Embrace Your Future

Notes from the Program Director
Charles Doarn

Welcome back from our extended spring break. Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic and the imposition of social distancing, you will all be taking the rest of you Spring Semester 20 classes via distance learning. The faculty and staff remain fully engaged, albeit from a distance. While you have no doubt received lots of messages about the current plans, please let me or Angie know if you have any challenges with the remainder of this semester. There is a lot to do before April 24, so keep at it and best of luck.

It is also important to note, that our department’s name has officially changed to the Department of Environmental and Public Health Sciences.

I also want you to be aware of the significance public health is to our community as we see it being played out every day world-wide.

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. They can both be reached by e-mail for the remainder of the semester. Ms. Glankler can also be reached by phone (513-558-5777).

Semester Seminars

While the departmental seminars have been discontinued for the remainder of the semester, the two Public Health seminars with Dr. Wilson and Dr. King that have already occurred still need to be summarized by all students who were not able to attend. Please send Professor Doarn a one-page summary of those seminars before the end of the semester, April 24, 2020.

Practicum and Capstone Coordination

As the semester winds down, those students enrolled in their Practicum and Capstone projects must present their final work. A separate e-mail was sent out on March 25 highlighting ALL required tasks. This semester, we will not have our traditional end of semester seminar. Please review the instructions Professor Doarn sent on March 25. If you have any questions, please contact him directly.

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 has conducted several volunteer activities.

Current officers include:
- Arthur Cobb – President
- Rachel Laxton – Community Chair
- Molly Leshner – Secretary
- Megan Meyers – Social Chair
- Connessha Oatts – Communication Chair

Gamma Rho has been very busy this semester. Aside from various community volunteer activities, they held a bake sale in early March – all homemade items and most importantly, the officers were putting together a wonderful program for Public Health Week. While their efforts did not come to fruition, please congratulate them on the hard work they put into the planning of this week and the events that were to take place.

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

Upcoming Events

The following dates are important for the remainder of the semester
- Seminars summary for Drs. Thomas Wilson and Keith King are due no later than April 24, 2020.
- Practicum and Capstone video recordings due April 23, 2020
- Finals Week – April 27 – May 1, 2020
Kentucky Public Health Association

The 2020 Kentucky Public Health Association (KPHA) to be held April 22-24 at the Covington Convention Center was cancelled.

However, Bingun Lu submitted an abstract, which was accepted. The abstract was entitled ‘Mortality Analysis and Leading Cause of Death in Cincinnati’. Ms. Lu submitted this with Professor’s Doarn and Ying.

Public Health Combined Conference

While this conference, scheduled for May 5, has also been cancelled. Lisa Littner’s abstract was accepted. It was entitled ‘Health for Hemophilia: A Video-based obesity prevention intervention rooted in the social cognitive theory.’

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.

Dwight Tiller Fellowship – Rohit Kalvakunta

In addition, the MPH Program has an Academic Achievement Award presented by the Department of Environmental and Public Health Sciences Chair, Dr. Glenn Talaska. The awardee is chosen by the concentration director based solely on academics.

Spring Semester Awardees will be notified April 17, 2020.

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. Dr. Michelle Burbage will join the MPH faculty on May 1, 2020. Please welcome her to our faculty.

Transition to Canvas

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

https://www.uc.edu/cetl/canvas.html

New Fleece Pullovers

Fleece pullovers 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’. When the time is right, 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.

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