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FEBRUARY 2006

Master of Science in Public Health *Newsletter*

Accreditation Update

We would like to thank all of our students, faculty and Advisory Board members for their support and impressive performance at the CEPH site visit. The site visit team was highly impressed with our students, faculty and Advisory Board Members. The Accreditors positively commented about the objectiveness, professional fervor, and the overall satisfactory attitude towards the program. The Accreditors were particularly impressed by the maturity and diversity of our student body.

Based on the constructive comments at the exit interview from the site visit team, we feel very hopeful of a positive outcome. The final decision will be announced at the CEPH board meeting in late June 2006, which will be announced promptly institution wide.

Once again, kudos on a job well done! And we look forward to even greater opportunities for participation through engagement in program development and community outreach activities.

College of Physicians Public Health Poster Session

May 2nd 5:30 PM –
22 S. 2nd Street

Students who completed Thesis work last year, and those expecting to present in May are strongly urged to submit an abstract. It is an excellent forum to showcase your good work. Please contact Dr Plumb (james.plumb@jefferson.edu) for further information and a submission form.

The Annual Sigma Xi Student Research Day

Tuesday March 21st

Bluemle Building Rooms 105-107

Potter-Wear Lecture: Room 101 (Speaker is Dr. Phillip Zamore)

Set Up is 11am
Break down is 6pm
(after lecture and reception)

***Abstracts are due on February 14th ***

Participants may include all undergraduate students in life sciences, enrolled in any college, and graduate and medical students at Jefferson. Competition is based on the poster presentation and response to judges' questions.

All JCGS Family and Friends are welcome and encouraged to visit the poster.

For More Information

E-mail tjusigmaxi@gmail.com OR call Karen Dohm, Ph.D. at 215-503-0153 OR Visit <http://www.jefferson.edu/jcgs/> Click on Sigma Xi Research Day in "Upcoming Events"

Population Health Forum

**February 15th 12-1
218 Curtis
1015 Walnut Street**

"Asthma - A Population Health Perspective"

Speaker: Michael Rosenthal MD -
Department of Family and
Community Medicine - Thomas
Jefferson University

**March 15th 12-1
218 Curtis
1015 Walnut Street**

"Hepatitis A to Z: Examining
disparities in viral hepatitis
incidence, prevalence and
treatment"

Speaker: Amy Jessop PhD, MPH
– Director of Research and
Education of HEPTREC

**Light Refreshments will be served
More Info: Dr. Jim Plumb 5-0535**

Health Policy Forum

All forums take place in
Room 218 Curtis, 1015
Walnut St. from 8:30am-
9:30am

February 8th –

Emergency Action Teams
Katherine Klein, PhD

March 8th –

Quality of Medical Care
David St. Clair

April 12th –

*What People Value at
Work*
Michael Peterson, EdD

May 10th –

*PA ACCESS Plus Program
Update*
Gus Geraci, MD, FAAFP,
FACEP, CPE

June 14th –

*The Recent Rapid Rise in
Utilization of Diagnostic
Imaging: What Are the
Causes and What Are
Health Plans Doing About
it*
David Levin, MD

The National Meeting for the American Public Health Association

The deadline for submission of abstracts is
February 13-17, 2006.

For more info: <http://www.apha.org/meetings>

Student Objectives

**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.

Thesis Timeline

April Presentation:

Abstract Deadline:
March 15th
Presentations week of April 17th
& April 24th

July Presentation:

Abstract Deadline: June 23rd
Presentation week of July 17th
(tentative)

November Presentation:

Abstract Deadline: October 13th
Presentation week of November
12th (tentative)

MSPH Program and Activities Website on PULSE

Please logon to
<http://pulse.jefferson.edu/webapps/portal/frameset.jsp>
& click the organizations tab and
look for "Master of Science In Public
Health."

Send your ideas, suggestions and
comments to Ahmad Naim:
ahmad.naim@jefferson.edu

Happy Valentine's Day!



*If anyone has any suggestions or comments regarding this newsletter
please contact Lisa Chosed at 3-0154 or Lisa.Chosed@Jefferson.edu.*