Embrace Your Future

Notes from the Program Director
Charles Doarn

It is hard to believe the fall semester is winding down. Over the next few weeks all of those assignments and exams will be on your mind. While it is crunch time, keep in mind we are here to help. So, do not hesitate to ask for guidance! On behalf of all the faculty, I wish you the best as you finish up this semester. For those who are weeks away from graduation, congratulations on a job well done.

Staff News

If you did not know by now, Angie Riall (Glankler) our program manager, recently got married on November 2. Congratulations to her and her new husband on this awesome event!

Practicum and Capstone Coordination

As the semester closes out, we will have a mini public health seminar on Friday, December 6. We have 35 students completing their practicum or culminating experience this semester. A schedule for the seminar was distributed to all MPH students and faculty on November 18.

If you have not done so already, make sure you have transmitted all forms to Professor Doarn. When making your final presentation, make sure you address the MPH core competencies and those of your concentration. In addition, please make sure you have signatures from your chair and committee members for the final capstone or thesis documents.

Should you have any questions before December 6, please be sure to meet with Professor Doarn.

Gamma Rho – UC’s Chapter of Delta Omega

Gamma Rho activities are an excellent way to earn service credit hours, which every MPH student must have! It also a great way to meet and interact with other MPH students.

During this semester, Gamma Rho has participated in several volunteer activities. The photo inset below is of several members who participated in a volunteer event with Prepare Affair. This involved raking leaves at three local houses, each assigned by Prepare Affair. The residents were very pleased and appreciated the hard work by these students!

Remember you need to 20 hours before you can begin your practicum; and events like this are a great way to earn required volunteer hours.

Gamma Rho has recruited new members and new officers. The following are new members:

David C. Cady
Arthur Cobb*
Rachel Laxton**
Swairah Rehman
Sydney Kairee Taylor

*Incoming President – Arthur Cobb
**Community Chair – Rachel Laxton

All current members and officers will be recognized on December 6.

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 to all of these events is mandatory for all MPH students. There were three required MPH-specific seminars. If you were unable to attend, you must review the video recordings of the speakers and provide a write up on each to Professor Doarn.

The three seminars were (1) August 28 – Mitchell and Borgman, (2) September 25 – Deka, and (3) November 6 – Doarn.

**MPH Mini Public Health Seminar & Student Practicum and Culminating Experience Seminar**

December 6, 2019
- Student Presentation 9:00 – 11:30
- Keynote Speaker – Renee Harris 11:30 – 12:00
- Awards Ceremony – 12:00 – 12:15
- Graduation – December 14, 2019

**Scholarship Opportunities**

There are two scholarship opportunities for our MPH students. These include (1) the James O’Reilly International Scholarship and (2) the Dwight Tillery Fellowship Program. Should you have an interest in applying for spring semester, please review the requirements on the MPH home page.

Awardees of these two opportunities in the fall semester will be recognized on December 6.

**Alumni Corner**

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

Carolyn Hensley, MPH is a fourth-year medical student here at UC. She has been one of several UC medical students who have helped lead the development of the free medical clinic at the Healing Center in Springdale, Ohio. Carolyn’s interest in providing healthcare services to individuals without insurance was inspired during her time as one of our MPH students.

Mohammed Elzarka, MPH presented his work entitled “Mental Health in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Situational Assessment and Policy Recommendations at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Expo in November in Philadelphia.

**Faculty Corner**

The MPH faculty bring a broad knowledge base to our curriculum and we look forward to adding new faculty in the 2020 to share their experiences with each of our MPH students.

Beginning in the spring semester 2020, Dr. Rachael Nolan will serve as the concentration director for Health Services Management. Professor O’Reilly will continue to teach and serve as an advisor.

Dr. Nolan attended the APHA meeting in Philadelphia where she gave an oral presentation on poor quality of sleep, substance use, and depression among undergraduate students from colleges located in the NE United States.

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.

**New Fleece Pullovers**

Beginning in the fall semester 2019, MPH students, faculty, and alumni had the opportunity to purchase a fleece pullover with The MPH Program on it (see inset). This was made possible by Katie Santanello. Beginning in the spring semester, Professor Doarn will have a stock of these available for purchase. The individual cost is not too bad, approximately $25. If you wish to purchase one, please see Professor Doarn.

If you ordered one in the fall and have not yet picked yours up, please see Professor Doarn.