Spring 2015 Enrollment Information

Spring 2015 course enrollment will begin on Monday, November 10th. In order to register for classes, you must first have the necessary forms filled out, signed by your advisor, and turned in to Quinn Fullenkamp via e-mail or hard copy (room 740 WARF). Forms are available on the PHS website. Dissertators only need to fill out the Dissertator Update / Hold Removal Form. For your reference, the Spring 2015 course grid is also available on our website.

December Graduates

The winter commencement ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, December 21st, 2014 at 10:00 am in the Kohl Center. All degree levels, including Ph.D., will be conferred at this ceremony. For more information about commencement, please visit http://www.commencement.wisc.edu/.

Congratulations, Christine Muganda

Population Health Sciences doctoral student Christine Muganda was awarded a Trainee Travel Grant by the Infectious Disease Society of America to attend IDWeek, which took place in Philadelphia, PA from October 8th through the 12th. At the forum Christine presented her research, “Differences in Perceived Influenza Risk in a University Student Population.”

Upcoming Professional Development Events

Creating an Individual Development Plan Participants will begin to create a personalized plan that takes into account career interests and addresses the development of knowledge and skills for professional growth.

Tuesday, November 11, 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Wisconsin Idea Room in the Education Building.

Last Steps to Completing Your Ph.D. If you are graduating in fall 2014 or spring 2015, come learn about the Graduate School’s requirements for completing your Ph.D. degree and depositing your dissertation.

Tuesday, November 4th, at 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Wisconsin Idea Room, Education Building.

For more events and information, visit grad.wisc.edu/pd/events/.
Upcoming Seminar Schedule
**All Monday seminars will take place from 12pm-1pm. Monday seminars will be held in room 1309 HSLC and Wednesday seminars will be held in room 132 WARF unless otherwise indicated**

**Monday, 11/3:** Kristen Malecki, PhD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Population Health Sciences and Co-Director, Survey of the Health of Wisconsin (SHOW), “Consequential Epidemiology: Findings from the Survey of the Health of Wisconsin”

**Wednesday, 11/5:** Amy Schultz, “Nitrate Exposure Among Private Well Owners in Wisconsin.”

**Monday, 11/10:** Deborah Ehrenthal, MD, MPH, Associate Professor (CHS) of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Director, Life Course Health Families, University of Wisconsin-Madison, “Using Health Record Data to Study Maternal and Child Health.”

**Wednesday, 11/12:** Elizabeth Pollock, “Ranking Across Borders: Motivation, Utility, and Limitations.”

**Monday, 11/17:** Pamela Ruegg, DVM, MPVM, Professor and Extension Milk Quality Specialist, Department of Dairy Sciences, UW-Madison, “Risks and Realities—What Science Tells us About Consumption of Raw Milk.”

**Wednesday, 11/19:** Katie Gaster, “Cost-effectiveness of Breast Cancer Screening.”

**Monday, 11/24:** Russell Kirby, PhD, Distinguished University Professor and Marrell Endowed Chair, Department of Community and Family Health, College of Public Health, University of South Florida, “We Count What We Can Count, we Measure What We Can Measure: Are Traditional Perinatal Indicators Relevant in the 21st Century?”

**Wednesday, 11/26:** Rachel Bergmans, “Food Security and Health.”

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PHSSO Meeting
The November Student Org Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 5th at 1:15 p.m. in 758 WARF. As always there will be Potbelly for lunch.

Tea Time
Feel free to attend the weekly PHS tea time, which takes place every Wednesday at 2:00pm!

STARS: Students Teaching And Reaching Students
By PhD Candidate Jennifer Valdivia

STARS visits are opportunities for graduate students to share their experiences with local high school students. As many high school students know little about the range of possible careers in the health sciences, we aim to broaden their perspective. We present information on the differences between medicine and public health and how research is an important component of promoting health. We also share our paths to graduate school and our specific research interests.

On October 28th, Shannah Eggers, Natalie Guerrero and I visited two health classes at LaFollette High School. In each class, about half of the students expressed an interest in treating patients. They were especially attentive to Natalie’s description of how food scarcity can influence patient health, and therefore patients should be asked about their risk for food insecurity and the topic must be studied at a population level. In the second class, a student asked, “Am I at risk for cancer if it’s in my family?” In response, we facilitated a discussion about the genetic and environmental factors, like second-hand smoke, that put individuals at risk for different types of cancers. On October 31, Shannah Eggers and Katie Gaster visited two health science classes at Memorial High School. Those classrooms mostly focused on strategies to be successful in college, the next step for many high school students. The questions we receive about our research interests and preparation for graduate school makes it clear that the students learn from our visits.

The next STARS visits are to Middleton High School at 7:45 a.m. on Wednesday, November 5th and to West High School at 12 noon on Tuesday, November 11th. The presentations are 15-20 minutes. Please email jen.valdivia@gmail.com if you would like to participate!