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RETREAT TO THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE

On April 28th, 2006, the Masters of Science in Public Health Program held its first retreat at the Franklin Institute.



Ahamad Naim & Jennifer Lofland providing overview of day's activities

We were fortunate to have the PA State Representative Todd A. Eachus join us for the day. He also

gave a brief talk during lunch addressing health delivery issues in the Commonwealth.

The focus groups reconvened in the afternoon and delivered presentations of their recommendations on how to address CEPH's comments. Overall, it was a very stimulating day with a chance for important program representatives to interact and have discussions.

The program would like to thank all those who participated and helped to make this successful retreat possible.

The program's response to CEPH is due in May and accreditation status of our

MSPH program will be reviewed by CEPH and revealed in June.



David Nash leading a discussion

Over 40 stakeholders of the program from the TJU community and outside of the university came together to discuss issues



Jim Plumb leading a discussion

that were raised by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) accreditation self-study process. Focus groups worked throughout the morning on specific questions and issues raised by CEPH during their accreditation visit in January.



Hon. Todd A. Eachus



Al Crawford and Penny Kroll working on their presentation

REMINDER

This summer PH 507: Environmental Health is being offered. For the first time, it will be a condensed course held 2 times a week. Instructor: Dr. Julie Becker. Start Date 6/20, End date 7/27, Tues & Thurs 4-7. Online Summer Registration ends 5/9.

Announcement

Congratulations to Christa Seindman who was one of the five winners at the College of Physicians Section on the Public Health Poster Session. The title was Impact of Offering Rapid HIV Testing on Philadelphia's Categorical STD Clinic - this was also her Thesis project.

Melissa Schneider also presented.

Learning 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.

SAPHE'S PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK AWARD LUNCHEON

April 3-9 was National Public Health Week. Among the lectures, seminars, and other events that were held in Jefferson Alumni Hall, Safety



Sister Mary Scullion

Awareness and Public Health Education (SAPHE) held its 3rd Annual Public Health Awards Luncheon.

Sister Mary Scullion, known to many of us in Philadelphia as the long-time director and co-founder of Project

H.O.M.E. received the Third Annual Excellence in Community Service Award.

The "Excellence in Community Service Award" is awarded to the leader of a local community-based organization for their efforts to improve the lives and health of Philadelphians.

Thomas Jefferson University President Robert L. Barchi, MD, PhD, along with Health Policy Chair David B. Nash, MD, MBA, and Family and Community Medicine Chair Richard C. Wender, MD, were on hand to recognize Sister Mary Scullion for her tireless efforts on behalf of homeless people in the City of Philadelphia.

Starting this year, a new



Clockwise: Naim, Nash, Barchi, Wender, Ravelli, Diamond, Lofland, Plumb

award called the "Georganne K. Buescher Memorial Faculty Recognition Award" recognized the efforts and services of a faculty member.

However, 3 faculty members were chosen. They were Drs. James Diamond, Jennifer Lofland, and James Plumb.

Also, due to her outstanding dedication to students and their development, Jennifer Ravelli received the Service Recognition Award.

Congratulations Thesis Presenters!

*Deborah August
Melissa Schneider
Giuseppe Nunnari
Jennifer Reinert
Christa Seidman
Irina Kakhniashvili
Colleen Cohick*

POPULATION HEALTH FORUM

May 17th, 12-1 pm

218 Curtis

1015 Walnut Street

"Environmental Health Advocacy in Pennsylvania"

Speaker: David Masur, Director—
Penn Environment

Light Refreshments will be served

More Info: Dr. Jim Plumb 5-0535

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