

## New Year Brings New Faces, Challenges

New Epidemiology and Biostatistics Chair Named  
GW Alumnus Alan Greenberg, MD '82, MPH, will join SPHHS this summer as the new chair of the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics. Dr. Greenberg comes to GW after serving as chief of the Epidemiology Branch of the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) where he directed domestic and international epidemiology research studies in 28 U.S. states and nine countries.

Dr. Greenberg also established and directed research sections on: HIV Vaccines; Mother-to-Child Transmission and Pediatric and Adolescent Studies; Sexual Transmission and Injection Drug Use; Clinical Epidemiology; the Minority AIDS Research Initiative; and Administrative, Statistical, Informatics and International Laboratory Support Units. He holds degrees from Amherst College (BS), GW (MD) and Harvard (MPH). He is a tenured member of the Research Officers Group of the U.S. Public Health Service.

### Graduation Deadline Nears

With GW's commencement but a few months away, SPHHS students are reminded that applications for graduation **must** be received by February 1 for May 2005. Applications are available online or in Ross Hall Rooms 221 and 222. Students with nine or fewer credits left to complete in summer of 2005 **may** participate in the ceremonies—students must still apply for their respective graduations; contact Mallory Boyd at mallory@gwu.edu.

The SPHHS school graduation is Saturday, May 21, at Lisner Auditorium; the University Doctoral

Hoarding Ceremony is Friday, May 20; and the University Commencement is Sunday, May 22 on the White House Ellipse.

### Prep Available for *Life After Graduation*

For many of you, classes and papers will soon end and graduation is fast approaching. SPHHS is offering three workshops in February to help you move forward in your career:

- *The Art of Negotiating a Job Offer*, Wednesday, Feb. 16, Ross 224, 5-6 p.m. Knowing expectations sounds simple, but have you considered taking a job that has an extensive amount of travel or a salary that would be difficult to live on? Negotiating a job offer does not always mean asking for a higher salary. Learn the factors to consider when taking a new job and get tips on how to discuss different possibilities with a potential employer.
- *Building Your Network*, Tuesday, Feb. 22, Ross 105, 5-6 p.m. Learn the ins and outs as well as the pros (there are no cons!) of networking. Many job seekers do not consider all of their options when building a networking infrastructure. Learn to identify resources.
- *CV or Resume—Which One is Right for Me?!?!?*, Monday, Feb. 28, Ross 224, 5-6 p.m. After spending so much time developing a resume, someone suggests that you need a CV instead. Learn the differences between these two self-marketing documents. Learn who needs a CV, what to include, what not to include, how to convert a CV into a resume (and vice versa), and more.

## Network

The newsletter for and about the students, faculty and staff of the GW School of Public Health and Health Services, 2300 Eye Street, NW, Ross 106, Washington, DC 20037.

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### A message from the dean

As we begin what I hope will be an exciting and productive new year, our thoughts and prayers are with the millions of people in Southeast Asia who are coping with massive destruction and loss of life from the tsunami. This unprecedented tragedy reminds us once again of the critical role of public health and health services professionals in disaster response. Colleagues from around the globe are rushing to provide clean water, adequate nutrition, and basic sanitation to prevent tens of thousands of additional deaths from starvation and infectious diseases such as cholera and dysentery. Public health providers are also already at work restoring the devastated health services infrastructure of the affected areas. Recovery and rebuilding will require a sustained commitment. We can and should be a part of this effort, while also seeking insights about how better to respond to both old and new public health challenges. In that spirit, I welcome you all to the spring semester and look forward to working with you this year.

Dean Ruth J. Katz, JD, MPH



## Did you know?

➤ During spring semester, the Department of Prevention and Community Health will host a discussion group on behavior change theories for faculty and doctoral students. The group will meet from noon until 1 p.m. in Room 7011, 2175 K Street, NW, on the last Friday of each month; pizza and drinks will be served. To register or to receive details, email Dr. Caroline Sparks, [ihochs@gwumc.edu](mailto:ihochs@gwumc.edu) by Jan. 15. The first meeting is Jan. 28.

➤ GW's SPHHS booth garnered second place at the APHA Conference in November.

➤ Mallory Boyd, Jim Miller and Robin Delk won first place in the University's Holiday door decorating contest. Their theme of Santa's workout shop demonstrated the importance of physical activity and healthy diet.

## Call for Abstracts

APHA has issued a call for abstracts for their Nov. 5-9, 2005, meeting in New Orleans. The meeting's theme is "Evidence-Based Policy and Practice." Deadline for submissions is Feb. 7-11 (visit [www.apha.org/meetings](http://www.apha.org/meetings) for specific deadlines for each section).

## Coming Up!

- **January 13**—New student orientation; check-in, 9:15 a.m., Ross Hall Room 117; new student inauguration, 3:30 p.m., Ross Hall 227; reception, 4:15 p.m., Ross Hall Second Floor Lounge.
- **January 17**—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday; no classes, offices closed.
- **January 18-19**—For an orientation to the Himmelfarb Library, go to Room 6117 (sixth floor of the GW Hospital), 5-6:10 p.m. (Students need only attend one session.)
- **January 19**—EOH Dept Seminar, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Ross Hall Room 643; Jennifer Sass, PhD, Natural Resources Defense Council; "The Regulation & Toxicity of Perchlorate: Where is Public Health?"
- **January 20**—Inauguration Day; no classes, offices closed.
- **January 26**—EOH Dept Seminar, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Ross Hall Room 643; Butch DeCastro, PhD, American Nurses Association; "ANA's Handle With Care Campaign: A Multi-Component Strategy to Address Musculoskeletal Disorders Among Nurses."
- **February 8**—Health Information Partners (HIPS) will host a community forum on HIV, 4-6:30 p.m., Washington Highlands Library, 115 Atlantic Street, SW. HIPS is a community health information outreach coalition working to improve health literacy and overcome health information access disparities. All are invited.
- **February 9**—EOH Dept Seminar, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Ross Hall Room 643; John Balbus, MD, Environmental Defense; "Nanotechnology Innovations and Toxicology."
- **February 26**—SPHHS International Night Show and Reception, Jack Morton Auditorium, MPA Building; become a part of the school, share performing arts talents representative of various countries. Contact Jim Miller for more details at [sphjwm@gwumc.edu](mailto:sphjwm@gwumc.edu).
- **April 4-8**—National Public Health Week. More details to follow in future issues of *Network*.
- **April 22**—GW's Annual Research Day; students are encouraged to participate. Associate Deans Drs. Rebecca Parkin and Katherine Hunting will be conducting abstract workshops for research projects; watch for details on times, dates and locations of the workshops on the SPHHS Listserv.

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## Student and Faculty Spotlight ... *Kudos to*

- SPHHS has nominated the following students for U.S. Presidential Management Fellowships: Maria Carvalho, David Escobar, Lindsay Flury, Amanda Gonzalez, Julie Hood, Mary Lynn McKeon, Ranjeeta Pal, Bryan Schaaf, Adele Shartzter, Rebecca Simon, Kimberly Thomas and Emily Woodruff.
- Laura Rasar King, MPH '99, was appointed executive director of the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH), based in Washington, DC. King, also a certified health education specialist, has been acting executive director since March 2004. CEPH is the accrediting body for public health schools and graduate programs.
- Associate Dean Dr. Rebecca Parkin has been named a National Associate of the National Academies by the Council of the National Academy of Sciences.
- Research Professor Phyllis C. Borzi, Health Policy, received the 2004 WISER Hero Award from the Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement (WISER) for her outstanding contributions toward training and assisting low- and moderate-income women in gaining skills necessary to achieve retirement income security.
- Winners of the fall PubH 221 oral presentations are: Julie Krueger/Abbey Mahady (1st), Ozlem Belen/Modupe Agueh (2nd), and Fran Taffer/Meredith Short (3rd). Written paper winners are: John Benevelli/Kristen Croughwell (1st), Craig Jagers/Michelle Khan (2nd), and Julie Krueger/Abbey Mahady (3rd). Students will present their reports to the director of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

## Opportunities

- The Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) is currently accepting applications for the CSTE/CDC Applied Epidemiology Fellowship program. Application deadline: Feb. 21. Contact Adrienne Gil at 770-458-3811 or [fellowship@cste.org](mailto:fellowship@cste.org) for more information.
- The Columbian Women Scholarship Award program presents female GW students with scholarships based upon high levels of academic excellence, commitment to a chosen profession and financial need. Contact [mallory@gwu.edu](mailto:mallory@gwu.edu).
- Internships and fellowships are available through ASPH. Deadlines are later this month; go to [www.asph.org](http://www.asph.org) (employment and training).