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SPH News:

[Drexel SPH Now Offering M.S. in Biostatistics Degree](#)

The Drexel University School of Public Health now offers a Masters of Science Degree in Biostatistics starting in the Fall 2008 term. The full-time, two-year M.S. program is designed to prepare students to make immediate contributions to the biomedical research field. Applications for the fall 2008 term are being accepted up to June 1, 2008.

As a fully-accredited school of public health, Drexel features nationally and internationally recognized faculty housed in a national research university recognized for its use of technology, small class size, and individual attention from faculty members. In keeping with Drexel University's tradition of practice-based education, the program also features a practicum research experience based in a public health or biomedical setting.

"At Drexel, you don't just learn it, you live it," said Craig J. Newschaffer, a professor and chair of the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the Drexel University School of Public Health. "An M.S. degree in Biostatistics is highly marketable and in demand. New research approaches and technologies generate complex data, which is now creating exciting new opportunities for those capable of managing and analyzing these datasets."

The Drexel University School of Public Health now offers seven degree programs – including fulltime, doctoral and executive (weekend) tracks – and an epidemiology certificate program. [More....](#)

Prof. Chilton Chairs "Food Insecurity" Seminar



[Asst. Professor Mariana Chilton, PhD, MPH](#), chaired a seminar "**Hunger in Philadelphia? Evidence of Food Insecurity in the Midst of an Obesity Epidemic**" at the University of Pennsylvania on March 4.

The seminar was sponsored by the University's Center for Public Health Initiatives, which hosts a Public Health Research in Action Speakers Series.

Dr. Chilton addressed work and research done by [The Philadelphia GROW Project](#), a Center at the Drexel School of Public Health. "Food insecurity is bad for health, bad for development."

Dr. Chilton also mentioned the need for raising food stamp allotments, and related work on the Congressional Farm Bill, now due to expire on April 15.

Students Win APHA "What is Public Health" Grants

Two groups of students from the Drexel University School of Public Health were each recently awarded grants of \$1,500 from the Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH) to lead "What is Public Health" outreach programs.



The Drexel student groups were two out of 19 proposals that were awarded grants at schools of public health nationwide. The outreach programs, which will be carried out leading up to and during National Public Health Week (April 7 – 13, 2008), are designed to better educate the Philadelphia community about public health issues that impact the region daily. Various posters, forums, community events, Web pages and sticker distribution campaigns will be incorporated into the programs.

A schedule of National Public Health Week activities at Drexel will be announced shortly.

Katherine Adam Publishes New Book on U.S. Voting Trends



Katherine Adam, an outreach coordinator for the Philadelphia GROW Project at the Drexel School of Public Health, recently announced the publication of her new book, ***The New Feminized Majority: How Democrats Can Change America with Women's Values***. Co-authored with Charles Derber, a sociology professor at Boston College, the book was published by Paradigm Publishers.

The New Feminized Majority, according to Paradigm, "shows how the values of American voters are dramatically shifting. With the arrival of the 2008 election year, a rising feminized majority—made up of both women and men—is emerging as the pivotal force in American politics. Emerging trends show these values are broadly

progressive and address not just the needs of women but the general interests of society. They are held by women substantially more than by men but have become the values held by a majority of all voters, including millions of men.

ASPH Report: 250,000 Public Health Workers Needed to Avert Health Crisis

The Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH) released on Feb. 27 a first of its kind assessment which found that more than 250,000 additional public health workers are needed by 2020 to avert a national crisis.

The Drexel University School of Public Health, a member of ASPH, added that Pennsylvania consistently ranks among the lowest of all states in the number of public health professionals per capita and is working to help counties in the southeastern section of the state create public health departments. The school has also established many partnerships within the City of Philadelphia that are designed to address violence, child hunger and other public health demands. [More....](#)

SPH Events:

CDC Director Howard Frumkin to Discuss Climate Change and Health Response at April 24 Grand Rounds



The School of Public Health welcomes the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's **Dr. Howard Frumkin, MD, MPH, DrPH**, as the next Grand Round speaker. Dr. Frumkin's discussion is entitled "**Climate Change: The Health Response**" and will be held on **Thursday, April 24, 2008 at 4:30 PM** in the **Geary A Auditorium** of the **New College Building (245 N.15th St.)**

Dr. Frumkin is the director of the National Center of Environmental Health, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, at the CDC. He is an internist, epidemiologist and environmental and occupational medicine specialist. The national center works to maintain and improve the health of the American people by promoting a healthy environment and by preventing premature death and avoidable illness and disability caused by toxic substances and other environmental hazards.

Dr. Frumkin is the author or co-author of over 160 scientific journal articles, chapters and books, which include *Urban Sprawl and Public Health*, *Emerging Illness and Society*, *Environmental Health: From Global to Local*, *Safe and Healthy School Environments* and *Green Healthcare Institutions: Health, Environment, Economics*. [More....](#)

SPH Hosts Eisenhower Fellow, Samuel Thenya, for Seminar on Gender Violence in Africa



The School of Public Health will host a special seminar with **Dr. Samuel Thenya, the CEO and founder of the groundbreaking Nairobi Women's & Children's Hospital, on Thursday, March 27, 2008 at 3:00 PM in Room 604 of 1505 Race St.**

Dr. Thenya's seminar is entitled, **"Gender Violence in the Post Election Period in Kenya."** A member of the Eisenhower Fellowship program, Dr. Thenya is a pioneer in HIV and gender violence treatment in Kenya. The Nairobi Women's & Children's Hospital is the first hospital catering exclusively to women's medical needs in east and central Africa. The hospital provides comprehensive ob/gyn services, and operates the charitable Gender Violence Recover Centre, providing specialized medical treatment and psychosocial support to survivors of sexual abuse and domestic violence both at the center and through mobile units.

Formerly chief resident in the University of Nairobi's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Medical Officer with Nairobi Hospital, Dr. Thenya is also actively involved in several public health initiatives.

During his fellowship, Dr. Thenya will focus on learning about healthcare management and systems in the U.S., best practices in non-profit management, gender violence and HIV/AIDS service provision, and entrepreneurial and business models in healthcare delivery.

For more information and to REGISTER, please call (215) 762-4110.

JOBS/INTERNSHIPS

For a complete listing of recently posted jobs and internships in various public health fields, please visit www.publichealth.drexel.edu/Careers_in_Public_Health/40/.

Recent postings include:

Jobs

Field Researcher, Yale School of Public Health

The Field Researcher will join a research team that will assess the implementation, as well as the social and economic benefits of an initiative to house and provide supportive services to individuals and families (who have a head of household with disabilities) who have experienced long-term homelessness. Under the supervision of the Principal Investigator, the Field Researcher is responsible for: collecting observational data related to program implementation; conducting qualitative interviews with program participants; the collection of secondary data; and possibly assist in aspects of computerized data recording systems for behavioral, clinical, and psychosocial measures. S/he will participate in data analysis and ensure the secure management and transfer of the data to the PI and other Research Team members. [More....](#)

Telephone Interviewer (PT), Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Researchers at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia are conducting a national study and need someone to conduct telephone interviews for participating families. Interviewer will conduct 15-minute interviews with mothers from across the U.S. and code the completed questionnaires. [More....](#)

Internships/Fellowships

Social Marketing Campaign Internship, Nemours Health and Prevention Services

Project: NHPS Social Marketing Campaign

Duties will include, but are not limited to: data collection; analysis of data using SPSS; recording of activities performed by high impact, strategic, and community partners and the delivery of 5-2-1-Almost None messaging materials; attending social marketing meetings with internal and external groups; writing and editing interim and final reports; and conducting presentations when necessary. [More....](#)

Evaluation Internship, Nemours Health and Prevention Services

Internship will monitor the implementation of the NHPS programs/projects within youth serving organizations and manage the data collection process to ensure that program objectives are being met. [More....](#)

Graduate Internships, Bayer HealthCare

[Click here for application.](#)

Internship in Perinatal Bioethics, March of Dimes

The Office of the Medical Director at the March of Dimes National Office is seeking an intern for a special research project in perinatal bioethics. [More....](#)

Internships, Komen Philadelphia Race for the Cure

The Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, Philadelphia Affiliate is seeking college interns to join its office staff. [More....](#)



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