May 2014 Graduation Luncheon

The 2014 Population Health Sciences Graduation Luncheon will be held on Friday, May 16th, 2014 from 11:30 am—2:00 pm in the Pyle Center Alumni Lounge. This annual event will honor our MS and PhD graduates in our department for their achievements.

**Doctoral Graduates**
- Suliman Alghnam
- Debanjana Chatterjee
- Sophia Johnson
- Vijay Limaye
- Justin Lo

**Master's Graduates**
- Dawn Magnusson
- Kara Mandell
- Jason Paltzer
- Yacob Tedla

**Vijay Limaye Wins Reid Bryson Scholarship**

Congratulations to Vijay Limaye for earning the Reid Bryson Scholarship for his poster, “Climate change impacts on air quality and human health in eastern U.S.” at the Nelson Institute Earth Day conference on April 22, 2014. The Nelson Institute Center for Climatic Research offers an annual Reid Bryson Scholarship to honor the life and legacy of founder, Professor Reid Bryson. The scholarship rewards exemplary students whose research mirrors the innovative and interdisciplinary studies of Professor Bryson, involving either fundamental climate and meteorological processes or topics that connect climate, people, and the environment. Vijay’s study found that a warming climate will likely be accompanied by increasing air pollution during summers leading to a significant rise in human mortality and morbidity, particularly in the southeastern United States.

**Poster Accepted to ISPOR 19th Annual International Meeting**

Sophia Johnson’s poster, “Patterns of steroid and steroid sparing regimens among older inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) patients with contraindications to tumor necrosis factor antagonists (Anti-TNFS)” was accepted for the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcome Research (ISPOR)19th Annual International Meeting, which will be held from May 31st-June 4 at Palais des Congres de Montreal, Montreal, QC, Canada. Sophia will be presenting her poster on Monday, June 2 from 8:30am-2:15 pm, with the poster author discussion hour running from 1:15pm-2:15pm. Congratulations Sophia!
Departmental News

MS/PhD Website Student Focus Group

We need your input!

We are in the process of improving the MS/PhD website. We would like to invite you to participate in a focus group, led by Craig Burk of Inner Fire Consulting to develop a prototype for the new and improved website!

The meeting will take place immediately following the PHS Student Org meeting, which starts at 1:00pm in 758 WARF. We ask that all who are planning to attend RSVP by Friday, May 2nd, either by accepting the invitation on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/events/639969069416003/) or sending an email to Kathy (karutlin@wisc.edu). Lunch will be provided!

Summer Qualifier Exam

Summer qualifier exams will be held in HSRC room 2121 Tuesday, July 8th through Thursday, July 10th. Please contact Quinn Fullenkamp via e-mail (ghfullen@wisc.edu) no later than June 1st if you plan to participate.

Upcoming PHS Student Org Events

PHS Student Org Happy Hour

The final PHSSO Happy Hour of the year will be this Friday, May 2nd at 5:00pm. The PHSSO would like to invite all faculty and students to join them at the Memorial Union Terrace for drinks and fond reminiscences of the school year. If it is raining, the celebration will be moved in to the Rathskeller.

PHS Student Org Meeting

The next PHS Student Org Meeting will take place on May 7th at 1:00pm in 758 WARF. As always, lunch will be provided. We also ask that you stay after the meeting to contribute to the MS/PhD website Student Focus Group, to help us redesign the website making it easier to use and more beneficial to our students. (See above for more details)

Upcoming Seminars

**If not otherwise indicated, Monday seminars are in room 1309 HSRC from 12—1 pm and Wednesday seminars are in room 132 WARF from 12—1 pm**

Monday 5/5: Paul Schmitz, Chief Executive Officer, Public Allies, Milwaukee, WI, presenting “Building Diverse Leadership from the Community Up.”

Wednesday 5/7: Stephanie Koning