

Dean's Bulletin Board

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UMDNJ's Stratford Campus

SPH Participates in Stratford Grand Rounds Inaugural Program

The Stratford Campus Inter-School Collaboration Group, comprising the Deans of the six Schools of UMDNJ that share the Stratford Campus - the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, New Jersey Dental School, School of Health Related Professions, School of Nursing, School of Osteopathic Medicine and School of Public Health - is sponsoring the first program of a new Inter-Professional Grand Rounds (IPGR) Series. The goal of this IPGR Series is to familiarize the students, faculty and staff of all six UMDNJ Stratford Campus Schools with the benefits that accrue to patients when health care professionals work together as a team.

The first event, entitled "Inter-Professional Approach to a Patient with HIV and Chronic Pain," will be held Monday, October 6, 2008, 4:30pm-5:30pm, in the Academic Center Auditorium in Stratford.

Schedule:

- 4:30 Welcome
Dr. Cavalieri
- 4:35 Public Health & Scientific Background
Drs. Ziskin, Caradonna
- 4:45 Inter-Disciplinary Case Presentation
Drs. Condoluci, Jermyn, Rissmiller
- 5:00 Inter-Professional Panel Discussion
Dr. Cappuccilli, Mr. Kietrys, Ms. Walsh
- 5:15 Questions and Answers
Dr. Jermyn, Moderator
- 5:30 Adjournment and Refreshments

SPH's Dr. Ziskin will be presenting a brief overview of the Epidemiology of HIV/AIDS prior to the case presentation.

This event is being sponsored by UMDNJ-School of Osteopathic Medicine. Future

events scheduled are as follows:

- January 2009 - Topic: Bridging the Gaps (Sponsor: UMDNJ-School of Public Health).
- April 2009 - Topic: TBD (Sponsor: UMDNJ-School of Health Related Professions).

Students attending all three Grand Rounds programs will receive a certificate of completion. For more information, please contact Ms. Vivian Lubin, Chief Operating Officer, UMDNJ-SOM, (856) 566-6397 or lubin@umdj.edu.



See next page for more information on National Preparedness Month.

V.O.I.C.E.S. Cookbook Proceeds Benefit Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen



The UMDNJ-School of Public Health V.O.I.C.E.S. organization (Volunteer Opportunities In Community Engaged Service) recently donated \$2,100 to the New Brunswick-based Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen.

The funds were the product of the V.O.I.C.E.S. cookbook project, where the

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Bernadette West

Presenting the check on August 13, 2008 to Ms. Lisanne Finston, executive director of Elijah's Promise (2nd from left), are SPH alumnae and current SPH doctoral students Marija Borjan, MPH '06 (left), and Chizoba Nwankwo, MPH '04 (right), and SPH alumna Kristen Macaluso, MPH '08 (2nd from right).

OUR MISSION: "The UMDNJ-School of Public Health is a statewide, multi-institutional, multi-campus scholarly community dedicated to improving the health of diverse populations in New Jersey and elsewhere through collaborative teaching, research, and service."



Welcome all students!

Newark - Piscataway/New Brunswick - Stratford/Camden Campuses - Fall 2008

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SPH Student Government Association (SGA) Officers, 2008-2009

The School of Public Health appreciates the additional work of the students who voluntarily provide leadership for the Student Government Association (SGA) each academic year. We are pleased to announce the SGA representatives from all three campuses.

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We thank you for your willingness to serve!



The first-ever Global Handwashing Day will take place on Wed., Oct. 15, 2008! The UN General Assembly has designated 2008 the International Year of Sanitation, and Global Handwashing Day will echo and reinforce its call for improved hygiene practices. For more info, visit: http://www.who.int/gpsc/events/2008/15_10_08/en/index.html.

September is National Preparedness Month

September 2008 marks the fifth annual National Preparedness Month in the United States. The campaign helps to underscore the important responsibility everyone has to be ready for emergencies in their homes, businesses, and communities. UMDNJ's Office of Emergency Management and Occupational Health and Safety is enabling the University Community to "get ready." Visit their website for much more information at:

<http://umdnjcaprod.umdnj.edu/emg/>

- ▶ Alert @ UMDNJ pamphlet
- ▶ Student Information Sheets
- ▶ Faculty Information Sheets

Learn more about:

- ▶ Shelter-in-Place
- ▶ Evacuation
- ▶ Lockdown
- ▶ Fire Safety
- ▶ 7 "Shoulds" for Students
- ▶ 7 "Shoulds" for Faculty

September 2008 National Health Observances

<http://www.healthfinder.gov>

Month-Long Recognitions

- America On the Move's September Campaign
- Childhood Cancer Month
- Craniofacial Acceptance Month
- Fruit and Veggies - More Matters Month
- Healthy Aging® Month
- National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month
- National Cholesterol Education Month
- National Infant Mortality Awareness Month
- National Pediculosis Prevention Month/ Head Lice Prevention Month
- National Yoga Month
- Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month
- Prostate Cancer Awareness Month
- Reye's Syndrome Awareness Month
- Sports and Home Eye Safety Month
- Whole Grains Month

Week- & Day-Long Recognitions

- 7 - 13 National Suicide Prevention Week
- 13 National Celiac Disease Awareness Day
- 15 - 23 Reye's Syndrome Awareness Week
- 16 Get Ready Day
- 21 - 27 National Farm Safety & Health Week
- 21 - 27 National Rehabilitation Awareness Celebration
- 21 World Alzheimer's Day
- 28 - October 4 Hearing Aid Awareness Week
- 28 World Heart Day



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Fall 2008 Public Health Seminar Series

Wednesday, September 3 "HPV Vaccine: The Public Health Impact" Speaker: Candice Davenport, BSN, RN, MPH, CHES, New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services

Wednesday, September 24 "Gangs: Raising A Public Health Issue (Part 2)" Speaker: John Farrell, MSW, LCSW, UMDNJ-University Behavioral HealthCare

Tuesday, October 7 "Tobacco Control Advocacy in NJ: Lives Saved, Lessons Learned"

Speaker: George DiFerdinando, Jr., MD, MPH, UMDNJ-School of Public Health

Tuesday, October 21 "Incorporating Evidenced Based Decision Making in Community Based Clinical Programs" Speaker: Jonathan M. Metsch, DrPH, UMDNJ-School of Public Health

Wednesday, November 12 "Public Health Law: Legal Restrictions/Legal Rights (Part 1)" Speaker: John Jacobi, Seton Hall Law School

Tuesday, December 2 "Assessing The Issue Of Lead" Presenter: Carla Potter, Newark Public Health

Monday, December 17 - TBA

All seminars are FREE and are held at 683 Hoes Lane West, Piscataway, NJ from 10:30 am-12:00 pm. All seminars are approved for: 1.5 CE or LE, 1.5 Contact Hours for Nurses, 1.5 Continuing Education Contact Hours for CHES. Advanced pre-registration is required for all seminars at:

<http://ophp.umdj.edu/>. First click "Public Health Seminar Series" then click "To register on-line Click Here."

Contact Carl Donaldson for additional information: donaldcj@umdj.edu.

Dominican Republic Health Outreach Reunion/Art Show

On Tuesday, October 14, 2008 from 4:00-6:00pm in the Atrium of the School of Public Health Building in Piscataway, V.O.I.C.E.S. will be holding a Dominican Republic Health Outreach Alumni Reunion.

Apart from bringing together past students who have participated in the program, the main purpose of the reunion is to highlight the Dominican Republic Health Outreach Project, i.e. how it started, what projects have been done and also to showcase current projects, including the School Orphanage Project—a project that Dr Lois Grau is working on to help ensure that the children in the orphanage have continued access to education and basic amenities, such as safe housing. As part of a fund raising initiative

for this project, there will be an exhibit of art work done by all the children of the orphanage. The art exhibit will debut on the 14th in Piscataway and then will move to the other School of Public Health campuses for additional viewing. Also available will be pictures, posters and a video presentation. The event will be followed by Dr. Grau's CORE HSAP class, which will focus on the DR Health Outreach Project, and to which all DR Alumni are invited!

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organization produced "from scratch" its own cookbook entitled "Healthy Helpings ...and a few tasty transgressions!" The kick-off event for the cookbook release was held at the School on May 1, 2008, and the cookbooks sold out in a short period of time.

SPH's V.O.I.C.E.S. organization has been volunteering at the soup kitchen for a number of years and continues to support this non-profit organization.

Elijah's Promise (Empowering Lives Inviting Justice Alleviating Hunger... That's our Promise!) was established in 1989 when three New Brunswick churches joined to-

gether to form a soup kitchen. The soup kitchen continues today and expanded in 1997 to include a culinary arts training program, teaching cooking basics and preparing people for jobs in the food service industry. Elijah's Promise also operates a client-staffed catering business and a micro-enterprise program, training individuals in skills needed to start up and operate a small business.

Guests at Elijah's Promise are ethnically and racially a diverse group. The majority are adult males between the ages of 18 and 65 years old. About 30 percent of its guests have no permanent place to live, and of those who do, only about 60 percent have a place to cook. The Kitchen is one place



Former students, now alumni/ae, and faculty are pictured from a previous year as part of the ongoing, supportive relationship of SPH with Elijah's Promise.

where guests can have a hot nutritious meal and socialize in a safe and secure environment.

Awards - Research - Faculty News

Congratulations to the following individuals for their special achievements. If you have additional good news, please contact Wayne Dietterick at diettewa@umdnj.edu by the 15th of the month. **SPH faculty members' names appear in bold print.** Footnotes indicate SPH adjunct faculty members and SPH faculty members who hold primary faculty appointments at collaborating institutions. Note: Any reference below to *DOI* (Digital Object Identifier System) is used for identifying content objects and where to find them on the Internet.

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

Dina M. Fonseca¹, PhD, associate professor, Department of Environmental and Occupational Health.

Randy R. Gaugler¹, PhD, professor, Department of Environmental and Occupational Health.

Xiaolong Luo², PhD, MBA, adjunct associate professor, Department of Biostatistics.

Andrew Pleasant¹, PhD, elected to the Scientific Committee of the Public Communication of Science and Technology Network.

GRANTS

James Blando², PhD, MHS, received \$140,000 from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health for year 1 of a 2 year contract entitled 'Model Intervention to Lower Lead Paint Exposures among the Residential Remodeling Construction Trades'. The contract began on August 10, 2008 and will run until August 10, 2010.

Cristine Delnevo³, PhD, MPH (Principal Investigator), **Jane Lewis, DrPH, MA** (Co-Principal Investigator), **Mary Hrywna, MPH** (Co-Investigator), received \$955,000 from the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services for year 1 of a 3 year contract entitled 'Overall Evaluation of the New Jersey Comprehensive Tobacco Control Program'. The contract began on July 1, 2008 and will run until June 30, 2011 for a grand total of \$3,065,000.

Kitaw Demissie, MD, PhD, MPH (Principal Investigator), **Neal Richard Boyd, EdD, MSPH, CHES** (Co-Investigator), **Bernadette West, PhD, MA** (Co-Investigator), received a \$395,325 contract from the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services-Division of HIV/AIDS Services for year 2 of the project entitled Evaluation of a Demonstration Sterile Syringe Access Program in New Jersey. The project began on July 1, 2007 and will run until June 30, 2009 for a grand total of \$682,512.

Vicki Freedman, PhD, received \$118,924 from the National Institute on Aging through the Regents of the University of Michigan for year 2 of a 5 year project entitled Disability, Time Use and Well-Being Among Middle-Aged and Older Married Couples. The project began on March 15, 2007 and will run until February 29, 2012 for a grand total of \$620,786.

Audrey Gotsch, DrPH, MPH, CHES (Principal Investigator), **Mitchel Rosen, MS, CHES** (Investigator), Barbara Read, PhD (Director of Evaluation), received \$1,833,726 from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences for year 4 of a 5 year grant entitled Worker Health and Safety Training Cooperative Agreement. The project began on September 1, 2005 and will run until July 31, 2010 for a grand total of \$10,142,127.

Philip McCabe⁴, CSW, CAS, received \$5,000 from the New York State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,

and Transgender Health and Human Service Network and the New York City Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center for his project entitled New Jersey Gay Men's Health Initiative. The project began on January 1, 2008 and will run until January 30, 2009.

George Rhoads, MD, MPH, received a \$22,228 grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration for Public Health Traineeships. The Traineeship awards began on July 1, 2000 with a total of \$170,581 being awarded.

David Rich³, ScD, MPH, received \$66,976 from the Health Effects Institute through Harvard School of Public Health for his project entitled Effect of Air Pollution Control on Mortality and Hospital Admissions in Ireland. The project began on November 1, 2007 and will run until October 31, 2008.

Mitchel Rosen, MS, CHES (Principal Investigator), Barbara Read, PhD (Project Evaluator), received \$58,579 from the New Jersey Health Officers Association for year 1 of a 3 year contract entitled Lead States in Public Health Quality Improvement (MLC-3 Project). The project began on April 15, 2008 and will run until April 14, 2011 for a grand total of \$204,325.

PUBLICATIONS

Monheit AC, Vistnes JP. Health Insurance Enrollment Decisions: Preferences for Coverage, Worker Sorting, and Insurance Take-Up. *Inquiry* 2008;45(2):153-167.

Monheit AC. Health Care Insurance. In V. Parrillo (ed.) *Encyclopedia of Social Problems*. Thousand Oaks, California: Sage Publications USA, 2008.

Orzano AJ, **Ohman Strickland PA**, Patel M. What can family medicine practices do to facilitate knowledge management? *Health Care Manage Rev* 2008;33(3):216-224.

PRESENTATIONS

Martin LG, **Freedman VA**, Schoeni RF, Andreski P. Baby Boom Health and Functioning Approaching 60. Presented at the US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Washington, DC, August 7, 2008.

Jane Lewis, DrPH, MA, led a workshop on Other Tobacco Products for participants of the Tobacco Technical Assistance Consortium's 2008 Summer Institute held in Phoenix, AZ, July 20-23, 2008. Topics covered included what is known about other tobacco products in terms of who uses them, the prevalence of their use, risks associated with their use, how they are being marketed and sold to consumers, their impact on interest in quitting, and whether they undermine other effective policies such as smoke free policies and tax policy.

Alan C. Monheit, PhD, served as a discussant for two papers "Employer Health Insurance Mandates and the Risk of Unemployment" and "Health Insurance, Pensions, and Paid Leave:

Access to Health Insurance at Small Firms in a Broader Benefits Context" at the 2nd Biennial Conference of the American Society of Health Economists, Duke University, Durham, NC, June 23, 2008.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Adam Finkel, ScD, MPP, CIH, was quoted in a Washington Post article of July 23, 2008, titled "U.S. Rushes to Change Workplace Toxin Rules," and was also interviewed for American Public Radio's Marketplace program.

The UMDNJ-School of Public Health was one of more than 60 organizations that signed a letter sent to Congressional House and Senate members of the Appropriations Committees on May 23, 2008, asking Congress to better fund the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Initiated by the Washington, DC-based non-profit Campaign for Public Health (CPH) organization, this letter addressed the proposal for another major budget cut for the CDC for FY'09. CPH and signatories advocate for a CDC budget that reflects the health protection needs of our nation. According to Research!America, currently only 0.4% of our federal health dollar goes to this agency's efforts to keep Americans healthy and safe. To view signatories and the letter, go to <http://www.fundcdc.org/FY09AppropsLetter.htm>. Contact: **Glenn Paulson, PhD**.

TRAVELS ABROAD


Pleasant A¹. "Perigo indeterminado: Challenges in risk, health and environmental communication" as part of the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (FIOCRUZ) training course and Satellite Meeting, on Risk Communication, titled "Risk Communication, Environment and Health: Challenges for Latin America". This Course aims to bridge professionals from Brazil, USA and Mexico, sharing experiences about risk communication strategies related to environmental and occupational health issues. Rio de Janeiro, July 3-4, 2008.

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