

# College of Public Health

## Monday Letter

May 9, 2005

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## Take Note!

### President Genshaft to Visit COPH on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

President Genshaft will be visiting the College of Public Health on Friday May 13 from 2pm – 4pm. She would like to meet with faculty and staff and learn about our current activities and interests. We look forward to sharing our pride in our accomplishments with the President during her visit

### COPH Spring 2005 Commencement Held on May 7<sup>th</sup>

For the first time in USF history, graduate degree students were awarded their diplomas in a separate graduation ceremony at the USF Sun Dome on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Anticipated graduates for the College of Public Health numbered 52 masters students and 5 doctoral students. Degrees will become official in approximately two weeks once they are certified. Congratulations to our spring 2005 graduates!

### COPH Collects \$932.00 on Behalf of the March of Dimes

Dr. Wendy Nembhard reports that the College was able to raise a grand total of **\$932** for the March of Dimes!!!! We raised \$785 in online donations and \$147 dollars that was collected: at the COPH receptionist desk in the past month, at the pre-walk party on Friday, and also at the PH week health fair at the mall on April 9 (by Ellen Kent and PHSA).

### College of Public Health Reaches 72% of Goal!

The annual USF Faculty & Staff Campaign is well underway. To date, 34 College faculty & staff have made contributions totaling \$14,363. Please make your gift today. Your support can benefit any area of the University from student scholarships to research to public radio. Call the Office of Development at 974-676 with questions about how or where to make your gift.

## Meetings at the College this Week

No meetings this week.

## Departments and Programs

Nothing to report.

## Students: New this Week or of Special Interest

### Three Global Health Students to Participate in the World Citizenship Program

This summer, six USF students will participate in the World Citizenship Program, coordinated by the U of Florida, and three of them are Global Health students! **Alex Lockhart** will work with Plan International in the Philippines from May to August. His project will involve determining the facilitating/hindering factors of exclusive breastfeeding, the strength of Plan's program on village pharmacy in promoting sustainable health care financing, and editing and enhancing the existing HIV/AIDS program proposal. **Melissa Schreiber** is partnered with the International Orthodox Christian Charities Inc. (IOCC) in Ethiopia. She will strengthen community-based services to provide care and support for people with HIV/AIDS, particularly to the nation's more than 1 million orphans and vulnerable children. Over the next six months, Melissa will travel to Germany, Panama and Ethiopia in support of her MPH. Her Ethiopia placement begins in August. **Donna Shanklin** will work with the Save the Children's Food Security Program in Bolivia from June to August. For eight weeks she will work on health projects with Aymara-speaking clientele in Sica Sica, Luribay and Yaco. The remaining four weeks will be spent on the marketing and commercialization of agricultural products such as fava beans and onions in La Paz. For more information on the WCP, visit <http://www.ufic.ufl.edu/wcp.htm>, or contact Natalie D. Preston in field experience at [npreston@hsc.usf.edu](mailto:npreston@hsc.usf.edu). Applications for 2006 are due in November.

### 2006-2007 Fulbright US Student Program Applications Now Available

USF Seniors apply to graduate studies, graduate students, and PhD candidates working on an internationally focused thesis may apply. Check the link for details:

<http://www.fulbrightonline.org/us/home.php>. Applicants must be a US citizen. The USF campus deadline is September 15th, 2005. Transcripts and reference letters must be submitted to the Study Abroad Office, mail point: CPR107. For an appointment contact: Jessica Miller, USF Fulbright Representative at 813-974-4314.

### **Great Short Term Summer Job Opportunity!**

Are you the kind of student who enjoys mentoring and teaching high achieving high school students about the many opportunities in public health? We have a great opportunity for you! You can apply to work as a SUPER staff person for the 8<sup>th</sup> summer of the Public Health Possibilities (PHP) programs! (see also: <http://www.hsc.usf.edu/~ekent/PHP/PHP%20Programs.html>). There are openings for day or evening positions, part or full time, for May 30-June 4 (program for returning PHP students) and June 12-18 (program for new PHP students). Please email Ellen Kent, MPH, at [ekent@hsc.usf.edu](mailto:ekent@hsc.usf.edu) for further details and/or to request an application.

### **Bone Marrow Registration at College of Medicine – May 13th**

The Pacific American Medical Student's Association and the Latino American Medical Student's Association are going to be hosting a bone marrow registration at the College of Medicine courtyard on May 13<sup>th</sup> from 9AM-2PM. This event will take place with help of the Florida Blood Service and National Marrow Registration Services.

## **Centers**

### **From the Center for Leadership in Public Health Practice**

Michael Reid participated in the 4th UCLA Conference on Public Health and Disasters in Los Angeles, May 1-4. He presented a paper titled: "Disaster Mental Health Training in Florida: Hurricane Response and Behavioral Health First Aid Specialist Training". It reports on the contributions that the center made to the Florida Department of Health's preparedness and response to the 2004 hurricanes. His participation was supported by the CDC public health preparedness center grant to USF.

Nadine Mescia of the Florida Center for Public Health Preparedness is participating in the 19th Annual Governor's Hurricane Conference in Tampa, May 9-13. She has also been invited to deliver the Center's Disaster Behavioral Health First Aid Specialist Training course to 30 conference participants representing public health, health care, mental health, government, emergency management, emergency medical services, law enforcement, military, non-profit agencies, and schools. Ms. Mescia's participation and the training is supported by the CDC public health preparedness center grant to USF.

## **Administration**

### **President Announces Floating Holidays Dates**

President Judy Genshaft has announced the dates for the two additional floating holidays added to the holiday calendar: Friday, Dec. 23 and Friday, Dec. 30. The two floating holidays were added to the benefits package in 2004 with exact dates to be designated each calendar year by the president. The Health Sciences Center clinics will remain open on these two days, and while most other offices will close, there may be other exceptions due to the nature of the work performed. These decisions are made by the vice presidents and deans on a case-by-case basis. The complete university holiday calendar is available on the HR Web site (*link to <http://usfweb2.usf.edu/HR/procedures/a&l/holidays.htm>*)

## **Alumni News**

No news this week.

Please submit news to [msmith3@hsc.usf.edu](mailto:msmith3@hsc.usf.edu)

## **Faculty**

### **Natalie Preston Presents at SAAHP Regional Meeting**

The Southeastern Association of Advisors for the Health Professions (SAAHP) held its regional meeting at the Nashville Hilton Downtown, from Thursday, April 14, through Sunday, April 17. The theme for this year's meeting was "In Tune with Changes in Medical Education." Natalie Preston, coordinator of field placement, gave a "Professional Trends: Public Health Update" and represented the University of South Florida College of Public Health and ASPH at the "Meet the Deans Reception." SAAHP is one of four regional associations of the National Association of Advisors for the Health Professions (NAAHP), an organization of over 900 health professions advisors at colleges and universities throughout the United States. ASPH is a member of NAAHP, and works with the advisors to increase awareness of careers in public health. For more information about NAAHP, see <http://www.naahp.org>.

### **Dr. Wolfson Speaks at Annual Meeting of FICPA**

Dr. Wolfson spoke to the annual meeting of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants on a Fraud and Abuse Update in Health Care, Friday 29 April 2005 in Orlando; He spoke at the National Patient Safety Council on Friday 6 April, on The Legislative and Regulatory History of Patient Safety Reform in Florida

### **Dr. Andrea Spehar Authors Three Articles in Volume 1. Research Findings of Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Compendium, Advances in Patient Safety: From Research to Implementation**

*Seamless Care: Safe Patient Transitions from Hospital to Home* - in The Clinical Environment section; *Outpatient Benzodiazepine Prescribing, Adverse Events, and Costs* - in the Medication Safety section; and *Developing a Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Serious Injury Surveillance System that Includes Adverse Event Hospitalizations* - in the Surveillance section

The research that went into the Seamless Care article was funded by Dr. Jay Wolfson's Suncoast Center for Patient Safety, an AHRQ-funded research center.

## **Meetings, Courses, Training Opportunities**

New This week!

Nothing New This Week.

## **Calls for Proposals**

New This Week!

### **NIH : Centers of Excellence in Health Marketing and Health Communications – Due June 3**

NIH has issued a funding opportunity that will use the P01 award mechanism to support Centers of Excellence in Health Marketing and Health Communication. Details: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CD-05-108.html>. From ASPH Friday Letter #1359.

### **NIH: Centers of Excellence in Public Health Informatics – Due June 3**

NIH has issued a funding opportunity that will use the P01 award mechanism to support Centers of Excellence in Public Health Informatics. Details: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CD-05-109.html>. From ASPH Friday Letter #1359.

### **Fifth Annual Delta Omega Award for Innovative Public Health Curriculum – Due September 2**

The Delta Omega National Public Health Honor Society is pleased to announce a call for nominations for the 5th annual Delta Omega Award for Innovative Public Health Curriculum. More details: [http://www.asph.org/press/fridayletter/article\\_view.cfm?FLE\\_Index=2128&FL\\_Index=1359](http://www.asph.org/press/fridayletter/article_view.cfm?FLE_Index=2128&FL_Index=1359). From ASPH Friday Letter #1359.

## Announcements

### **Dr. Kenneth Warner named Dean of University of Michigan School of Public Health**

Economist Dr. Kenneth Warner, an international authority on tobacco policy, has been named dean of the School of Public Health at the University of Michigan. His selection was announced Monday, May 2 by UM President Mary Sue Coleman and Provost Paul Courant, and will be effective July 1, pending approval by the Board of Regents. Further details:

[http://www.asph.org/press/fridayletter/article\\_view.cfm?FLE\\_Index=2114&FL\\_Index=1359](http://www.asph.org/press/fridayletter/article_view.cfm?FLE_Index=2114&FL_Index=1359). From ASPH Friday Letter #1359.

## Resources

### **The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Releases First Data From National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS).**

For more information about NVDRS, visit [www.cdc.gov/ncipc/profiles/nvdrs/facts.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/profiles/nvdrs/facts.htm) or [www.cdc.gov/injury](http://www.cdc.gov/injury). From ATPM News Now #365.

### **Resource for Hurricane Preparedness**

Do you need to know how to prepare for a hurricane? Perhaps you want to track a hurricane? You can do this from the Faculty Affairs web page, [http://hsc.usf.edu/facultyaffairs/ofa\\_homepage.htm](http://hsc.usf.edu/facultyaffairs/ofa_homepage.htm). Just click on Hurricane Information in the What's New on this Site column or go to the Index/Site Map and click on Hurricane Information

### **Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Resource for Patient Safety**

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality just released a compendium, *Advances in Patient Safety: From Research to Implementation*. It is available online at <http://www.ahrq.gov/qual/advances/>.

### **New Link on International Health Funding Sources**

Please check out the new link, courtesy of Ellen Kent and Jo Ann Moore, on the Research Resources page of the HSC Office of Research website. It will take you to **International Health Funding Sources!** This site will be updated regularly with ideas for funding projects in just about every conceivable area of interest in public health...it makes interesting reading and who knows, you might find your next project there.

<http://www.hsc.usf.edu/research/researchresources.html>

## The Recruiter's Corner

### **He is "Out There" Working for All of You US(F)!**

Michael Green is Coordinator for Academic Support Services and is quite accurately referred to as our **COPH Recruiter**. He writes that, "Whenever I am going to an event that pertains to a specific department or program, I contact the appropriate coordinator with the information and request for display materials."

Contact Michael at 813-396-9134 or [mgreen2@hsc.usf.edu](mailto:mgreen2@hsc.usf.edu).

Below are some upcoming recruiting events/visits:

- May 10-12, 2005 – Public Health Information Network Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA (Exhibitor)
- May 24-27, 2004 – Southern Health Association Annual Meeting, Myrtle Beach, SC (Exhibitor)

## Research Information

**HSC Funding Finds** <http://www.hsc.usf.edu/research/hscfundingfindslist.html>