Notes from the Program Director
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Welcome back to our returning MPH students. For our 10 new MPH students, welcome to your first semester of the MPH Program! On behalf of the entire MPH faculty, I want to wish you all a successful semester. We have reached a milestone in our program. We are celebrating our 10th anniversary. Thank you all for being a part of our program.

Congratulations to our Recent Graduates

The following students graduated in December 2018. Congratulations to each of them for their outstanding achievements.

- Joshua Baugh – Global Health*
- Claire Enow – Environmental Public Health
- Sydney Martin – Epidemiology
- Sean Maynor – Epidemiology
- Stella Protopapas – Epidemiology
- Umesh Singh – Biostatistics
- Aurelia Syngkon – Biostatistics
- Tianyi Wang – Biostatistics

*Our first Global Health graduate!!

Boldly Bearcat – 200 Years and Counting

This is UC’s bicentennial year. To find out more and get involved in the celebration visit https://200.uc.edu/get-involved.html. It has never been a greater time to be a Bearcat!

Practicum and Capstone Coordination

It is never too early to begin planning for your culminating experience. Dr. Vuong is the person you must see to coordinate your plan. It is also important to meet with your committee chair to ensure you are meeting important deadlines and seek help/answers to your questions. For students planning to complete practicum and/or capstone projects in Spring 2019, be sure to turn in signed registration request forms, which can be found on the MPH Student Resources webpage.

Final presentations are scheduled for April 26. Dr. Vuong will be sending out a schedule. Please plan on attending and help us all recognize this academic achievement.

Gamma Rho – UC’s Chapter of Delta Omega

Gamma Rho has been busy during this academic year. They participated in several volunteer activities and held a fundraiser. The doughnuts were really good!!

Gamma Rho Officers for 2018-2019 are:
- President: Sihame Amlal
- Vice President: Nina Kulkarni
- Secretary: Siva Sathya Tejeswini (TJ)
- Treasurer: Anna Klunk
- Community Chair: Brittany Hurst
- Social Chair: Katie Santanello
- Communication Chair: Neha Malhotra

Figure 1. MPH students with Dr. Ho.

Figure 2. Community service project
Gamma Rho will be coordinating the events of Public Health Week, April 1-5.

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

Upcoming Events

Throughout the semester there are several important dates to remember and events that will add value to your educational experience. Attendance is mandatory for all MPH students.

MPH Seminars (Kowalewski Hall 140)
February 6 10a – 11a – Patrick Ryan, PhD
April 3 10a – 11a – National Public Health Week – more information to follow.

MPH Student Practicum and Culminating Experience Seminar
April 26, time and location TBD

MPH Mini Public Health Conference
April 26, time and location TBD

Holidays
Martin Luther King Day – January 21
Spring Break March 18-24

Scholarship Opportunities

There are several scholarship opportunities for our MPH students. These include (1) the James O’Reilly International Scholarship and (2) the Dwight Tillery Fellowship Program. If you are interested in these for the Spring semester 2019, please contact Professors O’Reilly and Doarn.

Alumni Corner

We are proud of our alumni and from time-to-time they share some wonderful news.

Tammy K. Mentzel, MPH (2015) was recently appointed as the Assistant Director, Program and Projects for the Cincinnati Cancer Center. Congratulations Tammy!!

Maria Nakafero, MPH (2015) was the first recipient of the James O’Reilly International Scholarship. Upon graduation, Maria returned to Uganda where she is serving in variety of roles in global and public health in her native country.

Faculty Corner

Professor Tim Ingram was recently interviewed on CBS News on the opioid overdose issues in Hamilton County. The December 17 story can be observed at https://www.cbsnews.com/news/opioid-overdose-deaths-plunge-31-percent-ohio-hamilton-county-free-narcan/

The MPH faculty bring a broad knowledge base to our curriculum and we look forward to adding new faculty in the 2019 to share their experiences with each of our MPH students.

Note from the Editor

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 at charles.doarn@uc.edu.