

College of Public Health

Monday Letter

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Monday Letter Will Be Late Next Week

Due to the editor's vacation, the Monday Letter will not be available until late next week.

USF SafetyFlorida Awarded OSHA OSCAR

The USF SafetyFlorida OSHA Consultation Program was awarded an OSCAR by E. Tyna Coles, OSHA Deputy Director of Cooperative and State Programs, May 5, 2005, at the Annual Training Consultation Conference in Denver. OSCAR stands for OSHA's Consultation Achievement Recognition and recognizes a state consultation program for outstanding achievements of a one-time, nonrecurring nature connected with or related to a special assignment that was not part of the Consultation Annual Project Plan (CAPP).

Dr. Yehia Hammad, Professor of Environmental and Occupational Health and Director of the USF SafetyFlorida OSHA Consultation Program, said, "I am very pleased that SF SafetyFlorida was nominated for the award by the Region IV (Atlanta) Consultation Project Office. This is special recognition of the USF teamwork within the OSHA family and for their service through USF to the citizens of Florida." Criteria for the award included performing exceptional work on a one-time special assignment resulting in significant contribution to the small business community or to the overall positive public image of the state's On-Site Consultation Program.

USF SafetyFlorida is a free and confidential small business safety consultation program administered by the USF College of Public Health. The program's mission is to demonstrate how reducing workplace injuries and illnesses can help small businesses profit from safety in today's competitive marketplace. USF Consequently, SafetyFlorida's special areas of emphasis during 2005 are high-injury and illness business sectors such as concrete, fruits and vegetables, shipbuilding and boat repair, landscaping, and warehousing. USF SafetyFlorida is also administering two major Hispanic family health and safety fairs, the Feria Familiar de Salud y Seguridad, June 4 (Homestead) and August 20 (Kissimmee), to help reduce the disproportionately high rate of Hispanic injuries and fatalities among Florida's landscaping, agricultural, and construction workers.

Beverly Sanchez Honored at USF Outstanding Staff Award Ceremony on May 11th

Beverly is currently an Administrative Assistant in the Office of the Dean in Public Health. She joined the College of Public Health Dean's Office as an OPS Word Processor in 1986. She transferred to the Office of the Provost for one year and in 1989 the COPH coaxed her back with a promotional opportunity, so she returned to the College as an Administrative Assistant. Beverly was recommended by the HSC for this award because she has demonstrated a commitment to: a quality student experience in the COPH and educational excellence in the College. Beverly serves as the Administrative Assistant to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the College of Public Health, Dr. Karen Liller. She maintains the academic records for all of the students in the College, serves as the communication link with the University Registrar and certifies all students for graduation. She is the first and last point of contact for COPH students and is passionate about ensuring that "her students" are taken care of. Dr. Liller refers to Beverly as caring for the students from "cradle to grave". In addition to her dedication to the students as individuals, she is intimately involved in the College curriculum and education committees that are charged with insuring that the content and quality of the educational experience is the best that it can be. Congratulations again on winning this award Beverly!

President Genshaft's Visit to the College a Success!

From Dean Petersen - Thanks once again for doing such a great job showcasing the best our College has to offer. Dr. Genshaft truly appreciated the opportunity to learn about what we do here and was impressed with the extent, the quality and the importance of our work. Thank you for being yourselves, sharing your enthusiasm for what you do and helping her to see for herself what a truly outstanding college of public health this is. For those faculty who had their picture taken with President Genshaft and would like an electronic copy emailed to them, please contact Chris Bahl at cbahl@hsc.usf.edu and he will be happy to forward the photo to you.

Meetings at the College this Week

EOH Seminar – May 18th, 4-5 pm CPH 1122

US EPA scientist Dr. Russell Long will present "Laboratory and Field Evaluation of Instrumentation for the Semi-Continuous Determination of Water-Soluble Aerosols and Gases" for the EOH Seminar on May 18 from 4-5 pm in CPH 1122

Departments and Programs

Nothing to report.

Students: New this Week or of Special Interest

Reach Out and Read Program Service Project

Interested in the USF Department of Pediatrics - Reach Out and Read Program service project? There will be a training session this Friday **May the 20th at 3 pm**, contact ekent@hsc.usf.edu for more details and to sign up. Additional service activities are also listed at: <http://www.hsc.usf.edu/ahec/hscevents.html>

Interdisciplinary Learning Opportunity for Students

A great interdisciplinary learning opportunity for COPH students: Come join other HSC students at the Caring for the Uninsured Symposium & Luncheon on **Wednesday, May 25, 2005, at noon**, see : <http://www.hsc.usf.edu/ahec/caringforuninsured.bmp>.

Great Short Term Summer Job Opportunity!

You can apply to work as a SUPER staff person for the 8th summer of the Public Health Possibilities (PHP) programs! (see also: <http://www.hsc.usf.edu/~ekent/PHP/PHP%20Programs.html>). Please email Ellen Kent, MPH, at ekent@hsc.usf.edu for further details and/or to request an application.

Centers

No News This Week

Administration

Dean Petersen Attends ASPH Education Committee Meeting May 9-10

The 2005 Spring Education Committee Meeting was held May 9-10 in Chicago. The meeting served a two-fold purpose: on day one, participants in the Institute of Medicine (IOM) follow-up session developed a consensus response on the 2002 IOM recommendations for schools to include communication, ethics, and community-based participatory research (CBPR) content in graduate public health education, and on day two, participants heard formal presentations on the core MPH competency draft and had the opportunity for reactions. For more information go to http://www.asph.org/press/fridayletter/article_view.cfm?FLE_Index=2139&FL_Index=1360. From the ASPH Friday Letter #1360.

Welcome a New Member to the College

Please welcome Ms. Angela Salem as Lab Manager for COPH.

Alumni News

No news this week.

Please submit news to msmith3@hsc.usf.edu

Faculty

Dr. Perry-Casler Appointed to the General Education Council

Dr. Suzanne Perry-Casler has been appointed to a three-year term to USF's General Education Council by Provost Renu Khator. Dr. Perry-Casler was nominated by the Faculty Senate for this committee appointment. The appointment is effective with the Fall 2005 semester.

Thanks to COPH Faculty for Their Service

Dr. Gregory Teague (Chair, USF Research Council) sent out a thank-you on behalf of the USF Faculty Senate Research Council to Drs. Heidi Kay, Alan Sear, and Andrea Spehar for serving as proposal reviewers and/or panelists for the USF Internal Awards program during the 2004-2005 academic year. Participation in this program is strictly voluntary and the efforts of our faculty members is greatly appreciated not only by the Research Council, but also by the College of Public Health!

HSC Pilot Research Grant Program in Patient Safety Announces Awardees

The Health Science Center Pilot Research Grant Program in Patient Safety is pleased to announce the awardees from the March 28, 2005 application round. They are: Dr. Donald Berndt, Dept. of ISDS, College of Business Administration; Dr. William E. Lee, III, Dept. of Chemical Engineering, College of Engineering; **Dr. Etienne E. Pracht, Dept. of Health Policy and Management, College of Public Health.** The Health Science Center Pilot Research Grant Program in Patient Safety is part of the HSC Patient Safety Strategic Planning Initiative, and funded by the Health Sciences Center at USF. This program is aimed at developing research capacity, and interdisciplinary teams of researchers in patient safety who can successfully compete for federal funding. The Pilot Research Grant Program is designed to provide support for development of research studies focusing on patient safety by funding pilot projects that will lead to National Institute of Health (NIH)-level proposals. University of South Florida (USF) faculty and doctoral and post-doctoral students from a wide range of disciplines were eligible to apply.

Dr. Jay Wolfson Speaks at the American Geriatrics Society Annual Meeting

Dr. Jay Wolfson was the featured evening speaker at the American Geriatrics Society Annual Meeting in Orlando, where he addressed the members on "How The Schiavo Case Affect Palliative Care Decisions", Wednesday, May 11, 2005.

Dr. Jim Van Elswyk Inducted into the Golden Key Honor Society

Congratulations to Dr. Jim Van Elswyk, an Assistant Professor teaching in our undergrad program, who was inducted in the Golden Key Honor Society!

Dr. Connie Mizak Publishes Paper

Mizak, C.A., S.W. Campbell, M.E. Luther, R.J. Murphy, R.P. Carnahan, and N.D. Poor, 2005. *Below-cloud Ammonia Scavenging in Convective Thunderstorms at a Coastal Research Site in Tampa, FL, USA.* Atmospheric Environment 39, 1575-1584.

Meetings, Courses, Training Opportunities

New This week!

Annual ASPH Meeting Registration and Housing Open June 1

Complete your online meeting registration and your data will be directly linked to your online hotel/housing form. Early-bird registration discounts and the best hotel rates at 20 New Orleans hotels are available starting June 1 at <http://www.apha.org/meetings>. From May 2005 ASPH Member News.

Calls for Proposals

New This Week!

Blue Foundation for a Healthy Florida Sapphire Award - Applications Due June 29

The Blue Foundation for a Healthy Florida supports community-based solutions that enhance access to quality health-related services for uninsured and underserved Floridians. The Selection Committee will meet in early October to review the pre-screened applications. Award winners will be announced in early November at an Awards Ceremony. For application and more information go to: <http://www.bcbsfl.com/index.cfm?section=visitors&fuseaction=BlueFoundation.home>

Centers of Excellence in Health Marketing and Health Communication – Due June 17

For more information go to: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html>. From ASPH Friday Letter #1360.

ATSDR – Grant for Applied Research for Populations Around Hazardous Waste Sites – Due June 27

For more information go to: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/pdf/05-9373.pdf>. From the ASPH Friday Letter #1360.

Announcements

ASPH Welcomes New Office Manager

ASPH is happy to announce that they have hired a new Office Manager. Cody Specketer joined our staff on Monday, May 9, 2005. Cody has a bachelors degree in Political Science from the University of Minnesota - Morris and recently moved to the Washington, D.C. area. From the ASPH Friday Letter #1360.

Resources

New National Public Health Performance Standards Program Web Site Launched

The National Public Health Performance Standards Program now has a new Web ssite. Visit <http://www.apha.org/ppp/phpmain1/>. From May 2005 ASPH Member News.

Learn More About the HHS 500-Day Plan

U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Michael Leavitt uses a 500-day plan as a management tool to guide his energies toward achieving a healthier America. Visit: <http://www.os.dhhs.gov/500DayPlan//> From May 2005 ASPH Member News.

Join MegaVote

Keep updated on how legislators vote on issues important to public health by joining APHA's MegaVote list at <http://www.capwiz.com/apha/megavote/>. From May 2005 ASPH Member News.

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.

Below are some upcoming recruiting events/visits:

- 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>