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New applications:

Kathleen Carlson, “Development and Evaluation of Veteran Supportive Supervisor Training (VSST) Reintegration of the Oregon National Guard and reserves into the workplace,” Dept. of Defense (PSU sub)

Kim Hoffman, “Building Organizational Capacity to Improve Services for Co-occurring Disorders,” NIDA R01 (Univ Wisconsin sub)

Janne Boone-Heinonen, “Connecting neighborhoods, nutrition, and developmental origins of disparities in obesity-related health,” MRF

Ana Quiñones is applying for a K01 award through the NIA (“Promoting Careers in Aging and Health Disparities Research.”)

Please notify Mark Derby at 4-0181 or by email at derbym@ohsu.edu if you intend to apply for a grant.



Public Health and Preventive Medicine Faculty and Staff—NEWS

Publications:

Accepted:

O’Neal S, Robbins N, Townes J. Neurocysticercosis among resettled refugees from Burma. *Journal of Travel Medicine*, accepted for publication.

Hoffman, KA. “Evaluation of multinational programs: Value and challenges” In S. Mathison (Ed.), *New Directions for Evaluation* (American Evaluation Association) 131, 91-96.

McConnell, K.J., Wallace, N.; Ridgely, S.; **Rieckmann, T.**; **McFarland, B.F.** & **McCarty, D.** (2011). Behavioral health insurance parity: Does the Oregon experience presage the national experience with the Wellstone Domenici Act? *American Journal of Psychiatry*, in advance of print, doi:10.1176/appi.ahp.2011.11020320, September 2, 2011.

Quiñones AR, Liang J, Bennett JM, Xu X, Ye W. How Does the Trajectory of Multimorbidity Vary Across Black, White, and Mexican Americans in Middle and Old Age? Accepted for publication; *Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences*, August 2011.

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Fussell, H., Kunkel, L.E., McCarty, D., Lewy, C. (2011) Standardized Patient Walkthroughs in the National Drug Abuse Treatment Clinical Trials Network: Common Challenges to Protocol Implementation. *The American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse*, 37: 434-439.

Submitted:

O'Neal S, Townes J, Noh J, Wilkins P, Garcia H, Rodriguez S, Lee D, Stauffer W. Seroprevalence of antibodies against *Taenia solium* cysticercosis among US-bound refugees. *Emerging Infectious Disease*.

Presentations:

Dr. Seth O'Neal was an invited speaker at the International Congress on Pathogens at the Human-Animal Interface, September 14-17 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The purpose of the congress was to bring medical, veterinary and environmental science professionals together to discuss emerging zoonoses across the globe. The title of his presentation was "Seroprevalence of cysticercosis among refugees resettled to the United States." His travel was sponsored by the NIH Fogarty International Center. He was also invited to speak at the CDC's Selected Zoonotic Diseases Conference Call on September 7. The title of that presentation was "*Taenia solium* Tapeworm Infection, Oregon, 2006-2009".

Travel:

Tomi Mori, Jodi Lapidus, Dongseok Choi, and **Yiyi Chen** attended and presented at the 2011 Joint Statistical Meeting in Miami Beach, Florida from July 30—August 4, 2011. This annual meeting is the largest gathering of statisticians, with more than 5,000 attendees from government, business, non-profit and international companies, institutions, colleges and universities.

- **Tomi Mori** (Chen Y., Park B.S., Tyner J.W., Loriaux M.M., Kovacovics T., Druker B.J): Phase II Trial Designs to Evaluate Clinical Efficacy of Personalized Drug Selection Based on an In Vitro Sensitivity Screen.
- **Yiyi Chen:** The transition from traditional classroom course to a fully-online course: a learning experience from web-hybrid teaching
- **Jodi Lapidus** (Aaron Baraff and Mara Tableman): Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) Curve-Based Variable Selection For Logistic Regression Models Used For Classification
- **Dongseok Choi** (Kathryn Carr, Lauren Hayashi, Ted Acott): Finding Transcription Factors of Co-Regulated Genes



John Stull and Jay Kravitz took a bit of time away from work to...well, work. They spent a week riding bikes across southern Utah from Moab through Capitol Reef, Escalante, Kodachrome Basin State Park, and Bryce Canyon with 70 new 'friends' (including John's wife)...challenging days of riding, stunning scenery, and excellent companionship!! This photo is at a scenic overlook (Upper or Lower Blues Overlook) between Escalante and Cannonville, Utah.

Dr. Seth O'Neal traveled to Bangkok, Thailand, from September 18-21 to attend a CDC-sponsored training on laboratory serologic methods for identification of *T. solium* infection.

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Awards and Honors:

Associate Professor **Christina Nicolaidis** has been appointed to a 5-year term as a standing member of the NIMH Services in Non-Specialty Settings Review Group.

Mark Derby, PHPM's Grants Assistant, was recently awarded a Rose Award in August 2011 for his outstanding work in PHPM. Mark was nominated by Dennis McCarty specifically for Mark's excellent work on the very complex Oregon Methamphetamine Medication Development Alliance P01 application. "Without his organizational skill, attention to detail, software expertise, the application would not have been completed and submitted..." This is just one example of continuous high quality service that Mark has provided to the Department over the past three years. We are very lucky to have him as part of the PHPM Team. Thanks Mark and Congratulations! To read more, please visit this page: <http://ozone.ohsu.edu/blogs/staffnews/2011/08/19/three-cheers-for-august-golden-rose-recipients-aug-24/>

Dr. Traci Rieckmann was recently featured in the June 2011 Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Reporter. Throughout 2011, "The Academic Researcher" will profile investigators who are working in the burgeoning field of implementation science in a special series, "Bringing Science to Health Care Delivery." Also known as knowledge translation or delivery science, implementation science is a type of research that studies the best ways to encourage the adoption of effective interventions in real-world settings. Please see this link for the full article: <https://www.aamc.org/newsroom/reporter/june2011/250884/academic-researcher.html>

(From Knight News): **Thomas M. Becker, MD, PhD**, Professor and Chair of the OHSU Department of Public Health, has been appointed as the first Charles R. and Velma E. Sharp Endowed Professor at the OHSU School of Medicine. The establishment of this professorship was made possible through the visionary generosity of Dr. Charles and Velma Sharp who included OHSU in their estate plans. At the family's request the first holder of the Sharp Endowed Professorship will focus his efforts in an area of cancer research that includes prevention or outreach, thus reflecting Dr. Sharp's values of battling a grave disease in the public health arena. Also in keeping with the Sharp family's wishes, Dr. Becker will focus on a type of cancer work "outside of those cancer efforts most highly publicized in the media" and which are funded through high profile events. To read the Ozone article about this appointment, please follow this link: <http://ozone.ohsu.edu/blogs/knightnews/2011/07/25/becker-appointed-to-sharp-professorship/>

Joint faculty member **Patty Carney** was awarded the Bishop Fellowship. To read the Ozone article about this award, please follow this link: <http://ozone.ohsu.edu/blogs/knightnews/2011/09/06/carney-awarded-bishop-fellowship/>

Congratulations to all of our faculty and staff on these fabulous honors and achievements!

Welcome

Rana Leed is a new researcher in the Health Services Research Division. Rana comes to OHSU from far away in Pennsylvania, where she was born and has lived all her life. She received her bachelor's degree in medical anthropology and women's studies from the University of Pittsburgh and then studied public health at Drexel University in Philadelphia. Reading (a lot!), cooking, and finding interesting new West Coast breweries is what you'll find Rana doing in her spare time. At least that's what you'll find her doing when she's not snuggling with her english bulldog, Buford T. Justice, who is quite demanding when it comes to snuggles.



Rana Leed

Aisha Kudura is a new researcher in the Health Services Research Division. Aisha joins us from Rockville, Maryland where she participated in a summer internship program through the National Cancer Institute. She recently graduated in May 2011 with her Masters in Public Health from New Mexico State University, and received her Bachelors in Psychology from Carleton College in Minnesota. After having lived in the Southwest, East Coast, Midwest, and Japan, Aisha is excited to return to her home state of Oregon. In her free time she enjoys zumba, rock climbing, trivia, and exploring the food scene in Portland.



Aisha Kudura

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Events:

GRAND ROUNDS CALENDAR*

*Please note the venue change for the 10/20/11 Grand Rounds lectures

- 18-Oct-11 *Special Grand Rounds* **Caryn Bern, MD, MPH**, Parasitic Diseases Branch, National Center for Global Health, CDRC *The epidemiology of visceral leishmaniasis in Bangladesh* CSB679
- 20-Oct-11 **Melinda Davis, PhD, CCRP**, *Practice and Communities: Translational Research in the Oregon Rural Practice-based Research Network* **MAC HALL 3198**
- 17-Nov-11 **Benjamin Morasco, PhD**, Psychiatry CSB679
- 15-Dec-11 **Kent Anger, PhD**, CROET CSB679
- 19-Jan-12 **Eli Schwarz, DDS, MPH, PhD**, Professor & Chair of the Department of Community Dentistry CSB679
- 16-Feb-12 **Katie Witkiewitz, PhD**, Research Scientist at the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute CSB679
- 15-Mar-12 **Tom Greene, PhD**, University of Utah CSB679
- 19-Apr-12 **Diane Rohlman, PhD**, CROET CSB679
- 17-May-12 **Dr. Donald Rubin, PhD**, John L Loeb Professor of Statistics, is at Harvard University CSB679
- 21-Jun-12 **Preventive Medicine Residents** CSB679

American Indian/Alaska Native Health Lecture Series, Sept. 29, 2011, 12-1 PM, OHSU, UHS8B60, presenter: **Nichole Maher, MPH, from NAYA**

- This lecture will provide information on how the diversity of the Native Tribes in the Portland region parallels, and may exceed, the racial and ethnic diversity of the nations from around the world that have claimed and made this region their home. Yet, the history, heritage, and identity of the Tribes of the Great Northwest and beyond have been minimized to the name of rivers, other geographic landmarks, and unfortunately ignore the presence, hopes, and dreams of individuals, tribes, and nations often clustered under the label of American Indian or Native American. **Making the Invisible Visible** is a quest for identity and self-determination.

*Sponsored by the CDC-funded Prevention Research Center, the Center for Healthy Communities, at OHSU, and by the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board

2011-2012 Public Health Seminar Series October 7, 2011, 12-1 PM, Portland State University, URBN 303, TBA

SAVE THE DATE!

Fall 2011 Health Policy Symposium focusing on Early Childhood Health Policy: From Idea to Implementation Thursday, November 3, 2011, 8:30am – 2pm, PSU – Native American Student & Community Center

Speakers include: Kitzhaber, Swati Adarkar, Lynne Saxton and Duke Shepard

For more information contact Hillary Regan @ reganh@ohsu.edu or by calling 503.494.2551

PHPM Birthdays

September Birthdays

3-Sep Tomi Mori
2-Sep Tree Triano
9-Sep Joanne Weidemann
13-Sep Ryan Olson
14-Sep Ken James
14-Sep Denna Vandersloot
19-Sep Eun Sul Lee
21-Sep Mark Derby
27-Sep Aisha Kudura
27-Sep Yiyi Chen



Ana Hilde's wedding—August 6, 2011. PHPM current and former staff and faculty.

October Birthdays

4-Oct William Lambert
4-Oct Thuan Nguyen
9-Oct Kevin Winthrop
12-Oct Jessica Kennedy
18-Oct Don Lollar
21-Oct Shannon McWeeney
26-Oct Marie Payment

MPH Program News

Upcoming MPH Thesis Defenses

The Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine announces the following MPH Thesis Defenses:

Cambria Wilhelm:

Variations in breastfeeding initiation and duration by child's health needs

Friday, September 23, 2011, Seminar: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

School of Nursing, Room 107, 3455 SW US Veterans Hospital Road, Portland, OR 97239

Paneen S. Peterson:

Colorectal cancer survival among American Indian and Alaska Native people in the Pacific NW

Tuesday, September 27, 2011, Seminar: 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

School of Nursing, Room 116, 3455 SW US Veterans Hospital Road, Portland, OR 97239

Sasha Swartzman:

Factors associated with HPV infection in men in Brazil, Mexico, and the United States

Wednesday, October 19, 2011, Seminar: 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Campus Services Building, Room 679, 3505 SW US Veterans Hospital Road, Portland, OR 97239

Elizabeth Martin:

Femoral volumetric bone density and dimensions in relation to 25-hydroxy vitamin D in older men

Monday, October 10, 2011, Seminar: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Campus Services Building, Room 679, 3505 SW US Veterans Hospital Road, Portland, OR 97239

Questions: call 503.494.2012 or email chinn@ohsu.edu

Welcome, New Students!

Please join the Education Program in welcoming our new students to the 2011—2012 academic year. This year, we welcome twelve new Biostats Certificate students, including two continuing MPH students, as well as fifteen new MPH students. We appreciate you choosing our program and look forward to working with you as you pursue your education and work hard toward graduation. Good luck to you all!

Still looking for an MPH elective?

Still looking for an MPH elective? Consider *Conversations in Global Health* taught by Dr. Jay Kravitz. The purpose of the course is to expand awareness and dialogue among OHSU students, faculty, and guests about a wide range of contemporary scholarly and real-life global health issues facing our world.

This 1-credit course spans the entire academic year (Fall 2011 – Spring 2012). Presentations are scheduled twice a month from 12-1pm on Wednesdays in Room 1162 in Mackenzie Hall, beginning September 28, 2011. Students are required to attend 10 sessions during the year and will be graded on a modest written assignment/presentation in May 2012.

Interested MPH students should register using ISIS (GLBH 512, CRN 11856). Registration must take place at the beginning of Fall Term only. Students cannot join the course mid-year.

If you encounter any problems with registration, please contact Natalie Chin at chinn@ohsu.edu. Questions about the curriculum should be directed to Dr. Kravitz at kravitzj@ohsu.edu.