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## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH



# MARCH NEWSLETTER



### **SUMMER/FALL REGISTRATION**

Summer and Fall 2005 Registration opens on Monday, March 28, 2005.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

It's time to participate in National Public Health Week again. This year's theme is "Empowering Americans to Live Longer, Stronger!". More info can be obtained at <http://apha.org/nphw/05-letter.htm>

We have begun to plan the week long activities & are asking for volunteers at this time. We ask for 2-3 hours of your valuable time to plan & organize. The group will meet for 1 hr (6-7 pm) every Tuesday from next week (March 01) onwards till April 05 in one of the mezzanine rooms in JAH. I urge everyone to participate with ideas, planning, speaker suggestions, etc.

This year we will feature a health education day in conjunction with Student Nurses Association of Pennsylvania (SNAP), TJU Chapter. The contact person for SNAP is Gina Cocivera ([Gina.Cocivera@jefferson.edu](mailto:Gina.Cocivera@jefferson.edu)).

We look forward to hearing from you soon. If you need more information please feel free to call or e-mail me.

Regards,  
Ahmad.

9<sup>th</sup> Annual Survivors Conference  
Saturday, April 30, 2005

Dear Friend,

We are seeking volunteers to assist at the American Cancer Society's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Survivor's Conference. The conference is scheduled for April 30, 2005, at the Inn at Penn, 3600 Sansom Street, Philadelphia, PA. Volunteers who are cancer survivors, relatives and/or health care professionals, have organized the conference to offer an opportunity to acquire information, strategies and companionship that can be helpful along the journey of survivorship.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated. We need volunteers in several areas, including greeting attendees and directing them to the conference area, assisting at the registration table, distribution of parking vouchers, collecting the evaluations and surveys, aiding in audio visual preparation, and workshop facilitation.

We are asking volunteers to provide us with assistance during a set block of time. Please check the time that is convenient for your schedule. We appreciate all volunteers and the time they are generously donating.

If you have any questions or require additional information please contact Carol Waties at 215.985.5356 or [cwaties@cancer.org](mailto:cwaties@cancer.org).

## **STUDENT MEMBERSHIP AVAILABLE**

College of Physicians of Philadelphia – Section on Public Health – student memberships are available. If interested, please contact Dr. Plumb for further information.

## **EVENTS**

**College of Physicians of Philadelphia  
22 S. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Philadelphia, PA**

Section on Public Health and Preventive Medicine

Presents

**Public Health Student Open House**

## **Public Health Reflections: a Reception and Discussion with National Public Health Leaders**

Special Guests:

**C. Everett Koop, MD**

Former U.S. Surgeon General

**Walter Tsou, MD, MPH**

President, American Public Health Association

**April 25, 2005**

**4:30 pm – 6:00 pm**

The College of Physicians of Philadelphia  
Thomson Hall

### **College of Physicians of Philadelphia**

Section on Public Health and Preventive Medicine

Student poster session

May 5<sup>th</sup> – time: 5-7 pm

Come and see what students in the area have done for their thesis projects.

### **WE WANT TO KNOW**

This fall, we offered a new course entitled "**GC 661 Data Analysis Using Statistical Software**". We are interested in your opinion. If you have a moment or two, please drop us a line and give us your thoughts about everything from the room, software, book, etc. **We do really care of what you think** 😊😊😊😊😊

## **LOOK FOR GOOD THINGS TO HAPPEN ...**

Dr. David Nash and Dr. Richard Wender were named co-chair of an important committee for the Thomas Jefferson University Strategic Planning Process called "Health Policy and Population Health". This is one of the key committees assembled by Dr. Barchi to tackle the future of these areas on our campus.

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## **EXCITING NEWS**

**Accreditation Update!** - The MSPH program is moving forward with the accreditation process. We are currently in the process of completing a self-study and have scheduled a site visit for January, 2006.

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### **Faculty and student publications:**

The asthma and obesity epidemics - the role played by the built environment – a Public Health perspective. Nancy Brisbon MD, James Plumb MD, MPH, Rickie Brawer MPH, Dalton Paxman PhD. - (accepted for publication - **Journal Allergy and Clinical Immunology-May 2005**)

## **THESIS PRESENTATIONS**

During the week of April 18<sup>th</sup>, our six students from our Masters of Public Health Program will present their thesis presentations. These students include:

Robert Diecidue  
Sarita Gangadharappa  
Helen Levey  
Charbel Haber  
Adam Roumm  
Vittorio Maio

We urge all students to come out and support your classmates by attending their presentations. We will keep you posted about dates and times of presentations.

## **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Georganne K. Buescher, Ed.D.  
Tuesday March 22nd, 2005

2:00 p.m.  
Eakins Lounge  
Jefferson Alumni Hall

Please join the Jefferson College of Graduate Studies in remembering Georganne K. Buescher, Ed.D. Dr. Buescher had a long association with Thomas Jefferson University and Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, beginning in her teens as a volunteer. As her education progressed, she was in turn a technologist and then a supervisor in the hospital's clinical microbiology laboratory, and ultimately a faculty member in each of the Colleges as well as Associate Dean in the Jefferson College of Graduate Studies.

Georganne led a full, rich, rewarding life within the context of life-long pulmonary disease. At times, that disease restricted her activities; it never touched her love for life and teaching and care for all with whom she came in contact. She died in the fullness of her powers-loving life, her work, her students, and her friends.

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