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# Master of Science in Public Health

## Newsletter

**American Public Health Association (APHA)  
is holding its 133<sup>rd</sup>  
Annual Meeting and Exposition in  
Philadelphia on December 10-14 2005 at the  
Pennsylvania Convention Center**

### MEETING UPDATE

Despite the move of the APHA Annual Meeting & Exposition from New Orleans to Philadelphia due to Hurricane Katrina, registration numbers for the December 10-14 meeting remain very strong and nearly all of the 21 official APHA hotels in Philadelphia are sold out. More than 900 scientific sessions, roundtables, poster sessions, institutes and panel discussions are scheduled and more than 4,000 scientific papers will be presented. The Public Health Expo will contain 680 booths of information, state-of-the-art products and services geared towards public health professionals. On-site registration will be held at the Pennsylvania Convention Center (1101 Arch Street) beginning Saturday, December 10.

Information taken from [www.apha.org](http://www.apha.org)

### **Population Health Forum**

Third Wednesday of each month  
12pm-1pm @ 1015 Walnut - Room 218.

**December 21st - Health Literacy –**

Rickie Brawer MPH, James Plumb MD, MPH

**January 18th - Childhood Origins of Diseases of Adults**  
- Bonita Falkner MD

**Jeff HEALTH** (Helping East Africans Link to Health)

is a new student organization that is partnering with multiple agencies to assess needs and bring services and programs to communities and villages in Uganda and Rwanda - East Africa.

For further information, contact

[Ellen.Plumb@jefferson.edu](mailto:Ellen.Plumb@jefferson.edu)

## Congratulations!

To those that have completed their Thesis and presented in August and November...

Karen Dwyer: Improving Access to Chlamydia Screening Through a Web-Based Intervention

Charbel Haber: Health Policies and Interventions Necessary to Prepare for and Respond to a Pandemic

Influenza: A Focus on Vaccine Development and Distribution

Meghan McLaine: The Evolution of Palliative Care in Uganda

Christina Mishinkash: Perceptions of the Growth and Development of Palliative Care in Uganda

Joseph Portale: Move4health, A Student-Run Lifestyle Intervention For Type 2 Diabetic Patients, Pilot Study

Dana Perella: Laboratory Confirmation and Accuracy of Case Definitions for Diagnosing Suspected Breakthrough Varicella Infections

Zhuliang Tao: Efficacy of Medications in Blood Pressure Control in Hypertensive Outpatients

### **\*\*Important Reminders\*\***

- **Application For Degree/Certificate** must be submitted by **December 16, 2005** if you plan to graduate in June 2006
- **Spring I and II registration** is currently underway. On-line registration will be available until **December 18, 2005**
- **Abstracts are due on March 15th, 2006** for students presenting their thesis in April.
- **All students will be receiving the following link to a survey** through the Jefferson e-mail. It is very important that you take the time to fill this out so we can maintain our files.  
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=816061528095>

### **Student Opportunity**

**Help staff our “mega-booth” at the APHA Exposition!**

**Already attending or interested in attending? Then volunteer to provide support for 2 two-hour shifts and you will receive a small reimbursement to cover the cost of attending.**

**Contact [james.garrow@uphs.upenn.edu](mailto:james.garrow@uphs.upenn.edu) for more information.**

**A new website** has been published on the Jeff PULSE portal that provides information about the MSPH program and its activities. Please logon to <http://pulse.jefferson.edu/webapps/portal/frameset.jsp> & click the organizations tab and look for “Master of Science In Public Health.”

Please take a few minutes to browse the website. Please, send your ideas, suggestions and comments to Ahmad Naim [ahmad.naim@jefferson.edu](mailto:ahmad.naim@jefferson.edu)

### **Accreditation Update**

We are welcoming the Site Visit Team on 1/23 & 1/24/06

### **Graduates of the MSPH program are expected to be able to:**

- Articulate the principles that are basic to public health, including methods for assessing the determinants of the population’s health;
- Communicate effectively with colleagues, in and out of public health, and the lay public, about the scientific principles that form the basis of the discipline;
- Analyze published literature in public health, including the application of relevant aspects of epidemiology and biostatistics;
- Explain the variability in access to care and public health resources, including the workforce in the United States and abroad;
- Articulate the role of psychosocial factors as they relate to personal behavior, public health communications, education and impact;
- Describe the major environmental health hazards, their effects on individuals, their assessment and development of policies for protection of the public’s health;
- Serve as a resource for information on health services, including aspects of healthcare financing and outcomes measurement;
- Delineate the legal and ethical principles that inform public health practice.

**Have a happy holiday and be safe!**



*After a small hiatus the Public Health newsletter will begin to be circulated regularly once again. If anyone has any suggestions or comments regarding this newsletter please contact Lisa Chosed at 3-0154 or [Lisa.Chosed@Jefferson.edu](mailto:Lisa.Chosed@Jefferson.edu).*

# BEYOND THE WALLS



## THE ROAD TO REDEMPTION

An original Theater of Witness piece produced by **TOVA**, Artistic Projects for Social Change

**Friday, December 2nd at 7pm  
Saturday, December 3rd at 5pm**

**The Philadelphia Cathedral  
38th Street between Chestnut and Market**

**Reservations are recommended.  
A \$15 donation will be requested at the door**

*If you have any soul, you never forget what you have done to another human being. Every good and positive thing I do now is to make up for the wrong I did to people. Hakim, one of the BTW performers*

Born out of concern for the number of children who have died of violence in Philadelphia over the last couple of years, this Theater of Witness piece is both an elegy and a call for peace performed by and created with family members that have lost loved ones to murder, to prison and/or to the streets, former offenders who are working to transform their communities, and children who are living in the midst of the violence.

Although belonging to constituencies that are often seen as polarized, the performers in *Beyond the Walls – The Road to Redemption* offer us a model of what it means to come together, listen deeply to one another and develop a sense of community that transcends presumed barriers. Collectively, through spoken word, music and movement, they offer a vision for peace and paths to healing.

*Beyond the Walls – The Road to Redemption* was created by TOVA's artistic director Teya Sepinuck, working in collaboration with the performers as well as with composer Dan Kleiman, videographer Rachel Libert and artists from the Mural Arts Program at Graterford Prison.

**If you would like to reserve a seat for one of our performances,  
contact TOVA at 215-222-8682 or [tova@tovaartisticprojects.org](mailto:tova@tovaartisticprojects.org).**