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Students, Faculty and Staff Kickoff New Year

Welcome New Students

New York writer Nina Teicholz will keynote the SPHHS case study for the 2005 orientation. Teicholz's recent article about Walmart's entry into the world of food will serve as the focal point for the case study discussion. SPHHS faculty, staff and current students are excited about the new entering class and are eager to meet new students at orientation! The lineup of orientation events follows below. Check the SPHHS Web site for the full schedule and locations—www.gwumc.edu/sphhs/sphhs_handbook/orient_convocation.html.

Highlights—Monday, August 29

- 8:30 a.m.—Check-in, Marvin Center, 3rd Floor
- 9 a.m.—*Dean's Welcome*, Learn about the new class
- 9:30 a.m.—Group photo
- 10 a.m.—*Case Study*: Nina Teicholtz, keynote.
- 12:30 p.m.—Who can pass up a *free lunch*?! Also, use any extra time before the walking tour to visit the bookstore or get your GWorld card.
- 2 p.m.—*Walking Tour*: Foggy Bottom and Georgetown
- 4 p.m.—*Himmelfarb Library Orientation: Part 1*, Library Tour
- 5 p.m.—*Meet-and-Greet Social*

Highlights—Tuesday, August 30

- 2 p.m.—*Frequently Asked Questions*: Get answers from those in the know!
- 3 p.m.—*Departmental Open Houses*: Visit department offices and get to know faculty, staff and other students
- 5:15 p.m.—*New Student Inauguration*: Dean Ruth J. Katz will induct incoming students into the Public Health and Health Services professions with a symbolic gift. *This is a not-to-be-missed event!* Doors open at 5 p.m. A reception follows at 6:15 p.m.

Library Orientation: Part 2—Conducting Research

Tuesday, Sept. 6 and Wednesday, Sept. 7 (attend one session), 5-6 p.m. Students are encouraged to attend one of these sessions held in the Himmelfarb Library in the third-floor Women's Board Teaching Classroom; open to all students.

Save the Date - September 15

The annual SPHHS Convocation is set for Thursday, Sept. 15, 5:30 p.m., Media and Public Affairs (MPA) Building. Dr. David Heymann, executive director of Communicable Diseases for the World Health Organization and GW Welling Professor, will give the keynote address. A reception will follow at the MPA Building in the 2nd floor Art Gallery. Classes are suspended from 5:15-7 p.m. so that ALL SPHHS students may attend this important event.

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Message from the Dean

It's an exciting time at GW's School of Public Health and Health Services, as we welcome both new and returning students. Read this newsletter, and you'll clearly see that our outreach to improve the health of our global community is equaled by our leadership in our own backyard. Myriad training, internship and research opportunities await students and faculty through the rich partnerships that we've established with local, national and international organizations. From the Congress, to the National Academies of Science, to clinics in the poorest and most underserved communities worldwide, GW's SPHHS is there and making a difference. You have come here because you are committed to being part of that difference. As our motto says, SPHHS is The Capital Connection to a Healthier World—together, we can and will make things happen.

Dean Ruth J. Katz, JD, MPH





So much for a “summer vacation!” Our students and alumni have kept themselves busy over the summer months. Here is just a sampling of their activities.

Andrea Maresca

Andrea Maresca, MPH candidate, Hlth Pol, focused on regulatory affairs while at the National Association of Community Health Centers. She specifically helped local community health centers understand the new Medicare Part D benefit so they could educate and assist their patients.

Kaytee Riek

Kaytee Riek, BSPH candidate, worked at Campaign to End AIDS as a DC field organizer. Her work involved empowering people living with HIV/AIDS to take political action aimed at getting politicians to enact effective HIV/AIDS policies.

Brad Wright

Brad Wright, BSPH candidate, is working at the Association of Clinicians for the Underserved in an advocacy position. He has been active with the Partnership for Medicaid as the debate moves forward in Congress.

Kristin Harris

Kristin Harris, MPH candidate, Global Hlth, is interning with Pact Sudan, based out of Nairobi, Kenya, working on conflict situations in south Sudan. Of her experience she writes, “A community that experiences violence is not a healthy community. The effects of conflict are infinite, from psychological trauma to the destruction of water and food sources to the displacement of entire communities and increased rates of death and disease. I have learned that public health, like all other development work and other international fields, has the responsibility to and will benefit from incorporating good governance and conflict prevention in program planning and implementation.”

Kim Lundberg

Kim Lundberg, MPH candidate, Global Hlth Pol, is working as a research associate at the National Academies-Institute of

Medicine where she assists the Forum on Microbial Threats on protection against naturally and unnaturally occurring infectious diseases. NAIM is a non-profit science and technology organization that publishes workshops and reports for Congress to facilitate sound policy decisions.

Nicole Schuett

Nicole M. Schuett, MPH candidate, Global Hlth Prom, is assisting the Office of Communications and Public Liaison at the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases. Her work entails conducting research at the community level, presenting at conferences, and attending health fairs at which she distributes materials and educates the public. In addition, she assists with recruiting minorities into the science field.

Rich Henry

Rich Henry, MPH candidate, Hlth Pol, is now a full-time public health officer for the U.S. DHHS. He is working on a contract with the AABB (formally known as the American Association of Blood Banks) in Bethesda to perform a National Blood Collection and Utilization Survey (NBCUS). He explains, “Seeing the public health need for this data set both within and outside the government, my office contracted with the AABB to perform the NBCUS again this year. Our price = \$525,000. Value to public health community = priceless!”

Naseem Rashid

Naseem Rashid, MD, MCH candidate, is working with Rabia Balkhi Hospital in Kabul, Afganistan, as an OB/GYN consultant. She sees difficult cases and teaches medical and nursing staff techniques for the monitoring of pregnant women. Soon she will be conducting two workshops on OB/GYN ultrasonography and cardiotocography. Her assignment from HHS and CDC includes giving lectures and practical classes. She writes, “The security measures here are very strict. This is a very poor country with unfortunate and desperate people.”

Alexis Boyd

Alexis Boyd, MS candidate in PHMEID, is working part-time at Health Volunteers Overseas, a non-profit organization dedicated to battling health disparities in developing countries through education. The organization sends doctors and nurses overseas to train healthcare professionals to effectively utilize the resources in their own countries.

Jennifer Beal

Jennifer Beal, MS candidate in PHMEID, is a post-baccalaureate research assistant with a CRTA grant, a cancer research training award. She is with the National Cancer Institute and explores retroviral vaccine development, specifically HIV vaccine development. Beal is working with a lab staff scientist on a large primate vaccine project to test an HIV vaccine candidate.

Michelle Ruddy

Michelle Ruddy, BSPH '05, worked as an English teacher in Seoul, Korea, for the SLP Institute through Sogang University. She taught six- and seven-year-olds.

Emily Dale

Emily Dale, MPH '04, Global Hlth Prom, was a fellow for the U.S./Russia Volunteer Initiative (USRVI) sponsored by the International Research and Exchange Board, USAID and the U.S. Department of State. While in Russia, she presented information to Russian fellows on the prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV/AIDS, presented information to police students at the Omsk Police Academy in Siberia, met with a number of healthcare providers to discuss HIV/AIDS-related prevention and treatment issues, attended an international academy, and led an HIV/AIDS-related awareness project educating Russian students on proper condom usage. She also attended a conference on HIV/AIDS in Moscow where she met the U.S. Ambassador to Russia, Alexander Vershbow.

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Jeremiah Davis

Jeremiah Davis, MPH '05, Hlth Pol, is in a prestigious internship with CDC/ATSDR helping to evaluate the educational materials produced by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry's Division of Toxicology and Environmental Medicine. He reviews literature on the best methods for evaluating online continuing education content, creates databases for existing evaluation data, and performs analyses and summaries of the existing data to present to the rest of the branch and division. He also participates in professional development training, attending conferences and seminars with world experts in public health, and interacting with some of the great minds in environmental health and health education. Jeremiah sends this message, "While I've been here, I've not only run into other GW alumni and current students, but have seen several SPHHS/SMHS professors (including Health Policy Chair Sara Rosenbaum) and have even discussed an SPHHS professor's work in one of my staff meetings (EOH Prof. David Michaels)! It's fun to see the people you respect in the classroom so respected in the field as well."

Carmella Peoples

Carmella Peoples, MPH '04 MCH, is a Presidential Management Fellow at the State Department. Her last rotation was in the Population Office in the Bureau of Population, Refugee and Migration.

Meg Farrell

Meg Farrell, MPH '05, Epi, is currently working as a clinical project manager for Virologic, Inc., a biotech company that conducts research primarily related to personalized medicine and HIV drug resistance. The company has developed several assays which are used ubiquitously in the drug/vaccine development industry

SPHHS in the News

Sara Rosenbaum Given Hansen Award

SARA ROSENBAUM, JD, Harold and Jane Hirsh Professor of Health Law and Policy and chair, Department of Health Policy, was recently awarded the prestigious Richard and Barbara Hansen Leadership Award and Distinguished Lectureship by the University of Iowa College of Public Health. The Hansen award was established in 2000 through a generous gift from the University of Iowa's first College of Public Health Founding Partners, Richard and Barbara Hansen. Created to honor persons who have demonstrated exemplary leadership in the health field, this award and lectureship brings awardees to the University of Iowa campus for interaction with students, faculty and public health professionals.

Fitzhugh Mullan Named Murdock Head Professor

DR. FITZHUGH MULLAN was recently named Murdock Head Professor of Medicine and Health Policy. Dr. Mullan, a former assistant surgeon general in the United States Public Health Service, has been a contributing editor to the journal *Health Affairs* and a clinical professor of Pediatrics and staff pediatrician at the Upper Cardozo Health Center.

David Michaels Guest Editor of Journal

DAVID MICHAELS, PhD, MPH, research professor and associate chair of the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, served as guest editor of and contributing author to "Scientific Evidence and Public Policy," a recently released special supplement to the *American Journal of Public Health*. Celeste Monforton, MPH '04, DrPH candidate (EOH) and research associate at SPHHS, was also a contributing author. This groundbreaking supplement represents the first time a scientific journal has devoted an entire issue to analyses of the conflicts arising in the use of science in regulatory, civil and criminal proceedings.

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Elaine Murphy Publishes Bulletin

GLOBAL HEALTH PROFESSOR Elaine Murphy, PhD, examines the role of behavior in the causes of death worldwide in the latest bulletin published by Population Reference Bureau (PRB). *Promoting Healthy Behavior* explores behavior associated with diseases, including HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis. The bulletin also highlights evidence-based theories undergirding the more effective health promotion programs as well as factors influencing behavior. The report is available through PRB at www.prb.org.

SPHHS Signs Agreement with COG

THE SCHOOL OF Public Health and Health Services (SPHHS) has inked an Affiliation Agreement with the Metropolitan Washington, DC Council of Governments (COG) to facilitate the placement of students at COG and to lay the foundation for the full-scale practicum program for Master's and Doctoral students that will be in place by the fall of 2007. The new agreement will allow SPHHS to further its goal of supporting local and state public health agencies by expanding capacity and meeting the specialized needs of these departments.

GW Launches New Graduate Program

GW IS LAUNCHING a new graduate certificate in Health Care Corporate Compliance. The 12-credit program, designed for working professionals, will provide students with a comprehensive view of health care and the regulatory landscape to enhance compliance.

The online and executive residence program is the result of a partnership between GW's College of Professional Studies, SPHHS, and the Washington, DC, law firm of Feldesman Tucker Leifer Fidell LLP.

Exercise Science Program Recognized

GW'S EXERCISE SCIENCE Department was one of 57 nationwide recognized by the National Strength and Conditioning Association for its curriculum in strength and conditioning.

Coming events ...

Oct. 21-22; Colonials Week-end: Jon Stewart headlines a special event at the Smith Center at 10 p.m., Oct. 21; Boston Pops Orchestra takes the Smith Center stage at 9:30 p.m., Oct. 22. For tickets: <https://gwired.gwu.edu/tickets/>

Nov. 5-9; APHA Annual Meeting, New Orleans
For more details, visit www.apha.org/meetings/.

Nov. 16-18, HSML Alumni Association Annual Fall Meeting; student mock interviews, Nov. 18, 9 a.m.-noon.

Nov. 17, 14th Annual Gibbs Oration, featuring Quint Studer, founder and CEO, Studer Group

Did you know ...

Victor Barbiero, MHS, PhD, adjunct associate professor, is the new program director for the MPH programs in Global Health Promotion and Global Health Policy.

Donald Paup, PhD, Ex Sci, was inducted into the Badminton Wall of Fame. Dr. Paup's contributions to GW will be recognized at his retirement celebration in September.

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Kudos

Chad Porter, MPH '04, Epi, and incoming PhD student, has just published an article in the *American Journal of Epidemiology*. The paper discusses the association between chlorine disinfection byproducts and fetal growth outcomes, and was his MPH special project. Dr. Katherine Hunting (EOH) is a co-author.

Kenneth Hance's, MPH '04, PhD, Epi, work on inflammatory breast carcinoma was published in the July 6 issue of the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*. Dr. Hance currently works at the National Cancer Institute.

Edward Maibach, PhD, will become professor and director of the SPHHS Health Communication Program effective Sept. 1. Formerly, with the National Cancer Institute, he developed the Center for Strategic Dissemination and created the National Network for Immunization Information. He is widely published and earned a distinguished book award from the National Communication Association for *Designing Health Messages*.

Joel Teitelbaum, JD, LL.M., Hlth Pol, presented a paper at a research meeting in Boston, Mass., sponsored by Ecole Libre des Hautes Etudes and the International Health Policy Research organization. The paper concerned the impact on disability policy of the U.S. Supreme Court's 1999 decision in the case of *Olmstead v L.C.*

Warren Greenberg, PhD, Hlth Pol, was interviewed by the editorial board of the *Chicago Tribune* on the most efficient ways to ration healthcare in the U.S.

John G.H. Palen, PhD, MPH, E. Blaine Parrish, MA, Sara Wilensky, JD; Jeffrey Levi, PhD; Sara Rosenbaum, JD; and D. Richard Mauery, MPH, Hlth Pol, in collaboration with New York Academy of Medicine researchers Ruth Finkelstein, ScD, and Julie Netherland, recently completed an HIV/AIDS publication for HRSA titled "Resource Materials for Ryan White CARE Act Grantees to Develop a Comprehensive Behavioral Health Care System for Ryan White CARE Act Clients."

Jerome Danoff, PhD, Ex Sci, recently coauthored an article, "Navicular Drop Measurement in Patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis: Interrater and Intrarater Reliability," in *Physical Therapy*.

Mary Pat McKay, MD, MPH, has been appointed as director of the Center for Injury Prevention and Control at the Ronald Reagan Institute for Emergency Medicine. She is an associate professor of Emergency Medicine and Prevention and Community Health and comes to GW from Harvard Medical School.



SPHHS Student Associations

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Full-Time Faculty Appointments

EOH—Daniel Krewski, PhD, MHA, visiting professor
Epi/Bio—Alan E. Greenberg, MD, MPH, professor and chair
Epi/Bio—Kimberly Drews, MS, PhD, assistant research professor
ExSc—JoEllen M. Vrazel, MA, PhD, visiting assistant professor
Global—Margaret Greene, MA, PhD, associate professor
Hlth Pol—Fitzhugh Mullan, MD, professor
PCH—Edward Maibach, MPH, PhD, professor

Full-Time Faculty Promotions

EOH—Rebecca Parkin, MPH, PhD, professor
Epi/Bio—Madeline M. Rice, MS, PhD, associate professor
Global—Muhiuddin Haider, MS, PhD, associate professor
Hlth Pol—Anne R. Markus, JD, PhD, associate research professor
Hlth Pol—Marsha J. Regenstein, MA, PhD, associate research professor