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USF College of Public Health Partnership with Florida Public Health Association Going Strong!

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Many of us were privileged to attend and participate in the 2005 annual meeting of the Florida Public Health Association meeting in Sarasota last week. As reported in an earlier issue, several of our students staged a production of Dr. Mark Yacht's play "She's on the Bus" about domestic violence. It was definitely a Tony Award performance! Especially given that the actual performance was the first time they had run through the entire script! Bravo to our wonderful students: Carolyn de la Cruz, Vierre Placide, Lindsey Childs, Chiniqua Northern, and Debbie Patrick

We were proud to feature our very own Dr. Lillian Stark as the speaker at the USF College of Public Health sponsored luncheon on Wednesday. Dr. Stark was our Public Health Woman of the Year in 2005 and it was a distinct pleasure to share her with this larger group. She gave a rousing presentation on food- and water-borne diseases, yes, right after everyone had finished eating! But she did it with good taste and with a lot of good information. We were all challenged to do a better job preventing these devastating diseases - from our own homes to our communities. Thank you Dr. Stark!

Several of our faculty, chairs and administrators were present at the meeting. Thanks to all who attended including Dr. Marti Coulter, Dr. Ann DeBaldo, Dr. Rony Francois, Dr. Boo Kwa, Dr. Karen Liller, Dr. Charles Mahan, Dr. Barbara Orban, Dr. Mike Reid, and Dr. Heather Stockwell for sharing of their precious time, ideas, and enthusiasm. We had several students present at poster sessions - these were very positively received. And of course, thanks to the yeoman efforts of Dr. Robert McDermott, we managed to produce a hard-copy issue of the Florida On-Line Public Health Journal in time for the meeting. Everyone loved it! I was even asked to autograph several copies.

Dean Dev Pathak from the Stempel School of Public Health at Florida International University and I shared the podium at the closing session on Friday and spoke to our commitment to work together in ways that are complementary, collaborative and as catalysts for change toward the betterment of public health and public health practice in Florida. We shared our plans to work with pre-health advisors across the state to assure that budding health professionals consider public health as a first choice for an education in the health sciences; to convene all of the MPH-granting institutions in the state to share ideas and support one another; to explore the notion of creating a public-private health care advisory board for the state; and, based on comments from the audience, to develop a web-site of student research projects that informs practitioners about Florida-based public health and related research. We also discussed stronger linkages with the Department of Health in general, and pledged to work with the incoming President, Linda Keen, and the academic council of FPHA.

All in all, an extraordinary meeting, at which USF College of Public Health was well represented, and that I was delighted and pleased to be a part of. Thanks to everyone who contributed to and participated in this event. We'll want to see more of you out there next year!

COPH to Host Visitors from CDC

On Tuesday, August 2, Dean Petersen will be meeting with Provost Renu Khator, Sharon S. Campolucci, Deputy Director, Division of Health Studies (DHS), Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)/CDC, and Vik Kapil, Senior Medical Officer, DHS/ATSDR/CDC to discuss collaborative research initiatives.

Public Health Professionals Participate in USF Trauma Training for Children

Participants in the C-FAST program use puppets as a therapeutic tool to treat children who have experienced trauma after a disaster such as a hurricane or terrorism event.

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Close to 20 public health professionals from across the state visited Tampa on July 19, 2005, to participate in a program sponsored by the University of South Florida's Center for Public Health Preparedness. The program called C-FAST "Disaster Behavioral Health First Aid Specialist Training with Children" focuses on preparing public health, mental health, and health care workers to respond to the initial behavioral health needs of children and adolescents following disasters and other traumatic events. To date, more than 125 professionals have been trained in CFAST.

Attendees who participated in C-FAST were required to complete B-FAST, the Center's Disaster Behavioral Health First Aid Specialist Training (Basic) program that addresses the behavioral health consequences of disasters and terrorism and interventions to address the initial behavioral health needs of trauma survivors. B-FAST reviews traumatic stress, common and uncommon adult stress reactions, signs and symptoms of traumatic stress, stress disorders, and strategies for stress management, coping, and resiliency, as well as presents a model for delivering behavioral health first aid. Over 250 professionals have been trained in BFAST.

Nadine Mescia, MHS, Director, Education and Training for the Florida Center for Public Health Preparedness and Jennifer Baggerly, Ph.D., LMHC-Supervisor, Registered Play Therapist Supervisor, and Associate Professor in the USF Counselor Education program developed and facilitated the program for participants.

The Florida Center for Public Health Preparedness was designated and funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) through a cooperative agreement with the Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH) in April, 2001, and was one of the first seven academic public health preparedness centers designated. There are now 27 national centers for public health preparedness in accredited schools of public health.

Students

**Student Service Opportunities:**

COPH students can check out student service opportunities at the HSC Service Corps display in the snack area, or at the web site of events and projects at <http://www.hsc.usf.edu/ahcc/hscsevents.html> or the online calendar at <http://my.calendars.net/servicecorps>. Students may also to contact ekent@hsc.usf.edu or 974-6622 for further info on becoming involved with the HSC Service Corps in 2005-2006! !



Students continued...

Also, a wonderful new opportunity is now available for public health students to help out and learn at the same time! Volunteers are needed to provide child care for young women who will be attending an eight week Sexual Health & Integrity course at Catholic Charities on 2021 E. Busch Blvd in Tampa, on Thursdays, between Aug 11-Sept 29. Specifically, volunteers are needed for both the 11:00 am class and the 7:00 pm class on Thursdays for 8 weeks beginning on Thursday, August 11, 2005 through Thursday, September 29, 2005. Each class will last for about an hour and if you can only do the morning or evening classes, that's fine! So, if you are interested in volunteering just an hour or so of your time, just once a week, please contact Jacqueline Johnston at jjohnst1@hsc.usf.edu or by phone at 813-786-5726. (Driving time is only ~ 10 minutes from the COPH!)

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Department of Homeland Security Seeking Regional Epidemiology Coordinator

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is providing Florida with a Regional Epidemiology Coordinator to support our state's BioWatch Program and serve as the primary contact to DHS for BioWatch. The position will be responsible for coordination of the planning, training and exercising components of the BioWatch program in the current Florida locations and assist with future program expansions. In Florida, the position will serve as a liaison with the state's Public Health Preparedness and Domestic Security efforts, including assisting with the integration of local plans and processes into our state strategy. The position will be located in Tallahassee within the Division of Emergency Medical Operations, under the direction of Dr. Jennifer Bencie-Fairburn. For more information contact Rhonda White at (850) 245-4562

>> Faculty

Dr. Hana Osman is In The News

In the St. Petersburg Times weekly feature titled 'Seniority,' Hana Osman (CFH) responded to a question related to advance care planning. To view the complete article, click on:

http://www.sptimes.com/2005/07/26/news_pf/Seniority/Does_dad_need_a_nudge.shtml

Dr. Amy Borenstein on Japanese Radio!

Dr. Amy Borenstein was interviewed live by telephone for Japanese radio on Monday, July 25th about her results on fruit and vegetable juices and Alzheimer's disease. The interview was broadcast on "J-Wave" on the program called "Good Morning, Tokyo!"

Faculty Reminder to Order Books for Fall Semester

All Faculty who have not placed Fall 2005 textbook orders please do so immediately. Nearly 15% of all scheduled classes are without book orders as of July 28th. The first day of class is just a month away, so time is growing short if instructors for those courses expect to have their books available for the beginning of the semester.

Links of Interest

[Meetings / Courses / Training Opportunities](#)

[Calls for Applications / Proposals](#)

Alumni

Jonathan Philipp is Accepted to USF College of Medicine

This summer Jonathan Philipp (GH) participated in a pre-matriculation program at the USF College of Medicine. He was accepted into medical school at USF, U of Florida, and Howard U. He chose to continue his studies at USF and begins school on August 8, 2005.

Dr. Joseph Doyle Attends Meeting

Joseph T. Doyle, MD, EdS, MBA, MPH, MPA, (EOH '93), Regional Medical Director, Aetna Disability Services, Tampa, FL, attended the Mini-Conference on Disability and Aging held on July 21 & 22 in Washington, DC. The main 2005 White House Conference on Aging will be held in December.

Please submit news/information to Peggy Smith at msmith3@hsc.usf.edu

Important Dates

COPH Summer Graduates Honorary Luncheon

August 9, 2005

USF Summer Commencement

[USF Commencement](#) for Summer 2005 graduates - on Saturday, August 13, 2005 in the USF Sun Dome... [2p.m.](#) for College of Public Health graduates - as well as Business Administration, Architecture, Education, Engineering, Marine Science, Medicine, Nursing.

COPH New Student Orientation

[College of Public Health New Student Orientation](#) for our Summer and Fall 2005 students on Friday, August 26, 2005. The program begins in the Auditorium at 8:30a.m. The Orientation Agenda will be posted in August.

COPH Fall Field Experience Student Orientation

Orientation for Students participating in a Field Experience this fall will be held on Thursday, September 1st from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm in the COPH Distance Learning Studio