Happenings:

On April 11th, Professors Kate Bauer & Sheldon Watts hosted a discussion about the academic job search in public health. Resources related to creating CVs and mounting a job search can be found on the PhD BlackBoard site.

Publications:


Under Review:


Presentations:


Fleisher, L., Kandadai, V., & Ruzek, S. B. (March 2012) Developing and applying a strategy to analyze web-based intervention usage: Final results of a web-based decision aid for men diagnosed with early-stage prostate cancer, Society for Behavioral Medicine, New Orleans, LA.


Hohl, BC, Hausman, AJ. (May 2012). Using a Participatory Approach to Develop a Measure of Successful Youth Violence. Poster accepted for presentation at the 20th Annual Society for Prevention Research Conference, Washington, D.C.


Meyers, K. and Kaynak, Ö. (April 2012) Key considerations when planning an evaluation. Joint Meeting on Adolescent Treatment Effectiveness, Washington, DC.


Awards:

Linda Fleisher was awarded a Verizon Foundation grant to develop and evaluate text messaging to decrease mammography no-show rates in on our Mobile Mammography Van. The project includes assessing health literacy and designing messages for women with limited health literacy and in English, Spanish and Chinese.

Fanta Purayidathil has been selected as a 2011 graduate student First Summers Research Initiatives Scholar, a part of a Future Faculty Fellowship at Temple University. She will be engaged in preliminary research on issues of food safety response and outcomes with Dr. Jennifer Ibrahim.

Sean McCormick has been awarded the Gross Scholarship for the Summer of 2011.

Judy Greener, Rachel Myers, Natalie Tolley, Clare Lenhart, Dominique Ruggieri received awards from the Sandy Schinfeld Memorial Fund to support their research, training and professional training.

Michael Rovito has received several grants and fellowships: University of Central Florida ‘LIFE’ Grant (2011), AWARD: $2000; University of Central Florida Tucker Award (2012), AWARD: $10,000; University of Central Florida College of Health and Public Affairs Fellow, Research Fellowship Program;

Professional Service:

Letitia Holloway-Owens, Ph.D., MPH was instrumental in the development and production of the second Healthcare-Associated Infections section of the 2011 Hospital Performance Report, which included hospital-specific Standardized Infection Ratios (SIRs) for Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infections, Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections and Surgical Site Infections following Abdominal Hysterectomies and Knee Arthroplasties:
http://www.state.nj.us/health/hais/index.shtml

Laura Taylor, Ph.D., is a member of the Safe Injection Team at the New Jersey Dept. of Health and Senior Services' Communicable Disease Service. Since 1999, more than 125,000 patients in the United States have been notified of potential exposure to hepatitis B virus (HBV), hepatitis C virus (HCV), and HIV due to oversights in basic infection control practices. Many of these lapses involved healthcare providers reusing syringes or contaminating medication vials
or containers which were used then on subsequent patients. Twenty-nine cases of HBV infection associated with poor infection control practices at this office were identified. For more information: [www.oneandonlycampaign.org](http://www.oneandonlycampaign.org)

**Michael McIntosh, Ph.D.,** was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Health Promotion Council (HPC) of Philadelphia. This appointment is to add diversity to the board and to bring Michael experience to advance the HPC's programs and mission. The HPC is a nonprofit corporation whose mission is to promote health, prevent and manage chronic disease, especially among vulnerable populations through community-based outreach, education, and advocacy in Southeastern Pennsylvania and across the state.

**Program Progress:**

Rachel Gooze, Michelle Shwarz, Brandon Becker, and Sara Shuman passed the preliminary exams.

Brandon Becker passed the area paper requirement.

Kudos to our spring PhD grads, Clare Lenhart, Dominique Ruggieri, and Marta Van Zanten!

**Onward & Upward:**

Stacy Davis has accepted an behavioral oncology postdoctoral position at Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, Fl, with Drs. Gwede and Meade.

Tamar Klaiman has accepted a Tenure-Track Assistant Professor position at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia beginning July 1.

Clare Lenhart has accepted a position as a Research Scientist at Lehigh Valley Hospital as of June 2012.

**Personal News:**

Övgü Kaynak and Sean Mulroy got engaged on New Year's Eve! The couple will be married at the Hotel Palomar in Philadelphia on December 1st, 2012.

Katie DiSantis gave birth to a healthy and beautiful baby girl, Luciana Marie DiSantis, on Oct 20, 2011.

**Incoming Student:**

Welcome to Glorian Persaud, who will be joining the PhD Program in fall 2012. Glorian Persaud recently completed her MPH at the UMDNJ SPH. She is interested in cancer prevention and control research. Her MPH fieldwork paper is a secondary data analysis of 2010 NHIS on HPV vaccination uptake in adolescent females and predictors of vaccine uptake. She is getting married in July and her fiancé is currently a first year student at Temple Law focusing on intellectual property and healthcare law.