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Grants

New Awards

- **Janne Boone-Heinonen / Traci Rieckmann**, "Astoria Women's Heart Health Initiative: cohort development pilot," OCTRI Catalyst Pilot Award for Translational Research
- **Janne Boone-Heinonen / Traci Rieckmann**, "Astoria Women's Heart Health Initiative: Start-up Project 1," OHSU Office of Strategic Outreach
- **Dennis McCarty**, "RCT to Test a Payer/Treatment Agency Intervention to Increase Use of Buprenorphine," NIDA R01 (subcontract through the Univ. Wisconsin-Madison)
- **Ana Quiñones**, "Exploring race/ethnic disparities in the care coordination of older, multimorbid patients," MRF New Investigator Grant
- **Don Lollar, Willi Horner-Johnson, Elena Andresen, and Liz Adams** are part of a team that has submitted an application for a 5 year (\$2.75 million) grant from the Administration on Developmental Disabilities (HHS) to fund a University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, addressing education, service, and research for this population.
- **Lynn Marshall** PI collaborated with **Rick Deyo** Co-I on a new R21 submission, "Balance Function Before and After Surgery in Patients with Lumbar Stenosis." This proposal is submitted in response to a National Institute on Arthritis Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS) program announcement for pilot and feasibility clinical research grants.

New Applications

- **Janne Boone-Heinonen**, "Astoria Women's Heart Health Initiative: survey and biomarker pilot," MRF New Investigator Grant
- **Dongseok Choi**, "Analysis of transcription factors for inflammatory retina or choroid," NEI R01
- **Dennis McCarty**, "Testing a Model of Organizational Effectiveness in Substance Abuse Treatment," NIDA R01 (subcontract through Columbia University)
- **Carrie Nielson**, "Strong and STEADI: Evidence-based Fall Prevention in Rural Oregon," CDC Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research Centers: Special Interest Project Competitive Supplement
- **Philippe Thuillier**, "A home test kit for quantitation of plasma phenylalanine in PKU," NICHD Small Business Innovation Research (in collaboration with Metabolic Nutritionals, Inc.)
- **Lynn Marshall** PI collaborated with **Jodi Lapidus** Co-I and **Rick Deyo** Co-I on a revised R01 submission, "Back Pain in the Epidemiology of Fractures and Falls among Elderly Men and Women." This proposal received a priority score of 28 on the initial submission and is resubmitted to the National Institute on Aging (NIA).

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



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On-boarding Volunteers in PHPM

Do you need extra help with a research project? Are you interested in providing a young person with professional experience? If you're interested in hiring a volunteer intern, it's important that you know the process. Please see the PDF at the end of this newsletter for more information.

Publications:

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Accepted:

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Presentations:

Research Week

Congratulations to all the PHPM Faculty, Staff, and Students who presented at Research Week from May 7 to May 10.

- *Aisling Fernandez* – Acute Injury Visits across United States Ambulatory Care Settings in 2009 Health Promotion, Improving Outcomes, and Health Disparity
- *Megan Herting* – Differences in brain activity during a verbal associative memory-encoding task in high and low-

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active adolescents Children and Adolescents

- *Mellisa Pensa* – Using Vital Statistics to Estimate the Frequency of Elective Early-Term Deliveries: Implications for Hospital Improvement Health Promotion, Improving Outcomes, Health Disparity
- *Kathleen Carlson* – Re-Injury among Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury Discharged from VA Polytrauma Rehabilitation Centers Trauma and Critical Care
- *Annika Giesbrecht* – Behavioral Risk Factors and Recent Colorectal Cancer Screening Among American Indian and Alaska Native People in the Pacific Northwest: Tribe
- *Glenn Kautz* – Rural-Urban Differences in Access, Utilization and Time Spent
- *Miriam Elman* – Application of a novel method for ageperiod- cohort analysis to Oregon viral hepatitis mortality, 1995-2010
 - Winner of an Outstanding Poster Presentation award
- *Steven Mansberger* – Compliance with Annual Diabetic Eye Exams Survey (CADEES): Preliminary Results & Cost-Effectiveness of Telemedicine Screening for Diabetic Retinopathy
- *William Martin* – Effectiveness of a multi-component, community-based noise-induced hearing loss and tinnitus prevention intervention in an Oregon American Indian community
- *Tosha Zaback* – Summative Evaluation of a Tribal Telemedicine Project
- *William Lambert* – Hitting the Streets: Bike Commuting Injuries in Portland, Oregon

Lynn Kunkel, Dr. Todd Korthuis, Dr. Barbara Campbell, Dr. Dennis McCarty, Dr. John Gardin, and Tim Hartnett participated in the CTN Steering Committee and Blending meetings April 17 through 19 in Atlanta, Georgia. Todd presented to the Blending meeting.

Dr. Todd Korthuis presented at the American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence Annual Meeting April 21 in Las Vegas.

Dr. Dennis McCarty presented a poster, *Cost effectiveness of treatment with extended-release naltrexone (XR-NTX): structured review across four studies*, on May 7 at the American Psychiatric Association Annual meeting in Philadelphia.

Travel:



Jay with local children in Guatemala

Dr. Jay Kravitz recently returned from a two week stint in The Peten, Guatemala, where he mentored medical students from Loyola University through a program called the US International Health Alliance - Guatemala. Last fall, Dr. Kravitz helped to sponsor two 4th year OHSU medical students to work in this part of northeast Guatemala. This is an area heavily populated by Maya people with limited access to health care, who speak Spanish and Quechi. To learn more about the program, please visit this link: <http://internationalhealthalliance.org/>. If anyone is interested in the program, please contact Dr. Kravitz.

This past March, **Dr. Tom Becker** was invited to attend the second International Conference to Advance a Population Health Intervention Research meeting in Montréal, Québec, Canada. The meeting included an international audience from Europe, Canada, and the U.S., with scientists from diverse fields: sociology, anthropology, epidemiology, public health, and other fields. The main thrust of the meeting, complementing the didactic presentations and poster sessions, was exploration of new and effective ways to implement interventions that will affect population health. Although Tom states that he is not sure why he was invited to this limited attendance meeting, he nonetheless presented a poster that derives from work in the Prevention Research Center. The poster was titled, Effectiveness of a multi-component, community-based noise-induced hearing loss and tinnitus prevention intervention in an Oregon American Indian community. **Authors included:** Becker, T.M., Martin, W.H., Sobel, J.L., Griest, S.E., Howarth, L.C., Zaback, T., Lambert, W.E. Of the meeting, Dr. Becker says,

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“this was a very interesting group of scientists and public health practitioners who are still very active in the grant arena seeking funding for intervention research. The networking opportunities were excellent, and the venue was terrific. Unfortunately, the weather was not quite as spectacular in Montréal as I would have liked...it was minus one degree one day. I hope that our next meeting is in Miami or San Diego.”

Dr. Raina Croff and **Dr. Dennis McCarty** led the second learning session for the Medication Research Partnership on May 22 in Philadelphia. The Medication Research Partnership is a collaboration with Aetna Behavioral Health and nine of the addiction treatment centers contracting with Aetna. The goal of the partnership is to promote system change that supports the use of medications to treat alcohol and drug use disorders.

Barbara Campbell, PhD, represented OHSU at the Community Treatment Forum on May 18 in San Francisco.

Anne Stemwedel attended the 2012 International Research Congress on Integrative Medicine and Health from May 16 - 18 at the Marriott downtown. Last summer, Anne completed an independent study of mind/body techniques in the workplace (deep breathing and standing practice). It was recommended by her advisor to attend this conference to better understand the research being done around mind/body techniques such as Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction (MBSR). The conference presented a wide range of excellent presenters discussing everything from nutrition and activity to mindfulness-based interventions. Sonia Lupien, PhD gave a great talk titled “the neurobiology of stress: from mechanisms to interventions.” She also referenced the website “Centre for Studies on Human Stress” which provides a lot of great information for the general public on stress, <http://www.humanstress.ca/stress.html>.

Awards and Honors:

Dr. Dongseok Choi was elected as a Fellow of the American Statistical Association (ASA). In 2012, the ASA elected 48 of its members as Fellows of the Association who were recognized for their outstanding professional contributions to and leadership in the field of statistical science. New Fellows will be presented with their awards on Tuesday, July 31, 2012, at 8:00 p.m. in San Diego, California at the San Diego Convention Center during the Joint Statistical Meetings awards ceremony. The American Statistical Association (ASA), a scientific and educational society founded in Boston in 1839, is the second oldest continuously operating professional society in the United States. The designation of Fellow has been a superlative honor in ASA for more than 90 years. According to the association by-laws, each year the Committee on Fellows can elect no more than one-third of one percent of the total ASA membership as Fellows. His award citation reads, “For his excellent contributions to statistical methods in bioinformatics and spatial modeling, collaborative biomedical research. For his superb service to our profession. For his effort for creating new biostatistics education program.”

Ana Quiñones received the New Investigator Medical Records Foundation (MRF) grant starting June 1, 2012 until May 31, 2013 for her project “Exploring race/ethnic disparities in the care coordination of older, multimorbid patients.”

Ana was also selected to participate in this year’s National Institute on Aging Summer Institute on Aging Research for emerging investigators which will be held July 7-13 in Bethesda, Maryland: <http://www.nia.nih.gov/about/events/2012/summer-institute-aging-research-2012>

Christina Nicolaidis, MD, MPH has been appointed to serve as a Deputy Editor for the *Journal of General Internal Medicine*

John Gardin, PhD, was elected chair of the Community Treatment Provider Caucus within the National Drug Abuse Treatment Clinical Trials Network.

Todd Korthuis, MD, MPH, was a finalist for the NIDA Avant Garde HIV award. Despite an excellent oral presentation in April, his application was not selected for an award.

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Welcome

We would like to welcome **Shaun Ramirez** to the Public Health and Preventive Medicine Department. Shaun received his Bachelor of Science in Psychology from the University of Idaho and a certificate in Biotechnology from Portland Community College. He began working at OHSU eight months ago as a student worker in the Department of Medical Informatics and transferred to the Department of Public Health & Preventive Medicine in March. He is currently working with the Northwest Frontier ATTC as a Research Assistant and we are glad to have him on board.



Elias Klemperer

Elias Klemperer joins us as a temporary Research Assistant I to assist the NFATTC. Elias graduated from Lewis & Clark College with a BA in Psychology in May of 2011. He is interested in the dissemination of, and fidelity to, empirically based practices in clinical psychology. He is also interested in the role of technology and metaphors in cognitive and behavioral therapies for youth populations.



Benjamin Kent
Horner-Johnson

Dr. Willi Horner-Johnson and her husband Ben have a new son, Benjamin Kent Horner-Johnson, born on May 1st, 2012. Benjamin weighed 6 pounds 12 ounces and arrived 9 days before his due date. The new parents are relieved to report he's healthy and robust after a protracted (39 hours!) of labor. Congratulations to the Horner-Johnson family!

Departures

After a year of working in research at the Department of Public Health & Preventive Medicine, **Whitney Ashe** has decided to make the transition into Physical Therapy at Pacific University, where she will decide to either specialize in Geriatric or Pediatric physical therapy. Good luck, Whitney!

Passing

It is with sadness that PHPM reports the death of Affiliate Assistant Professor **Dr. Henry (Hank) Bersani, Jr.**, who was involved in a fatal bicycle accident on March 31. Dr. Bersani will be missed by all who knew him.

Events

GRAND ROUNDS CALENDAR

21-Jun-12 **Preventive Medicine Residents Grand Rounds and Graduation Celebration CSB679, 12PM—1PM**

Food and drink are always provided.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PMR Health Policy Symposium

Prescription Opiate Abuse & Overdose: Prevention, policy options and community interventions

Thursday, June 28, 2012

12pm – 5pm

Courtyard by Marriott Lloyd Center, 435 NE Wasco St, Portland, OR 97232

(Parking available in the parking lot)

To register, visit: www.ohsu.edu/public-health/policysymposia

PHPM Birthdays

MAY

- 2 Traci Rieckmann, Research Assistant Professor
- 2 Hong Li, Research Associate
- 4 Jackilen Shannon, Associate Professor
- 20 Byung Park, Senior Instructor
- 29 Jeffrey Jensen, Professor
- 29 Jennifer Verbeck, Research Assistant II



JUNE

- 3 Barbara Campbell, Adjunct Associate Professor
- 9 Dennis McCarty, Professor
- 19 David Jefferson, Research Associate
- 19 Nichole Hildebrandt, Senior Research Assistant
- 20 Janne Boone-Heinonen, Assistant Professor
- 30 Bill Morton, Professor Emeritus

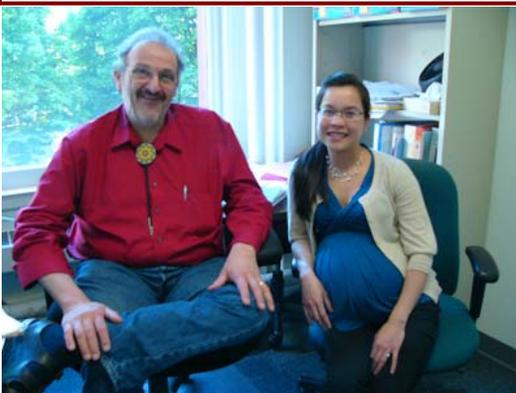
News from the Clinical Trials Network

NIDA Director, Nora Volkow, MD, enjoyed a day visiting with students and faculty at Oregon Health & Science University on April 26. Bob Hitzemann, Chair of the Department of Behavioral Neuroscience and former colleague with Dr. Volkow at Brookhaven National Laboratory, hosted the visit. Dr. Volkow toured the Advanced Imaging Research Center, lunched with students and fellows from the Department of Behavioral Neuroscience, shared her thoughts with faculty and students on the potential merger of NIDA and NIAAA, spoke about the future of drug abuse research at the Oregon Brain Institute Forum, and closed the day with a presentation on “Addiction and the Brain” at a community forum and a sold out auditorium at the Portland Convention Center. Dennis McCarty was one of two faculty invited to comment on Dr. Volkow’s remarks during the Oregon Brain Institute Forum. The Western States Node and the Northwest Addiction Technology Transfer Center hosted tables at the Convention Center, responded to questions about alcohol and drug use disorders and distributed NIDA and SAMHSA public education material on science and addiction.

The CTP Caucus elected **John Gardin, PhD**, as its new chair replacing Joan Zweben, PhD. John is an Affiliated Assistant Professor in the Department and the Clinical Director and Director of Research at Adapt, Inc. Adapt serves Roseburg, Oregon and Douglas County in Southern Oregon and has participated in three CTN trials. The Western States Node congratulates John on his election.

Todd Korthuis, MD, MPH, is the Principle Investigator leading the development of a clinical trial protocol within the National Drug Abuse Treatment Clinical Trials Network – Comparing treatments for HIV-positive Opioid users in an Integrated Care Effectiveness Study (CHOICES). The study will be the first to test the use of extended-release naltrexone against treatment as usual for opioid users with HIV infections. Reductions in HIV viral load is the primary study outcome.

News from Oregon Public Health Association’s Epi-Biostats Section



OPHA’s Epi-Biostats section would like to congratulate our Epi-Biostats co-Chair (and PHPM Affiliate Associate Professor) **Dr. Jim Gaudino** and Member Ms. Sarah Tran, who were recognized as nominees for an Employee Team Innovation Award by the Multnomah County Chair's Office. After presenting data on over 50 health measures and on over 100 gaps in Maternal and Child Health data to the Multnomah County Health Department (MCHD) leaders, Jim and Sarah developed a data-based approach for prioritizing MCH issues and led discussions that enhanced the work of MCHD's strategic planning workgroup. Their approach helped the planning group prioritize health issues and develop a framework for addressing these issues, which was outlined in MCHD's Strategic Intent for Young

Families document last year. The major gaps identified in MCH data continue to inform MCHD and partners about the need for additional epidemiologic data for public health action.

Library News

Trainers from the National Library of Medicine will be in Portland to teach Toxnet and Beyond

TOXNET and Beyond: PICK YOUR POISON...

Friday, June 22, 2012
OHSU, BICC 120-121
9AM-4PM

From petrochemicals to pesticides. From fluoride to flavorings. From nanotechnology to nitrosamine. Toxic substances lurk in the most unexpected places. In your city. In your neighborhood. In your garage. And probably under your kitchen sink. When an accident happens, do you know where to find the information that just might save a life – or a community? Most importantly, can you find it fast? TOXNET and Beyond is a free six-hour, hands-on course to help you quickly find authoritative resources on environmental health and toxicology as well as related health information.

There are still spaces available. You can register at http://nmlm.gov/ntcc/classes/class_details.html?class_id=5

Free ILL for OHSU students!

Starting April 1, 2012, OHSU Library will no longer charge students for ILL requests!*

To request items, students need an ILL Express account. Once registered, requesting articles is simple. To order articles from OHSU Library databases, simply click on the blue "Find it at OHSU Library" button, then click on the Interlibrary Loan link. Log into your ILL Express account (only need to do once) and hit the Submit button. Your request has been submitted!

Did You Know?

- The cost to OHSU Library to fill an ILL request can range from \$8.50 to \$90.00, with the average cost being \$17.50.
- The average turnaround time for an article is 2-3 days; with times varying from 2 hours to 2-3 weeks, depending on the library that is filling your request.
- Because books need to be shipped, the average turnaround time for print or audiovisual materials is 1-4 weeks. The average turnaround time for print or audio visual materials requested through Summit (free!) is 4-5 days.

The fine print

- Free ILL requests are capped at 10 requests per quarter. This cap was set based on the Free ILL pilot project conducted from September – December 2011. Most students ordered one or two articles, with the average number of requests per student being 4.5. The fee for additional requests is \$2.00/request.
- RUSH charges remain at \$10.00 per request. This is because the OHSU Library has to pay a premium to the lending library for rush services.
- We regret that the library cannot process RUSH requests for text books.
- The Library will not process free requests for leisure reading. Summit (free & fast!) is a good source for novels, popular reading, CDs and DVDs.
- Students may not use departmental alias/FAIDS to pay for requests that exceed the quarterly cap. If departmental accounts are used, the cost is \$10.00/request.
- If you are an OHSU employee who requests materials for a department and a currently enrolled OHSU student, please set up two ILL Express accounts, so that you will not be charged departmental fees (\$10.00/request) when you are requesting as a student. Call 503-494-2399 or email libdoc@ohsu.edu if you have questions or concerns about this.
- Please note that Document Delivery (scanned PDFs provided from print items in the OHSU Library collection) fees are still \$10.00/request, unless you are a student enrolled in a distance program.

Request for Proposals

The Oregon Healthy WorkForce Center seeks applications for Pilot Projects that improve occupational health, safety and personal wellness. A maximum of \$100,000 is available for one 2-year project beginning in July, 2012. Proposals are due June 1, 2012.

You can find the ad and a link to the full request at:

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

MPH Program News

Upcoming MPH Thesis Defenses

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

Hiroko Watase, MD:

Association between thyroid cancer and the distance from nuclear power plants in the US

Friday, June 8, 2012, Seminar: 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

School of Nursing, Room 116, 3455 SW US Veterans Hospital Road, Portland, OR 97239

Matthew Iles-Shih:

IFN- γ CD8+ T cell response to five novel mycobacterium tuberculosis antigens among Mtb-positive individuals in Kampala, Uganda: evidence for a relationship between CD8+ T cell-associated Mtb antigens and latent/active TB phenotype

Monday, June 11, 2012, Seminar: 8:00 am – 9:00 am

Campus Services Building, room 679, 3505 SW US Veterans Hospital Road, Portland, OR 97239

Robert Arao:

Physician barriers in recommending flu vaccine to healthy pregnant women

Wednesday, June 13, 2012, Seminar: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

School of Nursing, Room 116, 3455 SW US Veterans Hospital Road, Portland, OR 97239

Kathleen Newton:

Smoke-filled rooms: state smoke free air legislation and smoking in children's homes

Thursday, June 14, 2012, Seminar: 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

School of Nursing, Room 116, 3455 SW US Veterans Hospital Road, Portland, OR 97239

Questions: call 503.494.1158 or email chinn@ohsu.edu

Thesis/Internship Opportunity

Assistant Professor Emerita Katie Riley has a thesis/internship opportunity for at least one MPH student through **Hillsboro Empowers Youth**, a drug and alcohol prevention coalition that needs to have an evaluation of their effectiveness. They have prevention “clubs” at the four middle schools and could possibly use Oregon Healthy Kids data plus other data from schools for an evaluation. Dr. Riley would love to talk with anyone who might be interested. This project might also be able to fund a small stipend. If you are interested, please contact Dr. Riley directly at rileyk@ohsu.edu or 503-349-2965.

Student News

Nine MPH students (Michael Saladik, Michelle DeChant, Jennifer Jacobs, Lindsey Pearson, Annika Giesbrecht, Lynette Chen, Cai Gillis, Austin Phillips, and Sarah Siegel) recently volunteered at Holgate House to build flower beds so that the residents (who are low-income and disabled) could grow and maintain their own vegetable gardens.



On October 7, **Austin Phillips** (MPH student) will be running the Chicago Marathon on behalf of the ALS Association. ALS (also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease) is a neurodegenerative disease for which there is no cure. The ALS Association works to promote global research and advocacy of ALS. Please support this noble cause! Contributions can be made here: http://web.alsa.org/site/TR/Walks/Chicago?px=3420704&pg=personal&fr_id=8540



Preventive Medicine Residency News

Another Successful PMR Health Policy Symposium

On March 2, 2012 we held the fourth of our tri-annual health policy symposia designed to bring a variety of health policy professionals together with residents, faculty and students for presentations and discussions on timely topics in health policy. This particular symposium focused on the policy challenges and opportunities related to food policy and sustainable food systems. It was organized by Sherril Gelmon, DrPH (Professor of Public Health and Chair of the Division of Public Administration, PSU) with the assistance of two PSU colleagues who are actively involved in food policy: Jennifer Allen, PhD (Associate Professor of Public Administration; Director, Institute for Sustainable Solutions) and Betty Izumi, PhD, MPH, RD (Assistant Professor of Community Health).



The symposium opened with introductory comments by Dr. Gelmon, followed by a one hour plenary session beginning with an overview: "Framing the Food Policy and Sustainability Conversation" by Drs. Allen and Izumi. Key experts in Oregon food policy then gave brief provocative presentations on each of six topic areas: (1) Food Justice: Exploring the Dynamics of Hunger and Community Food Security; (2) Implications of the Farm Bill for Food & Health Policy; (3) Buying Local: Better Food in Institutions; (4) Role of the Farm in Framing the Food Policy Conversation; (5) Local Sourcing: The Chef's Influence on Policy; and (6) Food as a County Issue. Participants then broke into six small discussion groups for these topic areas, each facilitated by a Preventive Medicine Resident with the assistance of the respective topic expert. The large group reassembled for an hour afterwards so the facilitators could present brief summaries of the small group discussions and for participants to engage in further discussions together about a food policy "call to action": how individuals can become involved in the food policy conversation on a day-to-day basis. The symposium concluded, of course, with food, during which the approximately 65 symposium participants, from a wide variety of backgrounds and areas of expertise could meet and network. If you are interested in a more detailed description of this symposium, please consult the summary report posted on our website: www.ohsu.edu/public-health/policysymposia.

Newly appointed Chief Residents

Please join us in congratulating our two newly appointed chief residents: **Jennifer Gilbert, MD, MPH** and **Matthew Dubrow, DO**. Both bring with them substantial clinical and public health experience as well as rich first-year residency practicum experiences. They will be responsible for organizing resident seminar topics and other didactic activities as well as assisting in the improvement of the Preventive Medicine Residency.

Health Policy Symposium on June 28th from 12-5pm

Our next Health Policy Symposium, **Prescription Opiate Abuse and Overdose: Prevention, Policy Options, and Community Intervention**, will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott Downtown/Convention Center on Thursday, June 28th from 12pm – 5pm. Please see our website for more information: www.ohsu.edu/public-health/policysymposia. Space is limited, so please register early!

Please join us in welcoming...

Quinn Oliver Johnson, born to **Tina Oliver** (Preventive Medicine Resident), Travis Johnson & Claire (5yo) last Thursday, May 17th. Baby Quinn weighed in at 9 lb, 8 oz., is 21 inches long and perfect in every way.

Welcome also to Beatrice Elizabeth Huyck-Lopez, born to **Clea Lopez** (Family Medicine/Preventive Medicine Resident) on Monday, May 21st. Baby Beatrice weighed in at 7lbs 9oz and is 20 in long. Mom, baby and dad are all doing well!

Best Wishes to Tina, Clea and their families!

PHPM/OHSU Volunteer On-boarding Process

Research & Academic Volunteer Services (RAVS) connects potential volunteers to various opportunities, orients them to the complex OHSU environment, and guides them through the volunteer registration process. This program also links Research, Academic and Central Services departments to interested volunteers.

Definition of a volunteer

A volunteer is someone who:

- Is participating in the activities of the hosting department without any compensation (school credit does not count as compensation)
- Performs activities that are flexible and in support of the work of a paid employee, but not comparable in scope
- Will serve at least 40 hours (no duration specified)
- Is at least 16 years of age.
 - If you're interested in onboarding a volunteer **under the age of 18**, please see the information at the end of this information sheet.

When interested in on-boarding a new volunteer in PHPM, be sure to plan ahead! Please allow two-three weeks for all of the Volunteer New Hire procedures to be completed before your volunteer can start his or her first day.

To on-board **adult volunteers (18 and older)**:

1. **The first step is to contact your division head and get his or her approval.**
2. Request space and computer use from Tom Becker (cc Anne Stemwedel)
3. You should have a scope of work for your volunteer, as well as expected hours, and start/end dates available, then
4. Follow these steps through Research & Academic Volunteer Services (Please refer to this link for forms and additional information)
<http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/research/about/research-and-academic-volunteer-services/for-ohsu-departments/loader.cfm?csModule=security/getfile&PageID=1863091>
 - a. First step: Job Site Information form + Background Disclosure Request form are submitted—1 week anticipated turn around (please make sure that the Job Site Form has been reviewed and approved by Anne Stemwedel before you submit it.)
 - b. Second step: Volunteer is invited by RAVS office to attend Orientation—also advised if TB is needed
 - c. Third step: Volunteer brings Registration Packet and Big Brain Certificates to Orientation
 - d. Fourth step: ID Badge is issued by RAVS office at Orientation or via email
 - e. Fifth step: RAVS office will email the volunteer and the hosting supervisor notifying them of active status, including final copy of Job Site Information form

Volunteers cannot begin their assignment until they have completed registration and have been issued an ID badge by the RAVS office.
6. Will your volunteer need a phone, key, computer access, copy code, etc? Will he or she need special access to any digital files? If yes, please provide that information to Gloria Harrison (503-494-2550) as early as possible.

Responsibilities of the hosting department

PHPM/OHSU Volunteer On-boarding Process

While the RAVS office handles the majority of the paperwork and required compliance components, RAVS does need help in registering and maintaining volunteers in your area. Your responsibilities for hosting a volunteer include:

- Assessing the applicant volunteer to ensure they are a good match for your department
- Accurately completing the Job Site Information form
- Only assigning duties to a volunteer that have been cleared through the Research & Academic Volunteer Services office
- Requiring and ensuring completion of any further training needed for the volunteer to perform their duties safely and responsibly
- Ensuring that the volunteer is logging his or her hours each week in Volgistics
- Informing our office when a volunteer leaves or takes a leave of absence
- Informing our office of any problems or concerns regarding the volunteer
- **Questions?** E-mail Research & Academic Volunteer Services at RAVolunteer@ohsu.edu

To on-board **volunteers under the age of 18:**

1. Follow steps 1 through 3 above.
2. It is each department's individual responsibility to on-board minor volunteers. Gloria Harrison will work with your student to complete all of the necessary hiring paperwork. After steps 1 through 3 above have been completed, please forward your volunteer's contact information to Gloria Harrison as quickly as possible, as the on-boarding process can take up to two weeks.

For more information, please refer to the OHSU Visitor Policy and the Guidelines for Hosting Minors in Labs at OHSU.

What if you have a volunteer that doesn't fit your needs, but you'd like to help connect them with other opportunities at OHSU?

Direct him or her to this link: <http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/research/about/research-and-academic-volunteer-services/for-volunteers/applicant-volunteers.cfm> Or you can refer them to Susan Shugerman, the Assistant Vice Provost, Educational Outreach in Academic Affairs.

Are there parking or discounts available to your volunteer?

Direct him or her to this link: <http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/research/about/research-and-academic-volunteer-services/for-volunteers/current-volunteers.cfm#CURRENTTRANS>

What other incentives/discounts are available to your volunteer?

Direct him or her to this link: <http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/research/about/research-and-academic-volunteer-services/for-volunteers/current-volunteers.cfm#CURRENTBEN>

How can you recognize the efforts of your volunteer?

- [The 9 Elements of Highly Effective Praise](#)
- [How to Be a Great Boss to Your Intern](#)
- [50 No-Low Cost Recognition Ideas](#)