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(From left to right): Tatiana Mackliff (IIE), Dr. Cindy Wolloch, (U.S. DOS), Dr. Charles Patrick Almazor (Fulbright student-Haiti), Mary Kirk (IIE), Claudia Pereira (Fulbright student-Brazil), Dr. Joxel Garcia (PAHO), Dr. Erika Arteaga (Fulbright student-Ecuador), Dr. Rachel Cassagnol (Fulbright student-Haiti), Dr. Abraham Salinas (Fulbright student-Nicaragua), Farida Kerouani (PAHO), Monti Castaneda (IIE), Karen Gladbach (PAHO), and Dr. Charles Godue (PAHO).

PAHO launches the Fulbright-PAHO Internship in Public Health. This initiative will bring five Fulbright students in Public Health from Latin America and the Caribbean to PAHO headquarters in Washington, D.C. for a summer internship in 2006. On 8 February 2006, PAHO hosted a reception in Washington, D.C. to welcome the Fulbright students and the partnering agencies--the Institute of International Education (IIE), administrators of the Fulbright program, and the U.S. Department of State (US DOS), the funding agency. During the reception, Deputy Director Dr. Joxel Garcia signed a Memo of Agreement to formalize this program with the Institute of International Education. The first year's cohort of Fulbright students comes from Brazil, Ecuador, Haiti, and Nicaragua and

will work in the technical areas of HIV/AIDS, Non-Communicable Diseases, Maternal and Child Health, and Sustainable Development and Environmental Health. This activity is part of a larger initiative managed by PAHO's Human Resources for Health Unit to build a strong internship program at PAHO through collaborations with training institutions and other external organizations. One of our Global Health Students, Erika Arteaga will be participating in the Summer Internship.

>>Students



Student Service and Research Information

Research: For information on additional internal (USF) and external funding opportunities for COPH students, go to <http://publichealth.usf.edu/officeresearch/fundingopps.html>. For more info on the Student Honorary Award for Research and Practice "SHARP" awards go to <http://publichealth.usf.edu/officeresearch/sharp.html>.

Student Service: To find out about additional service opportunities for the spring available through the USF Health Service Corps, COPH students may also look at the web site at <http://www.hsc.usf.edu/ahec/servicecorps.html> for more info about the USF Health Student Service Corps. The calendar at <http://my.calendars.net/servicecorps> as well as the web site at <http://www.hsc.usf.edu/ahec/hsevents.html> have been updated, and there are handouts at the display table near snack area.

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Student Opportunity

The Department of Community and Family Health, College of Public Health, University of South Florida invites you to this one week program: INTERNATIONAL HEALTH EDUCATION SUMMER COURSE in PANAMA May 29th - June 2nd, 2006 (International Health Education PHC 6116-102; REF 54316):

- Provides theoretical and practical activities
- Includes visits to health-related research institutes, organizations and communities in Panama
- Is limited to 10 students.
- To learn more about this exciting educational opportunity, come to an Information Session on Tuesday March 28, 5:00 - 5:30 p.m., COPH 2003 or Wednesday March 29, 5:00 - 5:30 p.m., COPH 2003, or write to calvoae@cwpanama.net
- Reserve your space now with: kmbrown@grad.usf.edu

Student research: Here are some great opportunities for COPH students, as well as graduates of the COPH doctoral programs, to attend /present at conferences:

(1) The fifth UCLA Conference on Public Health and Disasters has issued a call for student abstracts. The poster session will be held at the Hilton Long Beach in Long Beach, Calif., on Sunday, May 21 from 6:30-9 p.m. (Pacific).

<http://www.cphd.ucla.edu/conf06poster.htm> More information about the conference can be found at <http://www.cphd.ucla.edu/>. Deadline for submissions is April 21st.

(2) Student/Faculty academic session at the Florida Public Health Association's Annual Conference will be held August 1-4 in Palm Beach Gardens. Deadline for submission: April 3, 2006. See downloadable document at <http://www.hsc.usf.edu/publichealth/grants/FPHA06.doc>.

(3) 2006 NALBOH MacNeal Scholarship - Due May 26, 2006 <http://www.nalboh.org/2006%20MacNeal%20Scholarship%20Application.doc>. NALBOH will be offering a minimum of one (1) MacNeal Scholarship for \$500 to assist a public health student to attend the NALBOH Annual Conference from July 26 - 29, 2006 in San Antonio, Texas. This scholarship program is designed to assist students to participate in NALBOH's Annual Conference and learn more about the governing bodies of local public health systems. The awardee will have an opportunity to attend sessions on board governance, community health, environmental health, and preparedness; interact with local board of health members; hear from national, state, and local public health leaders; and gain additional information useful to a future role as a public health worker and, hopefully, a local board of health member.

(4) NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research Travel Awards - Due April 1, 2006. The NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR) is offering an opportunity for junior investigators to join the 10th Anniversary celebration, "Celebrating a Decade of Progress and Promise," on Wednesday, June 21-Thursday, June 22. The OBSSR has a limited number of travel awards available for junior investigators - persons who received a doctoral level degree within the past five years. Applications for travel awards must be received by Saturday, April 1. For details, visit the OBSSR 10th Anniversary Travel Awards Web page at <http://obssr.od.nih.gov/OBSSR10th/award.htm>.

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>> Faculty

Faculty and Staff Opportunities

1. USF Health - Spanish Immersion Course for University of South Florida Health Sciences Faculty and Staff, City of Knowledge, Panama - July 14-29, 2006

Language & cultural immersion for USF Health faculty and staff.

- 2 weeks of Spanish language training + cross cultural competence, 4 hours daily, groups of maximum 4 students, tailored to the needs of healthcare staff working with Hispanic patients
- 3 lectures by healthcare specialists on providing healthcare to Hispanic patients
- 2 site visits to local healthcare facilities
- Access to all facilities of ILISA and City of Knowledge (Internet, pool, tennis court)
- 1 one-day excursion to indigenous village (Emberá)
- Hotel accommodation (single or double) in Best Western
- Transport between hotel and ILISA, airport pickup- and return

Cost: \$ 1,665-- (single occupancy); \$ 1,345 (double) With an optional spouse program For more information or to sign up, contact:

Thorwald Westmaas, Director, ILISA, City of Knowledge, Panama; E-mail: thorwald@ilisa.com; Telephone: (507) 317-1011; Mobile: (507) 6671-2112; Website: www.ilisa.com

2. Faculty Development Program - Spanish Language Immersion - Panama 2006 June 30- July 15, 2006

International Affairs is offering a faculty development opportunity for those faculty members who would like to learn conversational Spanish for their personal and professional development. The program will involve participating in four on-campus language classes at USF Tampa campus and then travel to Panama for two weeks of additional language instruction and cultural visits. Classes in Panama will be provided by ILISA, a language school located in the City of Knowledge, near the Panama Canal. <http://www.ilisa.com/panama> Open to all USF faculty and administrative professional staff who require Spanish to be more effective in their professional work, who are at the beginner level, and who can commit to the full duration of the program.

USF campus-based Spanish classes: 9 a.m.-Noon: May 31, June 7, 14 and 21 (dates are tentative).

In Panama: June 30- July 15, 2006

The approximate cost of the program is \$2,085, excluding airfare (estimated \$500-\$700). Costs include instruction at USF, ten days of instruction in Panama, housing, field trips, transportation to and from the airport in Panama, and several dinners. The International Affairs Center (IAC) will cover a portion of these costs, along with the participant, with a support request to the sponsoring college or department. **Deadline for application: March 31, 2006.** For application forms or information: contact *Dr. Don Dellow*, Dellow@iac.usf.edu or sujames@hsc.usf.edu

3. Faculty Development Program - Study Tour of South India -June 5-23, 2006
Dr. Gurleen Grewal, Women's Studies, is leading a study abroad tour to South India this summer. In an effort to provide faculty with the opportunity to experience India's immense cultural landscape, International Affairs will provide partial funding for up to five faculty. Dr. Ann DeBaldo, College of Public Health, is the lead faculty member for this faculty development program. The proposed Itinerary includes travel to India via Singapore, Chennai (Madras), Kalakshetra - Dakshin Chitra - Mahabalipuram, Kanchipuram & Mahabalipuram, Kanchipuram, (one of the seven holiest Hindu cities and famous for hand woven silk fabrics), Tiruvannamali Pondicherry, Mahabalipuram - Tanjore, with a 5000-year-old heritage, - Trichy, Madurai-Periyar, Periyar - Kumarakom , and Cochin.

The total price of the trip including airfare from Tampa is \$3,600., divided among International Affairs, the sponsoring college or department (suggested contribution), and the individual faculty member. Interested faculty will submit an application form to be forwarded to the appropriate department head and dean for approval.

Deadline for application: March 31, 2006

For application forms or further details: contact *Dr. Don Dellow*, Dellow@iac.usf.edu or sujames@hsc.usf.edu

Dr. Michael Reid Attends Meeting in St. Thomas and St. Croix

Dr. Michael Reid, Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, met with officials of the United States Virgin Islands Department of Health, USVI hospitals, the University of the Virgin Islands, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on St. Thomas and Saint Croix on March 13, March 14, and March 15. The topics of discussion were the College's online MPH and certificate programs and the training programs offered by the Florida Center for Public Health Preparedness.

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Dr. Karen Liller Publishes Book Chapter

Dr. Karen Liller published a chapter with Morag MacKay titled "Behavioral Considerations for Sports and Recreational Injuries in Children and Youth" in the text "Injury and Violence Prevention: Behavioral Science Theories, Methods, and Applications." The editors of the text are A.C. Gielen, D.A. Sleet, and R.J. DiClemente. The book was just published (2006) and the publisher is Jossey-Bass.

Thanks to faculty for responding to the International Interest and Experience Survey

Your responses will help the College in planning future international work and in coordinating with the broader USF international community. Thus far, 312 USF Tampa faculty have responded, including 44 COPH faculty members—75% of you are interested in participating in a faculty International Interest Group to explore potential research, projects or linkages. We'll let you know more about the survey results in the coming weeks.

>>Center News

Students from USF College of Public Health Leadership Institute Travel to Tallahassee

The 10th class of the USF Public Health Leadership Institute traveled to Tallahassee to participate in the "Political Effectiveness" session. While there, they visited the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) Central Office and met with FDOH Directors and Deputies. One of the highlights of their visit was meeting the Florida Secretary of Health, Dr. M. Rony Francois. He spoke about the 12 principles of spiritually intelligent leadership and his message was well received by the Leadership scholars. Additionally, they were presented with a virtual tour of the State Emergency Operations Center.

The Leadership scholars spent two days at the Florida State Capitol. They were given a tour of the State Capitol and had the opportunity to observe the House of Representatives chamber session. After which, they met with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, Mr. John Phelps, who answered questions about the legislative process and what was observed during the chamber session. The scholars also met with veteran lobbyists including Sam Bell, Kathy Betancourt and Lester Abberger who spoke about the importance of communicating their message and building a relationship with their legislators in their community. In addition, the Leadership scholars were given a tour of Senate Chamber and had the opportunity to participate in a mock session and debate an issue while reclining in the chairs of the Florida Senators.

The president of the Florida Public Health Association (FPHA), Linda Keen, spoke to the Leadership scholars about the importance of advocacy and encouraged them to join FPHA as it would provide them with the opportunity to fulfill the mission of public health through education, advocacy, and networking. The Leadership scholars had the opportunity to meet with one of the great pioneers of public health in Florida, Dr. Charlton "Skeeter" Prather, a former Florida Secretary of Health. He spoke about the importance of the history of public health and challenged each scholar to think about their legacy in public health. Representative Ed Homan and Senator Victor Crist wrapped up the session by speaking about the importance of educating their legislators.

The USF Public Health Leadership Institute scholars had a wonderful learning experience in Tallahassee and left with a greater understanding of the political process and how they can continue to make a difference in the health and well-being of all Floridians by simply getting involved!

Important Dates

National Public Health Week
April 3-8, 2006

National Public Health Week Celebration
April 3-9, 2006, College of Public Health
Contact Dr. Kay Perrin for more information at kperrin@hsc.usf.edu or visit the website at www.publichealth.usf.edu

COPH Networking Fair
Tuesday, April 4, 4-6 pm, COPH Atrium

Spring Field Experience Departmental Debriefing Dates
Friday April 14 - 11-noon - EPI/BIO - Rm 2003 COPH
Monday, April 17 - 10-11 am - GH - Rm 1122 COPH
Friday, April 21, 9-10 am - HPM - Rm 2143, COPH
Wednesday, April 26 - 10-11 am - EOH - Rm 1108 COPH
TBA - CFH

Friday, May 12, 2006
10am Domestic FE Orientation
11am International FE Orientation
Orientation will be held in the Distance Learning Studio.
Contact feadvisor@hsc.usf.edu with questions.

November 4-8, 2006
Annual APHA Meeting, Boston, MA. For more information visit: www.apha.org/meetings or e-mail conventions@apha.org.

Links of Interest

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Florida Center for Public Health Preparedness Delivers Training Sessions
At the invitation of the University of Texas' Center for Biosecurity and Public Health Preparedness, the Florida Center for Public Health Preparedness (FCPHP) delivered its Disaster Behavioral Health First Aid Specialist Training (B-FAST) program to public health workers and other disaster response professionals in the US Virgin Islands. The program was facilitated by FCPHP faculty - Nadine D. Mescia, MHS and Eugene "Chip" Weiner, LMHC on March 14 in St. Croix and on March 15 in St. Thomas. More than 80 participants from the USVI Department of Health and their community partners attended these programs.

>>Alumni Information

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