

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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Burke Tapped as HSML Chair

Robert Burke, PhD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Health Services Management and Leadership (HSML). Dr. Burke has served as interim chair of HSML since 2003 and has been the director of the Wertlieb Educational Institute for Long Term Care Management since joining the faculty at GW in 2002. He has more than 25 years of experience in managing multidisciplinary staff and in conducting and directing research studies and evaluation projects.

Dr. Burke's research credits include participating as a national expert consultant on statistical health care modeling for the VA CARES (the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services) Commission. This project predicted demand for building services and analyzed hospital capacity.

Greene Named Acting Chair

Dr. Margaret Greene has been appointed acting chair of the Department of Global Health. Dr. Greene also directs the Center for Global Health and has conducted research related to reproductive health, gender and youth. SPHHS is indebted to Dr. James Banta for his dedicated leadership as former Interim Department Chair.

PhD Student Awarded National Fellowship

PhD candidate in Epidemiology Ninet Sinaii has been awarded the Dolores Zohrab Liebmman Fund Fellowship providing tuition and stipend support. Sinaii received the fellowship on the basis of her outstanding academic record, character, ability and promise for achievement and distinction in her field.

Sinaii's primary research focus at SPHHS is women's health. She works at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and has four peer-reviewed publications to her credit. She is also an Epi/Bio graduate teaching assistant.

Commencement Spotlight

Faculty Teaching Awards

Undergraduate Ex Sci—Dr. Patricia Sullivan

Graduate Ex Sci—Dr. Wayne Miller

HSML Full Time Faculty—Dr. Josef Reum

HSML Adjunct—Dr. Thomas Mihara

Undergraduate Public Health—Dr. Constance Battle

Graduate Public Health—Drs. Many Magnus and William Waters

Academic Excellence and Other Student Awards

Alumni Association—James Higgins

Student Council—Lacy Fehrenbach-Marosfalvy

Pre-Health Professional—Danielle Green

Athletic Training—Monica Foote

Health and Fitness—Wendi Hausfeld

ExSci Undergraduate—Michelle Wong

ExSci Graduate—Sarah Robertson

Public Health Undergraduate—Laura Hoffman and Michael Powers

Health Policy Scholar—Jeremiah Davis

Health Policy Chair's Award—Jennifer Kraszewski

HSML Chair's Award—Julie Miller

Foster McGaw Scholarship—Jessica Parker

Frederick Gibbs Scholarship—Bryan Griffith

Leon Gintzig Scholarship—Malita Mayers

Special Project Awards

COPC—Robert Roose; *EOH*—Celeste Monforton

Epi/Bio—Sara Karami; *Global Health*—Kara Tureski

Health Policy—Adele Shartzter; *MCH*—Kristen

Gilbertson and Shilpa Punja

Delta Omega Honor Society

Students Jordana DeLeon, Christine Demmelmaier, Dr.

Nandan Joshi, Dr. Howard Kaufman, Craig Kullman,

Abbey Mahady, Jennifer Michael, Ranjeeta Pal, Dr.

Nalini Yadla; Alumni Patricio Garcia, Eduardo Pezo,

Robert Steiner; Faculty Dr. Neal Boyd, Dr. Karen

McDonnell.

Message from the Dean

In the last century, advances in public health have added an average of 25 years to the American lifespan. The availability of vaccines, a safer workplace, better sanitation, improved access to prenatal care, and aggressive anti-smoking campaigns have all played a role—and behind every one of those accomplishments lies a cadre of public health workers. As I have come to know many of you over the last two years, I have time and again been moved by your desire to leave the world better than you found it. Hold on to that desire, even when obstacles loom large; direct both your skills and your passion to some of these complex public health challenges that are ahead; stay focused on your goals, distant though they may sometimes seem; and allow small victories to sustain you as you aspire to still greater triumphs. Now, perhaps more than ever, the world and its citizens are looking to you to lend a hand.

Dean Ruth J. Katz, JD, MPH



Coming in July ...

Join Health Information Partners for a Health and Literacy Fair on July 23 at the Washington Highlands Library. Contact Karyn Pomerantz at kpomeran@gwu.edu to exhibit or help plan.

Coming this fall ...

SPHHS Departments of Health Policy and Health Services Management and Leadership, in conjunction with the GW Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, announce a new University Seminar Series slated to begin in the Fall of 2005 on the Social Safety Net. The Seminar Series will bring together faculty, students, outside researchers and program officials to investigate the economic, demographic and programmatic challenges facing the safety net in the coming years. Topics for each year will focus on a portion of the safety net.

For 2005-6, the focus will be on "Retirement and Health Security for the Elderly." Issues associated with Social Security as well as challenges to the Medicare program and the elderly portion of the Medicaid program will be discussed.

We want to hear about your summer!

Students participating in summer programs, traveling abroad, conducting research and more are encouraged to send pictures and a synopsis of your experience to be considered for publication in *Network*, *Progress* and *GW Medicine and Health* magazine. Pictures need to be high resolution; digital preferred. Send info to Linda Dent, mcmlb@gwumc.edu or Mallory Boyd, sphmxb@gwumc.edu.

★ Student, Staff and Faculty Spotlight ...

- **Angelina Weller, Alison Gold and Regan Howard** were awarded Columbian Women scholarships. Weller is pursuing a BS in ExSci, Gold an MPH in Global Health and Howard an MPH in Epi.
- **Dr. Tee L. Guidotti**, chair, EOH, has been named to the External Advisory Panel of the U.S. Military Cancer Institute.
- **Dr. David Michaels**, EOH, published "Doubt is their Product" in *Scientific American's* June 2005 issue, an article focusing on government regulations, scientific inquiry and industry.
- **Dr. Marsha Regenstein**, Health Policy, was quoted in a *Chicago Tribune* article, "Needy Patients Find Door Shut when Searching for Specialist," on the plight of the uninsured in obtaining needed specialty healthcare.
- **Professor Sara Rosenbaum**, chair, Health Policy and Harold and Jane Hirsh Professor of Health Law and Policy, and **Dr. Peter Shin**, Health Policy, authored, "Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers: Health Insurance Coverage and Access to Care," for the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured.
- **Dr. Warren Greenberg**, Health Policy, was quoted in a *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* article, "A tonic for rising health costs? In hospital fight, value of 'competition' is hotly debated," on healthcare competition.
- **Dr. Jerome Danoff**, ExSci, is a co-investigator on a motion grant funded by the Advisory Council on Research. The grant is approximately \$120,000 over three years, and will be used to develop a motion analysis laboratory on the Mount Vernon campus.
- **Drs. Caroline Sparks and Sam Simmens** presented the results of the "Outcome Evaluation of the Kids Act to Control Tobacco Program" at the May Tobacco or Health conference in Chicago, Illinois.
- **Drs. Richard Windsor and Rick Boyd's** *Evaluation of Health Promotion, Health Education, and Disease Prevention Programs* textbook has been translated in Korean.
- **Dr. Mona Sarfaty** (PCH) authored "Use Of A Patient Assistant To Facilitate Medical Visits For Latino Patients With Low Health Literacy" in the *Journal of Community Health*. It will appear August 2005.
- **Dr. Lorien Abrams** (PCH) recently published "Psychosocial predictors of smoking trajectories during middle and high school" *Addiction*, June 2005 issue.
- **Dr. JoEllen Vrazel** starts as a full-time ExSci faculty member in July. Dr. Vrazel's research focuses on barriers to exercise in middle aged women.

Kudos to the SPHHS students who have been involved in an ISCOPEs project during the past year. Thanks for all you do to improve health in our community: Taiwo Adeloye, Beth Alexander, Shari Aliapoulos, Rachel Augustin, Mercedes Barrs, Magdalen Barton, Christina Benjamin, Elizabeth Berard, Dorothy Biberman, Jennifer Chang, Lauren Chesnut, Joseph DiResta, Julie Doherty, Sharon Doersom, Jen Dorr, Anisha Dua, Jen Easter, Elena Facchini, Lacy Fehrenbach-Marosfalvy, Shania Flagg, Tiffanie Hammond, Nazia Hasan, Hilery Hochman, Marie Hoffman, Andy Holdaway, Edward Horgan, Jasmine Hoyer, Gerald Huang, Gretta Hughes, Homa Khorrami, Geoffrey Konopka, Cregan Laborde, Latasha Lee, Amy Lieberman, Nancy Lin, Meagan Lyon, Malita Mayers, Jason Meier, Blanca Moon, Melissa Motta, Rene Najera, Megan Noel, Melissa Noyes, Judith Ojukwu, Jessica Parker, Maria Reos, Kelly Rigney, Jill Sagonda, Jen Schiebie, Eberle Schultz, Ebony Scott-Bey, Doersom Sharon, Jen Sheen, Nancy Shieh, Rohini Singhal, Gabriel Spencer, Amanda Surette, Beth Talent, Jennifer Valasco, Kelly Via, Jen Wallace, Eric Weinstock, Juliann Williams and Kortney Zaimah.

News about recent graduates

- **Stephanie Ball** (EOH) will be starting a PhD program in environmental epidemiology and infectious diseases at the University of Minnesota this fall.
- **Ida Rosenblum** (EOH) will work in Atlanta with CDC's FoodNet program as a surveillance epidemiologist.
- **Jami Johnson** (Global Health) is now an associate technical officer at Family Health International's Institute of HIV/AIDS.
- **Ndidi Amutah** (MCH) will be the program director at Women's Collective, dealing with HIV and women of color.
- **Shannon Lynch** (EOH) will be working at the National Cancer Institute, where she recently completed her special project.

