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**FEATURE STORY**

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**SPH Receives More Than \$1M in Grants to Fight Child Hunger**



Mariana Chilton, PhD, MPH, received two grants totaling more than \$1.25 million to help fight child hunger and study the impacts of food insecurity on babies and their families across the Philadelphia region through The Philadelphia GROW Project.

Operated by the School of Public Health, The Philadelphia GROW Project helps low-income babies and toddlers, as well as their families, achieve normal weight gain,

good nutrition and proper development through clinical services, research and advocacy.

Chilton received a \$1 million grant from the Claniel Foundation and \$225,000 from The Pew Charitable Trusts to maintain the program's core clinical services, as well as provide enhanced behavioral health services. The grants will each be distributed over the next three years.

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## Center for Health Equality Convenes Emergency Preparedness Panel



The Drexel University School of Public Health's Center for Health Equality (CHE), with support from the Office of Minority Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, convened a National Consensus Panel on diversity and emergency preparedness on September 10-11 in Washington D.C.

Consisting of 35 government and private sector organizations from across the country, the panel's charge for this year-long activity is to identify and set priorities and develop a national consensus statement on how best to integrate racially and ethnically diverse communities into preparedness strategies.

CHE also launched the Web site, [www.diversitypreparedness.org](http://www.diversitypreparedness.org), with support from the Office of Minority Health. The Web site will highlight best practices and assist in the panel's work. Professor Dennis P. Andrulis, PhD, MPH, is the principal investigator of the work.

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## Drexel Autism Research Spotlighted at Annual Walk

Faculty and staff from the School of Public Health participated in this year's Walk Now! Autism Speaks 5-K walk at Citizens Bank Park. Held on September 15, 2007, the walk provided an opportunity to showcase the cutting-edge research on autism and autism spectrum disorders occurring across the university.

Professor and department chair Craig J. Newschaffer, PhD, was on-hand to speak with fellow researchers, families impacted by autism and walkers about the leading research his team is performing on tracking the causes of autism.

For more on Dr. Newschaffer's research, check out the latest edition of *Interaction* magazine at [www.publichealth.drexel.edu](http://www.publichealth.drexel.edu).



SPH Faculty, Staff and Families at Autism Walk

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## **Faculty Members Participate in Annual Black Congressional Caucus Conference**

Mariana Chilton, PhD, MPH and John A. Rich, MD, MPH, participated in this year's Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. from September 26 – 29, 2007.

At the conference, Dr. Rich facilitated the issues forum "War & Peace: Examining the Culture of Violence through a Non-Violent Lens." The panel discussion reflected on the nonviolent movements of the past, and how lessons learned from the past can be applied to the present. Dr. Chilton participated in a separate issue forum titled "Transform Our Children: From Poverty to Prosperity." Dr. Chilton discussed food insecurity as a significant public health issue that continues to impact millions of families nationwide and how nutritional policy impacts early childhood development.

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## **SPH Welcomes New Director of Development**

Colleen Jansen, PhD, was named as the new Director of Development at the School of Public Health in September. Jansen brings nearly 13 years of development and fundraising experience to the school.

Jansen joins the School of Public Health from the University of Massachusetts, where she served since 2005 as the Director of Patient (Giving) Programs and then as the Director of Development for the College of Engineering. Previously, she served as the Director of Major Gifts for Polytechnic University from 2000 to 2005 and was the principal gift officer for a global alumni base of 35,000. Jansen was also a Regional Development Officer at the State University of New York at Buffalo from 1994 to 2000. While at the state school, she helped organize the university's first comprehensive \$250 million campaign.

Originally from South Africa, Jansen received a Fulbright Scholarship in 1986 and studied law at the University of Capetown. She received her Master of Education degree in Comparative Education and a PhD in Comparative and Global Studies in Education from SUNY Buffalo.

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## **EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

### **National Health Register Conference 10/29/07**

SPH students are invited to attend the National Health Register's public health conference October 29th-October 31st, 2007 in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The event is organized in collaboration between the National Health Register and the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

For information and registration details, visit [www.orgsites.com/wy/nhrconference/](http://www.orgsites.com/wy/nhrconference/).

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## Childhood & Migration: Interdisciplinary Conference 2008 at Drexel

CALL FOR PAPERS. The Working Group on Childhood and Migration (<http://globalchild.rutgers.edu/>) will hold its first conference in June of 2008 at Drexel University, with support from the U.S. National Science Foundation, Drexel University, and Rutgers University, Camden. At this inaugural conference, organizers welcome researchers and policy advocates from all disciplines and all areas of the world whose work focuses on the ways that increased migration affects children and the cultural, legal, educational, medical, and psychological perception of childhood. Please submit a 200 to 300 word abstract for an individual paper proposal in the body of an email to [rrr@drexel.edu](mailto:rrr@drexel.edu) by December 15th. Notification of acceptance will be by January 10th. For more information, visit: <http://www.pages.drexel.edu/~dtd28/GlobalChild/index1.htm>

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## Reminder: New Student Pinning Ceremony Set for Oct. 24, 2007

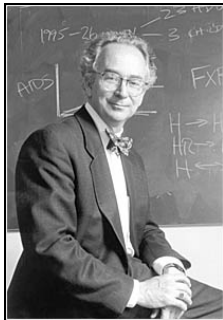


This year's new student pinning ceremony is scheduled for **5:30 PM on Wednesday, October 24, 2007** at the **College of Physicians** (19 South 22 St.) in Center City Philadelphia.

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

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## Reminder: First Annual Jonathan Mann Health & Human Rights Memorial Lecture to Feature Dr. Paul Farmer 11/20/07



Jonathan Mann

One of the major events of the upcoming term is the School of Public Health's hosting of the **inaugural, Annual Jonathan Mann Health & Human Rights Memorial Lecture** the **evening of Tuesday, November 20**. Dr. Paul Farmer will be the series' first speaker.

Dr. Farmer is a true champion of healthcare equality and social justice – and reflects the founding values instilled in the School of Public Health by Dr. Mann.

Dr. Farmer founded Partners in Health, an international nonprofit organization that provides direct health care, research and advocacy for those who are sick and living in poverty – particularly in Haiti, Russia and Peru. He also pioneered innovative, community-based treatment for AIDS and tuberculosis. Dr. Farmer proved to the world that it is possible to deliver quality healthcare in poor, rural settings. In 2003, his work was profiled in Tracy Kidder's book *Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, A Man Who Would Cure the World*.



Paul Farmer

More information on the lecture to follow later this semester.

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## **JOBS/INTERNSHIPS**

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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/](http://www.publichealth.drexel.edu/Careers_in_Public_Health/40/).

Recent postings include:

### **Jobs:**

- **Hispanic/Latino Career Development Fair 2007** -- Hosted by Impacto/Univision 65. Saturday, October 20, 2007. 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM. Mitten Hall, Temple University.
- **Green Corps Environmental Advocacy and Organizing Training Program**  
<http://publichealth.drexel.edu/504>  
-- Posted October 4, 2007
- **Drexel SPH: Work Study Position in Community Health and Prevention:** Position in HIV prevention research project.  
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-- Posted September 20, 2007



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