Notes from the Program Director
Jun Ying, PhD

We are sadden by the announcement of our Department Chair’s departure but are extremely gratified for her continued support of our MPH Program. We wish Dr. Ho the best as she embarks on a new chapter.

As the semester begins to wind down in the coming weeks, the faculty and staff extend our best wishes to you as you prepare for exams. For those who will be graduating in May, we congratulate you on a job well done.

Kentucky Public Health Association Conference

Our MPH students, Binglun Yu and Colleen O’Connor volunteered at the 2019 Kentucky Public Health Association conference in Covington.

In addition, the following MPH students had poster presentations:

Jessica Liu – “Prescribed opioid overdose and death among Ohio injured workers”*

Phillip Rocci – “Analyzing change in educational outcomes among individuals exposed to video-based opioid overdose prevention programs in southern Ohio correctional facilities”

Leah Grinshpun – “Addressing the State of Ukrainian Public Health: An Investigation of Healthcare Policy, Administration, and Delivery and a Strategic Plan for Improvement”

Ethan Elshoff – “A Methodology for Identifying and Implementing Revenue Cycle Solutions for Healthcare Networks”

Mohamed Elzarka – “Mental Health in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Situational Assessment and Policy Recommendations.”**

*Also presented at NIOSH Manufacturing Meeting – March 2019

**Also accepted for presentation at American Public Health Association (APHA) 2019 Annual Meeting, Philadelphia

Practicum and Capstone Coordination

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 Summer 2019, be sure to meet with Dr. Vuong if you have any questions and to ensure all prerequisites are satisfied.

Final presentations are scheduled for April 26, 9-11 AM. 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. Gamma Rho activities are an excellent way to earn service credit hours.

Gamma Rho inducted 21 students this semester. They are:

Sihame Amlal
Sara Baker
Robert Braun
Nubi Colussi
Emma Costello
Vincent Dindia
Brittany Hurst
Rohit Kalvakunta
Ann Klunk
Devin Knuston
Nina Kulkarni
Jessica Liu
Neha Malhotra
Mary O’connor
Hope Palalay
Katie Santanello
Tejeswini Siva Sathyra
Pratima Ramesh Shanbhag
Raven Tentman
Maida Tiwana
Bhargya Vernuri

Gamma Rho participates in a number of activities including volunteer work and social activities (R.P. McMurphys)
Gamma Rho will be coordinating the events of Public Health Week, April 1-5. The schedule of events are -

April 1 – Information Booth (Tangeman University Center and Care/Crawley) – 11:00-2:00
April 2 – Assembling kits – Kettering G23 – 9:00 – 3:00
April 3 – Speaker and Panel Discussion – Kowalewski 140 10:00 – 12:00
April 4 – Gathering at the Kingsgate – 6:00 PM

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)

Panel Discussion –
Robert Kirkcaldy, MD, MPH
Carolette Norwood, PhD
Eric Washington
Jason Blackard, PhD
Tavon Hall

**MPH Mini Public Health Seminar & Student Practicum and Culminating Experience Seminar**
April 26, 9-1:00, 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

Spring 2019 Awardees

Sandra Amegbor – James O’Reilly International Scholarship for Spring 2019
Nina Kulkarni – International Travel Award for her participation in a trip to Guatemala.

Alumni Corner

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

Aurelia Synkgon, PhD, MPH (FS 2018) recently became a medical writer for Medpace here in Cincinnati.

Faculty Corner

Professor Doarn was recently notified that his paper “Development and Validation of Telemedicine for Disaster Response: The NATO Multinational System” was selected as the best paper of 2018 for the Telemedicine and e-Health Journal. He and his coauthors will be recognized on April 14, 2019 in New Orleans.

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

The MPH newsletter is written and distributed twice a semester. If you have an interesting story to share or important news, please contact Professor Charles Doarn at charles.doarn@uc.edu.