

MPH CONNECTION

The Official Newsletter of the Master of Public Health Program at Missouri State University

New Degree Option Planned

Starting in the Fall 2014, MSU plans to offer a dual degree in health administration and public health. Students who successfully complete the planned program will receive both a Master of Health Administration (MHA) degree and a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree from Missouri State University. A total of 12 hours of coursework can be applied to both programs, reducing the time required to obtain both degrees separately, under the dual degree program students could earn the two degrees with 66 hours. The program is awaiting final approval and is expected to be available in the Fall of 2014.

Applicants to the dual MHA/MPH must be admitted to each program separately and must adhere to the admission requirements and prerequisite courses stipulated by each program. The student's decision to complete the dual MHA/MPH degree must be declared to the MHA and MPH Programs before the end of the second semester of the first year in either program.

The successful completion of dual degrees in public health and health administration provides students with a unique set of knowledge, skills and abilities that enable graduates to communicate relevant health information; account for health care priorities, policy and delivery; manage crises; and address major health concerns at the level of a population. All these activities are information intensive to support professional decision-making, practice and action.

Upcoming Dates:

- Interdisciplinary Forum

May 3th, 2014

Abstracts must be submitted by April 7th. For more information visit the Graduate College web page

- CHHS Student Research Symposium

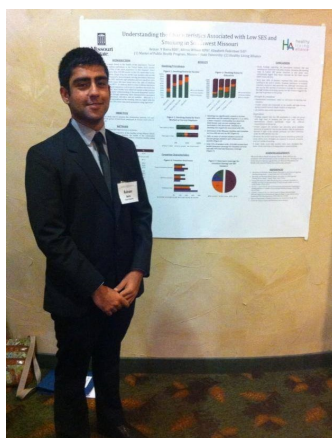
May 5th, 2014

Abstracts must be submitted early. For more information visit the College of Health and Human Services Website.

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CONGRATUATIONS



Recently, Avinav Batra competed in the poster competition at the Missouri Public Health Association's annual conference. Avinav's poster titled "Understanding Characteristics Associated with Low SES and Smoking in Southwest Missouri" took first place. Joining Avinav at the conference were the following students; Jemina Shikany, Joanna Schafer, Travis Fisher, Samantha Bley and Christie Oestreich.

Faculty News and Updates

Currently, Dr. Claborn is in the process of editing a book about Leishmaniasis. The publisher of the book is Intech; which is an open-access publisher specializing in science, technology and medicine. Intech allows for the access of high-quality research in the form of peer-reviewed journals and hundreds of books all free of charge.

The book Dr. Claborn is working on is titled “Leishmaniasis: Current Trends in Epidemiology, Diagnosis and Treatment.” Below provides a short synopsis of the book.



“Of all the parasitic diseases, leishmaniasis is one of the most diverse, with a variety of manifestations, from relatively minor cutaneous lesions to deadly visceral infections. It is also widespread, causing human disease in the Americas, Asia, Europe and Africa. The environments in which this disease occurs range from desert to tropical jungle to urban habitats. Not surprisingly, the literature on this disease is written in a variety of languages including Portuguese, Arabic, English and French among others. This book provides a synopsis in English of much of the recent research on leishmaniasis, with a focus on the epidemiology, diagnosis and treatment of the disease as described by researchers around the world, but with a focus on the research from Brazil and the Middle East.”

CONGRATULATIONS

To our
Fall 2013 Graduates

Winnie Raider

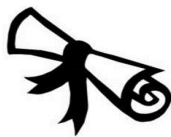
Cindy Calender

Jemina Shikany

Michael Onsango

Nathan Matney

Joseph Hulgus



Future Opportunities

The MPH program has submitted proposals to add three graduate certificates to the current academic offerings. Each certificate would require the completion of five graduate courses. The proposed certificates are in the following fields:

- The Public Health Core
- Public Health & Homeland Security
- Public Health Administration.

At least one of these certificates (Public Health & Homeland Security) will be offered exclusive online. We hope to begin offering the certificates in January of 2015. For more information contact Dr. Claborn at Davidclaborn@missouristate.edu.

New Certification Available For Students

Now that the MPH program at Missouri State University is accredited through CEPH, graduates of the program are eligible to sit for the CPH exam (Certified in Public Health). The certification is offered through The National Board of Public Health Examiners and covers the five core areas of public health; biostatistics, environment health, epidemiology, health policy and management, and so-behavioral science. The CPH is available to anyone who graduates from the MPH program at Missouri State University or has completed 21 hours . The test is only offered once a year during February and requires early registration. More information can be found on the NBPHE website at <http://www.nbphe.org/index.cfm>.

New Student Corner

This spring semester the program welcomed many new faces from around the world. One of these new faces is Sarah Bafiel. She is from Saudi Arabia and earned her undergraduate degree in Biochemistry. She comes to this program with hopes to gain experience and knowledge that she can apply to Saudi Arabia's public health issues upon returning home. In addition to starting the program, Sarah has also found a love for cooking. Ever since making the move to America, cooking has become a passion of hers. She enjoys cooking many of the Arabic dishes from her home county.

A Warm Welcome

To our New students starting in the
Spring 2014

Sarah Bafiel

Alphonse Calins

Melissa Cotton

Sravani Kandi,

Vishnu Kasarla,

Sun Yan

Malvika Bellamkonda,

Leslie, Kavlak

Patricia Norton

Fred Loor

CONGRATULATIONS Corrie Courtney

Congratulations to Corrie Courtney! She was awarded the Jackie Lieseyer scholarship from the Missouri Public Health Association Education Foundation. Corrie was awarded the scholarship at the annual Public Health Conference in Columbia.

If students are interested in applying for future scholarships through the Missouri Public Health Association (MPHA) Education Foundation, you must first become a member of MPHA. Not only does becoming a member of MPHA make you eligible to apply for scholarships; it is also an excellent way to network with public health professionals around the area. For more details on scholarships offered by the Missouri Public Health Association and the eligibility criteria, visit <http://www.mopha.org/scholarships-awards.php>.

Future Course Offerings

Course	Course Title	Fall 2014	Spring 2015	Summer 2015
PBH 720	Epidemiology	Online	Blended	
PBH 730	Biostatistics in Health Sciences	Seated	Online	
PBH 740	Health Behavior		Online	
PBH 745	Environmental Health	Seated		
MGT 701	Health Services Organization	Evening	Evening	
PBH 735	Software Applications and Data Sources in Public Health	Blended, Week-end		
PBH 756	Introduction to Public Health	Blended, Week-end		
PBH 760	Research Methods in Public Health			
PBH 783	International Health and Infectious Disease		Seated	
PBH 775	Principles and Skills of Public Health Administration		Seated with Remote Access	
PBH 771	Public Health Preparedness	Seated		
PBH 778	Chronic Epidemiology			Online

Course	Course Title	Fall 2015	Spring 2016	Summer 2016
PBH 720	Epidemiology	Online	Seated	
PBH 730	Biostatistics in Health Sciences	Seated	Online	
PBH 740	Health Behavior		Online	
PBH 745	Environmental Health	Online		
MGT 701	Health Services Organization	Evening	Evening	
PBH 735	Software Applications and Data Sources in Public Health	Blended, Week-end		
PBH 756	Introduction to Public Health	Blended, Week-end		Blended, Weekend
PBH 760	Research Methods in Public Health		Blended	
PBH 783	International Health and Infectious Disease		Online	
PBH 775	Principles and Skills of Public Health Administration		Seated with Remote Access	
PBH 771	Public Health Preparedness	Seated		
PBH 778	Chronic Epidemiology			

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