



>>TAKE NOTE

Thelma Kamman Receives Quiet Quality Award

On Monday May 4th, Thelma Kamman received the Quiet Quality Award from the USF Staff Senate. The Quiet Quality Awards were implemented in the fall of 1996 by the STAFF Senate with strong support from USF administration in a collaborative effort to increase employee recognition. The Awards Committee evaluates nominees based on the conscientiousness, professionalism, work performance, responsibilities, and their willingness to work as part of a team.

Thelma, a Fiscal & Business Assistant in the Dean's Office, was nominated by her supervisor, Faye Maciaszek, for this award. She is an incredibly valuable member of our College team, and we couldn't be more proud of her for receiving this award. Congratulations Thelma!

Notes from the Department of Global Health

The Department of Global Health continues to expand its international educational and research efforts. Dr. John Adams with the Global Health Infectious Disease Research (GHIDR) program is the conference organizer for "Vivax Malaria III: 2009 and Beyond." This conference will be held May 24-28, 2009 at the Gamboa Rainforest Resort in Panama. Over 165 participants are expected for this Gates Foundation supported conference.

In July 2008, the University of South Florida, the COPH Department of Global Health, and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) entered into a MOU to offer the course "Health in the Americas." This course is modeled after the bi-annual publication by PAHO. There were over 30 students scheduled to participate in this course to be held at the USF campus. Scheduled to take place May 11-29, 2009, PAHO decided to reschedule this course due to its deployment and reallocation of resources due to the H1N1 virus. The Department of Global Health is working with PAHO to reschedule this important course.

COPH Participates in Miles for Moffitt

Special thanks to the COPH and USF Health faculty staff students and alumni who participated in the Miles for Moffitt (MFM) runs/walks this year and to the students and staff who volunteered in the MFM Health Expo, that was jointly sponsored by USF College of Public Health & Moffitt Cancer Center.

Pictured below are Christina Bernadotte explaining the benefits of the USF Wellness Virgin Health Miles program to a runner, and students Anne Hathaway, Adam Rafi and Josh Larson explaining simple food safety tips as well as steps for preventing the flu. In addition, Michelle Hodge, MPH, Academic Affairs, staffed the COPH and USF Health exhibit tables and Ellen Kent, MPH, assisted in coordinating the Health Expo.



>>Faculty

Natalie Preston-Washington Appears in the Tampa Tribune

Natalie D. Preston-Washington's recent blog on [organ donation](#) appeared in the Sunday, May 3 issue of *The Tampa Tribune*. She is a former community columnist for the paper and contributes to their community blog, [Thinking Out Loud](#).

Dr. Michael Reid Participates in Conference

Dr. Michael Reid, Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, participated in the 15th Annual Conference of the National Public Health Leadership Development Network in St. Louis, Missouri, April 22-23. Dr. Reid is co-director of the Public Health Leadership Institute of Florida (founded in 1994). At the conference, Dr. Reid, along with two other former presidents of the Network, was chosen to be the founding members of the Network's Balderson Leadership Council.

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Faculty in Epi/Biostat and the Office of ETA Present Poster at Meeting

The Dept. of Epidemiology and Biostatistics and the Office of Educational Technology and Assessment highlighted the role of web based education at the College of Public Health at the 12th Congress of Public Health held in Istanbul Turkey last week. The need for epidemiology training for public health professionals world-wide and the availability of high quality internationally based online training programs to supplement in country resources generated a great deal of



interest. The poster entitled "The Global Classroom: A Case Study in Offering Epidemiology Courses Online" by Aurora Sanchez-Anguiano, Heather G. Stockwell, Samantha Lopez and Sandhya Srinivasan was presented in the session "Reforming Public Health Education".

This theme and the important role of programs

such as those at the College were further highlighted in a session moderated by Dr. Stockwell on high performing Schools of Public Health.

The group would like to thank Mike Cooper in the ETA office for designing the poster for the session.

COPH Faculty Have Article Published

Using Blended Learning to Ensure Consistency and Quality in Multiple Course Sections. Karen Perrin, Laura Rusnak, Shenghua Zha, David Lewis, and Sandhya Srinivasan. *Journal for the Research Center for Educational Technology*. Volume 5, Number 1, Spring 2009.

>>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

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

ations for May is Monday May 4th, 2009. We advise each students 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!

USF's Eta Sigma Gamma Students Clean Up on Earth Day

In recognition of Earth Day, members of USF's chapter of Eta Sigma Gamma, the national professional health education honorary,



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participated in the 2009 Great American Cleanup service event in Hillsborough County. On Saturday April 18, 2009 members met at Riverhills Park located at 405 Riverhills Drive, Temple Terrace to clean up trash and reflect a spirit of community participation and environmental responsibility.

Members present and pictured left to right were: Jaime Myers, Tamara Looney, Leah Phillips, Euna August, Kamilah Thomas, & Eric Buhi (Faculty Advisor).

Christina Bernadotte, a certificate student and USF Wellness staff member in the Chiles Center, was recently accepted to UNC-Chapel Hill. She will begin the MPH program Maternal and Child Health later this summer.

>>Global Scene

Dr. Jeannine Coreil's Work on Lymphatic Filariasis in Haiti

Since 1996 Dr. Jeannine Coreil, Professor, Department of Community and Family Health, has worked on various projects in Haiti related to Lymphatic Filariasis (LF). Her work on LF has been funded by the CDC Office of Women's Health and Division of Parasitic Diseases, the WHO/TDR Research Program in Tropical Diseases, the Presbyterian Women's Fund USA, and the Task Force



consultant to the National Filariasis Elimination Program in Haiti, which is coordinated through a partnership with the Ministry of Health, Notre Dame University, the CDC, and the Task Force for Child Survival, with funding primarily through the Gates Foundation. In March, Dr. Coreil traveled to Léogane, Haiti to meet with program leaders and help design a new intervention to increase community participation in Mass Drug Administration (MDA) of diethylcarbamazine

Pictured: Dr. Jeannine Coreil (2nd from left) at the community store

and albendazole. College Of Public Health alum Nanette Barkey, PhD (MSPH 1994, now Assistant Professor at the University of Iowa College of Public Health) is the Principal Investigator on the study, which will help determine WHO Guidelines for the Programme to Eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis (GPELF).

While in Haiti last month, Dr. Coreil visited an LF-related community development project that she helped launch in 2004. "The project involves a microenterprise venture run by women with LF who organized to apply for grants to set up a cooperative community store that sells local staple foods, and artisanal products made by the women themselves and provides training in floral arts," said Dr. Coreil. This venture grew out of a support group intervention for women with LF that Dr. Coreil and Haitian collaborators implemented with funding from WHO/TDR and the Presbyterian Women's Fund USA from 1998-2004. Following this, the women wrote their own grant proposal to obtain funding for the community store through Self-Development of People, a humanitarian arm of the Presbyterian Church. "I am excited to see that the store project now operates independent of external funding and has moved into larger facilities", said Dr. Coreil.



Haitian woman with LF at a support group meeting

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)

>>Alumni News



Joyonna Gamble-George (MHA '05) was recently accepted into the PhD program in Biomedical Sciences at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. She begins her studies this fall.

Last month, Marissa Zwald (CFH) received the ASPH/CDC fellowship with the Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity. She graduated this spring and begins her two-year fellowship on July 20 in Atlanta.



Marissa working with Girls on the Run for her field experience. A good foundation for her CDC fellowship



Lashanta Rice (CFH '08) was accepted to the Health Promotion Education & Behavior PhD program at the University of South Carolina (USC). She deferred admissions until fall 2010 while she gains professional experience at Moffitt.

Important Dates

Friday, May 15, 2009 - 12:00 pm, COPH 1023A - Dean's Public Health Lecture Series - Dr. Cheryl Heaton - "Building a Legacy of Truth: David versus Goliath in the Tobacco Wars"

Friday, May 22, 2009 - 12:00 pm, COPH 1023A - Dean's Public Health Lecture Series - Dr. Balbir Singh - "Malaria, Monkeys, Man & Malaysia"