



Date: 3/30/2009



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National Public Health Week at COPH!
The College of Public Health kicked off their National Public Health Week on Friday, March 27th with a Wellness Day lecture by Dr. Steven Masley, a walk lead by Miss America 1999, Ms. Nicole Johnson and Dr. Donna Petersen, and Health Fair in the Chiles Center courtyard. Below are a few photos of the Friday happenings!



Dr. Steve Masley's lecture



D. Kerr, Nicole Johnson and Dean Petersen



Health Fair Info Table



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Here are the events that are taking place this week. 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

Monday, March 30th, 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.

Tuesday, March 31st, 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 1st, 3 - 6 pm. *COPH Awards Ceremony and Reception* - COPH auditorium and atrium.

Thursday, April 2nd

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 3rd

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 4th, 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.

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Tuesday, April 7th. *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.

USF - International Week 2009

March 30, 2009 - April 4, 2009

International Week is a culmination of events across campus that brings global education and awareness to USF. Join International Affairs for a week of activities and speakers as they celebrate international and multicultural diversity at USF. Please visit the International Affairs website (<http://global.usf.edu/>) for more information.

>>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/fundingopp.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

<http://health.usf.edu/publichealth/officeresearch/sharp.html>

applications for March is Monday April 6th, 2009. We advise each student to submit their SHARP applications *at least* one month prior to the conference during which they will be presenting their research, to ensure that there is sufficient time for (a) the application to be reviewed and (b) for the student to work with their departmental administrator to ensure that their travel (TAR) form can be entered into the university system. 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/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! The upcoming NPHW service events that students are encouraged to participate in, include:

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 event is 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 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.



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



Mike Klingshirn and Christen Mayer gave an excellent presentation about careers in public health and the recent GHSA trip to the Dominican Republic, during the mini public health teach in local public schools on Wednesday and Thursday, March 25-26

Gabriell Anic and Jean Paul Tanner Present Poster

Gabriella Anic, MPH, and Jean Paul Tanner, MPH, doctoral students in Epidemiology, collaborated on a poster presented at a national conference this month (with Dr. Beth Pathak):

Anic GM, Pathak EB, Tanner JP, Casper ML, Branch LG. Transportation to the Hospital Prior to Heart Disease Death Among Nursing Home Residents: The Role of Individual Demographic and Nursing Home Characteristics. AHA Council on Epidemiology and Prevention Annual Meeting, Palm Harbor FL, March 2009.

College of Public Health Students Receive Scholarships

Cenia Tamo Meza and Darcy Webber received scholarships for the Spring semester from the USF Library Scholarship Fund on March 4, 2009. Darcy received the Tampa Graduate Scholarship for \$1000, and Cenia received the [Samuel Y. Fustukjian Memorial Scholarship](#) for \$1000. Congratulations Cenia and Darcy!



Cenia Tamo Meza



Darcy Webber

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>>Faculty

Update on Dr. Hamisu Salihu

Dr. Hamisu Salihu has just been promoted to the rank of Full Professor. Congratulations Dr. Salihu!

Dr Foday M Jaward and colleagues have published an article in Marine Pollution Bulletin

Gevao B, Jaward F M, Uddin S and Al-Ghadban A N (2009) Occurrence and concentrations of polychlorinated dibenzo-*p*-dioxins (PCDDs) and polychlorinated dibenzofurans (PCDFs) in coastal marine sediments in Kuwait *Marine Pollution Bulletin* 58, 452-455.

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Dr. Dawood Sultan Publishes Paper

Dr. Dawood H. Sultan published a paper exploring the effects of landmine deployment on the demography, public health and economy of a remote area of Sudan. Sultan, Dawood H. "Landmines and Recovery in Sudan's Nuba Mountains". *Africa Today*, Spring 2009, Vol. 55, No. 3, Pages 44-61. Posted Online March 17, 2009.

Dr. Dawood Sultan Accepted in Peercorps

In January 2009, Dr. Sultan was accepted into the Volunteer Staff of Peercorps. Peercorps is non-profit, non-politically aligned, non-governmental organisation registered in the United Republic of Tanzania under the Trustees Incorporation Ordinance, Cap 375 of the laws of Tanzania. The Volunteer Staff is made up of physicians, academics, public health scientists, technicians, community activists and public policy advocates from a number of countries. Peercorps advocates for favourable policies and programs for youth, women and children; especially those in underserved areas. Its activities target HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis, reproductive and child health, and substance abuse. The organization also facilitates and supports projects that improve the well-being of people in the developing world, provide care and support for people living with HIV/AIDS and develop programs that focus on youth with special needs, orphans, sex workers, and refugees. Website: <http://www.peercorptrust.org/>.

Dr. Beth Pathak and Colleague Complete Study and Publish Paper
Dr. Beth Pathak, Associate Professor of Epidemiology, and Dr. Michael Sloan, Professor of Neurology and Chief of Stroke Services at Tampa General Hospital, have completed a study of racial/ethnic disparities in stroke hospitalizations among young adults. The findings were presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Heart Association Council on Epidemiology and Prevention this month, and also published:

Pathak EB, Sloan MA. Recent racial/ethnic disparities in stroke hospitalizations and outcomes among young adults in Florida, 2001-2006. *Neuroepidemiology* 2009;32:302-311. DOI:10.1159/000208795.

Dr. Julie Baldwin and Colleagues Publish Paper

Julie A. Baldwin, PhD, Jeannette L. Johnson, PhD, and Christine C. Benally, BA: Building Partnerships Between Indigenous Communities and Universities: Lessons Learned in HIV/AIDS and Substance Abuse Prevention Research. *American Journal of Public Health*, Supplement 1, 2009, Vol 99, No. S1.

Dr. Carol Bryant to Receive Award

Dr. Carol Bryant will be receiving the R. Tait McKenzie Memorial Award for her research expertise in physical activity. She will be receiving this award next Tuesday at the AAHFERD (American Alliance for Health, Physical Activity, Recreation and Dance) Research Consortium Conference in downtown Tampa. In addition, she has been selected to provide the distinguished lecture for the opening of the conference. This is quite an honor and we are so very proud to have her as faculty! See this link for additional information: http://www.aahferd.org/research/template.cfm?template=08_submissions.html.



>>Alumni News

Michelle Nash Presents Poster

Michelle Nash, MPH, alumna of the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, presented a poster at a national conference this month (with Dr. Beth Pathak): Nash MC, Pathak EB, Strom JA. Gender and Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Prevalence of Infectious Complications Among Acute Myocardial Infarction Patients in Florida. AHA Council on Epidemiology and Prevention Annual Meeting, Palm Harbor FL, March 2009.

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>>Global Scene

KUDOS for Dr. Bernard...



Dr. Thomas Bernard was invited to join the Editorial Advisory Board for the journal *Industrial Health* published in Japan as an English language journal with world-wide circulation. *Industrial Health* was first published in 1963 and was the only English-language journal of occupational health in Japan until recently. The journal has made significant contributions to the advancement of occupational health in Japan as well as in Asia and developing countries. In addition, *Industrial Health* is now collecting papers from the US and EU countries. As of

January 2009, the journal was officially distributed to a total of 1065 institutions and universities in both developed and developing countries. *Industrial Health* is indexed by Index Medicus (MEDLINE), Chemical Abstract (CA SEARCH), Biological Abstract (BIOSIS PREVIEWS), ISI's SCISEARCH, among many other databases. Congratulations, Dr. Bernard!



Important Dates

Tuesday, March 31, 2009 - 4:30 pm - CPH 1002. Air Force Public Health Officer Information Session. Recruiters will visit the CPH to present on career options in administration, biomedical sciences, medicine and nursing. To learn more about health profession opportunities in the Air Force, visit <http://www.airforce.com/opportunities/healthcare/careers/>. CPH alumni Heidi Hernandez (GH) and Mike Scannon (EPB) were recently accepted into the program. You could be next! RSVP your attendance to npreston@health.usf.edu.

Friday, April 3, 2009 - 12:00-1:00 pm - 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 am, Room 2018, Spring 2009 International Field Experience Debriefing