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# Public Health Link

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



## 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.

## Faculty Spotlight

Public Health students know Dr. James Diamond as their Statistical Methods or Applied Regression Models professor. Some of them may know him as an advisor for their Public Health education. The Public Health Program Committee knows and appreciates all he

has done for the program as the Accreditation Coordinator.

We have heard his quips and learned about his travels, but do we really know

where Dr. Diamond comes from?

Born and raised in Brooklyn NY, Diamond went to Rutgers University for his undergraduate education, majoring in Psychology. He rowed on the crew and played too much poker, which he says, was his first introduction to probability!

Diamond graduated from Syracuse University with a

PhD in Psychology with an emphasis in Statistics and Psychometrics.

He came to Philadelphia and went to work evaluating programs for the School District of Philadelphia. Meanwhile Diamond was on the faculty of the Graduate

School of Education at University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Diamond was awarded a Fulbright

Fellowship as a Senior Lecturer at the Ministry of Education in Colombo, Sri Lanka. He taught Program Evaluation to the ministry's professional staff.

For his post-fellowship, he returned to Philadelphia and became Medical Research Director at the American College of Radiology in Philadelphia. He worked on National

Studies here for thirteen years documenting the quality of clinical radiation oncology services in the United States.

Diamond joined the Thomas Jefferson faculty in Family and Community Medicine in 1990 and is now Research Professor.

Currently, he is working on a project with the Department of Health Policy using the Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey to assess appropriate prescribing. Additionally, he is working on projects with a Delaware-based company called DVO Research looking for patterns of care for lipids and GERD in a national sample of facilities using an electronic health record.

He has been widely published with 95 articles in the scientific literature.

Dr. Diamond loves traveling, gardening, hiking, and watching the television show "24." Also, of course, spending time with his wife and son.



### Registration Reminder

Students can still register by paper for courses in the Spring II term which begins on March 26th. To view a list of courses being offered, along with their day, time, and location, visit:

[http://  
www.jefferson.edu/  
jcgs](http://www.jefferson.edu/jcgs)



### Save the Date!

The JCGS graduation ceremony will be on Friday, June 1st, 2007.

### Thesis Note

Please note that revised thesis guidelines were e-mailed to all MS students. There are some significant changes that primarily affect students starting the thesis process after Jan 07, such as the new Milestone Contract. So, please review. A hard copy of the guidelines can be picked up from JAH, M46.

## Discussing Darfur

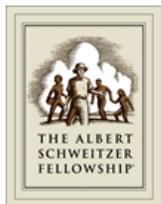
On February 8, the Jefferson student chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility, Jeff HEALTH (Helping Africa Link to Health), and the International Medicine Society is sponsoring a presentation by Cherry Hill pediatrician, Dr. Jerry Ehrlich.

Dr. Ehrlich will be speaking about his experiences as a volunteer with Doctors Without Borders in Darfur, Sudan. During his June-July 2004 mission in Darfur, he brought with him paper and crayons in order to document what the children were seeing and experiencing.

His presentation at Jefferson will include a brief discussion of his work with Doctors Without Borders in Darfur, Haiti, and Sri Lanka and will focus on a slideshow of the children's drawings that were smuggled out of Darfur. (Location & time to be announced)

In preparation for Dr. Ehrlich's presentation and to raise awareness of what is currently happening in Darfur, there will be a short informational lecture on Darfur and a screening of the documentary, "Lost Boys of Sudan" during last week of January (date yet to be decided).

### 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](mailto:Nicole.Cobb@Jefferson.edu).  
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### POPULATION HEALTH FORUM

Feb. 23rd, 12-1pm,

1106 Edison:

#### Harm Reduction/Needle Exchange:

An Historical &  
Contemporary Perspective—

*Scott Burris, James E. Beasley*

*Professor of Law, Temple University*

Light refreshments served.

Contact Dr. James Plumb with questions: 3-0535

### Health Policy Forum

February 14th, 2007

218 Curtis, 8:30am-9:30am

**Topic: Response of the  
Commonwealth to proposed  
changes in Medicare**

Lawrence M. Clark  
Senior Policy Analyst and Legal  
Counsel to Representative Mike  
Veon House of Representatives

### Change in Spring Schedule

PH 606— Qualitative Research  
Methods has been moved to the  
**SUMMER** session on Wednes-  
days from 4-7pm.

### Alumni Travel Fellowship— Next Deadline Feb 1

The Alumni Travel Fellowships are used to partially defray the cost of attending a symposium at which the student is making a presentation related to the student's graduate study. Two Separate award pools are established for doctoral and master of science degree students. Guidelines for applications can be picked up in JAH in M-46.