

# PHPM The Liaison

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## Grants

### New applications:

**Dennis McCarty**, MARC II – Education Core (Methamphetamine Abuse Research Center), NIDA P50

**Dongseok Choi**, Predicting transcript factors controlling genes in inflammatory retina or choroid, NEI R21

### Awarded:

**Janne Boone-Heinonen**, “Connecting neighborhoods, nutrition, and developmental origins of disparities in obesity-related health”, Collins Medical Trust

**Thuan Nguyen**, “Best Predictive Small Area Estimation”, National Science Foundation, Co-PI in collaborative research with UC-Davis and Univ. Miami

**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.**



## Public Health and Preventive Medicine

### Faculty and Staff—NEWS

### Publications:

Jiming Jiang, **Thuan Nguyen**, and J. Sunil Rao. Best Predictive Small Area Estimation. *Journal of American Statistical Association* (JASA), 2011. This article was also posted on the front page of ASA (American Statistical Association) website in September.

Riddle, A., Dean, J., Buser, B.S., Gong, X., Maire, J., Chen, K., Ahmad, T., Chen, V., **Nguyen, T.**, Kroenke, C.D., Hohimer, A.R. and Back, S.A. (2011). Histopathological correlates of MRI-defined chronic perinatal white matter injury, *Annals of Neurology*, 70(3): 493-507

**Quiñones AR**, O’Neil M, Saha S, **Freeman M**, Henry S, Kansagara D. Interventions to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Disparities. VA-ESP Project #05-225; 2011  
<http://www.hsrd.research.va.gov/publications/esp/healthcare-disparities.pdf>

Roger Chou (along with Tracy Dana, Christina Bougatsos, Ian Blazina, and **Rochelle Fu, Ken Gleitsmann**, and Bruin Ruge at OHSU) recently published an article in *Annals of Internal*

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*Medicine* that suggests that there may not be benefits to PSA screening (although there may be harms associated with screening). A PDF of the USPTF article is available on the Annals website here:

<http://www.annals.org/content/early/2011/10/07/0003-4819-155-11-201112060-00375.1>

Froehlich-Grobe, K & **Lollar, D.** (2011). Obesity disparity in disability: Time to act. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, 41(5), 541-545. doi:10.1016/j.amepre.2011.07.015

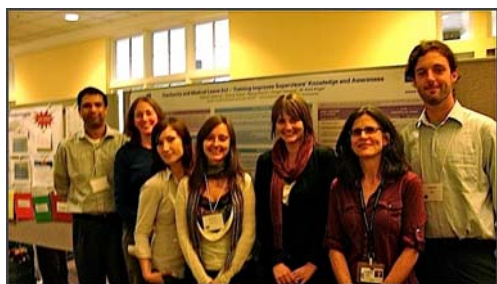
Frederick CE, Edelman A, Carlson NE, **Rosenberg KD, Jensen JT.** Extended-use oral contraceptives and medically induced amenorrhea: attitudes, knowledge and prescribing habits of physicians. *Contraception*. 2011 Oct;84(4):384-9. [originated as OHSU MJH thesis]

**Nielson CM,** Zmuda JM, Carlos AS, Wagoner WJ, Larson EA, Orwoll ES, Klein RF. Rare coding variants in ALPL are associated with low serum alkaline phosphatase and low bone mineral density. *J Bone Miner Res* 2011 Sep (Epub ahead of print).

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### Presentations:

#### CROET attended and presented at OPHA



Researchers working with **Diane Rohlman** and **Kent Anger** presented at the 2011 Oregon Public Health Association (OPHA) Conference in Corvallis, Oregon from October 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. Kendra Evans, Andrew Kirk, and Naima Laharnar presented findings on workplace wellness and issues addressing Latino health and occupational exposure.

Kendra Evans (Nancy Glass, Nancy Perrin, Ginger Hanson, Elliot Hohn, Andrew Kirk, W. Kent Anger): *Intimate Partner Violence and Support Mechanisms: A Workplace Training Evaluation*

Andrew Kirk (Tara Moomey, Magali Blanco, Elliot Hohn, Martha Fuchs, Silvia Huzyar, Andrew Nilsen, Diane Rohlman): *Characterizations of a Latino Agricultural Workforce: Influence of Acculturation on Pesticide Exposure*

Naima Laharnar (Nancy Glass, Nancy Perrin, Ginger Hanson, W. Kent Anger): *The Family and Medical Leave Act: Training improves supervisors' Knowledge and Awareness*

#### Additional researchers from CROET included:

Dede Montgomery (Kermit McCarthy): *40 Weeks: A Story about Hair, Beauty and Formaldehyde*

Erika Zoller (**Gary Rischitelli**, Janice Camp, Gerry Croteau, Marty Cohen): *Oregon Commercial Crab Fishermen Safety Survey and personal Flotation Device*

For a detailed list of the abstracts go to: <http://tinyurl.com/3bu79u5>

**Christina Nicolaidis** presented a talk about effectively partnering with the autistic self-advocacy community at the NIH workshop on Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications of Autism Research.

Accepted for presentation at American Public Health Association 139<sup>th</sup> annual meeting, Washington, DC:

- Influenza Vaccination Among Two Year Olds in a Population-based Survey. **Rosenberg KD**, Sandoval AP. .
  - Prevalence of Depressive Symptoms Across Pregnancy and Risk Factors for Persistent Depressive Symptoms 13-24 Months Following Birth Among Oregon Mothers. Helsel AA, **Rosenberg KD.**
  - Does Food Insecurity Affect Food and Drink Intake Among Toddlers in Oregon? Cunningham TJ, Barradas DT, **Rosenberg KD**, May AL, Kroelinger CD, Ahluwalia IB.
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- Risk Factors of Eighth Grader Participants in the “Choking Game”: Results from an Oregon Population-Based Survey. Ramowski R, Nystrom R, Chaumeton N, **Rosenberg KD**, Gilchrist J.
- Stressful Life Events as Risk Factors for Self-reported Postpartum Depression Among American Indian and Alaska Native mothers. Ness MN, **Rosenberg KD**, Weiser, TM, Warren-Mears V.

Presented at the Oregon Public Health Association, Corvallis, OR, October 11, 2011:

- Postpartum Awareness of Depression. **Rosenberg KD**, Helsel AA.
- Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Adults Reading to Two Year Old Children: A Population-based Study. Sappenfield O, **Rosenberg KD**.
- Effect of Physical Activity on Postpartum Weight Retention: Findings from the Oregon Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS). Yu C-H, **Rosenberg KD**.
- Risk Factors for Breastfeeding Less Than 4 Weeks Among Oregon Women. Amadu A-R, Bovbjerg VE, **Rosenberg KD**.

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### Awards and Honors:

**Mark Derby's** position was recently reclassified from Grants Assistant to Grants/Contracts Coordinator. Over the past three years, Mark's position has evolved to include all aspects of pre-award activities including the coordination and submission of several large, complex center grants. Successful submission of high quality grant applications is key to PHPM's continued success as a department. Mark and his excellent service play a vital role in that success. Congrats Mark!

**Jodi Lapidus** won the School of Medicine Faculty Excellence in Education Award. Annually the School of Medicine selects 3-5 faculty as recipients of the Faculty Excellence in Education Awards using the criteria of leadership, teaching and commitment.

**Mike Lasarev** has been honored for teaching excellence in graduate education by SoM graduate students. A recognition luncheon will be held on Tuesday, November 1.

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### Events:

#### GRAND ROUNDS CALENDAR

- 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
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## The Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine Faculty and Staff NEWS (continued)

### Upcoming:

#### Global Health Center - Conversations in Global Health

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2011

12:00 to 1:00, MacHall Room 1162

*Public and Environmental Health Impacts of Nuclear Weapons*

**Robert M. Gould, MD**, President of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR), National Board member of PSR, and Pathologist at Kaiser Permanente, San Jose, California

This special addition to Conversations in Global Health will be catered to the first 100 individuals who attend.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH SEMINAR SERIES

**Date:** November 4, 2011

**Time:** Noon-1:00 PM

*~ refreshments provided at 11:30 AM*

**Location:** OHSU, BICC, 124

(3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Road, Portland, Oregon 97239)

*HIV/AIDS: A Personal Perspective*

presented by **John Motter**, Speakers Bureau Coordinator

It is all too easy to gloss over the human issues affecting those living with HIV/AIDS. Cascade AIDS Project's (CAP) mission is to prevent HIV infections, support and empower people affected and infected by HIV/AIDS, and eliminate HIV/AIDS-related stigma. Whether through its housing and support service programs or its prevention and education efforts, CAP must focus on the individual in order to be successful. This presentation will offer insight into the services offered through CAP.

John Motter has been living with HIV for over 13 years. John is active in the HIV community through his work at CAP as well as serving on several boards and committees working in the field. He spent 15 months doing prevention training in Western Kenya. John is able to incorporate a much needed personal perspective into the world of HIV/AIDS academia.

*\*Sponsored by OHSU and PSU Oregon Master of Public Health program tracks and the CDC-funded Prevention Research Center, the Center for Healthy Communities at OHSU*

### PHPM Birthdays

#### OCTOBER

4-Oct **William Lambert**, Associate Professor  
 4-Oct **Thuan Nguyen**, Assistant Professor  
 9-Oct **Kevin Winthrop**, Assistant Professor  
 12-Oct **Jessica Kennedy**, Research Assistant II  
 18-Oct **Don Lollar**, Professor  
 21-Oct **Shannon McWeeney**, Associate Professor  
 26-Oct **Marie Payment**, Student Worker



#### NOVEMBER

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



## TOM BECKER NAMED CHARLES AND VELMA SHARP ENDOWED PROFESSOR

**Thomas Becker, MD, PhD**, Chair of the Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine was named the Charles and Velma Sharp Endowed Professorship at the OHSU School of Medicine & Knight Cancer Institute. A small luncheon held October 17 in the OHSU Old Library honored Dr. Becker and the creation of the professorship. Brian Druker, MD, Director of the Knight Cancer Institute, thanked the Sharp family and outlined Dr. Becker's accomplishments related to cancer epidemiology and community-based prevention. Dinah Deshler, daughter of Dr. Charles and Velma Sharp, reflected on her father's commitment to serving disadvantaged communities and his interest in creating an endowed position. Dr. Becker thanked the family for their generosity and outlined his plans for community-based population oriented prevention initiatives in collaboration with American Indian, Native Alaskan, and Native Hawaiian investigators.



Tom Becker, sporting a tremendous hat

*Knight News* (login required) spoke recently with Dr. Becker about his new appointment. To read the interview, please visit this link: <http://tinyurl.com/3jm42tg>

## Concerned About Overly Restrictive Copyright Transfer Agreements? By Mike Lasarev

Concerned about overly-restricted copyright transfer agreements between you and the publishers, the kind that might limit your ability to make your final article available to the widest audience possible? The SPARC Author Addendum modifies the standard authorship agreement with the publishing journal so that certain rights (e.g. distribute copies of the article to students in a class, allow access from your or the department's web page) are retained by the author. More information about the addendum and how to use it is available at <http://www.arl.org/sparc/author/addendum.shtml>.

## Book Drive to Thank Hood River County Library



Andrew Kirk, CROET Research Assistant with the books loaded up ready to be delivered

As a way to say thank you for their support of a recently completed study, researchers from **Diane Rohlman's** lab sponsored a book drive for the Hood River County Library during the last two weeks in September. Families from the Hood River community participated in a research project examining health effects in children living in an agricultural community. The Hood River Library provided space for data collection. During 2008 and 2009, researchers were there almost every weekend between the months of September and January, meeting with families and having children complete a series of neurobehavioral tests and games. This study is part of a research project conducted with the Pacific Northwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center (PNASH) at the University of Washington (<http://tinyurl.com/3g4ptg2>).

In 2010 the Hood River County libraries closed due to budget issues. Fortunately for the project, the county school system and other area libraries were able to meet their needs, however nowhere was as recognizable or convenient as the iconic downtown Hood River library. As a result of community outcry and support, the library reopened earlier this summer, allowing the study to once again use their space for the final round of data collection and to pilot test a computer-based training on pesticide safety developed for community residents.

Thanks to the many generous donations from people and departments at OHSU we were able to collect over 600 books during the two week drive. Thanks to everyone who donated and allowed these OHSU researchers to have the opportunity to show their gratitude with more than just words.

# Oregon Healthy Workforce Center

By Kent Anger

The Oregon Healthy Workforce Center (ORhwc), a NIOSH Center of Excellence, was funded (\$1M-\$1.3 M/year) in September, 2011. The Center PI (**Kent Anger**), two of the project PIs (**Ryan Olson, Diane Rohlman**), Lead for the Center's Data Repository (**Mike Lasarev**), and one of the external advisory committee members (**Tom Becker**) are faculty in PHPM.

The ORhwc integrates health protection and health promotion in single programs implemented in Oregon workplaces. The Center is focused on the effectiveness of team-based and technology-based interventions that meld programs to improve safety (ie, health protection) and wellness (ie, health promotion) in working populations. Initial populations are home care workers, constructions workers, corrections officers, and parks and recreation summer workers. Young workers are a special focus on one project. Each project will be conducted as a randomized controlled trial.

The ORhwc will conduct outreach, science seminars about a symposium and a summer institute all focused on issues of total worker health (including work-life balance).

There is a pilot project program that will fund one project at \$50K/year for one year that will be open to PHPM and advertised in this newsletter.

The Collaborating Institutions (Partners) are Oregon Health & Science University's (lead institution) Center for Research on Occupational and Environmental Toxicology (CROET), Division of Health Promotion & Sports; Portland State University's Occupational Health Psychology (OHP) program; Center for Health Research (CHR); and the University of Oregon's Labor Education & Research Center (LERC).

The new Center has a website where you can learn more:

<http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/research/centers-institutes/croet/oregon-healthy-workforce-center/>

## NEWSLETTER NEWS—The Liaison Is Becoming a Blog

By Gloria Harrison

I'm excited to announce that PHPM is planning to not only publish a monthly newsletter, but also to post out more timely information on a PHPM blog, which will be located on the Ozone. While this plan is still in the development phase, there are a few things I'd like you to know now, as well as a few requests that I'd like to make.

Most importantly, [please let me know as soon as important news occurs](#).

While PHPM doesn't have its own blog just yet, I will begin to push high-impact and timely information out to the blogs that already exist on the Ozone. These include: [Research News](#), [Staff Thoughts](#), [Staff News](#), [Web Strategies](#), [TechTalk](#)

We need content contributors to submit fully written, fact-checked stories about specific, pertinent topics. And we need them to be timely. This point is especially important – when submitting news for a blog (and whenever possible, for The Liaison as well), please write it in the third person, in full sentences, and with proper capitalization, spelling, grammar, and punctuation. News that is not submitted in this format runs the risk of not being accepted for publication on the Ozone blogs and delays the publication of The Liaison.

I will still send out a monthly call for newsletter articles, and I will still publish a monthly Liaison for the previous month (and upcoming events) – even after our blog is up and going. This is because many of our affiliates don't have access to the Ozone. The newsletter will contain all of the information I've pushed out to blogs, as well as any department-specific information (reminders, birthdays, births, etc) that is normally published in the newsletter.

Stay tuned for more information about our blog and, in the meantime, keep the information coming!

# Public Health and Preventive Medicine—HR NEWS

## Open Enrollment 2012 – Take Action!

As you probably know by now, to continue to be eligible for the lower-cost OHSU PPO and 250 PPO plans, there are new requirements which must be completed by Sept. 30, 2012. Employees who meet all requirements will be eligible to maintain enrollment for 2013. Every employee enrolled in OHSU PPO or 250 PPO (excluding covered dependents for 2012) must designate a primary care provider (PCP) in the Oracle Benefits System <http://ais/> Employees and covered dependents determined by their PCP to be eligible for the OHSU Care Coordination Plus program must enroll and complete the program.

Additionally, each employee must do **one** of the following by Sept. 30, 2012:

1. Complete OHSU-sponsored weight management program (soon to be announced vendor partner—program starts early 2012)
2. Complete OHSU-sponsored smoking cessation program
3. Complete Healthy Team Healthy U (HTHU) program: <http://tinyurl.com/3jujjz>
3. Earn 1,000 points on Healthy Steps (between Jan 1 and Sept 30, 2012) <https://ozone.ohsu.edu/hr/healthysteps/index.cfm>
4. Complete a confidential Aetna Health Risk Assessment (HRA) and all recommended eLearning modules based on your health status. You will need to go to Aetna.com – sign-in or register for the Aetna Navigator. You must register with Aetna.com and take the HRA for it to be reported as completed to OHSU.

**There are already HTHU and Healthy Steps teams forming within PHPM. Consider teaming up with your coworkers to satisfy this simple and fun requirement.**

For more details on these requirements, see the FAQ page: <http://tinyurl.com/3mrfjsd>. **Employees not meeting these requirements will not be eligible to enroll in the OHSU PPO or the 250 PPO for 2013.** Employees can only enroll in OHSU PPO Standard or 250 PPO Standard until the requirements are met, at which point they will be eligible to enroll in the OHSU PPO and the 250 PPO at the next open enrollment.

## MD 4Kids—New App For Your iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad, or Android



### CHECK SYMPTOMS, RECOMMENDED DOSAGES AND MORE

What should you do if your child develops a fever, cough, vomiting, rash, sore throat or head injury? When can your child return to school or child care after an illness? Health problems can arise anytime – evenings, weekends, when you're at work or traveling or your doctor's office is closed. **MD 4KIDS** is designed especially for these times. The care guides help you make smart decisions on what level of care (if any) is needed and how to provide speedy symptom relief for minor illnesses or injuries you can manage on your own.

Use **MD 4KIDS** to:

- Check symptoms: The care guide that best matches your child's symptom can be located quickly by using alphabetical index, body area index, or keyword search.
- When to call the doctor: Decision chart helps determine what action is suggested based on the severity and description of your symptom. Once you have a match, simply follow the corresponding action, such as Call 911, Call Your Child's Doctor Now, Call Your Child's Doctor within 24 hours or Manage at Home.
- Home Care Advice: The instructions provide clear, up-to-date steps for relieving symptoms.

You will also find:

- Pediatric dosage tables by weight for common over-the-counter medications.
- Images to help you identify symptoms (e.g. rashes), injuries and common causes of bites & stings.
- First Aid illustrations to support immediate action, if needed.

For your iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad, Android, or home computers. Check symptoms, recommended dosages and more.

For more information, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/3tbc8p7>

# MPH Program News

## Fall Term Group Advising

By Bill Lambert

Please attend the Fall term Group Advising meeting to be held mid-day Wednesday, November 9, 2011 from 11 am to 12:30 pm. We have selected this date and time to avoid mid-term exams and to occur on Wednesday before the beginning of the Epi I class at 1 pm.

We will meet in the Department conference room CSB679, and we will provide a light pizza and salad lunch.

**I strongly encourage ALL students to attend this meeting.** The meeting will start with general information on the courses to be offered in the Winter 2012 term, and on the internship and thesis processes. Tree Triano and Natalie Chin will be present, along with several faculty who have prominent roles in the Department. We will address your questions as a large group and then break up into small groups of 1st and 2nd year students to discuss issues more specific and relevant to each year.

I have worked with MPH student leadership to schedule these advising sessions once per quarter, in advance of the beginning of class registration for the following term. It is my hope that most students will choose to attend these sessions. It is difficult for me as Director to provide this information via personal meetings with each student. Similarly, we seek to reduce the academic advising load for our faculty.

I look forward to seeing you there!

## Scholarship Winners

The Education Department is pleased to announce the following scholarship winners for the 2011-2012 academic year:

**The recipients of the Mitch Greenlick Public Health Scholarship for Fall 2011:** [Lori Woods](#), [Inger Appanaitis](#), [Cai Gillis](#)

The Mitch Greenlick Public Health Scholarships are awarded to new MPH students who are committed to serving the health of under-represented minority communities or who show significant potential for contributing to public health science.

**The recent recipients of the Katie Riley Public Health Travel Scholarship (all recent alumni):** [Ken Gleitsmann](#), [Vivian Siu](#), [Steve Fiala](#)

The Katie Riley Public Health Travel Scholarship is awarded to students who have had an abstract accepted for presentation at a public health conference. Preference is given to students who are committed to serving the health of under-represented minority communities and advancing public health in Oregon.

## Meet Your New Student Reps

We are happy to announce that the student representative positions have been finalized.

1. Austin Phillips: OHSU Campus Rep & Skybridge Webmaster
2. Jean Laubinger: 1st Year Student Rep
3. Aisling Fernandez: 2nd Year Student Rep
4. Valerie Riss: MD-MPH Rep
5. Inger Appanaitis: GSO Rep
6. Wendy Kane: PHSS OHSU Student Coordinator & Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) Rep
7. Cai Gillis: Volunteer Rep
8. Lindsey Pearson: SHAC
9. Glenn Kautz: SHAC, Skybridge and GSO
10. Jessica Perak: Skybridge Webmaster



# MPH Program News

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## Epi-Biostats | Back-to-School Mixer

Professor Carrie Nielson hosted an Epi-Biostats Back-to-School Mixer on Thursday, October 6, 2011 from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Held at The 20 on Hawthorne, this back-to-school gathering was attended by a fun assortment of professors, administrators, and students who joined together to usher in the new school year.



# Preventive Medicine Residency News



Preventive Medicine residents, faculty, and staff

Please join us in welcoming Christina "Tina" Oliver, MD to our Preventive Medicine Residency Program. She started on Oct 17th and will spend the first few months getting established with her MPH courses and exploring practicum training opportunities before settling into a more permanent place. Tina received her Medical Degree from the University of California, Davis School of Medicine and completed her transition to residency year in Internal Medicine at Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital. She comes to us with a strong interest in Maternal and Child Health and a desire to create and support systems designed to keep people out of the hospital. When not working, she loves to spend time with her husband and 4 year old daughter and enjoys hiking, reading, cycling and traveling.