



>> TAKE NOTE !

**Welcome Back Students!**

The College of Public Health held student orientation on Friday, August 26th. We had a record number of new students attend orientation this year - 150 total! For the first time, orientation included deans from the other colleges/schools under USF Health umbrella; Dr. Stephen Klasko, Dean of the College of Medicine; Dr. Patricia Burns, Dean of the College of Nursing and Dr. W. Sandy Quillen, Dean of the School of Physical Therapy. Orientation included a large group session as well as department sessions. Students were also able to gather information about various student organizations in the college. Dean Petersen welcomed the incoming students to the College. We look forward to a successful year!

Epidemiology and Biostatistics Begins Fall Seminar Series

The Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics will begin the Fall Seminar Series 2005 on August 31, 2005, 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm, Wednesday, Auditorium C. The speaker will be Jill Roberts, a doctoral student at the College of Public Health in the Department of Global Health. Her presentation is titled "Molecular Epidemiology - DNA Fingerprinting as an Epidemiology Tool".

**Upcoming Blood Drive Schedule**

Florida Blood Services will conduct a number of blood drives on campus in the next few weeks to welcome in the new semester. Here is the schedule:

August 29-31, Main Campus Library and Marshall Center, 10am-5pm
 September 1, Main Campus Library, 10am-5pm
 September 7, Health Sciences Lot 31, 10am-5pm
 September 8, Marshall Center, 10am-5pm
 September 19, COPH, 11am-6pm

Students**Two New Courses for Fall 2005**

The Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics will offer two new courses this fall. Students may register for them now with the instructor's consent.

Intermediate SAS for Epidemiologists PHC 7935 section 901 reference # 89403

Thursdays 6-8:50pm - Dr. Schwartz

A fast paced SAS language class with the objective that students become fluent in SAS language by the end of the semester. Course will focus on procedure output statements and the Output Delivery System (ODS) to facilitate report writing. *Prerequisite: PHC 6000, PHC 6050, Intro to SAS or prior computer language course or SPSS program or Consent of Instructor.*

Students continued....

Case Studies and Collaborations I PHC 6060 section 001 reference # 89571 Thursdays 2-4:50pm - Dr. Brown

This course provides hands on experience in biostatistical consulting. Biostatistical methods and computer skills are presented, along with the skills required for participating in collaborative and consultative research roles. A foundation for biostatistical consultation is presented, involving the goals, content, conduct, and presentation of Biostatisticians working in applied health settings. Students apply these principles to at least one consultative project and one collaborative project. *Prerequisite: Entry into Biostatistics doctoral program or CI.*

Important Program for Graduating Students

So You're About to Graduate...

Thursday, September 8 @ 5pm

COPH 2003

Any student who plans to graduate in 2005 or early 2006, should attend this program. Attendees will receive an overview of what needs to be done now to secure a job later, info on how the USF Career Center can help, and plenty of time for Q & A. Sponsored by the COPH Office of Field Experience and USF Career Center. COPH career liaison Bobbie Muir is the guest speaker.

Information on Student Service

Welcome new and returning students! This semester, you can become involved in many different service projects, through the interdisciplinary HSC Service Corps! To find out more, check out the HSC Service Corps display board, which is kept on the side table in the snack area, near the vending machines. Feel free to pick up a variety of handouts and calendars for the Fall semester. You can also check out the web site for HSC Service Corps at http://www.hsc.usf.edu/ahec/hscservice_corps.html or contact the Coordinator for the HSC Service Corps, Ellen Kent, MPH, at ekent@hsc.usf.edu or 974-6622.

Information on Student Research Program

You may also wish to also check out the student research display board, which is located on the same table as the student service display board. The COPH Student research web site can be accessed at <http://publichealth.usf.edu/officeresearch/fundingopps.html>. While this web site is in the process of being updated, it is important to note that our COPH student research awards, the Student Research Scholarship, and [Student Honorary Award for Research and Practice \(SHARP\)](#) will still be in effect this year! You can also check out the student section of the weekly HSC Funding Finds web site at <http://hsc.usf.edu/research/hscfundingfindslist.html>. Feel free to contact the Coordinator for COPH Student Research Grants, Ellen Kent, MPH, any time, at ekent@hsc.usf.edu or 974-6622, and she will be happy to help you!



Date: 08/29/2005

>> Faculty

Dr. Karen Liller Chosen as Finalist!

Congratulations go out to Dr. Karen Liller. She has been chosen as a finalist in for the 2005 Health Care Heroes Award in the category of Health Care Educator. The finalists will be attending an Awards Ceremony on Thursday, October 6. The awards ceremony is presented by the Tampa Bay Business Journal and event sponsors Fowler White Boggs Banker, Hillsborough County Medical Association, Inc., Pinellas County Medical Society, Inc., and Audio Visual Support Services, Inc. The Tampa Bay Business Journal will also create a special publication with information on each of the finalists. Congratulations again to Dr. Liller and Good Luck!

Dr. Gregory Firestone Appears in "Who's Who in American Law"

Who's Who in American Law, 2005-2006 has just been published and names Gregory Firestone, Ph.D., Director of the USF Conflict Resolution Collaborative among the select list in the directory. Although not an attorney, Dr. Firestone's inclusion in this directory reflects his more than twenty years of active involvement in the field of mediation and alternative dispute resolution including his current service as Vice Chair of the Florida Supreme Court Alternative Dispute Resolution Rules and Policy Committee.

COPH Faculty Publish Article in MMWR

Zhu, Y, Wang, W, Atrubin, D and Wu, Y. Initial Evaluation of the Early Aberration Reporting System. MMWR Vol 54:S3, pg 123, 2005.

APHA's August Public Health Action (PHAct) Campaign Underway

Your senators and representative in Congress are back home for a few more days. Throughout the month-long August recess, we have asked APHA members to write letters, schedule meetings with your elected legislators, and to participate in town hall meetings hosted by your legislators. Many have already responded to this call to action. If you haven't, there's still time! Please visit <http://www.apha.org/legislative/walkhill> to sign up for the August Public Health Action campaign, download fact sheets and other information on our legislative goals, and for more information on the PHAct Campaign.

Important Dates

COPH Fall Field Experience Student Orientation – September 1st;
11:00 am; COPH Distance Learning Studio

Links of Interest

[Meetings / Courses / Training Opportunities](#)

[Calls for Applications / Proposals](#)

[HSC Funding Finds](#)

Administration

PERT Certifiers for Spring 2005 (12/22/04-05/06/05) - Certification Deadline is Friday, September 2, 2005
The SPRING 2005 PERT effort reports are currently under review and will be released as soon as they have been verified by HR and Research 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/gemspro/signon.html>

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>> or send request to helpdesk@admin.usf.edu or by contacting Betty Persky.

The default password for new users is: last four digits of SSN PLUS birth year PLUS a period (for example, **99991960.**).
Please remember it could take up to 24 hours to have password reset and obtain access to your PERT report. If you having problems accessing GEMS, please contact Betty Persky at 974-4609.

2005 BENEFITS OPEN ENROLLMENT DATES ANNOUNCED

Review your Current Mailing Address in GEMS Today! The 2005 Benefits Open Enrollment will take place from October 3 through October 28, 2005. During the Open Enrollment, employees may enroll or make changes to health, life, dental, vision, cancer, supplemental hospital, accident and disability insurance benefits as well as flexible spending accounts. In order to insure that you receive your 2005 Open Enrollment materials in a timely manner, please make sure you have your current mailing address in GEMS. You may update your address by: Completing a W-4 form and submitting it to the Payroll Office/SVC 2172, or; By going online to GEMS Self-Serve at: On Campus:

<https://gems.fastmail.usf.edu/gemspro/signon.html> or Off Campus:

<https://gems.fastmail.usf.edu:4430/gemspro/signon.html>.

If your password was issued or reset before April 19, 2005:

The format is as follows: the last 4-digits of your Social Security Number THEN your 4-digit year of birth THEN a period. Example: 12341943.

If your password was issued or reset after April 19, 2005:

Your User ID is your full 11 digit Employee ID. The first time you log in, your default password is the combination of the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number, an equal sign, your 4-digit year of birth. Example: 1234=1943