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Submissions

Traci Rieckmann, Medical Research Foundation (MRF), “Reducing Disparities in the Quality of Care in Substance Abuse Treatment for American Indians: State and Provider Strategies”

Bill Lambert, DHHS/Office of Public Health & Science/Office of Minority Health, “Nurturing Healthy & Empowered Youth in American Indian Communities”

Awards:

Kim Hoffman, NIH, Support Opportunity for Addiction Research (SOAR) for New Investigators (R03), “Agency Process Improvement and Client Outcomes”

Supplement to Promote Reentry into Biomedical and Behavioral Research Careers “Dietary histone deacetylase inhibitors in prostate cancer prevention” (PI: Emily Ho, OSU; OHSU Subcontract PI: **Jackie Shannon**), NIH/NCI
This is an NCI supplement to support Nupur Pande of Philippe Thuillier’s lab.

The Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine has received the following research funds as part of the America Recovery and Reinvestment Act. These applications were assembled on short notice and have immediate start dates. Congrats to Dennis McCarty and his team for all their hard work!

Dennis McCarty, NIH/NIDA -Administrative Supplement, “Oregon/Hawaii Node – CTN Scholars”

Support to hire a new junior investigator to complete follow-up work on CTN 0031 (Stimulant Abuser Groups to Engage in 12-Step – STAGE 12).

Dennis McCarty, NIH/NIDA (subcontract with UCSF), “Impact of Core Implementation Components on Adoption”

Assess relationships between fidelity and treatment outcomes in the STAGE-12 (Stimulus Abuser Groups to Engage in 12-Step) trial implemented in the National Drug Abuse Treatment Clinical Trials Network.

Dennis McCarty, NIH/NIDA (subcontract with Univ. of Miami), “HIV testing and counseling in STD Clinics: an Adaptation of CTN0032”

A randomized clinical trial of HIV rapid testing for individuals seeking services in STD clinics. OHSU leads study implementation at the Multnomah County STD clinic.

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

AWARDS

Charles Drum to receive National Distinguished Disability Research Award

Each year, the Southwest Conference on Disability selects an individual to receive the National Distinguished Disability Research Award. The award recognizes an individual from the United States who has compiled a distinguished record of disability-related research in the social or physical sciences that has contributed to and advanced our overall knowledge of disability. The selection committee, which consists of past recipients and other disability researchers, has named Charles Drum as the 2009 recipient of the award. The award will be presented at the 2009 conference, to be held in Albuquerque on September 20th - October 2nd. As the awardee, Charles will present a keynote address at the conference.

Each year the Disability Section of APHA honors a few individuals who have made significant contributions to the field of disabilities within the context of public health. The Disability Section's New Investigator Award recognizes a newer investigator who demonstrates evidence of a promising career in public health research in the area of health and wellness for people with disabilities. **Willi Horner-Johnson** is the 2009 recipient of this award, and it will be given to her at the APHA annual meeting in November.

Carrie Nielson was selected to receive a 2009 Young Investigator Award from the American Society for Bone & Mineral Research (ASBMR). The award was based on her top-rated abstract on the correlations of longitudinal change in BMD and body composition in the MrOS study.

Way to go Charles, Willi, and Carrie!

PRESENTATIONS

Dongseok Choi presented two oral presentations:

- Identifying subgroups in outliers by cluster analysis at WNAR (Western North America Regional meeting) Portland, June 17.
- Detecting subclusters in outliers by cluster analysis at Joint Statistical Meeting, Washington DC, Aug 3.

Tomi Mori gave an oral presentation entitled "Estimation of Safe and Effective Dose in Phase I Clinical Trials in Oncology" at the Joint Statistical Meetings in Washington DC, August 1-6. This was a joint project with **Yiyi Chen** and Joshi Alumkal of Hematology/Oncology.

Rochelle Fu gave a presentation, "A Model of the Potential Benefit of C-Reactive Protein in Primary Prevention for Coronary Heart Disease Events," at Joint Statistical meeting in Washington DC, August, 2009.

Publications

Charles Drum's new book, *Disability and Public Health*, was featured in an article on page five of the August edition of *The Nation's Health*—the official newspaper of the American Public Health Association. **Congratulations, Charles!**

Kim Y, Hwang TS, **Choi D**, Wilson DJ. Comparison of digital fundus photographic and echographic measurements for maximal linear dimension from eyes with choroidal melanoma. *Retina*. (accepted) **Congratulations to Dongseok for this, his 50th paper!**

Jiang, J. and **Nguyen, T.** (2009), Comments on: Goodness-of-fit tests in mixed models by G. Claeskens and J. D. Hart, *Test*, 18, 248-255.

Kim Hoffman co-authored the chapter "Focus Groups" with Portland State Professor David Morgan for Elsevier's International Encyclopedia of Education, Field Methods in Qualitative Research.

Welcome to our new faculty and staff



In July, PHPM welcomed **Dr. Carrie Nielson** to our department. Carrie is now an Assistant Professor in the Division of Epidemiology. Dr. Nielson completed her PhD in Epidemiology at the University of Arizona and a postdoc in Cancer Prevention and Control at the Arizona Cancer Center. Over the past two years, Carrie has been an investigator on OHSU's "MrOS" – the Study of Osteoporosis in Men – a large cohort study in the Department of Endocrinology. We are excited to have Carrie join us. She brings a great deal of knowledge to our department, and she will undoubtedly have a big impact on our educational and research programs.

Welcome, Carrie!

Two new Research Assistants join our Health Services Division

Caitlin Rasplica recently graduated from the University of Portland with a degree in psychology and a minor in Spanish. Caitlin will be working with Dr. Rieckmann and Dr. McCarty on several grants exploring state policy and addiction services, adoption of evidence-based practice, and state and provider partnerships. During her time at the University of Portland, Caitlin completed research and wrote her thesis on the factors that influence a juror's decision. Caitlin's future career interests include legal issues surrounding child advocacy as well as school psychology. Her hobbies and interests include hiking, running, and other outdoor activities.

Allie Buti has worked in research here at OHSU for over four years, beginning her OHSU experience with the CCAAP program in the OHSU intensive care units as a volunteer researcher. Currently Allie works on several projects with Dr. Al Lewy in the Sleep and Mood Disorders Lab, Dr. Traci Rieckmann in the Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, and Dr. Colleen Lewy in the Department of Psychiatry Research. Allie is continuing into her second year of the OHSU MPH program in epidemiology and biostatistics with a focus in addiction and mental health. Her thesis project is on medical students' attitudes toward substance use/abuse and her future goals include medical school and lots of research. In our department, Allie is doing qualitative research including data management and analysis for Traci.

Job Changes

A big congratulations to **Jackie Shannon** and **Rochelle Fu**, both of whom were promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor this summer!

Bill Lambert Selected in Initial Cohort of OCTRI/SOM Lead Mentorship Program

Bill Lambert, Associate Professor and Head of PHPM's Division of Epidemiology, has been selected as a "Lead Mentor" to receive training in the new faculty development initiative offered by OCTRI and the School of Medicine. During the upcoming year, Bill will gain skills to build a mentoring team in our department. We hope to create the formal structure and continuity needed to develop our junior faculty towards successful research and teaching careers. A large number of highly qualified applicants were considered for this training program, and we are excited that Bill was chosen to participate.

Job Changes (continued)

Human Resources Coordinator for Management Service Organization Pilot Project

Over the last several months the Department Administrators from DMICE, Division of Management and PHPM have met to discuss and plan the Management Service Organization (MSO) pilot project. The Administrators decided that Human Resources would be a good place to start this pilot of shared administrative resources. **Gloria Harrison**, PHPM's Admin Coordinator, has graciously accepted this new role as the HR Coordinator for the MSO pilot project. Over the next several months, Gloria will be working with all three departments to consolidate and streamline HR processes and be the main contact for all HR actions. We are very excited for Gloria to take on this new role!



BIOSTATISTICS: Division Update

Tomi Mori was elected as 2011 chair elect for the Section on Teaching Statistics in Health Sciences (TSHS) of the American Statistical Association. **Jodi Lapidus** is a chair elect for TSHS this year. Congratulations to both of you!

Dongseok Choi was invited to be an editorial board member for The Open Statistics & Probability Journal. He was also invited to be a steering committee member to US Census@School, the American Statistical Association.

Also, thanks to a proposal submitted in February by **Dongseok**, the International Chinese Statistical Association (ICSA) decided in July to host the 2014 Applied Statistical Symposium in Portland. Dongseok's proposal won the competition among many other candidates. There will be many world famous statisticians for the symposium, the 2nd or the 3rd largest statistical conferences in the USA. Nice work, Dongseok!

Events hosted by the division over the summer:

8/27 All day division retreat

Webinars 9:00-11:00, HRC10D03

8/24 Genomic Data Analysis with Targeted Maximum Likelihood and Super Learning
Mark van der Laan (UC Berkeley)

9/18 Use of Genomics & Predictive Biomarkers in the Design and Analysis of Phase III Clinical Trials
Richard Simon, National Cancer Institute

Seminars by outside speakers

September 14: Knight Cancer Institute Seminar, Lance Heilbrum, Ph.D., M.P.H., Co-Director, Biostatistics Core, Karmanos Cancer Institute, Professor of Oncology, Wayne State University

September 17: Grand Round with Chul Ahn, Ph.D., Associate Director of Biostatistics, Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center, UT Southwestern Medical Center. Dr. Ahn spoke on sample size determinations for studies with correlated outcomes.

MPH Program News

New Leadership of Epi/Biostat Track

Professor Emerita Katie Riley worked diligently for 16 years to cultivate our MPH program from the seeds of the initial proposal by Mitch Greenlick, until her retirement this past July. Confident that our growing educational programs would be in good hands, Katie passed the administrative torch to Bill Lambert and Tree Triano.

Bill will now serve as the Director of Education, overseeing all aspects of the delivery of our curriculum in the Epi/Biostat track. He will ensure compliance with policies and procedures of the OHSU Graduate Studies office, maintain student and faculty documentation for national accreditation, and oversee the internship requirement for all MPH students. In this role Bill will lead the MPH Committee to ensure quality is maintained and that the program continues to grow. Importantly, he will champion our interests to the School of Medicine and to the Oregon MPH Program. Bill is looking forward to his new responsibilities, and sees opportunities for building upon the record of excellence established under Katie's leadership.

Tree has moved into the role of Education Manager. Tree's promotion recognizes the many outstanding contributions that she has made over the past two years. Her initiatives and hard work have resulted in the develop-

ment of key office processes and procedures, streamlining the everyday work of our educational mission. Of note, she has adapted our paper-based admissions process to a web-based platform – no small achievement! Tree will supervise our new administrative assistant, and will be working on improving our track website and improving methods for our faculty to report their work for accreditation.

In addition, she will be representing the Epi/Biostat track at career fairs and various educational forums, and will continue to serve as the primary information resource for students, faculty, and staff.

Our new administrative assistant, Stephanie Horace, joined the PHPM team on July 14. Stephanie has a BS degree in Community Health Education from Portland State University and has several years of administrative experience at OHSU. She will continue to work for OHSU's Childbirth Education and Lactation Services as a program coordinator and health educator, but will now also spend most afternoons in our department helping Tree make sure the Education Office runs like a well-oiled machine.

Congratulations Bill and Tree! And welcome, Stephanie!



MD/MPH students Annika Giesbrecht and Tessa Steel with Bill Lambert

MPH Program News

Continued

The new MD/MPH students have arrived!

On Sunday, July 26, Dr. John Stull hosted the annual MD/MPH Welcoming Dinner at his home. Our new MD/MPH'ers were greeted by MPH program administrators, faculty, and fellow MD/MPH students, and everyone was treated to some excellent Stull home-cooking.

Please welcome David Sanders, Mahnoosh Nik-Ahd, Raj Mazumder, Shannon Donald, Laurel Murphy, and Nick Esmonde to the program. They begin the MPH part of their journey on Monday, July 27, as they take Epidemiology I every day over the next three weeks.

Two MPH students win Foster Scholarships

Congratulations to MPH students **Patrick Hudson** and **Steven Fiala**, two recipients of this year's Foster Scholarships offered by Community Health Partnership: Oregon's Public Health Institute.

Intranet—Status update

Did you know that we have an intranet here in PHPM? You can access it by going to the PHPM Website:

<http://www.ohsu.edu/public-health/index.shtml>

You'll find a link to the intranet at the bottom of the navigation on the left-hand side. Once on the intranet, you'll be able to find useful information such as: General Administration, Department Processes, Financial Operations, Grant Management, and MPH Information.

Under the Department Processes tab, you can locate forms, links, and other helpful information about such topics as: Affiliate Faculty Appointments, Computer Access, Copy Codes, Faculty Appointment Guidelines, FMLA, Hiring Teaching Assistants, ID Badges, Key Request, New Hires, Office Supplies, One Time Payments, Parking Passes, Purchase Cards (P-Cards), Performance Evaluations, Promotion and Tenure, Telephones, Termination, Timekeeping, and Hiring Volunteer.

This information has been recently culled, redone, and revamped and should be up-to-date and accurate. Don't see something that you need? Email Gloria Harrison and she can get you the information and add it to the site.

FREE STUFF!!

Did you know that you can get discounts at businesses that you already shop at and for services you already use just for being an employee of OHSU? Me neither! But Stephanie Horace pointed it out and it's awesome!

<http://ozone.ohsu.edu/hr/resources/discounts/>

Places like Club Sport, T-Mobile, and even some child care places will allow you to save money just for working here! Check it out.

Create a landscaped yard that requires less watering and chemical use, and is resistant to pests and disease! Native plants can also attract birds, butterflies, and other wildlife, all while reducing erosion and protecting water quality.

For more information and a free Native Plants plaster, visit Clean Water Services at:

<http://www.cleanwaterservices.org/Residents/>



Monthly tips from your PHPM Green Team: Jessica Kennedy and Gloria Harrison

Public Health and Preventive Medicine Annual Department Retreat

When: **Friday, October 9th**

Where: **Oregon Zoo**

Time: **9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

Pastries and coffee will be served starting at 8:30 AM

This event is our annual opportunity to gather together and discuss short and long range planning for the department's multiple enterprises, including research, teaching, and service.

RSVP to: Gloria Harrison, harrisog@ohsu.edu, 503-494-2550

Menu

Breakfast:

Continental Buffet '09

Breakfast Pastries, Assorted Muffins, Fresh Fruit Salad

Lunch:

Samudra Sammich Buffet '09:

•Turkey Croissant

Cranberry Cream Cheese, Lettuce, Cucumbers & Tomatoes

•Roast Beef Ciabatta

White Cheddar, Grilled Red Onion, Lettuce, Tomato & Creamy Horseradish

•Grilled Veggie Ciabatta

with Pesto Aioli & Herb Cream Cheese

All sandwiches served with Fresh Fried Potato Chips, Chef's Choice Salad, Fruit Salad & Fresh Baked Cookie

Afternoon Snack:

- Brownies
- Assorted Cookies
- Dessert Bar Selection—Oreo cookie bars, lemon blueberry bars, Dutch apple and pecan chocolate chip
- Regular or Decaffeinated Coffee
- Iced Tea
- Lemonade
- Assorted Sodas