



# PHPM The Liaison

April 2009

## Grant Updates

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### Submitted Applications:

John McConnell, “Management Practices in Substance Abuse Treatment Programs” NIDA – ASS R01 Administrative Supplement (Subaward through Univ. of Wisconsin)

### Non-Competing Renewals:

Dennis McCarty, “Organizational Change to Improve Access and Retention” This NIDA project will be entering its 5<sup>th</sup> year.

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## Publications

Multiple-type human papillomavirus infection in male anogenital sites: prevalence and associated factors. **Nielson CM**, Harris RB, Flores R, Abrahamsen M, Papenfuss MR, Dunne EF, Markowitz LE, Giuliano AR. *Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev.* 2009 Apr;18(4):1077-83. Epub 2009 Mar 24. PMID: 19318438 [PubMed - in process]

Vitamin D deficiency in older men. Orwoll E, **Nielson CM**, Marshall LM, Lambert L, Holton KF, Hoffman AR, Barrett-Connor E, Shikany JM, Dam T, Cauley JA; Osteoporotic Fractures in Men (MrOS) Study Group. *J Clin Endocrinol Metab.* 2009 Apr;94(4):1214-22. Epub 2009 Jan 27. PMID: 19174492 [PubMed - in process]

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## Awards

**Todd Korthuis** recently learned he received the 2009 “Partners in Public Health Improvement” Award from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention. This award was given to members of the writing group who wrote the CDC’s HIV Testing Implementation Guidance for Correctional Settings, published January 2009: 1-38. Available at <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/testing/resources/guidelines/correctional-settings/index.htm>

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Congratulations, Todd!

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## Conferences

**Jay Kravitz** was Panel Moderator of the session, "Global Health Informatics: Novel Approaches & Applications," at the recent Global Health Education Consortium annual meeting at the University of Washington. Jay is working on curriculum ideas for Global Health competencies for a Global Health Certificate Program as part of his efforts in the Global Health Center. **If anyone has ideas or suggestions for inclusion in this process, please let Jay know**—kravitzj@ohsu.edu.

**Tomi Mori** attended the 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Multiple Comparison Procedures in Tokyo, Japan, March 24-27, and presented a poster entitled "Multiple Comparison Adjustment for Within- and Between- Genes in High-Throughput Genomics/Genetics Experiments" (co-authored with Byung S. Park, Eric Chen and Steve Kohama).

## National Public Health Week—a Great Success!



During the week of April 6 – 10, the Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine at Oregon Health and Science University in Portland, Oregon hosted its annual week of events for National Public Health Week. This year's theme was Building the Foundation for a Healthy America. Each day during National Public Health Week focused on a different setting through which our health is impacted. Public Health and Preventive Medicine celebrated National Public Health Week with a series of informational booths from 11:00 to 1:00 each day, and tailored the information to fit within the theme for the day:

**Monday: Your nation – Building the foundation for a healthy America**

David Pollack, MD, presented on mental health reform as part of overall health care reform, with an emphasis on delivery system and benefits redesign.

Michelle Berlin, MD, presented on her national policy analysis, Women's Health Report Card.

**Tuesday: Your community – Addressing the health impact of where we live**

Lynn Kunkell and Marisa Gholson, both research associates, presented their OHNode Methamphetamine study and shared other information related to drug and alcohol abuse.

Emily Ford from the Biomedical Information Communications Center Library shared information about Oregon Health Go Local, an online directory of health services, programs, resources, facilities, and providers throughout the state.

**Wednesday: Your workplace – Supporting healthy employees and healthy businesses**

Bill Lambert, PhD, and Jessica Kennedy shared The Dangerous Decibels project, a public health campaign designed to reduce the incidence and prevalence of Noise Induced Hearing Loss (NIHL) and tinnitus (ringing in the ear) by changing knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors.

Oregon Poison Control also presented material this day.

**Thursday: Your schools – Nurturing healthy students and educators**

Katie Riley, EdD, shared her work with Community Schools, which are schools that combine the best educational practices with enhanced and extended day/summer programming to ensure that children are physically, emotionally, and socially prepared to learn.

**Friday: Your home – Protecting and promoting health in our daily lives**

Jodi Lapidus, PhD, presented her Car Safety Seat Study.

In addition to these presentations, participants were asked one question based on the theme for the day. They were given five choices and asked to choose the best answer. Once the question was answered, participants were entered into a raffle to win one of three donated prizes: a bicycle tune-up, a gift certificate for two 24hr bike rentals, and a gift certificate for two bike tours. The results of this survey have been posted on our website.



### Earth Day Fair and Plant Sale - April 22nd

*Kohler Pavilion Living Room, 9th floor across from the coffee cart.*

OHSU's Green Team will host an Earth Day Fair and Plant Sale. There you'll find Chinook Books, Green Team t-shirts and water bottles, free ReDirect guides, and a chance to enter the 2010 Green Team t-shirt design contest.



# MPH Program News

## OMPH Outstanding Student Awards—Nominations Due 4/24!

The purpose of the OMPH Outstanding Student Awards is to honor the three students who have best exemplified excellence in one of three respective categories:

- *Excellence in Leadership*, *Excellence in Research*, and *Excellence in Service*.

**The deadline for nominations is April 24, 2009.** Electronically submit the name and supporting nominating materials for each student nominee to the Track Coordinator. Each university will put forth three final candidates, 1 in each of the 3 categories. It is the prerogative of each university to determine the method for selecting their final nominees from the pool of candidates. The names and all supporting documents of the 3 final candidates will be sent electronically on the Campus Nomination Form to the Program Office no later than **May 8, 2009**. The OMPH Award Selection Committee will consider the nominees as a group, and the final vote will be conducted electronically by **May 22, 2009**. Winners will be announced by **May 26, 2009**.

The awards will consist of a check for **\$500** and an OMPH certificate honoring the recipient's achievement. All nominees will receive a certificate honoring their nominations.

## Students Present at 2009 OMPH Student Research Symposium



On April 3, 2009, MPH students presented their posters and presentations at the OMPH Student Research Symposium in Corvallis, OR. The symposium is designed to provide a forum for current students to share their ongoing work (from research, class projects, field experiences, current public health interests) with other members of the OMPH Program and public health practitioners from around the state. It is great practice for future presentations at conferences such as APHA and OPHA. It is a time for students to show off their interests and contributions to Public Health, and to excite others about their work and interests.

*Back row: Emily King, Melissa Curran, Rachel Linz, Allison Fairbanks, Moira Ray, Gretchen Barron, Shelley Selph, Associate Dean Tana Grady-Weliky*  
*Front row: Hope Bakker, Vivian Siu, Katie Riley, Catherine Gonzalez-Maddux, Sasha Swartzman, Priya Srikanth*

### Upcoming Thesis Presentations:

Renee Park, *Nomogram predictive of 10-year mortality in differentiated thyroid cancer*, 4/27/09, School of Nursing, Room 116, 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Allison Fairbanks, *Annual coronary calcium progression and concurrent lifestyle modification: a pilot study*, 4/28/09, Campus Services Building, Room CSB679, 9:00am - 10:00am

Priya Srikanth, *Women who quit smoking during pregnancy and relapse in the first two years after pregnancy*, 4/29/09, Campus Services Building, Room CSB679, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Renate Yang, *Effect of changes to the Oregon Health Plan between 2002-2004 on adults with schizophrenia*, 5/1/09, School of Nursing, Room 116, 2:30pm - 3:30pm

### The program welcomes new employees:

Karissa Fuller is our new Work Study Office Assistant. She is a Spanish and Health Studies major at PSU who will be providing office assistance for the duration of the Spring term.

Natalie Chin is a Speech Pathology and Psychology major, also from PSU, who will be volunteering a few hours each week on Mondays. She will also be providing clerical assistance to the education office.