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Student Objectives

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

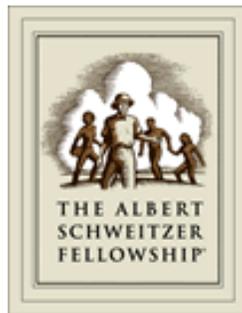
- Articulate the principles that are basic to public health, including methods for assessing the determinants of the population's health;
- Communicate effectively with colleagues, in and out of public health, and the lay public, about the scientific principles that form the basis of the discipline;
- 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.

Public Health Link

JEFFERSON COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES
MASTERS IN PUBLIC HEALTH E-NEWS

Opportunity: The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship

Schweitzer Fellows are graduate students in the health disciplines who participate in a year-long, stipend-supported, community service project, and then join the ranks of a national network of Fellowship Program graduates who continue to seek opportunities to serve the community. With guidance from the National Program Office in Boston, a Delaware Valley Schweitzer



Fellows Program is now being launched under the leadership of Dr. David B. Nash. Recruitment of Fellowship applicants will take place in the fall of 2006, with the goal of getting underway with the first cohort of Fellows in the late spring of 2007. For further information on the program, including opportunities to sponsor a Fellow, please contact the Program Coordinator, **Nicole Cobb**, MAOM, at 215-955-9995, or Nicole.Cobb@Jefferson.edu.

Source: Health Policy Newsletter

134th Annual APHA Meeting



**Boston, MA
November 5-8**

The American Public Health Association (APHA) is the oldest and largest organization of public health professionals in the world, representing more than 50,000 members from over 50 occupations of public health. The American Public Health Association (APHA) is the oldest and largest organization of public health professionals in the world, representing more than 50,000 members from over 50 occupations of public health. (Source: www.apha.org)

If you are planning to attend the APHA meeting, please stop by our booth, # 1483 to say "hello!"

population Health Forum

**Nov. 15th, 12-1pm,
218 Curtis, 1015 Walnut:**

Food Insecurity— Mariana Chilton PhD, MPH—Assistant Professor, Drexel School of Public Health: Department of Community Health and Prevention



HOLIDAY PARTY!



All JCGS students, faculty, and staff are invited the annual holiday party in JAH, Eakins Lounge on Tuesday, Dec. 19th from 4pm-7pm.

**Graduation
Reminder**

You must turn in an Application for Degree/Certificate to the Registrar's by December 15, 2006 if you plan to graduate in June 2007. You can access this application on Pulse, in room M-46 JAH, or in the Registrar's.

Also, remember that you must finish all required course work in Spring I, if you plan to graduate in June 2007.

**November Thesis
Presentations**

Come support Elisa Moll and Lauren Rittenberg present their Masters of Science in Public Health Thesis on Wednesday, November 15 between 1pm & 3pm.

Faculty Spotlight

**Jefferson and the
Rwanda Healing Project**

**James Plumb MD MPH,
Nancy Brisbon MD, In-
Sung Min MS IV, Kelly
Sheridan MS II, Ellen
Plumb MS II**

In 2005, Jefferson was invited to travel Rwanda to work with Lily Yeh, the founder of the Village of Arts and Humanities in Lower North Philadelphia, and a partner organization *Barefoot Artists*. These organizations share the mission to "work with poor communities around the globe to help people heal and thrive through self expression and action". The organization has completed numerous community based art and development projects across the globe at sites including Kenya, Ivory Coast, Ecuador, Italy, Republic of Georgia, Taiwan, Ghana, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The organization's current

project is the Rwanda Healing Project, which is a two-year, multi-dimensional art project that expands the boundaries of art as a vehicle for social change. The project consists of two simultaneous and complimentary programs, The Survivors Village Transformation and The Genocide Memorial Park. The Survivors Village Transformation Project honors the living by equipping surviving family members with economic resources and tools to heal,

"The village was completed in 1999; however, until 2002 the village continued to be plagued by instability and outbreaks of violence."

learn skills, and take actions to better their lives. Located in Rugerero (Northwest Rwanda) and composed of families originally from Kibuye, Cyanzarwe and Gisenyi, these projects aim to engage 50 houses of 100 families with 190 children. Of these

households, 67 are headed by female-headed and eight are male-headed. Ten of the families in the Village are considered child-headed households, with the oldest household leader being 24 and the youngest being 12 years of age. Government construction of the village began in 1997 to provide housing for people rendered homeless during the genocide. Access to house ownership in the village was based on relative levels of poverty and a no-sale contract. The village was completed in 1999; however, until 2002 the village continued to be plagued by instability and outbreaks of violence.

In October of 2005, the Office to Advance Population Health and a team of



Rwanda Health & Healing Project Team

Jefferson medical students, as a component of Jeff Health (Helping Africans Link to Health), be-

assessment were three-fold; 1) to document the needs of community members through key informant interviews and focus groups, 2) to evaluate and document the health resources currently available through site visits and semi-structured interviewing of established organizations, and 3) to better understand health needs in context of the

unique social and political history of Rwanda.

Once in Rwanda, the Jefferson team developed a Health and Hygiene Train-the-Trainer program, which included an environmental walk and training on hand washing and disease transmission. They also organized a health fair with the Village and managed to collect heights and weights on 150+ children as part of an initial nutrition assessment.

Finally, members of the team made site visits to a

United Nations Refugee Camp, WeACTx, an AIDS counseling and treatment project, and the Rwanda Village Project, run by medical students from Rwanda and Germany.

A Jefferson group will be returning in early April '07 to assist in the formal dedication of the Genocide memorial, follow-up on the nutrition assessment/activities and determine next steps for collaboration, including meeting with faculty from the Rwan-



Survivor's Village Town Meeting



Survivor's Village Children Festival

gan working with Barefoot Artists to design a community-oriented primary care health needs assessment of the Survivors Village and to integrate basic public health principles into Barefoot Artist's holistic philosophy of healing and community.

In June of 2006, Drs Plumb and Nancy Brisbon, three medical students (InSung Min, Kelly Sheridan, and Ellen Plumb) and one public health nursing student (Emily Hall) traveled to Rwanda and began a community health assessment. The goals of this

dan Schools of Medicine and Public Health.

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The next Information Session will be November 8th in M-61, JAH, 5:30-7:00pm. RSVP Lisa, 3-0154 or Lisa.Chosed@Jefferson.edu

New Public Health Courses

For the Spring terms, students will be able to register for:

- PH 508: Health Policy: An International Perspective
- PH 606: Qualitative Research Methods

Keep your eyes open for more information, as well as course descriptions on our course listing located on the JCGS homepage:

<http://www.jefferson.edu/jcgs>.

SPRING REGISTRATION

Online registration for Spring I and II begins Tuesday, Oct. 31st.

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