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## Grants

### New applications:

Dongseok Choi, “Uncover hidden groups by a new unsupervised learning,” Google Faculty Research Awards

### Awarded:

Janne Boone-Heinonen, “Life course impacts on obesity and health disparities: Integration of perinatal health,” OHSU BIRCHW Scholar Award (Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women’s Health)

Traci Rieckmann, “Northwest Frontier Addiction Technology Transfer Center,” Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

**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:

**Hoffman, K.A. & McCarty, D.** (2012) Improving the Quality of Addiction Treatment (Chapter 50). In P. Miller (Editor) Encyclopedia of Addictive Behaviors. Amsterdam, NL: Elsevier.

### Reports:

**Dr. Dennis McCarty** participated in the release of a new report from the Institute of Medicine on Substance Use Disorders in the U.S. Military on September 17. The recommendations encourage the Department of Defense and the Branches of the Armed Services to a) use evidence-based medicine including FDA approved medications, b) enhance capacity for longer-term outpatient care and reduce reliance on brief inpatient care, c) implement routine screening for alcohol use disorders in primary care, d) standardize screening, brief intervention and diagnostic procedures, e) promote confidential treatment, f) update TRICARE benefits, g) use technology to provide diagnostic and support services, and h) restructure the workforce using multi-

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

disciplinary teams lead by licensed professionals. The Department of Defense requested the report so there is some expectation that the recommendations will help them make changes in the underlying regulations that were initially written in the 1980s and have not been substantially revised. The report received national press attention including stories on ABC, CBS, and NBC news, NPR, New York Times, and USA Today.

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### Presentations:

**Jodi Lapidus**, Mathematics & Statistics adjunct faculty, and OHSU faculty, presented an invited talk, “A Variable Selection Method for Logistic Regression Models Based on the Receiver Operating Characteristic Curve” at the Seminar on Applied Statistics sponsored by the Seminar für Statistik, Department of Mathematics, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich, Sept. 18. This is joint work with PSU colleague Mara Tableman and student Aaron Baraff.

**Kunkel, L.E.** (June 2012). Using Standardized Patients to Assist in Training and Process Improvements in Clinical Trials. Paper presented at 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Clinical Research Management Workshop, New Haven CT.

**Kunkel, L.E.**, (September 2012) Effective Strategies for Delivering Informed Consent. Paper presented at 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Society of Clinical Research Associates conference, Las Vegas NV.

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### Awards and Honors:



**A huge congratulations goes out to Dr. Dennis McCarty**, professor and vice chair of the Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, and head of the Health Services Research Division. Dr. McCarty will be honored at the [American Public Health Association's 140th annual meeting](#) with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs Section. The award is meant to recognize an individual who has had a long and distinguished career in the field and has provided a lifetime of significant contributions. Dr. McCarty's career has focused on bridging the gap between policy, practice, and research related to alcohol and drug abuse treatment and prevention.

“I am honored to receive the award and recognize that my success reflects substantial support and assistance from colleagues, mentors, and students,” he said.

To read more, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/8h67s3g>

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**Dr. Todd Korthuis** has started a 6-month Fulbright Scholar Award in Hanoi, Vietnam. He'll be working with his colleagues at Hanoi Medical University to support curriculum development for integration of HIV services and methadone newly opened maintenance outpatient treatment centers, where prevalence of HIV is high. Dr. Korthuis will also be assisting faculty in developing health services research strategies for evaluating these efforts.

The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. The primary source of funding for the Fulbright Program is an annual appropriation made by the U.S. Congress to the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Participating governments and host institutions, corporations and foundations in foreign countries and in the United States also provide direct and indirect support. Recipients of Fulbright grants are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential in their fields. The Program operates in over 155 countries worldwide.

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## PHPM Faculty and Staff News (continued)

Dean Mark Richardson hosted the fourth annual Promotion & Tenure (P&T) Reception September 26 to honor newly promoted faculty members in the School of Medicine. This past year, 85 faculty members were promoted, including two from PHPM. **Dr. Elena Andresen, Ph.D.** and **Jodi A. Lapidus, Ph.D.** were both promoted to Professor. Congratulations, Elena and Jodi!

To see a complete list of this year's SoM faculty members celebration promotion, visit this link: <http://o2.ohsu.edu/blogs/cliniciancommons/files/2012/10/P-Tfaculty-2012.pdf>

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**Lynn Marshall, ScD**, Associate Professor, was appointed to a three-year term as Vice Chair of the OHSU IRB. She began serving in July 2012.

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**Christina Nicolaidis, MD, MPH** was appointed Professor and Senior Scholar in Social Determinants of Health in the School of Social Work at Portland State University, where she will be leading a University-wide initiative on Social Determinants of Health (SDH). She will continue practicing medicine at OHSU and will try to bring together researchers from both institutions to promote research on SDH.

**Dr. Nicolaidis** was also asked to serve as an outside expert to the Interagency Autism Coordinating Council's Quality of Care Workgroup.

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### Events:



"Imagine the future with us" is a lecture series to mark the 125th anniversary of the OHSU School of Medicine. Throughout this series, we invite you to think creatively about our future and the future of our integrated missions of discovery, health care, education and outreach.

The first lecturer for this series is:

**Juan Enriquez, MBA**, TED speaker and futurist

*Joined in a special kick-off event by Brian Druker, Joe Gray and Mary Stenzel-Poore*

*The "life code" revolution: reshaping the global economy & academic medicine in the 21st century  
November 14, 2012 - 12 p.m., OHSU Auditorium*

Imagine a future in which the knowledge now emerging from life sciences has fundamentally transformed the economic and political landscape of the world. Now imagine the role of academic medicine in this Golden Age of the biosciences. Joined by three of OHSU's most innovative faculty leaders and thinkers — Brian Druker, Joe Gray and Mary Stenzel-Poore — to ponder the culture, organization and role of academic medicine and research in this new paradigm. Dr. Enriquez is a leading authority on the economic impact of life sciences on business and society and an internationally known business leader and entrepreneur. He is managing director of Excel Venture Management. Prior to this, Enriquez was the founding director of the Harvard Business School's Life Sciences Project. Many of his innovative thoughts are captured in his bestselling book, *As The Future Catches You*, which provided a blueprint of how a bio-based economy changes industries and corporations. His most recent publication is an eBook, *Homo Evolutis: A Short Tour of our New Species*, which describes a world where humans increasingly shape their environment, themselves and other species. Enriquez will also be speaking at the Portland Art Museum on November 14, 7 p.m.

To learn more and to view all of the invited speakers to this lecture series, please visit this link: <http://www.ohsu.edu/125/lectures/>

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## PHPM Faculty and Staff News (continued)

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

15-Nov-12, Lynn Messer, PhD, Epidemiology  
 20-Dec-12, Lisa Marriot, PhD, Epidemiology  
 17-Jan-13, TBA, 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

### Public Health Seminar Series

The Human Genomics Landscape Circa 2012  
 Presenter: **Greg Fowler, PhD**  
 Date: **Friday, November 2, 2012**  
 Time: **12:00 PM - 1:00 PM**  
 Location: **Portland State University, URBN 303**  
 (506 Mill St., Portland, Oregon 97201)

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

#### Wednesday, November 7, 2012

“Greening” hospitals and the convoluted path of international chemical policies

#### Maye Thompson, RN, PhD

Public health nurse with a focus on environmental health policy: lead, mercury, pesticides, endocrine disruptors, air pollution, and chemicals reform; Former Environmental Health Program Director, Oregon Chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility

### Doctors Without Borders lectures Sponsored by the Global Health Center

#### Wednesday, November 14

#### 12:00 to 1:00, MacHall Room 1162

Emergencies of Scale: Delivering Humanitarian Aid in the World's Largest Refugee Camp and a Sprawling Urban Slum

**Anna Mapes, RN, BSN**; OHSU pediatrics and adult emergency room nurse, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) - Doctors Without Borders volunteer

For a complete list of Conversations in Global Health lectures through March, 2013, please visit this link: <http://tinyurl.com/d5s4dg6>

### Other Doctors Without Borders lectures

#### November 14 - 7:30 PM

Access to the Danger Zone with Q&A

#### Hollywood Theatre

MSF Speakers: **Anna Mapes, Jim Peck** (to be confirmed), MSF Log

#### November 15 - 7:00 PM

At Any Price: Negotiating Access to Crisis Zones

#### Mercy Corps Action Center

MSF Speakers: HQ or Coordination level MSF'er, Portland-based MSF'er

Mercy Corps Speakers: **Jim White** (VP Operations) or **Michael Bowers** (Head of SURGE) and Other

#### November 17 – 2:00 PM

Access to the Danger Zone with Q&A

#### Hollywood Theatre

MSF Speakers: **Anna Mapes, MSF MD**, MSF Log

## PHPM Birthdays

### October

4-Oct Bill 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, Research Assistant II



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

### November

## Native STAND Finishes a Successful Three Years at Fort Hall (by Bill Lambert, Project Director)



Early pregnancy and STDs, including HIV, too frequently mark turning points in the lives of American Indian youth. The Healthy & Empowered Youth (HEY) Project is a health promotion and life skills curriculum that combines classroom activities with filmmaking to enable tribal youth to learn and share their knowledge and experience with peers. The youth development activities are lead by Nichole Hildebrandt, the project manager, and Angela Mendez of Tribal Health and Human Services. Carol Grimes and Stephanie Craig Rushing of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board provide program evaluation. HEY uses an enhanced version of the Native STAND curriculum – *Students Together Against Negative Decisions* – which incorporates American Indian tradition and culture to address STDs, HIV, healthy relationships, and teen pregnancy, while focusing on healthy decision-making. This validated curriculum is available

to any group that wishes to use it at <http://www.nativestand.com/>, including downloadable copies of the Facilitator’s Manual, Peer Educator Manual, and a Resource Manual.

The youth who participated in the 3-year long HEY Project showed positive changes in their behaviors. Girls reported increases in use of condoms, as well as testing for STDs. Boys too were more likely to get tested for STDs after completing the program. Junior high boys reported more condom use, though no difference was observed in high school boys before and after receiving the program. Overall, the curriculum raised awareness and got youth thinking about sexual health in ways that had meaning for them. One of the health education teachers said, “The STD quiz [was especially effective]... myths and misconceptions are always kind of eye opening for the kids... it generates a lot of discussion and they are kind of surprised by some of the information.” A junior high school girl remarked, “It affected my cultural identity, like who I am. We did Native American stories, like Butterfly Man - that’s about teen pregnancy.”

Teaching filmmaking to the youth provided them with opportunities to express themselves and to share messages with other youth. In total, over 50 short films were produced, and they continue to be posted on YouTube (see “HEYProject1”), Facebook (look for Healthy and Empowered Youth), and the web pages NativeSTAND.org and We R Native. Nichole Hildebrandt noted the power of filmmaking for the HEY Project youth, “The youth first learn healthy practices in the classroom in the Native STAND. Then they think about how to share this knowledge with other youth, and how to tell this story on film. Then they write the script, act, and edit the videos. So they really think about the health messages four times, not just once in the classroom.”

At the end of the school year, the HEY Project youth, their families and friends, and tribal leadership celebrated the success of the program at a special screening of the student films at a nearby movie theater in Pocatello. The students proudly shared their films at this evening event with families, friends, and tribal leaders. The accomplishments of the students were highlighted, including stories of personal growth, success in school, and aspirations for the future. Although grant funding from the DHHS Office of Minority Health has ended, the tribe and school are planning ways to continue the HEY Project as part of the ShoBan Jr/Sr High School curriculum and student programs.

For more information on the HEY Project, please contact Bill Lambert at [lambertw@ohsu.edu](mailto:lambertw@ohsu.edu).

## Library News—Change to off-campus access to OHSU Library resources

OHSU Library off-campus user authentication has changed. You may now use your OHSU network username and password to access the OHSU Library's electronic resources from off-campus. No need to use your library barcode anymore for off-campus login.

You do still need a library barcode for checking out print materials from the OHSU Library or for requesting items through the Summit system (<http://summit.worldcat.org>).

Please see the FAQ at [http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/library/off-campus\\_faq.cfm](http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/library/off-campus_faq.cfm) for more information on this update about how you can access library resources from off-campus.

# MPH Program News

## Upcoming MPH Thesis Defense

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

### **Kimberly Tippens:**

*Developing a measure of CAM orientation among allopathic primary care providers*

Wednesday, November 7, 2012, Seminar: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm  
Campus Services Building, Room 679, 3505 SW US Veterans Hospital Road, Portland, OR 97239

*Questions: call 503.494.1158 or email [cbinn@ohsu.edu](mailto:cbinn@ohsu.edu)*

## 2012 – 2013 Student Representatives



### **Austin Phillips**

After serving as the OMPH Campus Representative last year, Austin has assumed the role of 2nd Year Student Rep. Originally from Stratford, CT, he developed an interest in epidemiology after taking a post-baccalaureate research assistant position conducting neuroepidemiology research at Columbia University. Austin's research interests lie in nutritional and psychiatric epidemiology. In addition to his courses, he works with researchers at the Portland VA Medical Center on a project exploring veteran hospice patients and factors affecting their will to live, desire for hastened death, and desire to obtain a lethal prescription. He also interns at the Multnomah County Department of Health, and volunteers with Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon. When he's not busy with these commitments, Austin can be found running along the streets of Portland training for an upcoming marathon or road race.

### **Nate Warren**

This is Nate's first term as a full-time student and he is very excited to contribute to OHSU's StudentSpeak blog, as well as to represent the school's two MPH programs this year as Campus Representative. Prior to Fall 2012, Nate was taking the "snail trail" to his MPH while working full-time in Blood Services at Portland Red Cross.

With demography and social stratification as his focus, Nate completed his undergraduate work through an internship in Pen, India. His gratitude for this opportunity cannot be overstated, where duties included conducting nutritional surveys of tribal villages, assisting the Mobile Health Unit (a traveling dispensary), taking body mass index measurements, and lastly, organizing these tasks into a health pamphlet for donors, staff and clients. Upon Nate's return, he spent two years focusing on public health initiatives for the pandemic flu and measles, emergency response and CPR/1st Aid instruction through AmeriCorps at the Red Cross.

Nate's most recent position (phased out due to financial restructuring) helped reignite a passion for primary care and health disparities through work with blood/platelet/plasma transfusion recipients. Many of these patients are part of the at-risk population for organ and/or bone marrow transplantation. Between access to health services, waiting list ratings (due to prohibitive risk factors) and donor organ shortages (due to ethnic background/blood type and donor pool availability), this diagnostic group is one Nate has grown familiar with and hope to focus on for future internship and career prospects.

Nate is in the School of Nursing MPH track in Primary Health Care and Health Disparities; however, he is the new



## Class Reps (continued)

OHSU Campus Rep, so he will represent both tracks to the OMPH program.



### Elizabeth Hooker

Beth graduated from Queen's University in Canada with a BSc Biology and a BA Global Development Studies in 2004 and moved to Portland two years later. This fall, she will graduate from Portland State University with a MS Conflict Resolution. At PSU, she worked as a graduate teaching assistant within her department and taught at the undergraduate level for two years through the University Studies Mentor program. Her thesis work brought her to the Thai-Burma border for a year, where she conducted feminist ethnographic research on the impacts of statelessness on Burmese women political exiles living in Thailand. During this year, she developed an interest in epidemiology and became determined to continue her social justice work through health equity. Beth's public health research interests include reducing health disparities in communities of color in Oregon and in immigrant and refugee communities in Southeast Asia. By getting involved with the Global Health Center and returning to the Thai-Burma border to conduct her MPH field work, she aims to add to the public health literature on the intersections of forced migration and health. As a first year representative, along with Allison Fryman, she is looking forward to working with faculty and students alike; effective communication and collaboration between students and faculty will strengthen the program and help us all grow academically and professionally.

### Allison Fryman

A native Midwesterner, Allison grew up in Cedar Falls, Iowa. For her Bachelors she traveled east and studied Cognitive Psychology at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts. During this time she was on the tennis team, worked at a study abroad organization, and interned at a neuroscience laboratory. Upon graduating in 2009 she moved to Portland, Oregon because of the great biking community. Here, she took on multiple jobs and volunteering opportunities. She worked at a criminal law firm, the Office of International Studies at Portland State University, and the Oregon Zoo. She has also volunteered at the Red Cross, OHSU, and the Q Center.



She knew she wanted to go into Public Health after sitting in on classes at PSU, researching different fields on OpenCourseWare, and talking with professors. She started the OMPH program at PSU last year, but realized after the first term her research interests were more prominent at OHSU. Her main research interest is in nutritional epidemiology. She is very excited to be a 1st Year Student Rep with Beth and to build a strong social network among everyone in the program.

## Job Opportunities

Evelyn Whitlock, MD, MPH, the former director of the PMR and a busy full-time researcher at the CHR at Kaiser Permanente is recruiting at the new evidence-based practice center, which was awarded to them directly after 15 years as part of the former Oregon EPC. Dr. Whitlock is looking for MPH or MD/MPH recruits for three positions: Research Assistant I, Research Assistant II, and Senior Project Assistant. Please contact Dr. Whitlock for more information:

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## 5th Annual Northwest Environmental Health Conference

Bridging Research, Practice and Policy—CALL FOR PRESENTERS

Deadline for Submissions: November 9, 2012

Notification of Acceptance: November 30, 2012

The Northwest Environmental Health Conference Planning Team is accepting abstracts for presentations addressing research, patient care, community-based work, and current and emerging policy issues in the field of environmental health for the 5th Annual Northwest Environmental Health Conference to be held in Portland, Oregon on March 15, 2013. The goals of the conference are to increase the knowledge of participants about environmental health issues, engage and activate participants, and strengthen our environmental health community through networking. Presenters who are researchers; health care professionals (including allopathic and naturopathic); public health, environmental and occupational health managers; healthcare procurement specialists; and program managers from community-based organizations are encouraged to submit proposals.

### CONFERENCE TRACKS & TOPICS OF INTEREST

We seek abstracts that focus on specific strategies to be implemented by health professionals to address and integrate environmental health considerations into their practice and policy work. Case study presentations are encouraged.

Submissions should clearly relate to one of the tracks listed below. The topics of greatest interest for this year's conference are: 1) Environmental Factors and Epigenetics; 2) Environmental Justice; 3) Environmentally Driven Health Disparities; 4) Environmental Toxicants; 5) Built Environment; and 6) Sustainable Practices in Health Care. However, if you have an innovative project or topic that does not quite fit into any of these categories, please submit it. First consideration will go to projects that are unique, innovative, or otherwise new material.

Go to <http://www.oeconline.org/nwehc> for more information. Proposals must be submitted electronically to [nwehc@oeconline.org](mailto:nwehc@oeconline.org). Only complete entries will be considered.

## Jingle Bell 5K (by Laurel Murphey)

Sunday December 2 is the Jingle Bell 5K: There is a team from OHSU called The Most Awesome Team Ever. It's a fun run with a lot of goofy costumes and Santa-related hijinks. Also this is a big fundraiser for the Arthritis Foundation. <http://portlandjinglebellrun.kintera.org/>

Sunday April 28 is the Eugene Marathon, Half Marathon and 5K: This is a fun way to celebrate spring in the lovely town of Eugene! If you sign up, let me know and maybe we can carpool! <http://eugenemarathon.com/>

## Library News—Looking for a Hard to Find Title?

Didn't find that resource you needed through the library? Recommend a purchase!

The OHSU Library welcomes suggestions for purchase from faculty, students, and staff for materials which support University's research, teaching and healing mission. All requests are considered as the budget allows. To help the Library prioritize these requests, we ask that you fill out the form (located here: <http://tinyurl.com/9tt8ms0>) and indicate the reason this material should be added to our collection.

You may also contact:

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