Notes from the Program Director
Charles Doarn

Welcome back to UC and to our MPH Program. A lot has changed in the past several months. I was appointed as the new MPH Program Director. Dr. Glenn Talaska was appointed interim chair of the Department of Environmental Health and interim chair of our division, Public Health Sciences. We are also delighted to report that we have successfully recruited Dr. Rachael Nolan from Kent State. She joined the faculty in August. Our efforts continue in faculty recruitment to enhance our growing program. Best of luck this semester!

New Faculty

Rachael Nolan, PhD joins our faculty in Health Services Management with an excellent background in teaching and research in vulnerable populations. We are excited about her joining our team. If you have not done so yet, please stop by and say hello. Dr. Nolan can be reached at rachael.nolan@uc.edu.

Congrats to Summer Grads!

This past summer we graduated five students. These are
- Caitlin Desjardins (Epidemiology) 
- Nimarpreet Sekhon (Epidemiology) 
- Varsha Chowdary Yarra (Epidemiology) 
- Katelyn Goettemoeller (Health Services Management) 
- Alex Fist (Health Education/Health Promotion)

Congratulations to these individuals!!

New Fleece Pullovers

The MPH Program now has its own fleece pullover. Katie Santanello has worked diligently to get the order set up. The image to the right will appear on the left side. The individual cost is not too bad, approximately $25. If you have not done so yet, please see Katie to order yours!

Practicum and Capstone Coordination

Professor Doarn is the person you must see to coordinate your plans of the practicum and culminating experience. 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 Fall 2019, be sure to meet with Professor Doarn if you have any questions and to ensure all prerequisites are satisfied. Also, please do not delay in submitting the various forms in a timely matter. There is workshop scheduled for September 27 in G17 @ 11:15a.

Final presentations are scheduled for December 6, 2019, 9-11 AM. More details will follow in the next newsletter. 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 participate in several volunteer activities. Gamma Rho activities are an excellent way to earn service credit hours, which every MPH student must have!

Gamma Rho is recruiting new members and new officers. Additional information to follow from the officers.

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.

Practicum and Culminating Experience Information Session
September 27, 2019 @ 11:15 – 12:30 – G17

Safe Zone Training
October 1, 2019 -12:00-2:00 – Kehoe Auditorium
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MPH Seminars
September 25, 2019 – Sihartha Deka
November 6, 2019 – Thomas Wilson, PhD

MPH Mini Public Health Seminar & Student Practicum and Culminating Experience Seminar
December 6, 2019 - 1:00, TBD rooms in Kettering
Student Presentation 9:00 – 11:00 (details soon)
Keynote Speaker – TBD 11:15 – 12:00
Lunch, Poster Presentations and Awards Ceremony – 12:00 – 1:00

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. The following students were recognized for their achievements:

James O’Reilly International Scholarship
- Sandra Amegbor

Dwight Tillery Fellowship
- Jane Hils – New Student Award for Achievements in Improving Health Disparities
- Priya Joshi – Tillery Practicum and Capstone Fellowships
- Nnenna Ifenayi – Training Fellowship

For more information on these opportunities visit the MPH Program website.

Alumni Corner

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

Mohammed Elzarka, MPH (SS2019) will present his work at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Expo in November in Philadelphia. His work is based on his MPH thesis and the abstract is entitled “Mental Health in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Situational Assessment and Policy Recommendations” it is scheduled to be presented at the "International Health Poster Session - Mental Health and NCDs session. The poster also includes Professor Doarn and Dr. Liza Murrison as coauthors.

Faculty Corner

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.

As our recruiting efforts move forward, students and faculty will have an opportunity to meet the candidates and attend their lectures. Be on the lookout for upcoming visits.

Note from the Editor

On behalf of our faculty and alumni, I extend our thanks and appreciation to Dr. Jun Ying for his stewardship of our program these past several years.

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.

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