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Dr. Tom Becker

Letter from the Chair

I hope that you all had a restful Thanksgiving holiday and are ready to face the challenges of approaching finals week for our MPH students and faculty, as well as grant deadlines and other pressing business as the year moves toward the closing weeks of 2012. In recent weeks, our department's mini-retreat left us charged up about the many possibilities that a joint School of Public Health would offer. We have had a very positive relationship with our public health colleagues at Portland State University and would welcome the opportunity to work more closely with them toward improving the health of the public. Planning that involves smaller working groups continues, but the PHPM faculty's ideas and input are always welcome in the process. Of equally pressing concern is our Oregon MPH accreditation self study, required of us by the Council on Education in Public Health. Many of us faculty members, staff, and OMPH program staff will be burning the midnight oil to prepare the documents that the accrediting body requires. However, our collaborative program is solid and we have much to showcase.

We are very pleased that one of our senior faculty, Dr. Dennis McCarty, got a lifetime achievement award from his section at American Public Health Association, and I enjoyed hearing his comments online as he accepted his award. Very well deserved! You can also look up his on-line speech and listen to his words of wisdom.

The annual PHPM holiday party and gift exchange was held on Tuesday, December 18 in the PHPM conference room. As always, it was a very fun time!

Our next newsletter will not come out until after the Christmas season--so, be safe, have some fun!

Grants

New applications:

- **Ana Quiñones**, "Complex Chronic Care Needs of Ethnically Diverse Older Americans," NIMHD/NIA K01 Career Development Award
- **Thuan Nguyen**, "The E-MS Algorithm: Model Selection with Incomplete Data," NSF Division of Mathematical Sciences (in collaboration with UC-Davis and Univ. Miami)
- **John Stull**, "Training Residents in Prevention and Policy," HRSA Preventive Medicine and Public Health Training Program
- **Thuan Nguyen**, "The E-MS Algorithm: Model Selection with Incomplete Data," NSF Division of Mathematical Sciences (in collaboration with UC-Davis and Univ. Miami)
- **Seth O'Neal**, "Community-based control of cysticercosis," UBS Optimus Foundation

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:

Dr. Bill Lambert's study on the health effects of lead exposure was highlighted in the October 16, 2012 and the October 29, 2012 editions of The Lund Report. To read the full articles, please visit these links:

http://www.thelundreport.org/resource/years_after_its_ban_lead_paint_exact_a_toll_on_human_health

http://www.thelundreport.org/resource/childhood_lead_action_level_drops_but_funding_lags

The Variability of Vision Loss Assessment in Federally Sponsored Surveys: Seeking Conceptual Clarity and Comparability. John E. Crewsa, **Donald J. Lollar**, Alex R. Kemperd, Lisa M. Leeb, Cynthia Owsleye, Xinzhi Zhanga, Amanda F. Elliotta, Chiu-Fang Choua, Jinan B. Saaddinea. American Journal of Ophthalmology. December 2012, Pages S31–S44.e1

Physician Care Patterns and Adherence to Postpartum Glucose Testing After Gestational Diabetes Mellitus in Oregon. Hunsberger M, Donatelle RJ, Lindsay K, **Rosenberg KD**. PLoS One. 2012;7(10):e47052.

Consumption of Soda and Other Sugar Sweetened Beverages by 2 year olds: Findings from a Population-Based Survey. Garnett BF, **Rosenberg KD**, Morris DS. Public Health Nutr. 2012 Oct 4:1-8.

Is Maternal Food Security a Predictor of Food and Drink Intake Among Toddlers in Oregon? Cunningham TJ, Barradas DT, **Rosenberg KD**, May AL, Kroelinger CD, Ahluwalia IB. Maternal and Child Health Journal. 2012 August 21 [epub ahead of print]

Health Risks of Oregon Eighth-Grade Participants in the "Choking Game": Results from a Population-Based Survey. Ramowski SK, Nystrom RJ, **Rosenberg KD**, Gilchrist J, Chaumeton NR. Pediatrics. 2012;129:846-851.

Wolinsky FD, **Andresen EM**, Malmstrom TK, et al. Childhood school segregation & later life sense of control & physical performance in the African American Health cohort. BMC Public Health. 2012 Sep 27;12(1):827. PMID: 23017218.

Ahktar W, **Andresen EM**, Cannell MB, Xu XH. Association of blood cotinine level with cognitive & physical performance in older adults. Environ Res 2012: [Epub ahead of print] <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.envres.2012.10.013>. PMID: 23199696

Schootman M, **Andresen EM**, Wolinsky FD, Miller JP, Miller DK. Effect of street connectivity on incidence of lower-body functional limitations among middle-aged African Americans. Ann Epidemiol 2012;22(8):568-574. PMID: 22658823

Nicolaidis, Christina, Dora Raymaker, Katherine McDonald, Sebastian Dern, W. Cody Boisclair, Elesia Ashkenazy, and Amanda Baggs. "Comparison of Healthcare Experiences in Autistic and Non-Autistic Adults: A Cross-Sectional Online Survey Facilitated by an Academic-Community Partnership." Journal of General Internal Medicine (2012): 1-9. (Published Online First, Nov, 2012.)

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- Quiñones AR**, Liang J, Ye W. Differences in Diabetes Mellitus Onset for Older Black, White, and Mexican Americans. Accepted for publication, *Ethnicity & Disease*, December 2012.
- Rosenbaum JT, Ku J, Ali A, **Choi D**, Suhler EB. Patients with retinal vasculitis rarely suffer from systemic vasculitis. *Seminars in Arthritis and Rheumatism*. 2011, Dec 14. (Cited by the Faculty of 1000)
- Ku JH, Ali A, Suhler EB, **Choi D***, Rosenbaum JT*. Visual outcome of retinal vasculitis and factors predictive of improvement in vision. *Archives of Ophthalmology* (accepted, *share senior authorship)
- Nicolaidis, Christina**, Stephanie Wahab, Jammie Trimble, Angie Mejia, S. Renee Mitchell, Dora Raymaker, Mary Jo Thomas, Vanessa Timmons, and A. Star Waters. "The interconnections project: development and evaluation of a community-based depression program for African American violence survivors." *Journal of General Internal Medicine* (2012): 1-9. (Published Online First, Nov. 2012).

Presentations:

The American Public Health Association's 140th annual meeting in San Francisco, California on October 31, 2012

- **Tosha Zaback, MPH**, Summative evaluation of a Tribal telemedicine project
- **Sherril Gelmon, DrPH**, PSU, Campus civic health initiative: Measuring and improving campus and community civic health
- **Rosenberg KD**, Helsel A. Postpartum Awareness of Depression.
- Yu C-H, **Rosenberg KD**. Association Between Physical Activity and Postpartum Weight Retention From a Population-based Study.
- Sappenfield O, **Rosenberg KD**. Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Adults Reading to Two Year Old Children: A Population-based Study.

Oregon Public Health Association's annual meeting, October 2012:

- Life course impact of neighborhood disparities: Bridging tobacco, alcohol, and obesity research. Boone-Heinonen J, Rdesinski R, Hermes S, Howell A, **Rosenberg KD**.
 - Life course impact of neighborhood disparities: Inequitable allocation of resources. Howell AV, **Rosenberg KD**, **Boone-Heinonen J**.
 - Life course impact of neighborhood disparities: The role of tobacco. Hermes S, **Rosenberg KD**, **Boone-Heinonen J**.
 - Health risks of Oregon eighth-grade participants in the "choking game": results from a population-based survey. Ramowski SK, Nystrom RJ, **Rosenberg KD**, Gilchrist J, Chaumeton NR.
 - Self-Reported Perinatal Depression in Oregon: Findings from a Population-Based Survey of Postpartum Women. **Rosenberg KD**, Sandoval AP.
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Travel:



Dr. Jahn in Germany

Dr. Tomi Mori visited **Professor Antje Jahn** and the Institute for Medical Biometry, Epidemiology and Informatics at the University of Mainz, Germany, October 1, 2012. Antje was a visiting scientist with Biostatistics Division two years ago and spent nine months doing her research on survival analysis and participating in division activities. During her time at OHSU, she started a new collaboration with Dennis McCarty on survival analysis in cluster randomized trials. Tomi met the department chair (Professor Maria Blettner) and other biostatistics faculty members, discussed teaching, collaborative, and methodological research activities and visited the clinical trials center there. She hopes to explore a potential collaborative research exchange with the University of Mainz. For more information on the University of Mainz, see: <http://www.imbeci.uni-mainz.de/>.

Dr. Seth O'Neal and **Ellen McCleery** (2nd year MPH candidate) spent the month of October chasing tapeworms (and pigs) along the Thailand-Myanmar border. This KL2-funded field epidemiology project is a collaborative effort between OHSU PHPM, The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at Chiang Mai University, the International Rescue Committee, and the CDC Immigrant and Refugee Health Program for SE Asia.



Ellen McCleery takes on a new desk job (Ban Mai Noi Soi refugee camp, Mae Hong Son, Thailand)



That's not a noodle.

Dr. Traci Rieckmann, **Elias Klemperer**, and **Marie Payment** traveled to New York City to attend the Addiction Health Services Research Conference. The conference was held at The Desmond Tutu Conference Center from October 17-19. The theme was "Reimagining Health Services Research" and the information disseminated reflected the ever changing world of health policy and research. OHSU will be the proud host of the AHSR Conference October 23-25, 2013 at the Benson Hotel, so the three were sure to take lots of notes to ensure that next year's is a success!

Awards and Honors:

Congratulations to **Shannon K. McWeeny, PhD**, winner of a 2012 Faculty Teaching Excellence Award. Awardees were nominated and elected by the Graduate Students. The faculty were honored at the SOM Faculty Excellence in Education Award Luncheon on Tuesday, October 30th.

Recovering

Christina Nicolaidis is recovering well from her mitral valve repair and expects to be back to work by the beginning of 2013.

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Welcome



Connor Larsen, who joins PHPM as a researcher with the NWATTC, graduated from Lewis & Clark College in 2011 with a degree in psychology, focusing his studies with courses in social, community, and cognitive psychology and mental health. He has a strong love of traveling, having explored much of Europe and most of Southeast Asia, and has lived both in Sweden and Vietnam. He finds that his interest in public health originates at the intersection between his academic experiences and amount of time spent abroad, the latter exposing him to a wide range of international economies and systems for dealing with matters of public health. He loves to cook and enjoys showing friends and family how easy it is to prepare food healthily without sacrificing flavor. He plans on attending graduate school in the near future, but in the meantime is thrilled to be gaining relevant experience working at OHSU.

Sarah Egan is a native Oregonian who received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Portland State University in August of 2009, majoring in Sociology. Sarah went on to earn a Master of Public Health degree from Oregon State University in June of 2012. She recently interned with the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, where she organized and implemented a health promotion conference for Native American youth. Her research interests include health disparities and women's health. Sarah is extremely grateful and excited to be a part of the Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine assisting on the Astoria Women's Heart Health Initiative!



Marie Payment is the not-so-new Research Assistant in the department. She graduated from the University of San Francisco in May of 2012 where she studied Biology, Chemistry, and Spanish. When she wasn't working hard in the library she studied amazing food, public transportation mishaps, and the wonders of living in a city that actually has professional sports. One day she hopes that an MD program somewhere, anywhere, will realize she is a hero of epic proportions and accept her. In the meantime she's thoroughly enjoying the science of addiction occupying space in her gigantic brain.

Allison Fryman is a newly hired research assistant working on the Astoria Women's Heart Health Initiative with Janne Boone-Heinonen, Traci Rieckmann, and Sarah Egan. She is also a first year MPH student at OHSU. She grew up in Cedar Falls, Iowa and traveled east to Smith College in Massachusetts for her Bachelors. After graduating in Cognitive Psychology she moved to Portland, Oregon because of the great biking community and is planning to stay because of the all the amazing people she has met.



Events:

The Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine was an active participant in the Let's Get Healthy health fair held on Pioneer Square October 9 to celebrate Oregon Health & Science University's 125 anniversary. Let's Get Healthy is a traveling education and research exhibit and model outreach effort to bring health science and education to the pub-

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lic. CROET Scientist and PHPM Associate Professor, **Jackie Shannon**, PhD, is the Principle Investigator for Let's Get Healthy and **Lisa Marriott** provides day to day management. More than 170 individuals registered with Let's Get Healthy and many more walked through the exhibits of OHSU science and services. In addition to Let's Get Healthy, PHPM had four exhibits: 1) The Center for Healthy Communities and the Dangerous Decibels Program (Jessica Kennedy), 2) Northwest Addiction Technology Transfer Center (Jennifer Verbeck), 3) Methamphetamine Abuse Research Center – Education Core (Marie Payment), and 4) Western States Node for the National Drug Abuse Treatment Clinical Trials Network (Lynn Kunkel).

Joint Associate Professor **Dr. John McConnell**, director of CHSE and Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, hosted a "Mitch Dinner" on October 16. Mitch Dinners are a series of events held periodically and named after State Representative Mitch Greenlick (D—Portland), who is also the former chair of PHPM. To read more about the dinner, please visit this link: <http://o2.ohsu.edu/blogs/cliniciancommons/2012/10/18/reform-marches-on-checking-in-on-health-share-of-oregon/>

Upcoming Events

PHPM Grand Rounds 12:00PM—1:00 PM, CSB679

- 20-Dec-12, Lisa Marriot, PhD, Epidemiology
- 17-Jan-13, Dr. Sarah Emerson, Biostatistics
- 21-Feb-13, Dr. Eli Schwarz, Health Services
- 21-Mar-13, Professor Fred Wolinsky, Health Services
- 18-Apr-13, Miguel Marino, PhD, Biostatistics
- 16-May-13, Kathleen Carlson, PhD, Epidemiology
- 20-Jun-13, Preventive Medicine Residents

Global Health Center Conversations in Global Health 12:00 to 1:00, MacHall Room 1162

PLEASE NOTE: THIS NOON PRESENTATION TO BE HELD IN RICHARD JONES HALL, RJH 4340

DECEMBER 12, 2012

Cultural challenges in providing care to immigrant and refugee populations

John T. Pham, D.O.

Assistant Professor of Family Medicine

Western University of Health Sciences

College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific – Northwest.

JANUARY 9, 2013

Chwele, Kenya: a story of health and community development - and labor of love

Grace Kuto, Co-Founder and past President of Harambee Center;

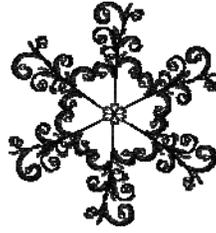
Stellar Yi pharmacy student participant

To view the entire list of Conversations in Global Health lectures, please visit this link: <http://tinyurl.com/d5s4dg6>

PHPM Birthdays

November

1-Nov Donald Austin, Emeritus Professor
4-Nov Hillary Regan, Administrative Coordinator
11-Nov Kim Hoffman, Affiliate Instructor
18-Nov Elizabeth Adams, Assistant Professor
25-Nov Dongseok Choi, Associate Professor
26-Nov Priya Srikanth, Instructor
28-Nov Patricia Silk Walker, Research Assistant Professor



December

2-Dec Steve Gallon, Adjunct Associate Professor
7-Dec Carrie Nielson, Assistant Professor
7-Dec Eric Suhler, Associate Professor
24-Dec Raina Croff, Senior Research Associate
30-Dec Todd Korthuis, Assistant Professor
31-Dec Philippe Thuillier, Assistant Professor

News from the NWATTC

The Northwest Addiction Technology Transfer Center (NWATTC, formerly the NFATTC) was awarded another 5 years of funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration and National Institute on Drug Abuse to serve HHS Region 10, comprised of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska. Traci Rieckmann is the Principal Investigator for this SAMSAH Cooperative Agreement, and Denna Vandersloot is the Project Director. The NWATTC is part of a national network of systems transformation and workforce development specialists that were funded for another five years. More specifically, the Northwest ATTC enhances the knowledge and skills of the substance use disorders (SUD) treatment workforce, promotes higher standards of care, and fosters improvements in the treatment and recovery support delivery system. NWATTC serves as a leader and key facilitator of change and professional development by mobilizing state officials, treatment providers, educators, recovery support partners, and diverse community members to strengthen the addiction workforce. The NWATTC is especially excited about our work with integration of behavioral health and primary care and our collaborations with the primary care associations in our four states. We will also be collaborating with the emerging CCO's in Oregon. This is a great opportunity for OHSU and our Region 10 state officials and community health care and treatment providers to advance the capacity of the workforce during a critical time of systems transformation.

Volunteer Opportunity (by Adam Lipus, Program Coordinator, Let's Get Healthy!)

LET'S GET HEALTHY! WITH THE ASTORIA WOMEN'S HEART HEALTH INITIATIVE

The Astoria Women's Heart Health Initiative (AWHHI), also based out of Oregon Health & Science University, is teaming up to bring Let's Get Healthy! to Astoria. There will be events on January 12 and 13 in Astoria geared at enrolling women into a study on cardiovascular health. Women will have a chance to get their blood chemistry tested as well as to visit other Let's Get Healthy! stations. To volunteer, follow his link: <http://healthdiscoveries.wufoo.com/forms/lets-get-healthy-volunteer-registration/>

ABOUT LET'S GET HEALTHY!: Learn about your own health while contributing to scientific research! Let's Get Healthy! is an education and research program based out of Oregon Health & Science University that hosts free and fun health fairs throughout Oregon and beyond. Participants learn about their own health (like their diet, body fat percentage, and blood chemistry), receiving personalized feedback based on their results. We also collect data for research by scientists, communities, schools, and students. Check out our video from an event in 2010: <https://lgh.ohsu.edu/about>.

Library News—Unlimited Access to McGraw-Hill Resources

<http://www.ohsu.edu/blogs/library/2012/10/24/unlimited-access-to-mcgraw-hill-resources/>

Through careful negotiation the OHSU Library has come to an agreement on a site license for all of our current McGraw-Hill Access databases plus JAMA Evidence and USMLE-Easy. Where previously a limited number of people could access the databases at one time there is now no limit! Databases affected include: AccessAnesthesiology, AccessMedicine, AccessPharmacy, AccessEmergencyMedicine, AccessSurgery, JAMAEvidence, USMLE-Easy

Check out a complete list of databases and more at <http://libguides.ohsu.edu/databases>.

Volunteer On-boarding in PHPM by Gloria Harrison

If you've ever on-boarded a volunteer to assist with one of your projects or grants, or if you plan to in the future, you likely know that having a volunteer go through the complete on-boarding process is vital.

Registration – Volunteer 6 step process

- **Step 1– Contact the department chair and department administrator** to request space.
- **Step 2 -** With the hosting site's assistance, volunteers will **submit a Job Site Information form and a Background Disclosure Request** form. Submit both forms together via one of the following options: 1) Fax: 503-494-1099, 2) E-mail: RAVolunteer@ohsu.edu. Anticipate about a 1 week turn around time to process and approve these forms.
- **Step 3 - Preparing for Orientation**
You will be invited to attend an upcoming orientation session. Further registration materials will be given for you to complete .
- **Step 4 -Orientation**
Submit all completed registration materials at orientation. Anticipate an approximate 1 week turn around time to process these forms.
- **Step 5 - Obtain an ID Badge**
Once processed and approved, we will e-mail you the required documents to obtain your OHSU ID badge
- **Step 6 - Start volunteering!**
Once you have an ID badge you can start volunteering!

Completing the on-boarding process exactly as specified is vital: (1) safety for the University (Background check, Big Brain and other compliance), (2) orientation for the volunteer, so that they understand OHSU, their place in it, and their role as a volunteer, (3) risk – if this pre-volunteer injures themselves or someone else, the Department takes on that liability.

However, even though a volunteer has to be fully on-boarded before he or she can begin working in the department, having the person come in to better understand the volunteer position (such as for an interview, to meet members of the team, or to collect reference materials) is reasonable. Here are the procedures that must be followed in that situation:

- The identified potential volunteer comes into meet with you for an initial interview. You are considering them for a volunteer position.
- **Call a couple of references** – this is key, as it helps to mitigate the risk of not having the background check/Big Brain done
- Before you offer this person the volunteer position, if you want to make sure that they are a good fit, you can invite them back for a finite time period (perhaps a couple hours on one or two occasions) to:
 1. Shadow other volunteers or RAs and have them meet/follow-up with you. They would be considered an escorted visitor.
 2. Provide them with take home material to read/ report back as long as it is not restricted in anyway (i.e. identifiable data, etc). Again, this is another way for you to see if this person is a good volunteer fit.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** They cannot actually do any work. They will be considered a visitor.
- Once you have decided that this person is going to be a volunteer and you send an email to Tom (cc Anne and Gloria) to request space, send the to-be volunteer to the website to have her complete her background check form and complete the job site form (if not completed already), and have him/her follow the five step process.
- Finally, Gloria is the HR Coordinator for PHPM, and **all volunteer on-boarding and exiting*** communication should include her. This insures (1) timely set-up/shut down of computer access, (2) verification of compliance of all PHPM personnel (including volunteers), (3) general awareness of who currently working/volunteering in the department.

*From now on, please remember to send Gloria an email **the day the volunteer starts and the day he stops** work.

If you have any questions about the volunteer on-boarding process, please don't hesitate to send me an email. To learn more about Research and Volunteer Services, please visit this link: <http://tinyurl.com/cacrl5>

Inclement weather and Disaster Preparedness

If inclement-weather operations have been declared by OHSU, an email will be sent to the listservs stating a delay in the opening of the Department due to weather. Also, PHPM's mainline (503-494-8257) will be updated with a delay in opening message. If you do not receive an email or hear an updated inclement weather message, please assume that the department is open and faculty and staff should report to work at their normal times. Most importantly, we want to make sure that faculty and staff get to work safely. Please be sure to take your time and be patient.

The OHSU Alert Line, 503 494-9021, is your first and best resource for information regarding weather conditions that may affect operations at OHSU. This hot line offers specific recorded messages for patients, employees and students. The OHSU Alert Line provides up-to-date information regarding road conditions on Marquam Hill, at South Waterfront and West Campus. Additionally, a traffic cam is available on the O-Zone to view S.W. Sam Jackson Park Road in front of Physicians Pavilion: <http://ozone.ohsu.edu/parking>. University delays will be also be updated on the Ozone home page.

Note: Having four-wheel drive does not meet the requirement for traction devices unless the vehicle also is equipped with studded or studless snow tires, or chains. Drivers are responsible for the safe operation of their vehicles and must install tire chains/cables if they are directed to do so by personnel monitoring the snow zone, or if they lose traction. Drivers may chain up in the Carrousel Restaurant parking lot, the park entrance lot or near the water pump station. Pull your vehicle completely off the road before stopping to put on chains. If you cannot complete your trip up Sam Jackson Park Road, pull off to the side of the road. If you cannot pull off to the side of the road, do NOT abandon your vehicle. Road crews will come to assist you. **Your safest option is public transportation.** Please note that if you are using public transportation, Tri-Met may decide to suspend service to Marquam Hill and instead divert buses to the base of the Tram. While safer for travelers, this may increase wait times at the tram. Please make sure to dress warmly.

Five actions to prepare your home

1. Assemble an outage kit or a more comprehensive emergency kit for use in a crisis or disaster. A basic kit for a temporary outage should include: 1) A flashlight, 2) A wind-up or battery-powered radio and alarm clock, 3) Batteries for flashlight, radio and clock, and 4) A manual can opener.

Emergency Kit Basics

 - Water (1 gallon per person per day, include extra for pets) Less cumbersome solutions include water purification supplies or equipment as it weighs less if a water source can be located.
 - Non-perishable food for you and your pets
 - First-aid kit
 - Prescription and over-the-counter medications
 - Infant formula and diapers
 - Sleeping bag and bedding
 - Copies of insurance information, IDs, bank information, and family documents in a sealed waterproof container or stored electronically on a password protected/encrypted thumb drive.
 - Cash (Paper money burns, metal money doesn't – rolls of quarters)
 - Changes of clothing for individual/family members (seasonal and should be adjusted for heat/cold)
 - Disinfectant
 - Personal hygiene items
 - Matches in a waterproof container
 - Batteries
 - Eating utensils, manual can opener, and/or mess kit
 - Paper and pencil
 2. Make sure you have a phone to use when the power is out; cordless phones require electricity.
 3. Learn how to override your electric garage door opener.
 4. Review what your power company suggests you do when the power goes out at your home.
 5. Review safety rules for portable generators, if you own one.
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MPH Program News

Upcoming MPH Thesis Defense

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

Stuart Coburn

The role of insurance status in utilization of cervical cancer prevention services among a safety-net population

Thursday, February 7, 2012, Seminar: 9:00 AM—10:00 AM
School of Nursing, Room 116, 3455 SW US Veterans Hospital Road, Portland, OR 97239

Questions: call 503.494.1158 or email cbinn@obsu.edu

Student News: events, presentations, and publications

The following students presented at the October 17th Global Health Center Student Symposium:

- Inger Appanaitis: **Oral Health Status of Children in Palau**
- Jennifer Jacobs: **Provider-Based Needs Assessment Of Family Planning In West Wollega, Ethiopia**
- Michelle DeChant: **Improving Emergency Care in Rural Uganda: A Study of Injury Surveillance and Partner Violence**

Accepted for presentation at Oregon Public Health Association annual meeting, October 2012

- Physician Barriers in Recommending Influenza Vaccine to Healthy Pregnant Women. **Arao RF, MPH, Rosenberg KD, McWeeney S, Hedberg K.**
- Food Insecurity and Eating Habits of Children with Special Health Care Needs in Oregon. **Murphy L; Adams E, Rosenberg KD.**
- Racial/Ethnic Disparities for Family Meals in a population-based cohort of two-year old children. **Ali A, Rosenberg KD, Peters D, Adams E.** American Public Health Association 140th annual meeting, San Francisco. CA, October 29, 2012. (was awarded as an Outstanding Student Author for 2012 by the APHA Maternal and Child Health Section)
- OMPH Epi/Biostats student **Stuart Cowburn** was invited to present a poster at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, held in San Francisco. The poster, titled "Electronic health records in community health centers: A tool for cervical cancer preventive service surveillance among the uninsured" was based on Stuart's ongoing thesis research.
- **Adiba Ali** recently attended the National Harm Reduction Coalition Conference in Portland mid-November, and presented an "Opiate Overdose Surveillance Project" that she conducted with the Clark County Health Department.

On October 7, **Austin Phillips** ran the Bank of America Chicago Marathon on behalf of the ALS Association. He finished in 3:11:18 (beating his previous time by 13 minutes) and raised \$1,835 for the ALS Association! Way to go, Austin!



Austin Phillips

Looking for a winter elective?

Winter term is right around the corner, and you know what that means - more rain, colder temperatures, maybe even a bit of snow, and Forensic Epidemiology! This is a two hour class, taught on Fridays at noon, that covers the applications of epidemiology in the courts, as well as the epidemiology of injury resulting from physical trauma. I will use examples from current and past cases, some of which you will be familiar with already (OJ Simpson, Casey Anthony, etc.), to illustrate various concepts and applications of epidemiology to questions of causation. Additionally, we will discuss important parameters of traumatic injury, with special focus on crash related injuries and the detailed databases describing the circumstances of crash-related injury and death in the US, along with the fundamentals of injury biomechanics and crash reconstruction that are critical to understanding what's in the databases. We will also discuss the epidemiology of homicide and suicide, which circles the class back to practical applications of epidemiology in the courts. Take a look at the attached syllabus for more details.

Meanwhile, I leave you with a question to think about that we will discuss first day in class: There are 10's and perhaps 100's of thousands of babies born to women who have used cocaine (typically crack cocaine) during their pregnancy. Most babies are fine, some are born addicted, and a small number are stillborn. In a number of states in the US (largely the South and Midwest) women who give birth to a stillborn baby, and who have a history of cocaine use during pregnancy, are being charged with homicide (in some cases first degree murder). The charge is based on the assumption that if the baby was stillborn and the mother used cocaine that latter caused the former. What is the critical unanswered question in all such cases that requires an epidemiologic approach? How would you go about answering the question?

Hope to see you there!

Michael Freeman, forensictrauma@gmail.com

Registering for Classes as an Epi-Bio Student—New Flow chart!

A new flowchart delineating how to register for courses can now be found online:

<http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-medicine/departments/clinical-departments/public-health/education-programs/courses-and-schedules/upload/Registration-Flow-Chart.pdf>

Preventive Medicine Residency News

Presentations

Trends in Breast Milk Feeding Among Low Birthweight and Very Low Birthweight Neonates, Oregon, 2000-2010. **Oliver CL, Rosenberg KD, Sandoval AP.** Oregon Public Health Association annual meeting, October 2012.

Family Medicine Residency Improvement Curriculum: Longitudinal Instruction for Clinician Learners by **P Hatcher, S Gellmon, F Frew, M Pensa,** and R Garvin was accepted as a poster for 24th Annual National Forum on Quality Improvement in National Forum Health Care. December 9-12, 2012 Orlando, Florida. Dr. Hatcher received scholarships from PSU and IHI to support the trip to present.

Congratulations!

Jeff Udall and Paige Hatcher (PGY 4 in the combined family/preventive medicine residency) were married Oct 6 on Mt. Tabor.

