

## *Embrace Your Future*

### Notes from the Program Director

Charles Doarn

Spring is here and the end of the semester is fast approaching. You should each be commended for your hard work during these tenuous times. Vaccines are becoming more widely available and we may see restrictions easing and life returning to a new normal. Nevertheless, the lessons from the pandemic will be seared into your MPH experience by illustrating all of the skills and competencies you have learned. Spring gives us eternal optimism that we continue to grow. Best of luck on your exams and final assignments. For those who are graduating this semester, congratulations!

### Social Justice and Determinants of Health Journal Club

The Department of Environmental and Public Health Sciences (DEPHS) and the MPH Program have partnered to establish a journal club as a venue to become better informed about social justice, equity, diversity, and determinants of public health. In addition to Drs. Ardythe Morrow and Michelle Burbage, the facilitators include Arthur Cobb (MPH-Epidemiology) and Shannon Conrey and Dani McBride, both PhD candidates in epidemiology. Please visit our Program website under 'Current Students' for more information or contact Dr. Burbage ([burbagml@ucmail.uc.edu](mailto:burbagml@ucmail.uc.edu)).

### Kentucky Public Health Association

The 2021 Kentucky Public Health Association (KPHA) will hold its annual event virtually on April 21-22, 2021



It is not too late to submit a poster. If you have an interest in participating in our Program's virtual booth, please let Professor Doarn know.

### Ohio Public Health Combined Conference

The Combined Public Health Conference will be hosted virtually by the Ohio Public Health Association on April 16, 2021. Posters will be displayed from April 16-23, 2021. Abstracts are due on March 31, 2021 by 11:00p.m.



### Website Updates

During this semester, Angie Glankler set out to update our Program's website. This site is full of useful information, including the MPH student handbook, required forms for practicum and capstone registration, and most recently added, a comprehensive list of sites you might consider for both practicum and capstone. Please visit and review the site. If there is something regarding our Program and you cannot find it, please let Angie or Professor Doarn know. <https://med.uc.edu/depart/ch/divisions/public-health/home>

### Student Advising

If you are having issues or challenges with course work, please reach out to your concentration director or secondary advisor – Drs. Burbage or Nolan, and Professor Doarn. As always, programmatic questions can be addressed by Professor Doarn and/or our program staff, Ms. Angie Glankler and Ms. Rachel Myer.

### Semester Seminars

If you are enrolled in PH7001, you must attend all DEPHS Wednesday seminars. If you cannot attend, please follow the directions as outlined in Canvas for the course. For all students who have not started their Applied Practical Experience (APE) or Practicum, you must attend the 3 Public Health-focused seminars, held on Wednesday's at 10:00. If you cannot attend due to a scheduling conflict, you must submit a 1-page summary to Professor Doarn for these 3 seminars only. All seminars are via WebEx and are recorded. The 3 required seminars for Spring 2021 are:

- January 13 - Charles Doarn, MBA
- February 10 - Ashley Merianos, PhD
- April 7 - Odell Owens, MD, MPH (National Public Health Week)

### Practicum and Capstone Coordination

On April 23, those students enrolled in their Practicum/Capstone/Thesis projects will present their final work. Required forms and dates can be found on Canvas for the appropriate course(s) you are enrolled in. This semester, we will conduct our traditional end of semester seminar via WebEx. Please review the instructions Professor Doarn provided. If you have any questions, please contact him directly.

# MPH Program Newsletter

## Gamma Rho – UC's Chapter of Delta Omega



Gamma Rho is responsible for coordinating the activities for Public Health Week (April 4-7). There are three new inductees:

Justin Chon (MPH-Health Education & Promotion)  
Danya Shah (MPH-Global Health)  
Rachel Toth (MPH-Global Health)

Election of new officers for 2021-2022 will be occurring soon.

On March 20, four Gamma Rho participants participated in an environmental justice event, which included removing invasive species of plants and planting new trees. Our team planted 20 trees!



If you would like more information on Gamma Rho or would like to get involved, please contact

[deltaomega.gammarho@gmail.com](mailto:deltaomega.gammarho@gmail.com).

## Upcoming Events and Important Dates

The following dates are important for the remainder of the semester (\*WebEx)

- Reading Day – Mar. 24 – No Classes
- Seminar – April 7, (National Public Health Week) Keynote address by Dr. Odell Owens followed by a student led question and answer period
- Mini Public Health Seminar – April 23\*
- Finals Week – April 22-27

## Alumni Corner

We are proud of our alumni and the accomplishments that they make after they graduate.

It was recently announced that Christine O'Dea, MD, MPH (MPH-HSM, 19FS) was named the Robert and Myfanwy Smith Professor in UC's Department of Family and Community Medicine. Dr. Smith is recognized as one of the founders of family medicine in the United States.

## Faculty Corner

The MPH faculty bring a broad knowledge base to our curriculum. On April 1, 2021, Dr. Michelle Burbage will begin serving as the co-leader of the Community Engagement Core in the Center for Environmental Genetics. Professor Doarn was recently asked by the Vice President of Research to lend his expertise in program

management as the inaugural director of UC's Space Research Institute for Discovery and Exploration. This role is part-time collaboration with various colleges within UC's academic ecosystem and is related to JobsOhio.

Several of the MPH faculty have been working with the College of Medicine in developing an MD-MPH program. This program was recently approved by UC's Academic Counsel. The program is linked to the MPH Program and the initial student cohort will work closely with Dr. Whitney Bryant, who will serve as the MD-MPH Program Director, and Professor Doarn and Angie Glankler.

## International Experience Opportunities

If you have an interest in an international experience, UC has several opportunities. Dr. Christine O'Dea leads groups to Guatemala and often MPH students join these trips. A separate flier was sent out to all students. A second opportunity is with Village Life Outreach. Under the direction of Dr. Christopher Lewis, students have the opportunity to travel to Tanzania. For additional information on Tanzania, please contact Professor Doarn.

## Publications

Our faculty and students are often involved in publishing papers. Here are a few recent publications

1. Doarn CR, Polk JD, Grigoriev, Comtois J-M, et al. Framework for Multinational Medical Support for International Space Station: A Model for Exploration. *Aerosp Med Human Perf.* 2021;92(2):129-34.
2. Nolan RD. Transgender and gender non-conforming bereavement (TGNC): A case study on complicated grief experienced and the effect of partner suicide on interpersonal relationships and subsequent partnerships of the bereaved. *Death Stud.* 2020;44(8):521-30.
3. Wang JC, Elson NC, Epperson MV, Doarn CR, Altaye M, Tabangin ME, Patil YJ\*. A Report on the Use of Telehealth in Otolaryngology – A Pilot Study Pre COVID-19 Era. *Telemed J E Health.* 2021; *In Press*

\*UC MPH graduate.

## Fleece Pullovers

Fleece pullovers are available for sale for \$25.00. Please make your check out to the University of Cincinnati and in the memo line add 'MPH Fleece'. When the time is right, please see Professor Doarn.

The MPH newsletter is written and distributed twice a semester. If you have an interesting story to share or important news, please contact Professor Doarn.

