

Network

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Public Health Week Events Focus on Community, Health Disparities

Monday April 5

10–11:30 a.m., downtown DC
A Town Hall on Eliminating Ethnic and Racial Disparities by Moving the Country from Statistics to Solutions
 See www.apha.org/NPHW/town_hall/dc.cfm for location, speakers and RSVP info

2–3 p.m., Live Webcast!
Ask the Experts: Ethnic and Racial Disparities in Health
 Visit kaisernetwork.org/ask/racialdisparities/05apr04

Tuesday, April 6

8:30 a.m.–4 p.m., PAHO, 23rd Street
Metro Washington Public Health Association's Annual Meeting on Adolescent Health
 Fee: \$15 for students; register at www.mwpha.org

10:30–11:30 a.m., St. Mary's Court
Tai Chi Demonstration for Senior Citizens
 Sponsored by Department of Exercise Science

6–8 p.m., Ross Hall 101
"Community-Oriented Research"
 Coordinated by Drs. Tee Guidotti, David Goldsmith and David Michaels, Department of Environmental and Occupational Health

This panel will focus on community-based participatory research and how to manage relationships between public health and community representatives to achieve satisfactory and successful projects in which control is shared with the community.

Wednesday, April 7

12–12:50 p.m., Building K Gym, 817 23rd Street
Yoga Class—show up in comfortable clothing
 Sponsored by Department of Exercise Science

6–8 p.m., Ross Hall 117
"January 2005: Public Health Agenda"
 Moderated by Dr. Jeanne Lambrew
 Department of Health Policy

This roundtable discussion cuts across Departments to debate what the winner of Novembers presidential election should put at the top of the health policy agenda in 2005. Panelists will give their advice to the President and then the audience will have its turn.

Thursday, April 8

6–8 p.m., Ross Hall 117
"Aging and Disparities in the Healthcare System"
 Coordinated by the SPHHS Prevention Research Center

This panel of local and national specialists will address current challenges faced by older adults in the community and healthcare system, focusing on the unique needs and barriers faced by minority and disadvantaged older adults. Keynote address: Dr. J. Taylor Harden, assistant to the director for special populations, National Institute on Aging, NIH.

Friday April 9

10:30 a.m.–noon, Ross 116
"Health Disparities: From Statistics to Solutions"
 Moderated by Drs. Karen McDonnell and Rick Boyd, Department of Prevention and Community Health; refreshments served

This panel will address major issues in health disparities and feature Dr. Elmer Huerta, founder and director of Washington Hospital Center's Cancer Preventorium and host of talk-radio's "El Consultorio Comunitario" and cohost of television's "Hablemos de Salud."

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Meet and greet
 Dean Ruth J. Katz
Thursday, April 29,
 5:30–6:30 p.m., Ross Hall, second-floor lounge. Bring snacks or dinner; light refreshments will be provided.

This is the first issue of *Network*—a new tradition in the School of Public Health and Health Services. It was developed through the hard work of students and faculty and is one of many efforts we are making to bring together all the departments within our School. *Network* will be issued regularly to provide up-to-date information on key events and opportunities at the SPHHS and in the surrounding community. We invite your participation to help make *Network* an informative and useful tool as you pursue your research, education and work in the challenging field of public health.

Dean Ruth J. Katz, JD, MPH

Did you know ...

The Department of Health Policy recently established the Geiger Gibson Program in Community Health, honoring Drs. H. Jack Geiger and Count Gibson. The program includes an academic concentration in medical underservice and minority health policy, a visiting professorship, scholarships for master's and doctoral students and more. For information, visit www.gwhealthpolicy.org/ggprogram/index.html.

The Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics and the Department of Microbiology and Tropical Medicine announced a new academic MS degree in Public Health Microbiology and Emerging Infectious Diseases. The first entering class is Fall 2004. Visit www.gwumc.edu/sphhs/html/academic/grad.cfm

★ Student Spotlight ... Kudos to

☆ Student presenters at GWUMC's Ninth Annual **Research Day** Latifa Boyce, Elizabeth Friedman and Savitha Subramanian. Several students and faculty also presented posters.

☆ Winners of PubH221's contest for best EOH oral presentations and written papers who were invited to present their work to the director of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

Best Paper Winners: first, Linda Landsman and Brandi Karasiewicz; second, Shannon Lynch and Courtney Lewis; and third, Ndidi Amutah and Rachel Augustin.

Best Oral Presentation Winners: first, Ndidi Amutah and Rachel Augustin; second, Robert Rosenberg and Jody Simpson; and third, Jordana De Leon and Navid Behrooz.

Coming Up!

Wednesday, April 7

12:30 p.m., Room 7011, 2175 K Street
Intersecting Epidemics: An Update on Syndemics Research; Ron Stall, PhD, MPH, chief, Prevention Research Branch, Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention-IRS, National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention

Thursday, April 8

5-7 p.m., Alumni House (1925 F Street)
Grad Life Wine & Cheese Reception
For grad students participating in this year's commencement; live jazz

Wednesday, April 14

11-12:30 p.m., Location TBA
Information Session on Preliminary Recommendations Regarding MPH Core Curriculum Changes
Open to all students, faculty and staff; watch listservs for more information.

4:30-5:30 p.m., Himmelfarb 202
EOH Seminar: *International Terrorism and Bioterrorism*; speaker: Frank Cilluffo, associate vice president for Homeland Security

Wednesday, April 21

4:30-5:30 p.m., Himmelfarb 202
EOH Seminar: *International Water and Health Concerns*; speaker: Susan Davis, MPH, director of development, CARE

Boot Camp

SPHHS will host a *Summer Boot Camp for Success* featuring six topics for six Saturdays beginning June 5. All sessions are offered from 9 a.m. until noon in Ross Hall.

The cost is \$75 per session or \$425 for all six (for SPHHS students and alumni). For non-SPHHS participants, the cost is \$85 for each session or \$495 for all six.

Topics include:

- writing effective abstracts and executive summaries
- obtaining grants
- media strategies and skills
- function and process of the IRB
- legal issues (labor law, informed consent, governance)
- what happens in a public health lab

Registration and payment deadline is April 30 to Rachele Patterson, 202 Ross Hall; 202-994-7769.

Job Track

➤ One-year stipend-supported fellowship opportunities beginning summer or fall of 2004 are available:

- ASPH/CDC Fellowship Program—you are sure to find a fellowship among the 25 available! Stop by Academic/Career Services (Ross 221) for the list and application. Deadline: April 30.
- ATPM/CDC Preventive Medicine and Public Health Fellowship Program. Focus: veterinary antibiotic resistance education; occupational lung disease surveillance and epidemiology. See www.atpm.org (click on career development/training). Application deadline May 5.
- Stop by Ross 221 to browse the latest edition of *Public Health Jobs Worldwide*.
- Find all job and internship announcements posted to the SPHHS listserv on GWork, at gwired.gwu.edu/cms/index.php?site=career&id=2669

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