

The Oracle

January 2010

Announcements/Congratulations:

- ❖ *The Board of Trustees of the University of Rochester approved the secondary appointment of Helena Temkin-Greener as Associate Professor of Clinical Nursing, in the School of Nursing, effective October 1, 2009 – CONGRATULATIONS!!*
- ❖ *Family Circle magazine, October 17, 2009 issue. Scott McIntosh is quoted with advice for smoking cessation, including the National Quitline phone number 1(800)QUIT NOW. This number is promoted by the North American Quitline Consortium. Callers are warm-transferred to their state's quitline, or the American Cancer Society's quitline. Scott and Debbie Ossip are both members of NAQC.*
- ❖ *Ann Dozier, PhD will again serve as the MCH Program Planner for the 2010 APHA meeting to be held in Denver, CO. Conference Theme: Social Justice – A Public Health Imperative.*
- ❖ *Ann Dozier, PhD and Barbara Suter, MPH conducted a three-day training sponsored by the NYS DOH AIDS Institute entitled Measuring Health Outcomes: Evaluation Methods for HIV Supportive Services Programs.*
- ❖ *Many of our students and faculty members attended the Annual APHA Meeting. (see division section for specific presentation information)*

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CPM New Members – Welcome!

Employment:

09/08/09

Alice Brunet,
Info Analyst I

10/16/09

Sherry Bennett,
Administrative Assistant

The Oracle will now be published on a quarterly basis. Please submit any newsworthy items to

Sheila K. McCart

for the next issue by 3/15/10!

New Students!

We are pleased to welcome 7 new students to DCPM education programs beginning with the spring 2010 semester.

MS-CL:

Henry Kesler

MPH:

Asim Abbasi

Kathryn DeSorrento

Mundeep Kainth

Kiran Raman

Christina Smart

Kenneth Usuki

Student Announcements/Congratulations:

- ❖ *Congratulations to Elizabeth Brownell for winning a travel scholarship to attend the 15th Annual Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology (MCH EPI) Conference, December 9 – 11, 2009, at the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay, Tampa FL.*
- ❖ *Congratulations to Shubing Cai for receiving “2009 Betty J. Cleckley Minority Issues Research Award” and receiving an honorable mention for “2009 Retirement Foundation Laurence G. Branch Doctoral Student Research Award” both presented at APHA, 11/09, Philadelphia, PA.*
- ❖ *Also, congratulations go to Nan Tracy Zheng for receiving an honorable mention for “2009 Retirement Foundation Laurence G. Branch Doctoral Student Research Award” presented at APHA, 11/09, Philadelphia, PA.*
- ❖ *Lin Fan received an honorable mention for “Excellence in Aging and Rural Health Services Award” at APHA, 11/09.*



Mark Your
Calendars!

Public Health Grand Rounds

T3 Translational Research: Linking Research to Community Health Improvement
 Jointly Presented by the
 University of Rochester Department of Community and Preventive Medicine
 and Center for Community Health.

Schedule 2010 (Room K-307; 12-1 PM - unless otherwise indicated)

- January 15** **The Role of Decision Making in Health Care**
James Dolan, MD, Associate Professor, Department of Community and Preventive Medicine, University of Rochester Medical Center
 Although decision making is an essential undertaking at all levels of healthcare, its significance is frequently overlooked. Decision science research has produced a variety of tools for helping people make better decisions, both individually and collectively. This talk will briefly describe the scope of health care decision making and then review the potential usefulness of using decision-science based methods to improve the quality of healthcare decision making at the individual and policy levels.
- February 5** **Healthy Living Center**
Geoffrey Williams, MD, PhD, Professor of Medicine, Psychiatry, and Psychology, University of Rochester Medical Center
Kacie Cook, RD, CDN, Clinical Nutrition Specialist, Healthy Living Center, Center for Community Health
- February 19** **TBD**
Peter Neumann, ScD, Director of the Center for the Evaluation of Value and Risk in Health, Institute for Clinical Research and Health Policy Studies, Tufts Medical Center; Professor of Medicine, Tufts University School of Medicine
- March 5** **Breast Cancer Screening Guidelines**
Ruth Kouides, MD
Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, Rochester General Hospital
- March 19** **HIP Teens: Lessons Learned about HIV Prevention in Urban Girls**
Dianne Morrison-Beedy, PhD, WHNP-BC, FNAP, FAAN
Professor and Endowed Chair for Nursing Science; Assistant Dean for Research; School of Nursing
 The Health Improvement Project for Teens (HIP Teens) is a gender-specific, randomized controlled trial for HIV prevention in adolescent girls 15-19. We partnered with community agencies in the downtown Rochester area and recruited more than 800 girls for this study. The HIP Teens effort combined formative work and community-based participatory approaches to tailor an appealing, efficacious intervention for urban girls.
- April 2** **TBD**
Ruth Bell, MD, MPH
Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD) (CDC)
- April 16** **TBD**
Timothy Doran, Research Fellow, Department of Health Policy and Management
Harvard School of Public Health
- May 7** **Center for Community Health (CCH) Advisory Council**
Andrew Doniger, MD, MPH; Director, Monroe County Department of Public Health; Chair, CCH Advisory Council
Wade Norwood, BA; Director of Community Engagement, Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency
Kathy Lewis, MA; Director of Community Health Policy

For updated information please go to:

<http://www.urmc.rochester.edu/cpm/CPMWebRounds.html>

Education News:

In this issue: Masters' Research Project Planning Timeline

Dear Masters' Students –

In order to give you the most helpful feedback possible in preparing your Master's Research Project in time for May graduation, and to be fair to the time demands put on the faculty to carefully review your work, you must have a 1st draft of your proposal to your Committee by **March 1st**.

This is what the overall timeline should look like:

Sept/Oct - identify a research topic, get approval from the Education Director, Nancy Chin, line up a committee - 1 Chair from the list in the DCPM Grad Handbook of approved chairs; a 2nd DCPM faculty member; a 3rd committee member from outside DCPM.

Oct/Nov - get a proposal draft to the committee; set a proposal presentation date with Sheila McCart; start your RSRB application.

Nov/Dec - Present proposal to DCPM and start data collection (if doing primary data collection) or start cleaning data if working on a secondary analysis of an already existing data set.

Jan/Feb - collect and analyze data; start writing.

March 1st – 1st draft to your committee. Note: early submissions before this deadline are welcomed.

March 15th – the committee should have comments back to you for revisions/edits/further work.

March 30th – 2nd draft to your committee.

April 7th -- the committee should have just a few further required changes.

April 15th – FINAL draft with committee sign-off in Pattie's office.

May – Graduation!!

Remember: the proposal, which is done in the Fall, already contains the project Research Question(s); Background and Significance; Lit review; Methods of data collection and analysis. Once the data is analyzed the student just has to write the Findings, Discussion/Conclusions.

If you miss the March 1st deadline you cannot graduate in May. However, you can continue to work on your project for submission to Pattie until August 15th without incurring any additional registration fees.

The same time rules apply: you must get a 1st draft of your research project paper to your committee 6 weeks before it is due into Pattie.

As soon as you get committee sign-off you can use your MPH or MS initials after your name. If you don't finish by August 15th, you'll have to enroll for the Fall semester and pay \$925.

Epidemiology:

Publications:

Adams MJ, Dozier A, Shore RE, Lipshultz SE, Schwartz RG, Constine LS, **Pearson TA**, Stovall M, Winters P, **Fisher SG**. Breast Cancer Risk 55+ Years after Irradiation for an Enlarged Thymus and Its Implications for Early Childhood Medical Irradiation Today. *Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev*. (In Press expected publication 1/2010). NIHMSID: NIHMS155994.

Lipshultz SE, **Adams MJ**. Cardiotoxicity after Childhood Cancer: Beginning With The End in Mind. *J Clin Oncol*. (Editorial) (In press as of Nov 2009)

Block RC, Tran BC, McIntosh S. Integrating the Chronic Care Model into a novel medical student course. *Health Education Journal*. In press.

Block RC, Corsetti J, Goldenberg I, Vorobiof G, McNitt S, Ryan D, Zareba W, Moss AJ. The common apolipoprotein A-1 polymorphism 75A>G is associated with ethnic differences in recurrent coronary events After recovery from an acute myocardial infarction. *Heart International*. 2009; volume 4:e8Hea

Goetz S, Mousa SS, **Block RC**, Mousa SA. Current status and future direction in the modulation of high density lipoprotein. *Drugs of the Future*. In press.

Block RC, Dorsey ER, Beck C, Brenna JT, Shoulson I. Altered cholesterol and fatty acid metabolism in Huntington disease. *Journal of Clinical Lipidology*. In press.

Cooper AR; **van Wijngaarden E; Fisher SG; Adams MJ; Yost MG; Bowman JD** "A population-based cohort study of occupational exposure to magnetic fields and cardiovascular disease mortality." *Annals of epidemiology*. 2009; 19(1):42-8.

Currier GW; **Fisher SG; Caine ED** "Mobile Crisis Team Intervention to Enhance Linkage of Discharged Suicidal Emergency Department Patients to Outpatient Psychiatric Services: A Randomized Controlled Trial." *Academic emergency medicine : official journal of the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine*. 2009; Epub 2009 Dec 15.

Presentations:

Elizabeth A Brownell, Cynthia R Howard, **Holly F Widanka**, Ruth A Lawrence, and **Ann M. Dozier**. "The Effect of Immediate Postpartum Depo Provera Receipt on Breastfeeding Duration" 15th Annual Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology (MCH EPI) Conference, December 9-11, 2009, at the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay hotel in Tampa, Florida.

Jones, CMC, Ossip, D, McIntosh, S, Chin, N, Doniger, AS, Klein, JD, Banerjee, P, Surace, A, Johnson, K, Riley, J (2009). Patterns of use and descriptive characteristics of adolescents who used GottaQuit.com: A real world one-on-one web-chat service for adolescent smoking cessation. Oral Presentation, American Public Health Association National Meeting and Exposition; Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs Section: Philadelphia, PA.

Rueckmann, E, **Jones, CMC**, Peters, D, Shah, MN (2009). Evolution of analgesia in EMS: A comparison of narcotic analgesia pre and post standing orders. Poster Presentation, American Public Health Association National Meeting and Exposition; Injury Control and Emergency Health Services Section: Philadelphia, PA.

Banerjee, P, **Jones, CMC** (2009). Chikungunya in India: A review of current research. Poster Presentation, American Public Health Association National Meeting and Exposition; International Health Section: Philadelphia, PA.

Social and Behavior Medicine:

Announcements:

Barb Suter, MPH attended the 15th Annual Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology Conference, December 9 – 11, 2009, Tampa, FL
Ann Dozier, PhD attended the following meetings; CTSA Consortium Evaluation Face to Face Mtg (10/09); APHA (11/09); American Evaluation Association (11/09); MCH EPI Conference - CDC (12/09)

Ralph Spezio, MS defended his thesis proposal

Deborah Ossip, PhD attended the European Network of Quitlines (CNQ)/North American Quitlines Consortium (NAQC) Research Group in November 2009 in Montreal, CANADA

Publications:

Hall, N., Hipple, B., Friebely, J., **Ossip, D.J.**, & Winickoff, J.P. Addressing family smoking in child healthcare settings. *Journal of Clinical Outcomes Management*. 16(8);(2009): 31-39.

Lando, H.A., Hipple, B., Muramoto, M., Klein, J.D., Prokhorov, A., **Ossip-Klein, D.**, Winickoff, J. (in press). Tobacco as a global pediatric disease. *Bulletin of the WHO*.

Presentations:

McIntosh S, Zale E & Ossip DJ (2009). Smoking Cessation Training and Implementation in Various Clinical Settings. Paper presented at the 43rd Annual Convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, November 19-22, 2009. New York, NY USA.

Jones, CMC, Ossip, D, McIntosh, S, Chin, N, Doniger, AS, Klein, JD, Banerjee, P, Surace, A, Johnson, K, Riley, J (2009). Patterns of use and descriptive characteristics of adolescents who used GottaQuit.com: A real world one-on-one web-chat service for adolescent smoking cessation. Oral Presentation, American Public Health Association National Meeting and Exposition; Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs Section: Philadelphia, PA.

Dozier, A, Brownell, E, Howard, C, Childs, C, Lawrence, R. Does the administration of epidural anesthesia influence breastfeeding duration or exclusivity?" at the Annual APHA Meeting, November 2009, Philadelphia, PA.

Dozier, A, Brownell, E, Howard, C, Childs, C, Lawrence, R. The Paradox of Workplace Re-entry and Breastfeeding" at the 15TH Annual Maternal And Child Health Epidemiology Conference, December 2009, Tampa, Florida

Posters:

Low income women: How they do, or do not, sustain breastfeeding November 11, 2009, APHA: **Nancy Chin, PhD; Ann M. Dozier, RN, PhD, Cynthia K. Childs, MFA, MPH and Holly Widanka, MS**

Health Policy and Outcomes Research:

Presentations:

James Dolan, MD presented a ½ day short-course at the 31st Annual Meeting of the Society for Medical Decision Making titled: Multicriteria Methods For Medical Decision Making, October 2009.

Noyes, Katia, PhD, MPH. "Unnatural" History: Modeling Disease Progression Using Observational Data at the Annual APHA Meeting, November 2009, Philadelphia, PA

Temkin-Greener, Helena, PhD. Do Work Environment Attributes Impact the Risk of Pressure Ulcers? Evidence from NYS at the Annual APHA Meeting, November 2009, Philadelphia, PA.

Yoo, Byung-Kwang, MD, MS, PhD. Does English Fluency Affect Ethnic Disparities in Influenza Vaccination Among the Medicare Elderly During Seasons with Vaccine Supply Problems. Annual APHA Meeting, November 2009, Philadelphia, PA.

Fan, Lin presented 'Prevalence and Incidence of Myocardial Infarction & Heart Failure: A Rural-Urban Comparison" at the Annual APHA Meeting, 11/09, Philadelphia, PA.

Posters:

A DECISION MODEL FOR FERTILITY PRESERVATION DECISIONS IN BREAST CANCER PATIENTS

Christine M. Duffy, MD, MPH, Brown University, Providence, RI, **James G. Dolan, MD**, the University of Rochester, Rochester, NY and Susan M. Allen, PhD, Brown University Medical School, Providence, RI

NCDHR:

A record number of 11 Deaf-focused abstracts from NCDHR were submitted to APHA this year. Five of these abstracts were prepared by members of the Deaf Health Community Committee (DHCC) and 6 by NCDHR faculty and researchers. The DHCC is a community partner of NCDHR. Six abstracts were accepted for presentations and/or poster sessions:

- **Deirdre A. Schlehofer, MPhil, EdD** and **Erika Sutter, MPH**, “Incidence and Consequences of Intimate Partner Violence Affecting Deaf Individuals” (Presentation)
- Jess Cuculick, MSW, MSSeD, EdD Candidate, “Involving Deaf persons as Researchers: Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Approach to Certifying Deaf Community” (Presentation)
- **Steven Barnett, MD**, “Odds of Self Reported Suicide Behaviors in Deaf and Hard of Hearing College Entering Adults” (Roundtable Discussion)
- Heidi Thompson (3rd Year Medical Student), “Deaf Health Pathway: Adding Health Promotion and Prevention Education to Unique Medical Humanities Curricula at the University of Rochester” (Poster) and “Obesity Education Video for the Deaf: A Collaborative Medical School and Community Project.” (Presentation)
- **Deirdre A. Schlehofer, MPhil, EdD** and **Steven Barnett, MD**, “Interactive Computerized Sign Language Health Survey for Deaf Adults: Interface Design and Functionality” (Poster)

Abstracts submitted to 12th Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) & 2nd Surveys on Patient Safety Culture (SOPS) User Group Meeting, April 19-21, 2010, Baltimore, MD.

- **Steven Barnett, MD**, “Deaf consumers’ healthcare experiences: The need for an accessible CAHPS”
- **Deirdre A. Schlehofer, MPhil, EdD**, “Sign Language CAHPS: Translation & adding deaf-related domains”
- **Erika Sutter, MPH**, “Sign Language CAHPS: Designing & evaluating a computer-based interface”

Matthew Starr, MPH submitted an abstract, “Reaching out to Deaf Americans during public emergencies via the Internet,” for SOPHE and Prevention Research Centers Program Joint 2010 Conference, “Advocate, Communicate and Translate to Enhance Research and Practice,” April 7-9, 2010 in Atlanta, GA.

Deirdre A. Schlehofer, M.Phil., EdD, submitted an abstract, “Identifying health disparities for deaf women,” to Women’s Health 2010: The 18th Annual Congress, Washington, D.C.

Deirdre A. Schlehofer, M.Phil., EdD, was elected to the Board of Directors of Rochester School for the Deaf in October 2009. She will serve on their two committees: Education and Outreach Center.

A story feature about NCDHR was posted on the CDC’s website (www.cdc.gov/prc - click on “Stories of Prevention Research”).

Since December 2008, 23,866 unique visitors from all 50 states of the United States and 123 foreign countries visited the NCDHR website (www.urmc.edu/ncdhr).

The chair of NCDHR’s External Advisory Committee, Dr. Alan Hurwitz, formerly President of National Technical Institute for the Deaf and Vice-President and Dean, RIT for NTID, now incoming President of Gallaudet University (Washington, D.C.) has called for the establishment of a blue ribbon task force from NTID, Gallaudet University and the University of Rochester Medical Center to explore how to enhance educational pipelines for Deaf and hard of hearing students in healthcare and health-related research. The EAC consists of 9 distinguished national leaders, healthcare professionals and researchers.

The Center for Community Health awarded two small grants to members of the DHCC: Jess Cuculick, MSW, MSSeD, EdD candidate (along with Dr. Nancy Chin) for focus group study of Deaf mothers’ experiences and knowledge of infant care and breastfeeding and to Mike McKee, MD (and 3 other DHCC members) to present 10 “Deaf Health Talks,” a presentation of various health topics in American Sign Language to the Deaf community.