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Congratulations to Dongseok Choi!

Dongseok Choi received a R21 award from the National Institute of Health/National Eye Institute for his project called "Predicting transcript factors in response to TNF or IL-1 treatment on TM cells." The project period is August 2011 through July 2012 with direct cost of \$275K. The main goals of project are to study the gene expression network in response to TNF or IL-1 treatments and to predict putative transcript factors that regulate the responses. The ultimate goal is to find a better treatment target for glaucoma. Dr. Choi will be the Principal Investigator on the project.

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



The Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine

Faculty and Staff

NEWS

Publications

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Faculty and Staff NEWS (continued)

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Travel:

Dennis McCarty was the co-Scientific Director for the 2010 Summer Institute on Alcohol, Drugs, and Addiction held July 5 to July 16, 2010 at the University of Amsterdam's International School for Humanities and Social Sciences. Ana Hilde, MPH, participated as one of 17 students from 13 countries. The Institute's lecturers provided an overview of Nederland's pragmatic approach to drug problems. Leading Dutch investigators summarized their research on genetics, neuroscience, epidemiology and treatment services. The class also visited a coffee shop where marijuana is purchased and used, a treatment center that helps users use safely and tests drugs for content, and a prescription heroin program. A Dutch detective explained, "We know we can't stop drug use; we try to control drug use." The 2010 Institute received support from Zon Mw (the Dutch health research agency) and the US's National Institute on Drug Abuse. An added feature of this year's Institute was the Dutch success in the World Cup. Amsterdam was dressed in orange as soccer fans drank beer on the city's large squares and cheered for their team. The parade celebrating the team's second place finish closed the city and Amsterdam partied till dawn.

Presentations:

Kevin Winthrop, **Rochelle Fu**, Pascal Schwab (OHSU Rheumatology Dept.) and MPH graduates **Ngoc Wasson** and **Cara Varley** have had an abstract accepted for a poster presentation at the 48th Annual Meeting of the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA), October 21 – 24, 2010 at the Vancouver Convention Centre in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The abstract is titled "Skin & Soft Tissue Infections in Rheumatoid Arthritis Patients Taking Anti-TNF Drugs."

Investigators from PHPM presented their research at the 2010 Northwest Institute on Addictions: **Allie Buti**, Medical student attitudes toward patients with alcohol and other drug disorders; **Barbara Campbell**, HIV and HCV risk reduction interventions in drug treatment settings; Anne Kovas and **Traci Rieckmann**, The states' role in medication-assisted addiction treatment; **Lynn Kunkel**, Clinical trials in addiction treatment: Challenge & opportunity, and **Katharina Wiest**, Hepatitis C in a substance abuse treatment facility. **Dennis McCarty** facilitated the session.

Departures:

Charles Drum, MPA, JD, PhD, Associate Professor in the Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine and Assistant Director for Public Health, Community Outreach, and Policy at the Child Development and Rehabilitation Center, has accepted the position of Director and Professor of Health Policy and Management with tenure at the Institute on Disability (IOD) at the University of New Hampshire. IOD is a federally-funded university center of excellence in disabilities, and has a faculty and staff of 65. He will be leaving OHSU in mid-November and starting at IOD in January. *Good luck, Charles!*

Discount transit passes: register now

<http://ozone.ohsu.edu/blogs/staffnews/2010/07/20/discount-transit-passes-register-now/>

Do you commute by bus, streetcar and/or MAX—or want to? You can get a significant discount on TriMet and C-TRAN annual passes through OHSU. The 2011 pass year begins September 1, and pre-registration now takes place online. **Staff and students must pre-register online.** Once registered, you'll be able to pick up your transit pass at one of several distribution events in August.

This year's passes are available at an OHSU-subsidized price of \$300 for a TriMet Universal Pass and \$375 for a C-TRAN Express Pass—compared to \$968 and \$1,211, respectively, for full price. Oregon residents are eligible to purchase TriMet passes, while Washington residents are eligible for C-TRAN passes.

MPH Program News

Upcoming MPH Thesis Defenses

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

Patrick Hudson

Factors associated with french fry consumption among two year olds in the Oregon PRAMS-2 cohort

July 29 2010; Seminar: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

School of Nursing, Room 122, 3455 SW US Veterans Hospital Road, Portland, OR 97239

Questions: call 503.494.2012

New 2nd Year Student Representative

The votes have been tallied, and Nate Ansbaugh is now our new 2nd Year Student Rep.

My name is Nathan Ansbaugh. I am a Boulder, Colorado native but came to Oregon five years ago for college at the University of Oregon. After graduating in 2008 with a bachelors of science in human physiology and chemistry, I worked as a professional ski patrol medic on Mt. Hood and then as backpacking guide in and around Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado. This year, I will be completing the MPH degree, working as the teaching assistant for the epidemiology series, and am very excited to be the new second year student representative. I plan to attend medical school following my completion of the MPH where I look forward to bridging the gap between public health and clinical medicine.

I have several main goals for this year as the 2nd year student representative. In short, I plan to transform my position as the student representative into a more team oriented position creating chair positions for other second year students who will direct different programs and activities that currently exist such as informational seminars, web-based communications, social events, etc. I believe this will create more successful programs, provide leadership opportunities for more individuals in our class that we can all be proud of, and give our class an opportunity to join heads to truly create a successful year and a successful model for the future.

Additionally, I am working to create a peer advising system where interested second year students will be given a handful of first year students to be a resource and friend throughout the year not only to make the first year run smoother and to provide additional resources for the first year students, but to also bring the first and second year classes closer together. This will include developing a second year student run orientation to the program for first year students, and with the knowledge and experience that the second year class has to offer, I believe this will be an incredibly valuable resource for students moving through their first year.



I look forward to working with you all this year!

-Nate

MPH Student, Epidemiology & Biostatistics

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Congratulations, Nate!

The Residency Program would like to welcome one returning and four new residents to the 2010-2011 Academic Year: Ken Gleitsmann, Nicole Yonke, Sarah Present, Christina Baumann, and Doug Lincoln.

Returning Resident:

Ken Gleitsmann earned his undergraduate degree in Biology at UC at San Diego, followed by his MD at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine. He then completed a flexible internship at the Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii, and a Residency in Ophthalmology at Letterman Army Medical Center in San Francisco, California. Ken was Assistant Chief of Ophthalmology at Eisenhower Army Medical Center in Augusta Georgia and thereafter was in general Ophthalmology practice in Hilton Head Island, SC. After a career in clinical medicine he began the transition to Public Health and Preventive Medicine with the move to OHSU in 2009.



New Residents:

Nicole Yonke was born in California but discovered she was an Oregonian at heart when her parents moved her here in high school. She attended the University of Oregon, OHSU medical school, and stayed to complete a 4 year combined residency in family medicine and preventive medicine. She finished her 3 years of family medicine in June and is looking forward to a year dedicated to public health in her preventive medicine residency. This year she plans to complete her MPH at Portland State and to work at Multnomah County as a health officer in-training. She will also spend time working at the Oregon Public Health Division. Her interests include maternal child, reproductive, and global health.

Sarah Present is originally from Kansas City, and did her undergraduate work at Stanford University. After 3 years of international travel and working a medical assistant in Kansas, she went to medical school at Tulane University in New Orleans, LA. During her 4 year medical school, she also received her Master of Public Health degree from Tulane, with a focus on Environmental Health Policy. She chose Portland not only for the excellent programs in Family Medicine and Preventive Medicine at OHSU, but also to be near her sister and other family and to enjoy the abundance of outdoor opportunities in the Northwest.



Christina Baumann is a graduate of the OHSU Internal Medicine Residency Program whose career interests include improving access to primary care, patient education, health behavior, and environmental health. She is continuing her training as a fellow in the Preventive Medicine Program at OHSU, earning a MPH in health management and policy and practicing primary care at the Portland VA Medical Center. Prior to coming to OHSU, Christina studied biology and art at Stanford University and medicine at the University of Michigan Medical School. Outside of medicine, Christina enjoys discovering new music, creative endeavors like drawing, painting, and cooking, and exploring the great Northwest by distance running and hiking.

Doug Lincoln graduated from Brown University for his undergraduate studies, then completed his medical degree at Tulane University in New Orleans. Witnessing the impact of Hurricane Katrina first-hand, Doug completed his MPH degree at Tulane, concentrating in Community Health Sciences. Following medical school Doug completed his pediatric residency at OHSU. His practicum year will center on policy development, working with OHA's Office of Health Policy and Research on a Pediatric Medical Home initiative, as well as with local nonprofit Upstream Public Health on a Healthy Schools initiative. He is excited to bring a pediatrician's perspective to the residency. In his free time, Doug has embraced the Portland ethic and is raising chickens and growing vegetables in his backyard. Doug and his wife Jennifer, a fourth year Ob/Gyn resident at OHSU, are expecting their first baby in December.

