Embrace Your Future

Notes from the Program Director
Charles Doarn

Welcome to Spring Semester 2020. Whether you are returning or you are a new student, we are delighted to have you in our program, and we welcome you to the University of Cincinnati (UC). It will be a busy semester and the MPH faculty and I will do everything we can to keep you informed and successful in pursuit of your degree. As always, my door is always open. It is also important to note, pending the UC Board of Trustees, the Department of Environmental Health will become the Department of Environmental and Public Health Sciences sometime this spring.

Best of luck this semester!

Congrats to Fall 2019 Grads!
This past summer we graduated 13 students. These are

Shivani Bhatt (HSM) Mangaya Kposowa (HEP)
Nubia Colussi (HSM) Jessica Liu (BIO)
Emma Costello (HEP) Hope Palalay (EPI)
Vincent Dindia (HSM) Christine O’Dea, MD (HSM)
Priya Joshi (EPI) Katie Santanello (EPI)
Anna Klunk (EPI) Raven Tentman (EPI)
Nina Kulkarni (GH)

Congratulations to these individuals!!

Staff News
Our program is supported by outstanding graduate coordinators – Ms. Angie Glankler and Ms. Rachael Myer. Angie is the best person to help you navigate the complexities of our graduate programs.

Semester Seminars
Each semester, the Department holds a seminar on Wednesday morning from 10:00 – 11:00. Our MPH Program is responsible for three of these events. On January 29, 2020, Thomas Wilson, PhD, DrPH gave an excellent lecture on his personal reflections on his training in public health.

Practicum and Capstone Coordination
Many of you are engaged in your Practicum and Culminating Experience (Capstone I/II). Professor Doarn is the faculty member who coordinates these two efforts. While you have all registered for your course(s), there are specific guidelines and processes that must be followed. On Friday, February 7, Professor Doarn will hold a one-hour seminar. A separate notification provides the details. This session is mandatory.

As the semester winds down, you will be responsible for presenting you final Practicum and Capstone projects. Our mini Public Health Seminar will be held on Friday, April 24. Additional information will be provided in early April.

Gamma Rho – UC’s Chapter of Delta Omega
Delta Omega is an honorary organization for MPH Students. UC’s chapter is Gamma Rho, which is led by your fellow students. Gamma Rho activities are an excellent way to earn service credits, which every MPH student must have! It is also a great way to meet and interact with other MPH students. Throughout the semester, Gamma Rho will have volunteer activities. Our chapter leadership will communicate these to you.

The new officers are Arthur Cobb (president) and Rachel Laxton (community chair). Membership and leadership positions are open. Please contact Arthur Cobb.

All new members will be recognized with a certificate from Delta Omega at mini public health seminar on April 24.

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 events is mandatory for 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.
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- The three seminars are (1) January 29 – Thomas Wilson, (2) Keith King, and (3) April 8 – Public Health Week.
- Spring Break – March 16-20, 2020
- Kentucky Public Health Association Meeting – April 22 – 24
- April 24, 2020 - MPH Mini Public Health Seminar & Student Practicum and Culminating Experience Seminar

Kentucky Public Health Association
The 2020 Kentucky Public Health Association (KPHA) will be held April 22-24 at the Covington Convention Center. If you are interested in submitting a poster and attending, please see Professor Doarn. UC students are eligible for scholarships. Please visit www.kpha-ky.org/Scholarships.aspx.

Last year one of our MPH graduates received an award for her poster. This venue is a great opportunity to learn from others and further explore public health careers.

Ohio Public Health Association News
Visit www.ohiopha.org to learn more about public health issues and opportunities in Ohio and throughout our region (#5 Great Lakes Public Health Coalition).

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.

In addition, the MPH Program has an Academic Achievement Award presented by the Department of Environmental Health Chair, Dr. Glenn Talaska. The awardee is chosen by the concentration director based solely on academics. The fall semester 2019 awardees, recognized on December 6, 2019 were

- Jessica Liu (BIO)
- Brittany Hurst (EPH)
- Sara Baker (EPI)
- Shanna Stryker (GH)
- Lauren Thompson (HSM)

Alumni Corner
We are proud of our alumni and from time-to-time, they share some wonderful news. So, for all those alumni out there please share your stories and accomplishments with us.

Faculty Corner
The MPH faculty bring a broad knowledge base to our curriculum. The faculty come from a wide background both intramurally and extramurally of UC. In the coming months, the MPH core faculty will add new members.

The UC Graduate School recently approved the College of Medicine and College of Nursing’s joint Telehealth Certificate Program. This program consists of four graduate courses, two from each college. Professor Doarn is the program director of this effort. The anticipated start date is FS2020.

Transition to Canvas
Beginning in the Summer Semester 2020, UC will transition away from BlackBoard and begin to utilize Canvas.

New Fleece Pullovers
In the Fall of 2019, we had fleece pullovers created. These are available for sale for $24.00. Please make your check out to the University of Cincinnati and in the memo line add ‘MPH Fleece’. 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 at charles.doarn@uc.edu.