



>> TAKE NOTE !

COPH Student Research to be Recognized at APHA in New Orleans in November - A First for the College of Public Health!

Two COPH students posters were selected for presentation for the Honorary Delta Omega Society: Student Excellence in Public Health Poster Sessions this year on Monday, November 7, 2005. Congratulations go out to our two students!

"Assessing Post-abortion Contraceptive Use Among Women Receiving Surgical and Medical Abortion Services", submitted by Cheryl Vamos, and *"Impact of a Teen Theater Production on Attitudes toward Alcohol and Tobacco Use Among Middle School Students"*, submitted by Bethany Bell Ellison.

Ellen Kent, MPH, Coordinator, Student Research Grants, will also be presenting a poster *"Incentive Programs to Promote Student Research and Practice at USF's College of Public Health"* at the Academic Public Health Caucus poster session on Monday, Nov 7. Go to http://apha.confex.com/apha/133am/techprogram/program_455.htm for details regarding all three posters. Other COPH students whose posters or oral presentations were accepted to APHA are encouraged to contact Ellen Kent, MPH, to apply for the SHARP award and to also be recognized in the Monday letter! (Please see <http://publichealth.usf.edu/officeresearch/sharp.html>)

Dr. Francois Inducted into University of Central Florida's Athletics Hall of Fame!

Congratulations go out to Dr. Rony Francois, for being inducted into the University of Central Florida's Athletics Hall of Fame! Dr. Francois, along with four other graduates from UCF will be honored at the annual athletics banquet on Friday, September 23rd. Dr. Francois will receive this award for his participation on the UCF Soccer Team. He was an All-American for one of those four years.

Sixth Annual Meeting of the Consortium of Biodefense Researches Recently Held in Clearwater, FL.

The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Consortium of Biodefense Researchers was held at the Sheraton Sand Key in Clearwater, Florida, 31 May - 3 June 2005. During the three-day meeting, 49 scientists presented updated research findings of the past year. Twenty-five scientific posters were presented at the poster reception held Thursday evening. Over ninety participants attended the meeting; researchers participated from the USF Center for Biological Defense, as well as from Texas Tech University, University of Florida, University of West Florida, University of North Florida, Florida Atlantic University, Florida International University, and the Florida Department of Health. Keynote speakers included Dr. Stephen Klasko, Vice President of the USF Health Sciences Center and Dean of the USF College of Medicine, and Dr. John Brehm of the United Kingdom Health Protection Agency. Representatives from the U.S. Army Research, Development, and Engineering Command (RDECOM) and the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) were in attendance. Scientists had the opportunity to network and develop collaborative projects over the course of the meeting

ASPH Welcomes Gillian Silver

ASPH is happy to announce that Ms. Gillian Silver has been hired as a Manager of Educational and Research Programs. Ms. Silver joined the staff on May 31, and she will focus on four projects: the MetLife-funded Healthy Schools initiative; the W. K. Kellogg Foundation-funded "Affirming a Commitment to Eliminating Health Disparities"; fostering and maintaining Academic Health Departments, and; ASPH's effort to develop a credential for graduates from CEPH accredited or pre-accredited schools and programs of public health. From ASPH Friday Letter #1363.

Students


Congratulations to Chodaesessie Morgan for Defending her Dissertation!

The Department of Community and Family Health would like to congratulate Chodaesessie Morgan on successfully defending her dissertation, "Cervical Cancer Screening Disparities in an Ethnically Diverse Population of Women Residing in the United States in 1999: A Secondary Analysis of Data from the 1999 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System".

Service Opportunities for Students

The HSC Service Corps display in the snack area has been updated with a brand new list of summer service opportunities, so stop by and pick up some handouts for new summer service projects that you may wish to participate in! You can also check out *the HSC Service Corps Events and Projects web site at: http://www.hsc.usf.edu/ahec/hsc_events.html and the HSC Service Corps calendar at <http://my.calendars.net/servicecorps>. Interested students are welcome to contact Ellen Kent, MPH, AHEC Faculty Coordinator for Special Projects at (813) 974-6622 or ekent@hsc.usf.edu!*

Administration

No news from administration this week.

Links of Interest

Meetings / Courses / Training Opportunities

[http://publichealth.usf.edu/monday letter/index.html](http://publichealth.usf.edu/monday%20letter/index.html)

Calls for Applications / Proposals

[http://publichealth.usf.edu/monday letter/index.html](http://publichealth.usf.edu/monday%20letter/index.html)

>> Faculty

Dr. Liller Publishes Article

Liller, K: Let's Sell Health. Journal of School Health. May-June, 2005.

Faculty to Attend ASSE Meeting

Dr. Peter Rentos, Aggie O'Sullivan, William Eva, and myself (Sharon Olenski) will be representing USF at the American Society of Safety Engineers on June 12th-14th in New Orleans. Bill Eva will have a poster presentation. USF will have a booth at the conference.

Dr. Studnicki Appointed to AHCA and RWJ Advisory Committees

Dr. James Studnicki, Professor of Health Policy and Management, has recently been appointed to two advisory committees. The Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) appointed him to serve on the Adult Interventions Cardiology Technical Advisory Panel. This group is responsible for developing procedures and standards for measuring outcomes of interventional cardiac programs. The advisory panel will determine a set of data elements to be reported, a risk adjustment procedure to be applied to the data, outcomes and expected standards of hospital performance, and sanctions for hospitals that fail to meet standards.

In addition, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJ) appointed Dr. Studnicki to serve on the Advisory Committee for Advancing Public Health Systems Research. This group oversees a series of projects with the main goal of advancing the production, dissemination, and application of an invitational research conference, a dedicated issue of the Journal of Public Health Management and Practice in January 2007, a PHSR website, and presentation of journal submissions at the 2006 Academy Health PHSR interest group meeting.

Recruiter's Corner

Jon Repece, the college's new student recruiter has the following meetings scheduled in June:

June 9th - ASPH CAS Site Visit, USF, COPH

June 15th to 18th - Social Marketing in Public Health Conference in Clearwater
(<http://www.cme.hsc.usf.edu/coph/smph/>)

June 16th - AHEC Presentation/Tour of the College

Alumni

Ashley Falcon Selected for 2005 HSHPS/CDC Internship

Ashley Falcon (Health Edu., '05) was selected to participate in the 2005 Hispanic Serving Health Professions School/CDC Student Internship Program. Her Atlanta placement entails validating measures that have just been tailored to the Hispanic population to assess the impact of intimate partner violence prevention programming

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

Important Dates

USF Summer Commencement

August 13, 2005

Florida Public Health Association Annual Meeting

July 26-29, 2005, Sarasota, FL

APHA Annual Meeting

November 5-11, 2005, New Orleans, LA