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Three MPH graduates honored: Fulbright/Ford Scholars at the College of Public Health and USF



Pictured from left: Lazha Talat (Fulbright Iraq), Olga Usenko (FORD Foundation International-Russia), and Yves Joseph Gerard Pierre Louis (Fulbright Haiti)

These three graduates exemplify our commitment to building a cadre of outstanding public health professionals across the globe, linked in a shared vision to make life better for everyone." Evelyn Levinson, Associate Director, International Admissions, who recruited the three students, has helped in integrating their stay here at USF. Pictured below (front-left), she said, "Thank you for your support for Lazha, Yves, Olga, and our other scholarship students who have chosen COPH programs over all others in the US. . . . I hope we can build a strong core group of USF-Fulbright alumni together with your college and follow these students' successes back home in the near future." Ann DeBaldo added in response, "Making friends around the world through global education is what it is all about".



Pictured from left: Yves Joseph Gerard Pierre Louis, Olga Usenko, Lazha Talat, Dean Donna Petersen, Deepali Nimbalkar—a new USF Fulbright Scholar on Indo-American Leadership Program, in the College of Engineering, Patricia Pekovsky, Dr. Ann DeBaldo, Dr. Karen Liller and Dean Maria Crummett

USF Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association Hosts Health Fair
On Saturday, April 15, 2006, medical students from USF Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association (APAMSA) joined forces with the Hillsborough County Health Department (HCHD), the Community Health Advocacy Partnership (CHAP), and the Vietnamese Fellowship at the Oak Groves United Methodist Church to put on a health fair for the local Asian community in Tampa. Free screenings included glucose, cholesterol, and blood pressure. Additionally, approximately 40 people were screened for hepatitis B by the HCHD Specialty Care Clinic staff and received health education materials from the HCHD Department of Epidemiology and Gilead Sciences, Inc. The goal of this event was to carry out APAMSA's national endeavor to break the hepatitis B cycle. Less than 0.5% of Americans are infected with chronic HBV yet there is an estimated 7% of Asian Pacific Americans (APA's) infected with this disease. In reality, not many APA's have much knowledge on hepatitis B and its transmission. Putting on the health fair was a collaborated effort among USF APAMSA, the HCHD, and the fellowship to educate local community members about hepatitis B and how it may be transmitted. For more information on USF APAMSA, please visit www.hsc.usf.edu/medstud/apamsa.



Conducting HBV Testing



Student Volunteers

Three USF-MPH students were recently honored by Dean Maria Crummett, USF International Affairs Center (IAC). This was a special inaugural Public Health Fulbright/FORD event, organized jointly by IAC/COPH, recognizing the three students' graduation in spring 2006. College of Public Health Dean Donna Petersen remarked, "Our success in improving the health of people around the world will depend in part on our success in training the global health leaders of the future."

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Kid Fair for Florida KidCare

Florida Covering Kids and Families presents *Kid Fair for Florida KidCare*, a community event that will inform Tampa's families about Florida KidCare, the state's health insurance program for children. The *Kid Fair* will be a fun event for everyone while also providing valuable information and incentives from a variety of health and community resources. Activities for children include a Moonwalk, face painting, music, raffle prizes, and more! The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile will also be at the *Kid Fair* offering free physicals.

Kid Fair for Florida KidCare will be held:

10:00am-2:00pm

Saturday, May 6, 2006

Bowers/Whitley Career Center

13609 N. 22nd ST (one block north of Fletcher AV)

Tampa, FL 33613

Florida Covering Kids and Families is project of the Lawton and Rhea Chiles Center for Healthy Mothers and Babies and is funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Other *Kid Fair* sponsors include AMERIGROUP, USF Health, and the Florida Department of Children and Families. For more information, please contact Patrick Cannon, Coordinator, Florida Covering Kids and Families, (813) 974-8272, pcannon@health.usf.edu.

>>Students

**Vonetta Williams Receives Award!**

Vonetta L. Williams, a PhD student in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, received The University of South Florida Provost's Commendation Award For Outstanding Teaching By a Graduate Teaching Assistant on April 18, 2006. Ms. Williams was among 38 out of 800 Teaching Assistants at USF to receive this recognition. Vonetta was nominated for the award by Dr. Suzanne Perry-Casler.

Melissa Sawyer to Attend Osteopathic Medicine School
Melissa Sawyer (CFH, '06) will attend the Georgia campus of Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O. Class of 2010) starting this fall.

Summer Headley to Participate in Training Program

Summer Headley (HPM) was selected to participate in a year-long VA Graduate Healthcare Administration Training Program. She will be a fellow based at the Tennessee Valley VA Healthcare System in Nashville, TN. She will be a part of the executive team and will work with all of the departments within the VA. Capital projects will be her area of emphasis.

Stephanie Albright to Attend Nova Southeastern University
Stephanie Albright (CFH, '06) will attend Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale to pursue a Master of Medical Science degree (MMS) in Physician Assistant. Classes for the program start June 4th and she will graduate in August 2008.

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Student Research Information

Research: For information on additional internal (USF) and external funding opportunities for COPH students, go to <http://publichealth.usf.edu/officeresearch/fundingopps.html>. For more info on the Student Honorary Award for Research and Practice "SHARP" awards go to <http://publichealth.usf.edu/officeresearch/sharp.html>.

Here are some great service activities for this week:

Come join other COPH Students who will be helping with the **Woman 2 Woman mentoring program** for pregnant and parenting teenage girls. This year, the girls in the program are working on a book of essays about teen pregnancy and parenting. The Woman 2 Woman program is looking for volunteers to help with the writing workshops and editing of the book of essays. Our first workshop is Tuesday April 25, 2006 from 8-9 pm and will be held at the University Area Community Center. Sign up with ekent@hsc.usf.edu.

March of Dimes Walk America, Saturday, April 29th, 8:00 AM - University of Tampa Plant Park. Did you know the money raised from this walk helps all moms and babies, through education, research and health care? You too can be a part of this fun and important walk! To register to walk, go to <http://www.walkamerica.org/>, click on register, click on, 'I am walking with an EXISTING organization', then type in University of South Florida, then be sure to click on the **USF Health team link**. Then, you can register to walk and set up your own individual web site, and you can email your friends and relatives to donate to your web site! Please contact ekent@hsc.usf.edu if you have any questions!

Come join other COPH and USF Health Students who will be helping with sports activities for kids next Sunday, April 30th at 11:45 PM for Day of the Child "El Dia del Ni-o" sponsored by La Ley 760 at Otis Andrews park in Plant City (soccer fields). For directions, see: <http://www.plantcitygov.com/rec/rec-facility-parks-OMA.htm>. Students needed to do sports and fitness activities with kids! We will also be going to pick strawberries and veggies afterwards at Parke Family HydroFarms, 3715 Tanner Road, Dover! This will be lots of fun! Sign up with ekent@hsc.usf.edu.

Awards: Last Thursday at the annual Volunteer USF Awards ceremony, Joyonna Gamble George received a Gold Award for 150 hours of individual service and Ellen Kent received an award on behalf of the USF Health Service Corps for Volunteer Organization of the year.

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Dr. Michael Reid Attends Quarterly PHP Workshop

Dr. Michael Reid, Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, participated in the Florida Department of Health's quarterly Public Health Preparedness Workshop in Orlando on April 19.

Dr. Karen Liller Represents COPH at Two Functions

Dr. Liller served as one of the judges for social science undergraduate student research during the USF Undergraduate Research Symposium on April 19, 2006. Many impressive posters were displayed.

Dr. Liller represented the College during the Phi Kappa Phi Induction Ceremony on Sunday, April 23, 2006. The College congratulates Shital Kamble on being inducted into Phi Kappa Phi.

>>Center News

Dr. Michael Reid Participates in FCPHP Advisory Committee Teleconference

Dr. Danielle Landis and Dr. Michael Reid, Florida Center for Public Health Preparedness, met by teleconference with the Center's advisory committee from the Florida Association of County Health Officers on April 13 to discuss a set of proposals for funding by the Florida Department of Health.

Dr. Michael Reid is a member of the CDC/HRSA Statewide Advisory Committee. He participated in the committee's meeting in Orlando on April 20, 2006. The primary purpose of the committee is to advise the Florida Department of Health regarding the distribution of approximately \$60 million in HRSA and CDC funds for preparedness purposes annually.

Links of Interest

[Meetings, Courses and Training Opportunities](#)

[Calls for Proposals](#)

[USF Health Funding Finds](#)

Important Dates

Friday, May 12, 2006

10am Domestic FE Orientation

11am International FE Orientation

Orientation will be held in the Distance Learning Studio.

Contact feadvisor@hsc.usf.edu with questions.

November 4-8, 2006

Annual APHA Meeting, Boston, MA. For more information visit:

www.apha.org/meetings or e-mail conventions@apha.org.

>> Faculty

Congratulations to COPH's Teacher of the Year and Nominees

Congratulations to John Large, PhD, who was selected as the College of Public Health's Professor of the Year! Nominations were taken directly from the student body and Dr. Large was presented with a plaque during the awards ceremony during National Public Health Week.

Congratulations go out as well to all the nominated professors who each received a Certificate of Appreciation: Yehia Hammad, Sc.D., Elizabeth Gultiz, Ph.D, RN, Donna Petersen, Sc.D., Kay Perrin, Ph.D., Ellen Daley Ph.D., Lakshminarayan Rajaram, M.Sc., Amy Borenstein, Ph.D., Robert McDermott, Ph.D., Boo Kwa, PhD, Thomas Bernard, Ph.D., Aurora Sanchez-Anguiano, MD, Ph.D., Thomas J. Mason, Ph.D., Azliyati Azizan, Ph.D., Donna Haiduven, Ph.D., Ricardo Izurieta, MD, DrPH, Wayne Westhoff, Ph.D., Lillian Stark, Ph.D., William Ward, DrPH.

Dr. Azliyati Azizan serves as the foreign collaborator for International Science & Technology Grant

The International Science & Technology Center has approved a grant application submitted by an Institution in Central Asia (Almaty, Kazakhstan) on a project entitled "The Surveillance of New Antibiotics from Kazakhstan Soils Actinomycetes, Active Against Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococci with Multiple Drug-Resistances". The funding is for US\$300,000 for a period of 3 years. Senior Project Manager - V.G. Melnikov; Project Officer/Assistant - N.A. Semionova; Project Manager - Balgimbaeva Asya Sultanovna; Leading Institute - Institute of Microbiology and Virology; Supporting Institutes - Kazakh Scientific Center for Quarantine and Zoonotic Diseases; Collaborators - University of South Florida, College of Public Health.