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>>TAKE NOTE

Health Education in the Dominican Republic

Tara Trudnak recently returned from her Field Experience in the Dominican Republic in May-June, 2006 and reported:



Tara Trudnak with translator for teen pregnancy prevention class

Tara worked with Fundacion Familia Sana (Health Family Foundation) a non-profit organization located in Piedra Blanca, Dominican Republic, a small town located about an hour north of the capital Santo Domingo. She had the opportunity to work in the women's shelter run by the foundation and gave health education to women and children who have been abused by a domestic violence incident(s). Domestic violence is a huge problem in the Dominican Republic and the foundation manages one of the only shelters in the country. Thus, this foundation is an integral part of supporting and assisting

abused women and children. She also worked in local schools and gave a presentation on the health and social effects of teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections. In addition, she made contacts with the Ford Foundation and USAID to start grant proposals for the foundation.

At this field placement Tara was fully immersed in a different culture with very little to no contact with other Americans. The site is located in a town with limited electricity and running water, only small stores and in a very warm climate. It took a few weeks to adapt but it was worth the hardships in the end. By living right in the community with a Dominican family she was able to better understand the health issues that she is studying in their society.



Tara Trudnak with her Dominican Republic host family

Ellen McCreedy, Global Health student, awarded the Kosove Scholarship 2006

Ellen McCreedy, one of our new students in the Department of Global Health, was awarded the Ruth and A. Harrison Kosove Scholarship. The Kosove scholarship will provide \$ 25,000 for the next five semesters to finance Ms. McCreedy studies in communicable diseases under the advising of Dr. Ricardo Izurieta.

The scholarship will also provide a small amount to finance Ms. McCreedy's special project. The Kosoves sought to support students that would assume leadership roles, engage in community service, and sustain the friendship network of the Kosove Society through social and educational activities.

The Department of Global Health and the COPH strongly believe that Ms. McCreedy possesses the talent, experience and determination to achieve those goals and congratulate her for this outstanding achievement.

>>Faculty

Dr. Michael Reid Participates in Conference

Dr. Michael Reid, Director of the Florida Center for Public Health Preparedness, participated in the Annual Conference of the National Association of County and City Health Officials in San Antonio, July 25-28.

>>Students



Student Research: For information on internal (USF) and external funding opportunities for COPH students, please see <http://publichealth.usf.edu/officeresearch/fundingopps.html>. For information on the Student Honorary Award for Research and Practice "SHARP" awards, see <http://publichealth.usf.edu/officeresearch/sharp.html>. Feel free to contact ekent@health.usf.edu for additional assistance!

Student Service: To find out about great interdisciplinary service opportunities that are available through the USF Health Service Corps for *all* USF Health students, COPH students may look at the summer calendar at <http://my.calendars.net/servicecorps>, the descriptive web site at <http://www.hsc.usf.edu/ahec/hsccevents.html>, and the new handouts at the display table in the snack area. Please contact Ellen Kent, MPH, Coordinator for the USF Health Service Corps, at ekent@health.usf.edu if you wish to become more involved in the interdisciplinary USF Health Service Corps.

FPHA Scholarships Awarded to Two Students!

Congratulations to Christy Voakes Ottendorfer, who will be receiving the Florida Public Health Association (FPHA) Graduate Scholarship award this week and to Aida Grbic, who will be receiving the FPHA Undergraduate Scholarship award. Christy is a doctoral student and graduate teaching assistant in the Department of Global Health and Aida is an undergraduate student who is pursuing a General Public Health Minor and is also a former graduate of the Public Health Possibilities program for high school students! This is a "first", to have both a graduate and an undergraduate COPH Student receiving the FPHA scholarship awards, so we are very proud of both of Christy and Aida!

>>Administration

Communication to PERT Certifiers for SPRING 2006 (12/21/05 - 05/05/06)

Certification Deadline is Friday, September 1, 2006

The SPRING 2006 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/psp/gemsp/psp?cmd=logon>

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 <<mailto:helpdesk@admin.usf.edu>> or by contacting Betty Persky.

Please remember it could take up to 24 hours to have your password reset and obtain access to your PERT report. If you having problems accessing GEMS, please contact Betty Persky at 974-4609.



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>>Alumni Update

Update on Amanda Persad

Amanda is now working for the Environmental Protection Agency as an epidemiologist in the office of research and development in Washington, DC. Her contact information is as follows:

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Links of Interest:

[Directory of Grants and Fellowships in the Global Health Sciences](#)

[Meetings, Courses and Training Opportunities](#)

[Calls for Proposals](#)

Important Dates

Friday, August 11, 2006

Summer Graduation Luncheon, 12:00 pm
 Room 2016/2018, COPH

August 12, 2006

Summer Graduation, COPH
 2:00 pm, Sun Dome, USF

August 25, 2006 - Student Orientation

8:30 am - COPH Student Orientation
 COPH Auditorium

August 31, 2006 - Fall Field Experience Orientation

Distance Learning Studio (COPH 2006)
 10-11 am - Domestic Field Experience
 11 am - 12 pm - International Field Experience

Summer 2006 Field Experience Departmental Debriefings

Dept.	Date	Time	Location
CFH	Tues., July 25	10-11am	Bilirakis Rm/Chiles Ctr.
Intl FE	Thurs., Aug. 31	11 am	Distance Learning Studio/COPH 2006