



>>TAKE NOTE

A Passion for Giving

The annual USF College of Public Health Faculty and Staff Charitable Campaign provides each of us with a very important opportunity to directly and personally support our passions at USF. Your participation in the campaign sends a strong message to other potential donors that the College of Public Health faculty and staff believe in our mission of outstanding student scholarship, discovery and community engagement.

We know and appreciate how much you contribute every day to the College of Public Health by giving of your energy, creativity and talent. Today we ask you, in honor of the College's 25th Anniversary, to participate in this year's campaign by giving directly to the College fund of your choice. Your participation, not the dollar amount, is the main campaign objective.

Paula Knaus, who is this year's College campaign coordinator and the Dean will be visiting individual faculty and staff to encourage full participation in the campaign. If you prefer, you can visit www.usf.edu/fsc to make your donation today, or you may contact Paula Knaus, 974, 4064 (pknaus@health.usf.edu) or Mike Masem at USF Health Development 974-9516 or mmasem@health.usf.edu. Payroll deduction options are available.

And thank you for making your gift through the Faculty and Staff Campaign!

- Donna J. Petersen, MHS, ScD

College of Public Health Staff Participate in 5K Gasparilla Distance Classic
Several College of Public Health staff participated in the Gasparilla Distance Classic on Saturday, February 28th. The staff members participated in this event to encourage a healthy lifestyle and to promote healthy habits.



Participants included: Bob and Laura Zota, Nancy Beasley, Ann Marie Little, Sandy Wirth, Marilyn Batchellor, Kay Method (Marilyn's sister), Wendy Morales and Peggy Smith.

>>Faculty

Dr. Hamisu Saliyu and Colleagues Publish Article
Aliyu MH, Wilson RE, Zoorob R, Brown K, Alio AP, Saliyu HM. Prenatal alcohol consumption and fetal growth restriction: Potentiation effect by concomitant smoking. *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* 2009;11:36-43.

Dr. Michael Reid Presents at Polk County Health Department Meeting
Dr. Michael Reid, Director of the Florida Center for Public Health Preparedness and member of the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, made a presentation to the Leadership Council of the Polk County Health Department on February 19 in Winter Haven, Florida. The title of his talk was "The Academic Health Department and National Accreditation."

>>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 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
Key points:

- * All COPH graduate students who submit an abstract to Ellen Kent, MPH, by 3/16/09 will be able to have their poster displayed on a COPH bulletin board during NPHW, and thereafter.
- * Posters will be reviewed by an interdisciplinary COPH 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 COPH to the annual student poster competition of the national Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health.
- * To enter, students can contact Ms. Ellen Kent at ekent@health.usf.edu for an entry form or simply send Ms. Kent an email containing the following information: Name; COPH Department; Title of Poster Presentation; and abstract

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/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!

Upcoming service events

Friday March 6th , 6-7 pm. Party at Shriners - Clown Theme! Co-sponsored by USF Health Service Corps and Global Health Student Association. Please sign up with Ana Amaya at aamayaam@health.usf.edu .

Saturday, March 7th. 11 am - 3 PM USF Health Children's Festival. First aid and Safety Station Sponsored by USF Health Service Corps. Here is a wonderful opportunity for USF health students to work together in fun hands on activities to teach children about first aid and injury prevention! Please sign up with Ellen Kent at ekent@health.usf.edu or Sami Spedoske at sspedosk@health.usf.edu



>>Global Scene

Dr. Stuart Brooks Invited to Thailand

Dr. Stuart Brooks was invited by the Thailand Thoracic Society to be the visiting lecturer for their 11th Annual Meeting held at Tide Resort and supported by a grant from Boehringer-Ingelheim Pharmaceutical Company on February 5-7, 2009. Dr. Brooks presented four lectures that included a discussion on smoking cessation and air pollution.



Physicians and Staff Preparing for Dr. Brooks' visit



Dr. Brooks being greeted by the the President of the Thailand Thoracic Society, Dr. Arth Nana

As part of the meeting closing, to his surprise, Dr. Brooks and other physicians were asked to sing. Dr. Brooks sang "Love Me Tender" via Karaoke.



>>Center News

The Florida Center for Public Health Preparedness (FCPHP) delivered 5 Disaster Behavioral Health training programs throughout the state of Florida during the month of February.

On February 4-5, 2009, Nadine Mescia, Associate FCPHP Center Director, delivered the Disaster Behavioral Health First Aid Specialist Training with Special Populations (BFASTplusSN) and Disaster Behavioral Health First Aid Specialist Training for Responders (RFAST) in Fort Myers, FL. On February 18, 2009, Ms. Mescia presented the Disaster Behavioral Health First Aid Specialist Training with Children (CFAST) in Stuart, FL. On February 19, 2009, Ms. Mescia delivered the Disaster Behavioral Health First Aid Specialist Training with Special Populations (BFASTplusSN) and the Disaster Behavioral Health First Aid Specialist Training for Responders (RFAST) in Plantation, FL.

Program participants for these 5 training programs came from Broward, Charlotte, Hendry/Glades, Lee, and Miami-Dade Health Departments. Participants were also from the Department of Homeland Security, Florida DMAT, Children's Medical Services, Memorial Cancer Institute, Hollywood Artificial Kidney Center, and Publix. Volunteers from the Medical Reserve Corps and Red Cross participated in these programs, as well as individuals from Bonita Springs Fire-Rescue, University of Puerto Rico, Florida Gulf Coast University, DCF/Substance Abuse & Mental Health, North Beach Dialysis Center, and A.G. Holley State Hospital.

A total of 25 programs are scheduled for delivery during March-April 2009. Visit FCPHP's March-April 2009 training calendar at http://www.fcphp.usf.edu/courses_calendar.htm. For information about FCPHP programs, see: www.fcphp.usf.edu.

>>Administration

Communication to PERT Certifiers for *FALL 2008 (08/07/08 - 12/19/08)* - Certification Deadline is Friday, March 13, 2009

The *FALL 2008 PERT* effort reports are currently under review and will be released as soon as they have been verified by Research Administration and Compliance. At this time you will need to make sure that you can access GEMS - Self Service without any problems. The instructions for accessing GEMS - Self Service is noted below:

Access to PERT reports

You may access the PERT system and your effort report via:

Through GEMS/GEMS Self Service:

<https://gems.fastmail.usf.edu/psp/gemsp/psp?cmd=login>.

You will need your userid (**11 digit emplid**) and password. If you don't remember your ID and password, or if your password has expired, you can get the information by contacting the IT helpdesk <<http://itsupportservices.custhelp.com>> or send request to helpdesk@admin.usf.edu

<<mailto:helpdesk@admin.usf.edu>> or by contacting Betty Persky.

Please remember it could take up to 24 hours to have your password reset and obtain access to your PERT report. If you are having problems accessing GEMS, please contact Betty Persky at 974-4609.

Thank you for all of your assistance on this very important compliance request.

Important Dates

Wednesday, March 4, 2009 - 12:30-1:30 pm, CPH 1108 - NORA Symposium - Static Back Endurance and the Risk of Low-Back Pain - Melville Bradley

Thursday, March 12, 2009 - 12:00 pm - CPH 1023-C Dean's Lecture Series - "Pandemic Influenza: Public Health's Waterloo" - Dr. Michael Osterholm, Director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy (CIDRAP), Director of the NIH-supported Center of Excellence for Influenza Research and Surveillance within CIDRAP, a professor in the Division of Environmental Health Sciences, School of Public Health, and an adjunct professor in the Medical School, University of Minnesota.

March 12-13, 2009 - "The 2nd Annual National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health Education & Research Centers Regional Seminar and Research to Practice (r2p) Symposium will be held in Pensacola Beach, FL. For more information contact: Hana Osman 974-0989 or by e-mail: hosman@health.usf.edu.

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

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

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

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