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>>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 or Peggy Smith for additional information. The formal flyer will be coming out this week, stay tuned for additional details!

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? COPH Students and alumni can sign up with Ellen Kent, ekent@health.usf.edu.

Friday, March 27th, 11 am - 2 pm - *COPH Wellness Day* • COPH Auditorium A and Chiles Center Courtyard. For more information, contact: Christina Bernadotte, cbernado@health.usf.edu.

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

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 - 5 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.

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 .

>>Faculty

Dr. Carla VandeWeerd and Colleagues Publish Article
Dr. Carla VandeWeerd and Colleagues published an article examining theoretical basis for neglect in older adults: Paveza, G., VandeWeerd, C. & Laumann, E. (2009). Elder Neglect: A discussion of a Social Typology. [Journal of the American Geriatrics Society](#), 56, S271-S278.

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Dr. Hamisu Salihu and Colleagues Publish Article
Belogolovkin V, Alio AP, Mbah AK, Clayton HB, Wathington D, Salihu HM. [Patterns and success of fetal programming among women with low and extremely low pre-pregnancy BMI](#). Arch Gynecol Obstet. 2009 Feb 14. PMID: 19219446 [PubMed - as supplied by publisher]

Dr. Wayne Westhoff Presents at School Health Advisory Committee Meeting
Dr. Wayne Westhoff presented "Vecinos Unidos por la Salud" on March 5th to the Hillsborough County School Health Services: School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC). "Neighbors United for Health," the English translation, is a health education model that Dr. Westhoff developed to address health disparities among Hispanic/Latinos. The primary goal of the model is to bring chronic disease prevention information into the Spanish speaking neighborhoods of Tampa, Plant City, Brandon, Temple Terrace and Riverview. The success of the model is founded on "Comunidades de Base," a faith-based program originally developed in Latin America to bring small groups of neighbors together. The disseminating of health education to small groups of families within a neighborhood has been widely accepted by the participants, the group leaders and the promotoras trained by Drs. Westhoff and Corvin. The presentation to the SHAC members offered ideas to the School Health Services on how the schools can bring students and families together within neighborhoods to talk about common health issues.

>>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!

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/hscevents.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!

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 for more information on submitting your posters for COPH Research Day as well as the Delta Omega poster competition

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Update on Bambi Arnold

Last November Bambi Arnold (EPI) became the second USF COPH student selected to serve as an ORISE Fellow in the CDC's [Office on Smoking and Health](#) (OSH). Her placement is with the evaluation team and she began her rotation in January. Just this week we learned that her rotation has been extended through August 31. Congratulations, Bambi! You are representing us well!

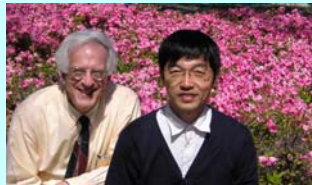
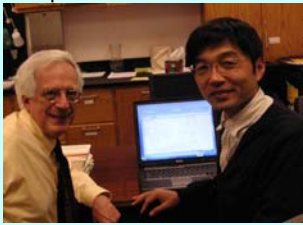
>>Global Scene

EAST MEETS WEST....

Satoru Ueno from the Japan National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health visited Thomas Bernard, Professor in the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health for two weeks. The visit is the latest collaboration that started about two years ago and builds on a trip to Tokyo that Dr. Bernard made in September. Dr. Ueno's expertise is the thermal characteristics of clothing, which compliments Dr. Bernard's interests in heat stress evaluation and heat strain. The two worked diligently over the past two weeks to improve the ISO biophysical model of heat stress and strain, especially as it accounts for the effects of clothing. In general, the old model did not fully account for the clothing-related loss of evaporative cooling that is the primary route of heat loss; and thus underestimated the degree of heat stress exposure.

In discussions with Skai Schwartz of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Candi Ashley of the College of Education and Ron Long, a PhD student in EOH, an approach to validating the models with data collected on a NIOSH R01 grant was mapped out. The preliminary results from that effort point out the improvement in the ability of the model to safely limit heat stress exposures.

Drs. Ueno and Bernard have prepared drafts for two papers and also plan to present the results at the International Conference on Environmental Ergonomics in August. They did, however, take a moment to smell the flowers.



>>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/gemspro/?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](mailto:itsupportservices.custhelp.com)> or send request to helpdesk@admin.usf.edu <<mailto:helpdesk@admin.usf.edu>> or by contacting Betty Persky.

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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.

COPH Office of Research Welcomes New Staff Member

The College of Public Health welcomes Nancy Nisbett, MS, as Assistant Director for Research Administration. Nancy received her M.S. degree in health promotion sciences from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and a baccalaureate degree in management from the University of Texas at Austin. She brings several years of experience in sponsor research and sponsored projects administration, serving most recently as the Director of the Office of Sponsored Research at William Marsh Rice University in Houston. She was also the director of the campus pre-award offices at the University of California-Riverside and the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. She held other pre-award management positions at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and Iowa State University. Nancy is joining her husband Ran Nisbett, who is a faculty member in the Department of Global Health.

Important Dates

Wednesday, March 11, 2009 - 4:00-5:15 pm - COPH 1023C - ERIC Seminar - "Trinitrotoluene air concentrations, hemoglobin change, and anemia cases in respirator protected munitions workers", Presented by Dr Melville Bradley, *Occupational Medicine Resident, Department of Environmental & Occupational Health, University of South Florida College of Public Health*

Thursday, March 12, 2009 - 12:00 pm - COPH 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, 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, COPH 11008 - EOH Spring 2009 Domestic Field Experience Debriefing

Friday, April 17, 2009 - 2:00 pm, COPH 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, COPH 2143 - HPM Spring 2009 Domestic Field Experience Debriefing

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

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