Embrace Your Future

Notes from the Program Director
Charles Doarn

Welcome to Spring Semester 2022 and to our MPH Program. We are delighted you have chosen to pursue your MPH degree with us here at UC. We are committed to providing you a worthwhile and engaging experience. As part of our growing program, you will enjoy time in the classroom, albeit in masks and social distancing and interactions with an amazing faculty. I cannot stress enough the importance of public health and the growing evidence base we have at our disposal! The faculty and staff remain fully engaged to prepare you for careers in public health. Please let Angie Glankler or I know if you have any challenges this semester. There is a lot to do before April rolls around, so keep at it, review the calendar from time to time and best of luck.

Congrats to our FS21 Grads!

This past Fall semester the following students earned their MPH degree:
- Sihame Amlal (EPI)
- Shazia Iqbal – (HEHP)
- Robert Braun – (EPI)
- Alexandre Rizkallah – (HSM)
- Menna Elkholi – (HEHP)
- Kerrigan Stuller – (HEHP)
- Andrew Ferguson – (EPI)
- Holly Wanek –(HEHP)
- Sydney Hineline – (HSM)

Congratulations to these individuals!!

Racism as a Public Health Priority

The Department of Environmental and Public Health Sciences (DEPHS) has a ‘Social Justice & Public Health Special Interest Group’ that meets several times during the semester to discuss topics related to social justice, equity, and diversity in public health.

Meetings consist of guest speakers, movies, articles, and discussions on current events. Details will follow from Dr. Michelle Burbage. Email Dr. Burbage at burbagml@ucmail.uc.edu if you have any questions.

Access to Information!

All the information and forms you need to successfully complete your MPH degree can be found on our program website - https://med.uc.edu/depart/eh/divisions/public-health/home. Before you ask questions, check the website or your student handbook.

Awards

The MPH Program has several awards each semester. These include scholarships, fellowships, academic achievement awards, and best presenter awards. The awardees for FS21 are:

Best presenters at the Mini Public Health Seminars
- Maame-Saa Arko (HEHP)
- Rachel Toth (GH)
- Holly Wanek (HEHP)

Academic Achievement Awards
- Nisha Sheshashayee (BIO)
- Sarah Fitzpatrick (EPH)
- Allison Jones (EPI)
- Rachel Toth (GH)
- Amber Khan (HSM)

James O’Reilly Scholarships
- Menna Elkholi (HEHP)
- Rachel Kombo (GH)

Dwight Tillery Training Fellowship
- Danya Shah (GH)
- Maame-Saa Arko (HEHP)

Student Advising

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

Semester Seminars

If you are enrolled in PH7001, you must attend all DEPHS Wednesday seminars (at 10:00 am in Kehoe). If you cannot attend, please follow the directions as outlined in Canvas for that course. All MPH students, who have not started their Applied Practical Experience (APE) or Practicum, must attend the 3 Public Health-focused seminars in one semester. 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 in person and are recorded. You are encouraged to attend all of them regardless of your status due to the nature of the subject.

MPH Spring Semester 2022 required Wednesday Seminars:

- February 2 – Camille Jones, MD
- March 2 – Eunice Varughese, PhD
- April 6 – Public Health Week (Gamma Rho Hosting)

Practicum and Capstone Coordination

On Friday April 22, 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 in person. Please review the instructions Professor Doarn provided. If you have any questions, please contact him directly. Volunteer requirements, you must complete 20 hours of volunteer time before you can apply for your practicum. Gamma Rho is an excellent opportunity for earning hours. The ‘volunteer form’ can be found on the MPH Program website.

Gamma Rho – UC’s Chapter of Delta Omega

Election of new officers for 2022-2023 will be occurring soon.

If you would like more information on Gamma Rho or would like to get involved, please contact deltaomega.gammarho@gmail.com.

Francisco Javier de la Garza Iga – President*
Danya Shah – Vice President
Allison Jones – Service Chair*
Christopher Johnson – Secretary
Serena Kaul – Social Chair*
Rachel Toth – Communication Chair
Kuljeet Kaur – Treasurer*

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

The following dates are important for the remainder of the semester

- February 2 – Seminar MPH required
- February 15 - Application deadline for graduation
- March 2 – Seminar MPH required
- Spring Break – March 14 – 18 (No Class)
- March 21 – Submission of Thesis deadline (ETDs)
- April 4-8 – Public Health Week
- April 6 – Seminar MPH required
- April 22 – End of Semester Mini PH Seminar

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 is available. A second opportunity is with Village Life Outreach, which is under the direction of Dr. Christopher Lewis, students have the opportunity to travel to Tanzania. For additional information on Tanzania, please contact Professor Doarn.

Alumni News

Upon graduation, our alumni are being employed by a wide variety of employers, including Cincinnati Children’s Hospital, NIOSH, University of Cincinnati and/or UC Health, Bons Secour Mercy Health, Indian Health Service, other academic institutions in the US, and Medpace. If you have news about your career development, please send us a note.

Publications

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


*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.


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