact Ellen Kent, [ekent@health.usf.edu](mailto:ekent@health.usf.edu).

Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 10:30 am - 2 pm. *Student Health Services Health Fair*. Visit the information and activity stations that will be led by COPH Students and COPH Office of Academic Affairs and other health education exhibits at the USF Student Services (SVC) Breezeway.

Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 3 - 5 pm. *COPH Awards Ceremony and Reception* - COPH auditorium and atrium.

Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
11am - 6 pm. *Blood Drive* • COPH Main Entrance  
5:30 - 7pm. *The annual USF Health Service Corps Hope Lodge Picnic* for cancer patients and their families at the American Cancer Society Benjamin Mendick Hope Lodge.

Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
10 am - 12 noon. *Career Panel Discussion* with public health leaders in research and practice with an emphasis on careers and opportunities within the federal government followed by the *Dean's Lecture Series* from 12 -1 pm, featuring Dr. Bernard Nahlen.  
1:30 pm - 3 pm. *Information Session and Laboratory Tours* • COPH Room 2004  
Friday 6 pm through Saturday morning. *Relay for Life* • USF Soccer Field  
COPH students, as well as alumni faculty and staff, are welcome to join or donate to our [USF Health Service Corps](#) team.

Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 11am - 2pm • The *COPH Family Picnic* at USF Riverfront Park is back! COPH students, staff & faculty and alumni and their families are invited to participate in a family wellness day and healthy picnic at USF's Riverfront Park.

Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. [World Health Day](#) at the COPH Throughout the day, visit the exhibits in the lobby to learn more about the [Masters International Peace Corps Program](#) and the International Health Service Corps (IHSC) and the monthly meeting of the Infectious Disease Association will be dedicated to a movie and discussion with a COPH faculty expert in world health issues.

## &gt;&gt;Faculty

Dr. Russell Kirby to present at Conference  
Drs. Russ Kirby and Kay Perrin collaborated on a research project which is being presenting this week in Orlando, FL. Dr. Kirby will be presenting in Dr. Perrin's absence. Perrin, K.M. & Kirby, R.S. (March 15-18, 2009). Identified Gaps in the Literature: The Association between the Hyperhomocysteinemia (MTHFR) and Anencephaly. First World Conference on Spina Bifida Research and Care. Spina Bifida Association, Orlando, FL.

Dr. Chu-Hsiang (Daisy) Chang and Colleagues Published Article  
Dr. Chu-Hsiang (Daisy) and colleagues published an article exploring the effects of procedural justice and perceived organizational politics on employee morale and performance. Rosen, C. C., Chang, C.-H., Johnson, R. E., & Levy, P. E. (2009). Perceptions of the organizational context and psychological contract breach: Assessing competing perspectives. *Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes*, 108, 202-217.

## Outstanding Poster Presentation:

Dr. Hamisu Salihu and colleagues have won the "outstanding poster presentation award" at the American College of Preventive Medicine Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, California 11-14 February, 2009. The poster is titled: Aliyu M, Alio A, Wilson R, [Salihu H](#). Maternal obesity and disparity in neonatal mortality, Missouri 1978-1997.

Dr. Aparna Tatavarthy and Colleagues Publish Article  
Aparna Tatavarthy, Kealy Peak, William Veguilla, Teresa Cutting, Valerie J. Harwood, Jill Roberts, Philip Amuso, Jacqueline Cattani, and Andrew Cannons: An Accelerated Method for Isolation of *Salmonella enterica* Serotype Typhimurium from Artificially Contaminated Foods, Using a Short Preenrichment, Immunomagnetic Separation, and Xylose-Lysine-Desoxycholate Agar (6IX Method). *Journal of Food Protection*, Vol. 72, No. 3, 2009, Pages 583-590.

## &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 March 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!

NEW! A Call for Student Research and Practice Posters at the College of Public Health during National Public Health Week (NPHW) 2009! Please contact Ellen Kent at [ekent@health.usf.edu](mailto:ekent@health.usf.edu) for more information on submitting your posters for COPH Research Day as well as the Delta Omega poster competition.



## &gt;&gt;Students continued...

## Key points:

- \* All CPH graduate students who submit an abstract to Ellen Kent, MPH, by 3/16/09 will be able to have their poster displayed on a CPH bulletin board during NPHW, and thereafter.
- \* Posters will be reviewed by an interdisciplinary CPH judging committee on Monday, March 30th at 11 am.
- \* The students who prepare the top five "winning" posters will each receive \$50 and receive special recognition during the NPHW awards ceremony. In addition, their posters will be submitted by the CPH to the annual student poster competition of the national Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health.
- \* To enter, students can send Ms. Kent an email containing the following information: Name; CPH Department; Title of Poster Presentation; and abstract, by the end of the day on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.

## 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/ahec/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](mailto:ekent@health.usf.edu) or 974-6622 or stop by room 2150H at anytime! The upcoming NPHW service events that students are encouraged to participate in include:

*Wednesday March 25th & Thursday, March 26th. Public Health Teach-in!*

The theme for this year's National Public Health Week is 'Building the Foundation for a Healthy America', so what a better way to accomplish this goal than by introducing our youth to public health? CPH Students and alumni can sign up to teach at a local middle or high school by contacting Ellen Kent, [ekent@health.usf.edu](mailto:ekent@health.usf.edu).

*Thursday, April 2nd - 5:30-7:00 pm. Hope Lodge Picnic.* Come join us at our annual spring cookout /picnic for Hope Lodge residents who are being treated for cancer at Moffitt and other area hospitals. The Co-sponsored by USF Health Service Corps, Interdisciplinary Oncology Interest Group (IOIG) and Public Health Student Association (PHSA). If you wish to assist with the cookout or to bring desserts, please contact Tabitha Cooney, community service chair for IOIG, at [tcooney@health.usf.edu](mailto:tcooney@health.usf.edu) and if you wish to sign up to come and mingle with the Hope Lodge residents, please contact Annie Demuth, community service chair for PHSA, at [ademuth@health.usf.edu](mailto:ademuth@health.usf.edu).

*Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 6 pm through Saturday morning. Relay for Life* at USF Soccer Field. CPH students are welcome to join or donate to our [USF Health Service Corps](#) team (public health, medical and physical therapy students)!

## Cara de la Cruz Awarded Student Scholarship

Cara de la Cruz, doctoral student in Community and Family Health, has been awarded a prestigious student scholarship to attend the International Students Meeting on Public Health (ISMOPH) 2009 in Istanbul, Turkey in April. These scholarships were provided to only 100 students throughout the world. Her scholarship provides support for her to both attend the International students meeting and also to attend the 12th World Congress on Public Health following the International Students Meeting. The scholarship was awarded not only for area of focus and scholarship but also "because of Cara's high level of motivation and experience in Public Health". The Selection Committee evaluated the application documents through a grading scale whose components were educational background, level of English, scientific and organizational experiences and motivational status. Congratulations, Cara!

## &gt;&gt;Global Scene

## STONE CRUSHING STORY.....

In early March, Dr. Norbert Wagner received a contract to create a "Safety Manual for the Stone Crushing Industry" for the International Development Research Agency (IDRC), Canada ([www.idrc.ca](http://www.idrc.ca)) for more than \$25,500 CAD. The manual aims specifically to improve the working conditions in stone crushing operations in developing and low-resource countries.



An estimated 3 million people, often women, are working in stone crushing in Asia alone, and often under horrible working conditions. Diseases such as noise-induced hearing loss, musculoskeletal diseases, dust-related lung diseases like silicosis, prevail in addition to the high number of injuries and accidents.

The manual will be produced using the results of a 2 1/2 year development project at stone crushing sites in Northern India, in which Dr. Wagner was involved over the last several years. This project developed practical solutions for workplace safety and livelihood options in villages surrounding stone crushing industries. It was funded by IDRC and the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

The manual will include checklists and score cards for safety & health performance measurements at stone crushing sites. The long term goal is to stimulate discussions for use of the safety performance scores in tender processes for contracts, similar to the inclusion of environmental protection performance scores used by the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank in their tender processes. The manual is expected to be released in May 2009. Laura Farina, a NIOSH Industrial Hygiene trainee, is assisting Dr. Wagner with the publication. [Pictured: Women working in a stone crushing site in Madhya Pradesh, India]

## Important Dates

Saturday, March 21, 2009 - Last Day to Withdraw from a Course and receive a grade of "W" - No Refund and No Academic Penalty  
Classes are dropped in OASIS

Friday, March 27, 2009 - CPH Comprehensive Exam - Core Exam: 9:00 - 12:00 CPH Room 2016, 2018 and 2022;  
Concentration Exam: 1:00 - 4:00 EOH Conference Room 1108

Friday, April 3, 2009 - CPH 1023A - Dean's Lecture - "Global Malaria Eradication: Calibrating Aspirations, Technology and Commitment", Presented by Dr. Bernard Nahlen, Deputy Coordinator, President's Malaria Initiative

Thursday, April 16, 2009 - 10:00 am, CPH 11008 - EOH Spring 2009 Domestic Field Experience Debriefing

Friday, April 17, 2009 - 2:00 pm, CPH 1122 - GH Spring 2009 Domestic Field Experience Debriefing

Tuesday, April 21, 2009 - 10:30 am, LRC 108 - CFH Spring Domestic Field Experience

Friday, April 24, 2009 - 11:00 am, CPH 2143 - HPM Spring 2009 Domestic Field Experience Debriefing

Friday, April 24, 2009 - 11:30 am, CPH 2016/2018 - EPI/BIO Spring 2009 Domestic Field Experience Debriefing

Friday, April 24, 2009 at 10:00 pm, Room 2018, Spring 2009 International Field Experience Debriefing