



Date: 12/05/2005

>> TAKE NOTE !



COPH Annual Holiday Pot-Luck Date is Set

The annual college Holiday Potluck Lunch is scheduled for Monday, December 19th from 1-4 pm in the College Atrium. A flyer with more information will be distributed later this week. Questions about the event can be directed to either Sandy Miller at samiller@hsc.usf.edu, or Thelma Kamman at tkamman@hsc.usf.edu.

USF Health Stands Out at USF Homecoming

On Saturday, December 3rd, USF Health was well represented at the annual USF Homecoming Bulls Roast tailgate festivities. The Development & Alumni Affairs office coordinated and hosted a large tent as part of the tailgate celebration. Access to the tent was free and we had countless visitors, including alumni, faculty, students, parents, patients, and donors. We distributed 600 USF Health bandannas and hundreds of USF Health temporary tattoos. 154 visitors entered a free raffle for a USF Spirit Basket stuffed with USF Health branded items as well as valuable gifts from community businesses such as Embassy Suites and even a pair of USF Men's Basketball tickets. Medical students from Project World Health offered face painting and students from the International Health Service Collaborative were on-hand selling raffle tickets for a big screen TV. Thanks to the Development and Public Affairs staff who worked to make the event a success for USF Health. *Laura Waddel*

Check Out the Florida Public Health Review

There are several new postings in the *Florida Public Health Review* (<http://publichealth.usf.edu/fphr>) that may be of interest to faculty, students, alumni, and friends of the College of Public Health.

Students continued...

Student Service and Research Information

Feel free to check out your new bulletin boards upstairs (located next to the copy center) with student service and research opportunities. Students may also look at the web site at <http://www.hsc.usf.edu/ahec/hiscevents.html> for service opportunities. For information on additional internal (USF) and external funding opportunities for COPH students, go to <http://publichealth.usf.edu/officeresearch/fundingopps.html>.

Students are encouraged to apply for the COPH Student Research Scholarship (SRS) awards again this year. The deadline date will be Monday, January 23, 2006, see website at <http://publichealth.usf.edu/officeresearch/srsawards.html> For more info on the Student Honorary Award for Research and Practice "SHARP" awards go to <http://publichealth.usf.edu/officeresearch/sharp.html>

Call for Student Papers- December 2005

Context - *the journal recognizing student health professionals engaged in their communities* - seeks original student papers to be published in its inaugural issue in April 2006. Context Journal (www.contextjournal.org) is the nation's first student-run, online, peer-reviewed journal that highlights the exceptional work of health students in the community. Context publishes the work of graduate-level students across the United States and Canada who strive to improve the health of our communities in a variety of modalities including: policy research, program evaluation, community partnership, and patient empowerment. Papers are accepted on a rolling-basis. To submit your paper, please go to www.contextjournal.org and read our submission guidelines within the About Us Section. Please note that papers submitted by January 31, 2006 are guaranteed consideration for publication in the Inaugural Issue of Context.

Students



2006 Winter Public Health Institute At the University of Florida in Gainesville

http://www.sph.umn.edu/publichealthplanet/events/2006W_PHI/Scholarship.html Scholarship awards (covering tuition and institute fees) are available for graduate level academic credit or CEUs for up to two courses from the following list of courses and workshops offered at the 2006 Winter Public Health Institute. Classes will be held on the campus of the University of Florida in Gainesville.

- PHC 6937 - Public Health and Aging (1 credit; January 3-7)
- Workshop: Aging Best Practices and Community Symposium (.8 CEUs; January 4-5)
- Workshop: Animals and Humans: Living Together, Helping Each Other (.8 CEUs; January 4-5)
- PubH 7200-001, Avian Influenza: Emerging Infectious Disease (1 credit; January 2-6)
- PubH 7200-002, Behavioral Health in Terrorism and Disasters (1 credit; January 3-7)
- PubH 7200-003, Field Investigator Response Surveillance (1 credit; January 2-4)
- PubH 7214, Risk Communication and Food Safety (1.5 credit; January 3-7)

Join Volunteer USF and Student Government in Celebrating USF's 50th Anniversary & Dr. King's Day of Service on Saturday, January 21 from 8:30 am to 2 PM. Stamped of Service (SOS '06) is the biggest community service project ever at USF that you don't want to miss!!! Come and make a difference in East Tampa by taking part in planting, rehabilitation projects, and much more!!!! Organizations with the most volunteers will be rewarded for their service. Remember to sign up in Volunteer USF (CTR 246). For more information call 974.5053 or e-mail vservices@admin.usf.edu.

Fill out the application at this website: <http://ctr.usf.edu/volunteer/SOSApplication.pdf>.

Alumni

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

>> Resources

Official U.S. Government Web site for Pandemic and Avian Flu

The official U.S. government Web site for information on pandemic flu and avian influenza can be found at <http://www.pandemicflu.gov/>. From ASPH Friday Letter #1386.

Rx for Survival Project

As announced in the October 28 edition of the *Friday Letter*, PBS, with funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and The Merck Company Foundation and in partnership with a number of other organizations, including the Johns Hopkins University, has created a multimedia project to create public awareness about the importance of global health. We encourage ASPH members to take a look at these resources, which can be found at:

<http://www.pbs.org/wqbh/rxforsurvival/index.html>. From ASPH Friday Letter #1388.

>> Faculty

Dr. Andrea Spehar Publishes Article

French DD, Campbell R, Spehar A, Cunningham F, Foulis P. Outpatient Medications and Hip Fractures in the United States: A National Veterans Study. *Drugs & Aging*. 22(10):877-885, 2005.

Dr. Robert McDermott Attends Meetings

Dr. Robert J. McDermott represented the Florida Prevention Research Center as an invited Grand Rounds speaker at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine on November 7, 2005. He presented *Community-Based Participatory Research to Identify Influences on Youth Alcohol Use: The Sarasota County Demonstration Project*, on behalf of fellow faculty members Dr. Carol A. Bryant, Dr. Kelli R. McCormack Brown, Dr. Julie Baldwin, and other faculty and community researchers

Dr. Robert J. McDermott, Professor of Community and Family Health, and Co-Director, Florida Prevention Research Center, served as an evaluation consultant for the Oregon Alliance Working for Antibiotic Resistance Education (AWARE) of the Office of Disease Prevention and Epidemiology, Oregon Department of Health and Human Services. AWARE encourages appropriate prescribing practices among Oregon physicians, and consumer education about antibiotics and self-management of common, self-limiting infectious diseases.

Dr. Robert McDermott Serves on Workgroup

Dr. Robert J. McDermott is representing the University of South Florida College of Public Health as a member of the *Association of Schools of Public Health MPH Core Competency Development Project for Program Planning and Assessment*. This work group is identifying program planning and evaluation competencies anticipated to be skills required of all MPH program graduates, regardless of their area of specialty.

Dr. Reid Participates in Meeting

Dr. Michael Reid, Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, participated in the quarterly meeting of the Injury Prevention Council (November 28 and 29 in Tampa) as a representative of the Florida Public Health Foundation. Dr. Reid is the Secretary of the Foundation. Dr. Reid also participated as a member of the Community Health Committee at the Florida Domestic Security Funding Conference in Orlando on November 30 and December 1.

>> Administration

Important Time Sheet Information

Time sheets & Time logs for the pay period 12/2/05 - 12/16/05 will be due to COPH-HR on **Thursday, December 8th!** Please make sure that your completed and signed original time sheet/ time log is submitted by the 8th. Failure to do so may result in a delay in your payment.

Fall 2005 GA contracts end **Tuesday, December 20th**.

Spring 2006 GA contracts begin on December 21st.

Time sheets & Time logs for the pay period 12/17/05 - 12/29/05 will be due to COPH-HR on **TUESDAY, December 19th**. GA's whose appointments are not renewed for the Spring, or who have a break between the appointments, will only be authorized to work a fraction of their hours on the final pay cycle of the contract. Please see either Amy Tinkler or Ken Williams for details.

USF will be closed for the holidays on the following dates:

Friday, December 23, 2005

Monday, December 26, 2005

Friday, December 30, 2005

Monday, January 2, 2006

Hours worked on these dates, and over the holiday weekends will not be certified without authorization from the supervisor.

Important Dates

Upcoming Holidays (COPH will be closed):

December 23, 26 - Christmas Holiday

December 30 and January 2, 2006 - New Year's Holiday

APHA 133rd Annual Meeting & Exposition is being moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, **December 10-14, 2005**.

Updates will also be posted to the APHA Web site (www.apha.org).

Field Experience Debriefing Dates:

Global Health -Tuesday, Dec. 6th, 10-11am, COPH 1122
Comm. & Family Health-Thurs., Dec. 8, 9:30-11am, COPH 2024

EOH-Thurs., Dec. 8, 11am-noon, COPH 1122

HPM-Friday, Dec. 9, 1:30-2:30pm COPH 1122

Mandatory Field Experience Orientation

Spring Domestic Field Experience Orientation: **January 5**, 11 am - noon, Distance Learning Studio (COPH 2004).

Spring International Field Experience Orientation: **January 5**, 12:30-1:30pm, Distance Learning Studio (COPH 2004)

Links of Interest

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[USF Health Funding Finds](#)