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FEATURE STORY

SPH Welcomes Students, Launches Student News Link



The School of Public Health welcomed students to the first week of classes, and announced the creation of the school's "Student News Link." This online, bi-weekly newsletter will be distributed to all students to spotlight important announcements, recent news and upcoming events at the School of Public Health.

Each of the newsletters will be archived on the school's Web site at SPH Student News LINK at www.publichealth.drexel.edu/421

We wish all students the very best this year, and welcome the first-year students to the Drexel University School of Public Health.

SPH Receives Full Accreditation

The SPH was granted full accreditation for seven years by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH), school officials recently announced. The seven year accreditation is the maximum amount of time that can be granted by the independent accrediting agency.

The SPH is one of only two schools of public health in Pennsylvania, and the only school of its kind in the greater Philadelphia region.

"The approval of CEPH is a testament to the overall quality and excellence of the Drexel University School of Public Health," said Marla J. Gold, MD, the school's dean. "The accreditation illustrates how the School of Public Health effectively navigated the ever changing public health priorities and the evolving academic landscape of the region to become a national authority in promoting the health of communities."

First Ever Credentialing Exam for Public Health Graduates

After more than two decades of debate and three years of intense planning and development, the first-ever credentialing exam for public health graduates will take place in August 2008. Upon passing the exam, individuals will be able to add the credential CPH (Certified in Public Health) to their name and degrees. Eligibility to take the exam is restricted to graduates of CEPH-accredited schools and programs (Drexel's eligibility date is 2001). Registration for the exam has already begun and will continue through April 30, 2008 with a substantial savings for early registration.

The exam is voluntary. It is supported by the American Public Health Association (APHA) and the Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH) as a credential which will demonstrate a standard of knowledge and excellence in the field of public health. More information can be found on the National Board of Public Health Examiners (NBPHE) website, www.nbphe.org and additional information and registration are available through www.publichealthexam.org Associate Dean Mary Hovinga is the school's liaison with the NBPHE and is available to answer questions regarding the test, registration and format.

The credentialing exam is historic, and it is controversial. The school will be devoting the first Grand Rounds of the academic year to this topic. On Thursday, October 4, Dr. Bernard Goldstein, Dean Emeritus at the University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health and Chair of the NBPHE, will present the history of the debate and discuss the purpose and potential benefits of the credentialing exam. The Grand Rounds presentation will be from 4:30-5:30 PM in Geary Auditorium B. It promises to be a very interesting presentation with a dynamic discussion period.

SPH Welcomes Three New Faculty Members



Jennifer Taylor

Returning students will see several new faculty faces this year, as the School of Public Health continues to grow. Carol Ann Gross-Davis, MS and Jennifer A. Taylor, PhD, MPH join the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health as assistant professors this semester.



Carol Ann Gross-Davis

Together, they bring more than 30 years of combined experience in environmental assessment, patient safety and healthcare quality to the school.



Seth Welles

The SPH also welcomes Seth Welles, PhD, ScD as an associate professor at the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics. Dr. Welles has more than 12 years experience working to understand the impact of HIV phenotypic and genotypic antiretroviral drug resistance on HIV disease progression and transmission. He has experience teaching epidemiology at all levels, and has advised and mentored many MPH and several doctoral students.

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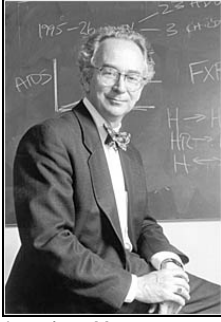
New Student Pinning Ceremony Set for Oct. 24, 2007



This year's new student pinning ceremony is scheduled for **5:30 PM** on **Wednesday, October 24, 2007** at the **College of Physicians** (19 South 22 St.) in Center City Philadelphia.

The event will feature Dean Marla J. Gold, MD speaking on the importance of public health in today's society.

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Jonathan Mann

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Paul Farmer © Wikipedia

More information on the lecture to follow later this semester.

JOBS/INTERNSHIPS

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

Recent postings include:

Jobs:

Drexel SPH: Work Study Position in Community Health and Prevention:

Position in HIV prevention research project

<http://www.publichealth.drexel.edu/499>

-- Posted September 20, 2007

Public Health Planning Specialist, Delta Development Group

<http://www.publichealth.drexel.edu/490>

-- Posted September 11, 2007

Family Health International: Positions in Research Triangle Park, N.C., Metro Washington, D.C., and worldwide

<http://www.publichealth.drexel.edu/486>

-- Posted August 30, 2007

Internships:

ARAMARK – Health Fitness Corporation Internship

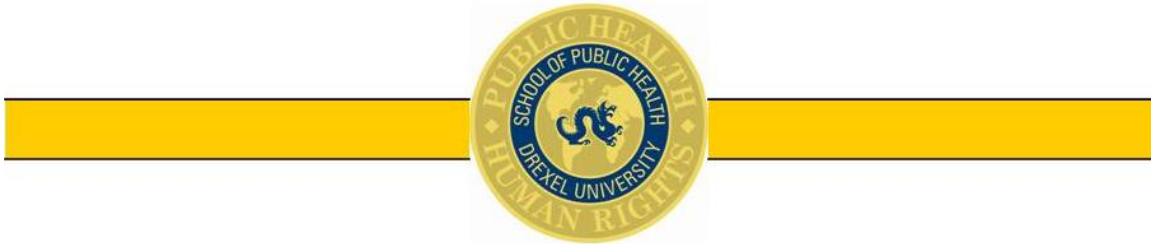
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-- Posted August 31, 2007

Fulbright Fellowships

<http://www.drexel.edu/fellowships/fellowships.html#fulbright>

-- Drexel deadline: **October 1st, 2007**



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