

Kudos

Did you know . . .

Navigating the Web—The new SPHHS Website has a “forms” page under “student resources.” Check out this page for a downloadable petition form, registration transaction form, professional enhancement form, half-time/full-time certification form and more.

Also under “student resources,” check out the “Get Involved” page for information about SPHHS student associations.

For those of you preparing to graduate, the “Graduation” page has lots of useful information.

Make sure to visit the “Careers, Jobs, Internships” page for good job resources.

Chicago Bound—Twenty-one MHSA students, two HSML faculty members and one staff member will travel to Chicago, March 27-30, to attend the ACHE Congress on Healthcare Leadership. They will represent GW very well.

- **Nicolas Cuttriss**, an MD-MPH student in International Health Promotion, has been chosen as the SPHHS nominee for the Association of Schools of Public Health Award for Student Excellence in Public Health Practice. This award serves to recognize and reward student comprehension, application and growth regarding public health practice. Nick’s nomination recognizes the public health impacts of his work in establishing and expanding Ayuda, a non-profit for Americans to assist and support diabetic children abroad.
- HSML students **Jason Meier** and **Kat Lambersg** were recipients of the travel scholarship established in memory of Eric Sellers, MHSA ‘01, by his family. Jason and Kat will use the scholarship this month to attend the ACHE Congress on Healthcare Leadership in Chicago.
- **Brad Wright**, MS Hlth Pol student, authored a book review that appeared in the February issue of the *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*.
- **Chinua Akukwe**, MD, MPH, PCH, adjunct associate professor, Global Hlth, provided technical advice on Avian Flu and the private sector in Africa to the World Economic Forum, Switzerland. He also was appointed visiting senior fellow to the American Council for International Action to provide strategic advice on HIV/AIDS and was appointed to a three-year term to the American College of Epidemiology’s Minority Affairs Committee. Dr. Akukwe has authored two articles in *Worldpress*, “Bird Flu Arrives Africa” and Africa’s Development in 2006: Ten Major Challenges.” He also authored the first of a three-part series on “Community Development in Oil Producing Areas of Nigeria” for *African Renaissance Journal*.
- **Dr. Brian Biles**, professor, Hlth Pol and HSML, served as moderator and **Dr. Robert Burke**, HSML chair, was a panelist at the national annual meeting of the “National Association of Workforce Boards-Forum 2006.” The panel discussed, “The Long-Term Care Workforce: New Partnerships for an Aging Nation.” The session was held on February 26 in Washington, DC.
- **Taylor Burke**, JD, LLM, assistant research professor, Hlth Pol, gave a speech on February 27 on the legal barriers to HIT diffusion at the Community Health Access Forum.
- **Dr. Alan Greenberg** served as the chairperson of a Special Emphasis Panel convened by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases to review applications for Clinical Trial Units as part of the HIV/AIDS Clinical Trials Network on February 13.
- **Richard Riegleman**, MD, MPH, PhD, founding SPHHS dean, is publishing a Commentary in *Academic Medicine* titled, “Health Systems and Health Policy: A Curriculum for All Medical Students,” at the invitation of the Association of American Medical Colleges.
- **Jeffery Levi**, PhD, associate professor of Health Policy, has been named the new executive director of the Trust for America’s Health. He will continue his faculty role in the Department.
- The Department of Health Policy named **Anne Kauffman Nolon** the 2006 Geiger Gibson Distinguished Visitor in Community Health Policy. Ms. Nolon, a leader in community and migrant farmworker policy, is president and CEO of Hudson River HealthCare in Peekskill, NY, a private, non-profit network of 12 health centers and a regional migrant voucher program.

Coming Events ...

- March 22, 2006, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Live Webcase from 7-9 p.m. hosted by the University of Michigan and GW—“What is your Health Worth? A National Conversation on Healthcare.” Simultaneous live audiences at 22 colleges and universities will participate. Local moderators include GW’s Taylor Burke, JD, LLM, and Sara Wilensky, JD, MPP. Seating is limited. Arrive at Ross Hall Room 201 by 6:30 p.m. Be a part of the virtual audience by logging on to www.umich.edu/healthmeeting at 7 p.m. EST. Visit www.citizenshealthcare.gov for further details.
- March 31, 2006, 11th Annual GW Research Day, Poster Presentations at the Continental Ballroom in the Marvin Center; keynote and student speakers featured in Ross Hall, Room 101.
- Town Hall Meetings for a Medical Center Strategic Plan Update by Provost and VPHA Dr. John “Skip” Williams, 8 a.m., April 4; 5 p.m., April 4; and Noon, April 6. Meetings located in Ross Hall, Room 101.
- May 31, 2006, The Forum for Collaborative Research and the Food and Drug Administration’s public meeting on antiviral products. To register, visit www.hivforum.org/CCR5/.

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Hood, Vladek Headline March 31 Research Day

A PIONEER IN Molecular Biology and Biotechnology and the former administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) will keynote GW's 11th Annual Research Day, March 31. Oral presentations will be at the Medical Center in Ross Hall's Room 101; poster presentations will be at the Marvin Center. The two keynote speakers are recognized for their expertise and strategic foresight.

Dr. Leroy Hood, founder and director of the Institute for Systems Biology, keynotes the 8:35 a.m. session. Dr. Hood and his colleagues at California Institute of Technology (Caltech) pioneered four instruments that provided the technological foundation for current work of Molecular Biology—the DNA gene sequencer and synthesizer and the protein synthesizer and sequencer.

Dr. Bruce Vladeck keynotes the 10:50 a.m. session. As the administrator of the HCFA, now renamed the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, from 1993-1997, Dr. Vladeck oversaw the agency's guidance of more than 100 million Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries. Dr. Vladeck earned degrees from both Harvard and the University of Michigan. Health policy has been a major area of study for Dr. Vladeck, with this topic covered in his book, *Unloving Care: The Nursing Home Tragedy*. Some of his awards include the 1995 National Public Service Award and the 1998 President's Award of the American Society on Aging.

NOTE: Poster sessions and lunch will be held in the *Marvin Center's Continental Ballroom* from 12-2 p.m. Public health student presentations will return to Ross Hall 101 at 2:15 p.m.

World Health Day Set for April 7

SPHHS and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) will celebrate the indispensable health worker on April 7 during World Health Day activities. SPHHS and PAHO are sponsoring a health fair from 12:30-4 p.m. in the Ross Hall Courtyard on April 7. Students will man tables and offer information on health topics, programs at GW and public health careers. The event is open to the GW community, PAHO professionals and the Foggy Bottom Community.

Alumni/Student Networking Event Set for March 23

The Public Health Student Association (PHSA) and the Public Health Alumni Association (PHAA) have teamed together to host a networking reception for Thurs., March 23. The reception runs from 6-8 p.m. at the Weingold Conference Center on the sixth floor of the GW Hospital. For further information, email phsa@gwu.edu or Jenn Dorr at jdorr@gwu.edu

February was a busy month for PHSA. The organization offered a range of events for SPHHS students. At the Meet'n'Greet with Dean Ruth J. Katz, more than 50 students had the opportunity to chat with Dean Katz. Focus groups that discussed various academic topics were also organized by PHSA. Upcoming events include a picnic on the Mall during the Cherry Blossom Festival and more Meet'n'Greets with Dean Katz. New PHSA officers will be elected in March. For information on PHSA, email phsa@gwu.edu.

Conferences Set for April 5 Wertlieb Institute

"*Upending the Triangle*" Making Home the Center of Seniors' Care—a symposium sponsored by GW's Wertlieb Institute in cooperation with the American Academy of Home Care Physicians. The symposium will explore patient preference, cost and quality reasons to re-conceive the long-term care system.

Time: 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m.

Ross Hall Room 227.

Register by March 31

For info and details, call 202-416-0056

Metro-Wash Public Health Assoc.

Metropolitan Washington Public Health Association presents its annual conference; "The Local HIV Crisis: A Call to Action - A Community Responds; 941 North Capitol Street, NE, Training Center (Tax and Revenue Building); 1:30 p.m. registration, 2-5 p.m. conference; student cost is \$15. Call 202-466-7556 or www.mwpha.org/ to register.

NCA SOPHE (National Capital Association of the Society for Public Health Education) invites students for dinner at America, Union Station, 6:30 p.m., following the conference. RSVP by April 4 to lynn@lynncook.net. Entrees from \$8-12.

