



# PHPM The Liaison

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***New Submissions:***

**Kim Hoffman**, NIDA R01 (subcontract through Univ. Wisconsin), “Improving drug abuse services for persons with co-occurring disorders”

**Dennis McCarty**, NIDA R21 (subcontract through PSU), “The System Dynamics Model of Prescription Opioid Misuse and Abuse”

**Dennis McCarty**, PurduePharma (subcontract through Kaiser CHR), “An Epidemiological Study among Patients Prescribed OxyContin”

**Carrie Nielson**, American Society of Bone and Mineral Research, “Rare variants in the alkaline phosphatase gene and bone mineral density”

**Philippe Thuillier**, Vertex Pharmaceuticals/OHSU Translational Research Grant, “Liver Cancer Prevention by Target Directed Inhibition”

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

## Tom Becker Honored For Collaboration

Each year, the OHSU Faculty Senate with the OHSU Foundation present the Extinguished Distinguished Faculty Awards in five areas: teaching, leadership, service, collaboration, and research. Dr. Tom Becker was recognized as a nominee from the School of Medicine for the 2010 Collaboration Award. In the arc of Tom’s career, he has always appreciated the power of interdisciplinary research. While at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine, Tom assembled a team of molecular biologists, oncologists, and OB/GYN specialists to conduct research on the risk factors associated with human papilloma virus (HPV) infections and cervical dysplasia. Upon coming to OHSU, his leadership resulted in the establishment of the biostatistics resources that support wide ranging research collaborations throughout OHSU. Perhaps Tom’s strength as a builder of collaborations is best reflected in his vision to create the partnership between the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board and the OHSU Prevention Research Center. For over 12 years, this partnership of tribal and university scientists has conducted and published on a wide range of prevention topics, including cancer control, injury prevention, substance abuse, and vision and hearing health. Tom’s leadership has brought together a powerful coalition that involves our Department’s faculty, tribal communities, the Devers Eye Institute, the Oregon Hearing Research Center, federal agencies, and the State Department of Human Services. **We congratulate Tom on his nomination and the public recognition of his many collaborative contributions to not only OHSU, but many tribal, state, and national efforts to improve public health!**



# The Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine

## Faculty and Staff

### NEWS

#### Publications

##### Gary Rischitelli Recognized by *The Oregonian*

*"It's one thing to say a particular act is dangerous, but another to say that on this particular date in Oregon, a 38-year-old man went to work one morning and this is what happened and he didn't go home that day."* ~ Gary Rischitelli

The Oregonian recently ran a story about one of our Affiliate Faculty members, Gary Rischitelli and how his hard work and effort is helping to decrease the incidents of workplace deaths.

[http://www.oregonlive.com/news/index.ssf/2010/06/fatality\\_survey\\_details\\_how\\_we.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/news/index.ssf/2010/06/fatality_survey_details_how_we.html)

Cedfeldt AS, Bower EA, English C, Grady-Weliky T, Girard DE, **Choi D\***. Personal time off and residents' career satisfaction, attitudes & emotions. Medical Education (accepted, \*Corresponding author).

"Launching into Adulthood: an integrated response to support transition of youth with chronic health conditions and disabilities" was published by Brookes in April. It was edited by **Don Lollar**.

Accepted:

**Tosha Zaback's** paper, "A Program Evaluation of a Summer Research Training Institute for American Indian and Alaska Native Health Professionals" has been accepted for publication in the *American Indian Culture and Research Journal*.

#### Travel

**Ana Hilde** received a NIDA International Program's tuition waiver, which will allow her to participate in the Summer Institute on Alcohol, Drugs, and Addiction taking place in July 2010 in **Amsterdam**.

#### Presentations:

**Ana Hilde** Presented a training, "Buprenorphine Treatment for Young Adults: Findings and Strategies from the NIDA Clinical Trials Network Study." Youth and Opiates "Trends and Interventions," May 21, 2010, Portland, OR.

Ana Hilde's paper was accepted for an oral presentation at APHA this year: **Ana Hilde, MPH and Jodi A. Lapidus, PhD**. Impact of Social and Emotional Isolation on Risky Behaviors Among Women Injection Drug Users in Portland, OR American Public Health Association annual meeting, November 8, 2010, Denver, Colorado.

#### Awards:

**Phillippe Thuillier, Ph.D.**, received an award funded by the NW Heart of Gold to support research focused on understanding the role of food and diet in preventing cancer. One of the focuses of Thuillier's lab is to understand the effect of dietary nutrients (Omega 3 fatty acids, broccoli and others) on breast and prostate cancer prevention. Research has determined that broccoli and Omega 3 fatty acids decrease tumor growth and that the mechanisms involve regulation of cell death and oxidative stress (an initial trigger for cancer promotion). A better understanding of the role of dietary fatty acids in cancer development may lead to more efficient prevention strategies. The NW Heart of Gold, which is comprised of Columbia River Yacht Club members, has raised nearly \$800,000 through an annual dinner and auction to support research at the OHSU Knight Cancer Institute since 2003.

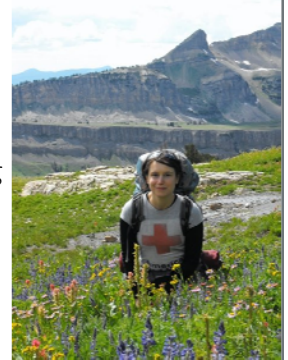
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### Welcome to the department:

**Ana Quinones, PhD**, has accepted a position as Assistant Professor in the Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine in the Division of Health Services Research. Dr. Quinones completed her doctorate in Health Management and Policy from the University of Michigan with a focus on international health and population aging. She has international experience in Tanzania, Mozambique, Uganda and Detroit. Ana begins on July 1 and will be located in CSB674.

**Allie Buti** is a second-year student here at OHSU in the Epidemiology and Biostatistics Master of Public Health program and will be receiving her degree in August of this year. In the spring, Allie accepted a position as Senior Research Assistant for the Oregon Node of the National Drug Abuse Treatment Clinical Trials Network. Her primary roles will be as data manager and all-around task specialist. In her spare time Allie enjoys mountain biking, skiing, hiking, and painting. Her future plans include pursuing a PhD in Epidemiology and becoming a decent back country skier as well as a fantastic mountain biker.



**Marie Payment** will be working with us while she is home for the summer as an intern assisting various projects, mainly within the CTN. In the future, Marie will also be helping out with the electronic IRB. Marie is going to be a junior at the University of San Francisco where she is studying Spanish, Biology, and Chemistry. In the spring she will be studying abroad in Bilbao, Spain, which is a city located in the Basque Country. After completing her undergraduate degree Marie has aspirations to attend medical school. In her spare time, she enjoys outdoor activities, dancing, volunteering, and spending time with family and friends

**Seonaid Squires** (pronounced Show-Na) has joined PHPM for the summer; she will be working under Traci Rieckmann as a research assistant coding transcripts and doing literary searches. Seonaid is a recent University of Portland graduate, originally from Olympia, WA. She grew up in Spokane, WA, but moved to Olympia when she was 13. While Seonaid's parents still live in Olympia, Seonaid has been living in Portland for two years now. She majored in Psychology and German Studies at UP, with a minor in Political Science. She likes to dance and did ballet for twelve years. Current hobbies include running, kickboxing, and yoga. She is looking forward to working here in Public Health and Preventive Medicine, and hopes to eventually meet and get acquainted with everyone!



## Free events all summer long through Portland Parks and Recreation

Portland Parks and Recreation's "Summer Free For All" program is back this year! What makes the *Summer Free for All* so special? It's free programs for all people! Parks have always been the great equalizer—regardless of age or income, everyone is welcome to enjoy their parks and have fun. Concerts and movies and playground programs are a summer tradition in Portland. Please see the back page of this newsletter for a complete schedule; or visit <http://www.portlandonline.com/parks/index.cfm?c=50362>.

*Have a happy, healthy summer and we'll see you at the park!*

# MPH Program News

## Upcoming MPH Thesis Defenses

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

### **Brigit Hatch**

*Citizenship documentation requirements for Medicaid eligibility: effects on Oregon children*

June 23, 2010 ; Seminar: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

CROET 3524 (Center for Research on Occupational & Environmental Toxicology)

### **Heather Franklin**

*Implications for researchers employing web-based Respondent Driven Sampling*

July 9, 2010 ; Seminar: 300 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Campus Services Building 679

*Questions: call 503.494.2012*

## Introducing: Happy Lab

The Education Department is pleased to offer some additional assistance to MPH students working on their thesis projects. We have set up a new system called Happy Lab to provide short term data management and statistical software guidance to students who are enrolled for thesis credits. We are also pleased that **Priya Srikanth** has agreed to take on the role of Happy Lab instructor. Priya will hold regular office hours in the PHPM computer lab throughout the year, beginning in the Summer 2010 quarter.

Students who have registered for thesis credits should send a note to [happy@ohsu.edu](mailto:happy@ohsu.edu) requesting assistance, and describe the guidance/advice they might need. Once a request is received, Priya will either: answer student questions via email, notify students to attend the standing Happy Lab office hours, or set up individual meetings as her time allows. So that Happy Lab may benefit as many students as possible, each individual student can request a maximum of 10 hrs assistance during a quarter.

Happy Lab office hours will be held 4 days per week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) from 9:00 to 11:30am during the summer quarter. This service is available only to students who are actually registered for MPH thesis credits. MPH thesis committee chair and biostatistician will be cc'd on correspondence between student and Happy Lab instructor.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jodi Lapidus: [lapidusj@ohsu.edu](mailto:lapidusj@ohsu.edu).

## Opportunity to gain public Health Experience with Mercy Corps

Mercy Corps is looking for a French speaking MPH or MD-MPH students interested in helping out with a nutrition survey in Niger. They're looking at doing the work during three weeks in the month of July.

If you are interested, please contact Dr. Lyon directly at 503 896-5873 or [dlyon@mercy corps.org](mailto:dlyon@mercy corps.org).

## Allie Buti wins award!

In May, Allie Buti gave a presentation on Vitamin D and self-reported mental health in elderly men at the OHSU 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Forum. Allie won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in her category for this presentation and received \$200!

**Congratulations, Allie!**