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USF Undergrad Council Approves COPH UG General Public Health Minor

On September 26, 2005 the USF Undergraduate Council approved the College of Public Health (COPH) Undergraduate General Public Health Minor (GPHM) proposal. The goal of the minor is to develop, in a broad range of students, an understanding and appreciation of the field of Public Health. The GPHM consists of 18 credit hours - twelve credit hours for required courses and six credit hours for elective courses. Demonstrating an interdisciplinary collaboration related to developing and implementing the minor, the Undergraduate Education Workgroup and the Undergraduate Advisory Committee (UAC) are comprised of faculty from all five COPH departments and staff from Academic Affairs and Student Affairs. Please direct questions to Dr. Suzanne Perry-Casler, UAC chair, by email at sperryca@hsc.usf.edu or by phone at 1-813-974-9598.

Louisiana State University Opens after Hurricane Katrina

The following is a letter from Dean Elizabeth Fontham of Louisiana State University's School of Public Health. "The LSUHSC School of Public Health (SPH) is up and running after a remarkably brief post-Katrina rebuilding effort. In four weeks time the SPH, as well as the other Schools that comprise the Health Sciences Center, was able to resume classes. From ASPH Friday Letter #1382.

Report from the Liaison (Dr. Michael Reid) to the FPHA Board for the USF College of Public Health

Current activities at the College of Public Health at the University of South Florida are reported weekly in its Monday Letter. The Monday Letter archives can be found at <http://publichealth.usf.edu/monday%20letter/index.html>.

The College's news about its activities, including those of alumni and students, is placed at this site: <http://publichealth.usf.edu/news.html>. If you have news or announcements about your activities or events that you believe would be of interest, please send them to Ms. Peggy Smith msmith3@hsc.usf.edu for consideration. Space is limited.

Join the HSC Service Corp American Heart Walk Team

The HSC Service Corps has started a team for the American Heart Walk; students, staff and faculty are certainly welcome to participate by walking and donating! American Heart Association (AHA) Walk: November 12, starting at 8 am at the St. Pete Times forum in downtown Tampa. To join the HSC Service Corps team, go to <http://heartwalk.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?event=95247>.

Click on participant registration button on left bar, then at next browser window, check on "I agree" button. At next window, click the middle button, "Join a team". At next window, at the scroll down box that says select a company, choose University of South Florida. Then at the bottom of the next window, there's a list of teams; simply click on HSC Service Corps team. Then if you want to walk, you click on join a team or if you want to just donate, then click on general team donation. Alternatively, you can copy and paste this link into your browser window.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM)

During this month, CDC is encouraging men and women to help prevent intimate partner violence (IPV) by taking an active role in promoting healthy relationships. IPV is defined as physical, sexual, or psychological harm to a person by a current or former partner or spouse. This type of violence can occur among heterosexual or same-sex couples and does not require sexual intimacy. In recognition of DVAM, CDC is launching a website about the Domestic Violence Prevention Enhancement and Leadership Through Alliances program and co-hosting an Internet seminar on working with men to prevent IPV. Additional information about IPV is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/factsheets/ipvfacts.htm>. October 21, 2005 / 54(41);1041 <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5441a1.htm>.

Epidemiology and Biostatistics Weekly Seminar - November 2, 2005

Dr. Greg Alexander will present this weeks EPB Seminar at noon in room 1023, COPH. Dr. Alexander's presentation is entitled "Fetal Growth".

>>Students

**Information on Student Service**

Feel free to check out your new bulletin boards upstairs (located next to the copy center) with student service and research opportunities . . .and you can also pick up handouts at the display boards downstairs in the snack area, or stop in and say hi to Ellen Kent, MPH, Coordinator Student Research Grants and Coordinator HSC Service Corps, in room 2023. Students may also look at the web site at <http://www.hsc.usf.edu/ahec/hscsevents.html>

Information on Student Research Program

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>. The purpose of this research scholarship is to provide funding for degree-seeking COPH students to carry out research for their special project/thesis or dissertation, by defraying some of the costs associated with their research. (up to \$500 for MSPH/MPH students and up to \$1000 for doctoral students). For more info on the SHARP awards, go to

<http://publichealth.usf.edu/officeresearch/sharp.html>. For more info on additional internal (USF) and external funding opportunities for COPH students, go to

<http://publichealth.usf.edu/officeresearch/fundingopps.html>. These pages are now updated. Students are welcome to contact Ellen Kent, MPH, Coordinator, Student Research Grants, with specific questions at ekent@hsc.usf.edu or, feel free to stop by and say hi to Ellen in Room 2023!

Mandatory Field Experience Orientation

Spring Domestic Field Experience Orientation
Thursday, January 5 from 11am-noon in the Distance Learning Studio (COPH 2004). Distance Learning students are exempt from attending. Questions may be directed to feadvisor@hsc.usf.edu or 813.974.7714

Spring International Field Experience Orientation

Thursday, January 5, 12:30-1:30pm
Distance Learning Studio (COPH 2004)
Questions may be directed to mcortes@hsc.usf.edu or 813-974-4247

Leigh Mathias has Abstract Accepted

"The Stroke Belt: No Improvement in Stroke Mortality Rates for African American Elderly in Urban and Rural Counties, United States, 1990-2000" was accepted for presentation at the American Heart Association's 2006 International Stroke Conference were accepted for poster presentation. The conference is scheduled for Thursday, February 16 - Saturday, February 18, 2006 at the Gaylord Palms, Kissimmee, Florida. Abstracts will also be published in the February 2006 issue of *Stroke: A Journal of the American Heart Association*



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Students Present at the Southeastern Branch of the American Society for Microbiology 2005 Meeting

"A Tiered Test Algorithm for Detection of Alphaviruses in Sentinel Chickens Assisted Prevention and Medical Risk Assessment Strategies". **Christy L. Ottendorfer** and **Lillian M. Stark**. Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Laboratories and University of South Florida, College of Public Health, Department of Global Health, Tampa, FL.

"{Bacteriophage for the Elimination of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) Colonization and Infection". **Angela S. Clem**. University of South Florida, College of Public Health, Department of Global Health, Tampa, FL.

"Dengue Virus infects Human Endothelial Cell Line HPMEC-ST1.6R and Induces Production of Proinflammatory and Angiogenesis-specific Cytokines". **Carlos Espino**¹, **Mark Sweat**³, **Lillian Stark**^{1,2}, **Deno Kazanis**³, and **Azliyati Azizan**^{1,2}. Global Health Department, College of Public Health, Tampa, Florida¹, Florida Department of Health Bureau of Laboratory, Tampa, Florida² and the Center for Biological Defense, Florida Department of Health, Tampa, Florida³

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Dr. Karen Liller Publishes Article

Karen D. Liller (Associate Dean for Academic Affairs) and Irene Pintado (Doctoral Candidate) published "A Historical Comparison of Child and Parent Reports of Injury Prevention Behaviors: Findings From the Pinellas County Omnibus Study" in the *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice*, 2005, Volume 11 (6), pages 522-527.

Dr. Jay Wolfson Speaks at Conference

Dr. Jay Wolfson was a featured speaker at the International Conference of Technology and Science Museums, Sunday, 16 October in Richmond, Virginia, where he addressed "Ethical and Legal Issues in the Use and Display of Bodies for Public Scientific Exhibitions".

Dr. Peter Gorski Delivers Keynote Address

Peter A. Gorski, M.D., M.P.A. delivered the 33rd Tuuri Day Keynote Address at Mott Children's Health Center in Flint, Michigan on October 19. His topic was "The Millennial Morbidities: Children's Health in the Year 2015."

Dr. Laurence Branch Awarded \$235,000 Grant

Dr. Laurence Branch was recently awarded a \$235,000 grant from the National Institute of Justice to undertake two years of preliminary work in anticipation of the first ever national probability survey of older people to establish the prevalence of Elder Abuse and Neglect. The preliminary work will focus on the development of structured instruments to replicate consensus clinical judgments about clinical abuse made by Florida Hotline personnel.

Dr. Elizabeth Barnett has Abstract Accepted

"Adverse Stroke Mortality Trends for African American Elders in Central Cities of Major Metropolitan Areas, United States, 1990-2000", was accepted for presentation at the American Heart Association's 2006 International Stroke Conference were accepted for poster presentation. The conference is scheduled for Thursday, February 16 - Saturday, February 18, 2006 at the Gaylord Palms, Kissimmee, Florida. All abstracts will be published in the February 2006 issue of *Stroke: A Journal of the American Heart Association*.

Community and Family Health Seminar Presentation:

"*Cultural Epidemiology: Motivations and Methods*," by Mitchell Weiss, MD, PhD, Professor and Head, Department of Public Health and Epidemiology, Swiss Tropical Institute, Basel, Switzerland. Co-sponsored by USF College of Public Health and Department of Anthropology. Tuesday, November 15, 2005, 12:30pm, Room 2024, COPH. Dr. Weiss is a physician-anthropologist who developed the methodology of cultural epidemiology, a mixed method approach used in diverse countries to study the cultural dimensions of mental illness, infectious diseases and chronic conditions.

Free Flu Shots at College of Public Health-Friday, November 4th

The Public Health Student Association in Collaboration with the Hillsborough County Health Department will offer Flu Shots to anyone 18 years old and over from 8 am - 4 pm (while supplies last) on Friday, November 4th in the College of Public Health. For more information please call 974-3623.

>> Faculty

Dr. Stanley Graven Tours Arctic Villages

Dr. Stanley Graven and his wife Mavis toured three Northwest Arctic Villages in early October to spread the message that a rich, nurturing home during infancy is crucial to a child's future success. The Gravens visited Ambler, Noorvik and Selawik. Dr. Graven is working with the Northwest Arctic Borough School District's (NWABSD) Getting Ready to Learn Program.

Dr. Kay Perrin is New Director of Academic Affairs

Dr. Kay Perrin, Assistant Professor in the Department of Community and Family Health, has accepted the College's Director of Academic Affairs position. This position required a doctorate in public health, education, or a health-related field, graduate, including doctoral-level, teaching experience in an accredited school of public health, and experience in overseeing student activities within academic and community settings. It was also preferred that faculty nominated for this position had extensive experience working with regional, national, and international organizations involved with public health practice, public health education, or accreditation.

Dr. Perrin will work extensively with the Office of Academic Affairs on student affair issues, such as coordinating student events, supervising student programs, handling student admission approvals, grievances, complaints, concerns, etc. As our College continues to grow not only in size and diversity in terms of existing programs and new opportunities for students, this position is very much needed. Please join me in congratulating Dr. Perrin on her exciting additional College-wide responsibilities! We believe she will be a wonderful asset to our students, the Office of Academic Affairs and the entire College.

Congratulation Dr. Perrin!

Dr. Charles Mahan Presents at Meetings

On Oct.5 and 6, Dr. Mahan chaired the selection committee for the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Sapphire Awards in Amelia Island. The awards will be announced this next month.

Oct.7- Dr. Mahan gave keynote at Annual Mtg. of the St. Lucie Co. Healthy Start Coalition in Ft. Pierce. Address was on "Saving Money in the Medicaid Prenatal and Infant Program"

Oct.8-Dr. Mahan spoke to National Council of State Legislators in Naples, Florida, on the "Importance of Investing in Public Health and Prevention in Re-designing State Health Programs"



>>Administration

Important Time Sheet Information

Time sheets and Time logs for the pay period 10/7/05-10/20/05 will be due to CPH-HR by Friday, October 14, 2005. Employees using the old forms for time sheets and time logs will not be accepted. If you need a new time sheet or time log, please contact Amy Tinkler at astahlbe@hsc.usf.edu.

We're approaching the holiday season, and that means time sheets and time logs will be due earlier than usual. Please take note of the following dates in which time logs & time sheets are due; failure to submit time sheets & time logs by the following dates may result in a delay of receiving your pay check:

11/4/05-11/17/05 (Holiday 11/11) - DUE Tues., 11/8/05
 11/18/05-12/1/05 (Holidays 11/24, 11/25)-DUE Weds, 11/23/05
 12/2/05 - 12/15/05 - DUE Thurs, 12/8/05
 12/16/05-12/29/05 (Holidays 12/23, 12/26)-DUE Mon, 12/19/05

Alumni

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

Links of Interest

[Meetings / Courses / Training Opportunities](#)

[Calls for Applications / Proposals](#)

[USF Health Funding Finds](#)

>>Resources

New NCHS Web Site - "Health Data for All Ages" On Monday, Oct 3, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) launched a new Web site entitled *Health Data for All Ages*: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/health_data_for_all_ages.htm. From ASPH Friday Letter #1382.

University of Michigan Offers New Tool to Understand, Measure Health. A new tool can be found in the [University of Michigan School of Public Health's](#) newly released "Measuring Health Disparities," an interactive, CD-ROM-based course, free from the [Michigan Public Health Training Center](#) (MPHTC).

Important Dates

Upcoming USF Holidays (COPH Will Be Closed)

November 11 - Veteran's Day
 November 24, 25 - Thanksgiving Holiday
 December 23, 26 - Christmas Holiday
 December 30 and January 1, 2006 - New Year's Holiday

Friday, November 18, 2005

12:00-1:00 pm - City of Knowledge Faculty Panel
 Prof. Jorge Arosemena. Executive Director, City of Knowledge, Panama - *City of Knowledge: Creating a Synergy for International Academic and Technology Development*
 Eduardo Ortega, M.D. Research and Development Coordinator, Institute for Scientific Research and High Technology Services (INDICASAT) - *INDICASAT: a biotechnology platform for tropical disease research in Panama*
 Arlene Calvo, Ph.D., Director, Health Research International
Health Research International: Clinical Research Opportunities in Panama

Friday, November 18, 2005

International Health Synergy Social, College of Public Health
 4:00-6:00 pm

Friday, December 9, 2005 - EOH Field Experience Debriefing
 9, 11am-noon, EOH conference room (CPH 1108)

Friday, December 9, 2005 - CFH Field Experience Debriefing from 9-11am in CPH 2016

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).