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J. Rhodes Haverty Lecture and author book signing scheduled for Thursday, October 23, 2008

Sudhir Venkatesh, Ph.D., professor of sociology at Columbia University, is the speaker for the J. Rhodes Haverty Lecture on Thursday, October 23, 2008 at 7:00 pm. Venkatesh will speak on the underground economics of poor communities. He is best known for his new book *Gang Leader for a Day*, which has received considerable attention in the press including reviews in the *New York Times*, *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, and *San Francisco Chronicle*. Venkatesh has also appeared on National Public Radio, PBS, and a variety of news talk shows.

Venkatesh will sign his book during a reception following the lecture. The event is free but reservations are necessary and can be made by calling 404-413-1100 or emailing chhs@gsu.edu.

Faculty Research

Dr. Monica Swahn recently co-authored *Interactions Between Race/Ethnicity and Psychosocial Correlates of Preteen Alcohol Use Initiation Among Seventh Grade Students in an Urban Setting* with Dr. Robert M. Bossarte.

*Next Grand Rounds:
November 5, 2008
Lanier Suite, Student
Center*

PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

PulseNet Database Administration Team: Position Announcement – NEW POSTING

Position Available: one full-time fellowship position open in the PulseNet Database Administration Team, Enteric Diseases Laboratory Branch to begin working November/December 2008. Please refer to www.cdc.gov/pulsenet for more information about PulseNet.

Title: PulseNet Database Manager, PulseNet Database Administration Team

Responsibilities:

- Performs routine PFGE analysis on isolates from PulseNet Participating Laboratories
- Actively participates in the detection of foodborne disease clusters
- Works with epidemiologists in the investigation and control of foodborne outbreaks
- Participates in prospective and retrospective molecular subtyping projects and other high priority PulseNet-related studies as needed
- Assists with presentation of PulseNet information to a variety of audiences
- Assists with training of personnel from PulseNet laboratories in standardized PFGE pattern analysis and cluster detection skills
- Performs administrative duties which include but are not limited to: verbal and written communications with clients, production of marketing materials, database management, data summary reports and additional duties as determined by supervisor

Required: Undergraduate degree in Biological Sciences (Microbiology, Molecular Biology, Chemistry, or Medical Technology are also acceptable) or related field. Applicant must have a familiarity with computers. Applicants with Master's degrees in Biological Sciences or Public Health will also be considered.

Desirable: Working knowledge of Microsoft Excel, Access, PowerPoint, and Word.

If interested, please send a cover letter and a resume/CV to the following e-mail address: pfge@cdc.gov. Please enter "PulseNet Position" in the subject field.

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CDC/NCZVED/DFBMD/EDLB
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GSU Government and Non-Profit Career Fair – NEW POSTING

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Noon-3:00 pm

GSU

Student Center Ballroom

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

For more information, visit

www.gsu.edu/career or 404/413-1830

PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Governor's Office for Children and Families Operations Analyst - PART TIME - NEW POSTING

Requisition Number: 422-10907

Recruitment Period: 9/29/2008 - 10/6/2008

Number of Openings: 1

To be considered for this opening, applications must be received by close of business October 6, 2008.

Salary Details: \$12.83/hour. 20 hours/week. Position 193885. This is a renewable grant funded position.

Duties & Responsibilities: The Governor's Office for Children and Families (GOCF) was formed to enhance coordination and communication among providers and stakeholders of services to children, youth and families. This Operations Analyst is responsible for entering and analyzing survey data using SPSS (Statistical Program for the Social Sciences). The analyst will structure data files, conduct data cleaning operations, and perform statistical analysis.

The position exists to analyze outcome data for 23 abstinence education programs statewide. Desired results are to enter and analyze pre and post test survey data for 10,000 youth annually. Results are reported to local programs and federal agency to meet federal reporting requirements. Work location for this position will be Decatur until December when the office will move to downtown Atlanta. Telework may be an option after an initial in-office orientation period. Work hours are flexible.

Minimum Training & Experience: Associates Degree (or higher) from an accredited college or university

OR Two years of relevant experience Preferred Qualifications: Master's Degree or current enrollment in a graduate program in Public Health, Sociology, Public Administration or a related field that has included completion of coursework in statistical analysis. Experience implementing quantitative research methods. Skill in the use of SPSS (Statistical Program for the Social Sciences). Experience analyzing large databases.

Exam & Evaluation Information:

To apply, fill out the attached State of Georgia Application for Employment (use supplemental page(s) to give full work history). Submit the application with your resume and cover letter by e-mail to Pat Jarrett, HR Generalist, at applicant@opb.state.ga.us.

For more information about this job contact:*

Pat Jarrett, HR Generalist

404-656-7910 applicant@opb.state.ga.us

Pat Jarrett, SPHR Human Resource Generalist

Governor's Office of Planning and Budget

270 Washington Street Atlanta, GA 30334

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Position: Grant Project Coordinator Mercer University, Macon, GA – NEW POSTING

Coordinator needed for a NIH funded 5-year Church Based Diabetes Prevention and Translation study. The coordinator will bear the day-to-day responsibility for preparation and planning of the project, personnel management, coordination of the research team, and coordinating the project during implementation and maintenance.

A brief list of major responsibilities of the project coordinator includes:

1. Preparation of Projects
2. Personnel Management
3. Coordinating Project Pre-Implementation
 - A. Organizing the community advisory team
 - B. Meeting with the pastors and church leaders
 - C. Keeping the church (pastor and constituents) informed of sessions, timeline, etc.
 - D. Training techs on equipment use and proper procedures
4. Coordinating Project Implementation
 - E. Facilitating Risk Assessment Screening
 - F. Organizing Fasting Glucose Testing
 - G. Organizing and facilitating Session Implementation/Maintenance with control and intervention groups

Requirements

- Masters degree
- 1 year experience working with community organizations and implementing NIH or similar research projects
- Knowledge of research procedures and methodologies
- Experience supervising personnel or in a leadership role

Contact

Interested applicants should apply online at www.mercerjobs.com. Click Professional position. AA/EOE/ADA

Job Search Seminar for International Students – NEW POSTING

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

245 University Center

For more information, visit

www.gsu.edu/career or 404/413-1830

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GCIV Internships – NEW POSTING

Founded in 1962, the Georgia Council for International Visitors (GCIV) is a non-profit, community based organization. GCIV is responsible for designing and implementing professional programs and providing home hospitality opportunities for foreign leaders and scholars who are participants in the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program and other international exchange programs.

For details on International Visitor Leadership Program Intern, visit:

<http://www.gciv.org/intern.htm>

Community Public Health Programs In Buenos Aires, Gaborone, Botswana and Santiago, Dominican Republic – NEW POSTING

Visit www.ciee.org/study for more details.

NACDD Position Announcement - ACHIEVE Coordinator – NEW POSTING

National Association of Chronic Disease Directors announces the availability of a full-time contract position to work on a national project advancing local community leadership in the nation's efforts to prevent chronic diseases and related risk factors. This position is part of NACDD's team working on the Action Communities for Health, Innovation, and EnVironmental Change (ACHIEVE) Initiative. See attached job description below for details. Interested individuals may apply for this position by sending letter of interest and current CV to David Yum at dyum@chronicdisease.org by Friday, October 10, 2008.

DOWNLOAD THE JOB DESCRIPTION:

http://www.magnetmail.net/images/clients/ACDD/attach/ACHIEVE_Coordinator2008_PositionAnnouncement.pdf

Applying for a Job with the CDC? New Procedures Effective 9/24/08

<http://www.cdc.gov/employment/NewFaxImagingFeature.htm>

Clinical Research Internship at CHOA

Here is an opportunity to do clinical research on brain tumors at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA).

Contacts:

Karen Wasilewski, karen.wasilewski@choa.org

Lillian Meacham, Lillian.Meacham@oz.ped.emory.edu

PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

HHS Emerging Leaders Program

The Emerging Leaders Program (ELP) is designed to recruit high potential employees and provide fast track development highlighting leadership and business skills through experiential learning and training. This Program is one of the recruitment tools used by the [Department of Health and Human Services \(DHHS\)](#) to hire exceptional interns with a variety of backgrounds for the effective analysis and execution of our programs. The Program recruits for GS-9 level positions in the following career tracks; Administrative, Information Technology, Public Health, Scientific, and Social Science. Please note: not all career tracks recruit each year.

Vacancy announcement for the next class will be posted on October 1, 2008. Please see the following link: <http://hhsu.learning.hhs.gov/elp/>

The Center of Excellence for Sexual Health 2009-2010 Sexual Health Scholars' Program

The CESH Scholars' tenure will run 10 months beginning August 3, 2009 and ending June 4, 2010. Scholars are expected to reside in the Atlanta area for the duration of the program. Each scholar will receive a \$35,000 stipend plus health care coverage through Morehouse School of Medicine. The scholars will be instructed by a multidisciplinary faculty of experts in sexuality, medicine, community leadership, and public health.

Eligibility: The program welcomes applications from academics, journalists, and health practitioners who can demonstrate a commitment to improving the sexual health of others, especially those who represent underserved communities. There are no citizenship requirements for the CESH Sexual Health Scholars' Program. Applications are available August 25, 2008 through November 24, 2008 at <http://cesh.msm.edu> Contact Carey R. Bayer, EdD, RN, CESH Scholars' Program Director at cbayer@msm.edu with questions.

CONFERENCES / MEETINGS/ EVENTS

ARHF Forum- Save 100 Babies – NEW POSTING

Friday, October 10, 2008 from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Saturday, October 11, 2008 from 9 a.m. – Noon

The **"SAVE 100 BABIES"** summit at the historic **Ebenezer Baptist Church** marks the launch of a campaign that brings together organizations and individuals from the public and private sectors to seek solutions to the crisis of the African-American family and its impact on black infant mortality in Atlanta and throughout the nation.

For more details, visit <http://charityadvantage.com/arhf/save100babies.pdf>

"Critical Condition": An Important Documentary on America's Uninsured – NEW POSTING

"Critical Condition" follows four average Americans suffering from a variety of ailments and struggling to get by without health insurance. Numbers alone provide ample evidence that we must reform our country's health insurance system: 47 million Americans are uninsured; uninsured cancer patients are 25% more likely to die than insured patients; and uninsured Americans cost employers \$130 billion annually. The ill, uninsured Americans who filmmaker Roger Weisberg tracks for a number of months are heartbreaking examples of our system's failings. No matter your position on top-of-mind health insurance topics such as universal coverage or market improvements, this film will serve as a valuable educational tool concerning the holes in the system and what can be done to remedy them.

"Critical Condition" airs on Wednesday, October 1 at 7 p.m.; Thursday, October 2 at midnight, 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.; and Sunday, October 5 at noon.

Please click here for more details on the program:

<http://ilsixchange.ilsix.org/exchweb/bin/redirect.asp?URL=http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001MYPuVC LhQTxbZ2Ke3AoOeTnfEy8kqrRa9IFYPCT0I-ohXavd2C27TvOmw5EEXGNGXeu0NM3sH0VTE0FbUzZQeJyEy9-REBck4iMMr1kYdF26C3LdORMpPtDflmYxS78pmALu7GZoTVnLElrSpAa6EGRtsrhOgN>

The Prison Pipeline: The Intersection of Childhood and the Criminal Justice System – NEW POSTING

Hosted by the Child & Family Policy Initiative

Monday, October 13, 2008

Georgia Center for Continuing Education Conference Center

University of Georgia, Athens, GA

9 AM - 4 PM

[Click here for complete agenda and registration information.](#)

At this interdisciplinary conference, researchers, practitioners and students will come together to present research and best practices, exploring the effects of the prison pipeline on Georgia's children. This program seeks to bridge university-based research with effective practice to inform sound public policy.

Four tracks are featured: Education, Mental Health, Communities & Families, Policy. The Opening Plenary on "SB 440 - Intentions & Consequences" is followed by tracked break-out sessions. J. Tom Morgan, former DeKalb County District Attorney and author of *Ignorance is No Defense: A Teenager's Guide to Georgia Law* is the lunch speaker. [Click above to learn more.](#)

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SYMPOSIUM: Prevention of HIV/AIDS in Latinos: Applying Research Findings to Practice and Identifying Priorities for Future Research

Friday, October 17, 2008, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
YWCA, 309 23rd Street, N., Birmingham, Alabama

Guest Speakers: Antonia M. Villarruel PhD, FAAN
The University of Michigan School of Nursing,
Thomas M. Painter, PhD
Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Scott Rhodes, PhD
Wake Forest University School of Health Sciences

The objectives of this symposium will be to: (a) present a review of research identify research priorities, and promote research about prevention of HIV/AIDS among emerging Latino and immigrant populations in the United States; and (b) identify ways to incorporate best practices from research in prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS in the Latino community.

If you are a researcher, volunteer, or practitioner working in programs serving the Latino community or aimed at HIV prevention or care, or if you are a student interested in learning about research needs related to prevention of HIV/AIDS, please join us!

There is no registration fee and lunch and will be provided. CEUs will be provided for a nominal fee. A limited number of travel scholarships are available for graduate students interested in research related to prevention of HIV/AIDS among Latinos

For more information, please contact: Reashanda White, AIDS Alabama, 'reashanda@aidsalabama.org', Phone (205) 324 9822 Ext. 33 or Tim Frasca, Latino Commission on AIDS (212) 584-9305, tfrasca@latinoaids.org

Space is Limited! Please Register Online by October 10, 2008
http://www.latinoaids.org/programs/southproject/deepsouth_symposium.htm

Diabetes University

November 8, 2008
15th Annual Diabetes University
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
AmericasMart (Apparel Mart), Building 2 West
230 Spring Street, Atlanta, GA 30303
<http://www.diabetesatlanta.org/events/DU.aspx>
du@diabetesatlanta.org

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Women & Girls in Georgia Conference

The Institute for Women's Studies is hosting the second annual Women and Girls in Georgia Conference on October 24 & 25.

This year's theme is Health and Well-Being and the keynote speaker, Dr. Susan F. Wood, professor of Environmental and Occupational Health at George Washington University, was the director of the Office of Women's Health at the FDA until she resigned in 2005 on principle over the continued delay in approving emergency over-the-counter contraception.

To see the full program and registration information visit our website:

www.uga.edu/iws/WAGG

American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting & Exposition October 25-29 in San Diego

The APHA Annual Meeting & Exposition is *the* premier Public Health Educational Forum! Learn from the experts in the field, hear about cutting edge research and exceptional best practices, discover the latest public health products and services, and share your public health experience with your peers. Visit <http://www.apha.org/meetings> for more details.

Public Health Action towards Awareness, Prevention and Treatment

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Congenital CMV Foundation are pleased to sponsor the 2008 Congenital CMV Conference, to be held at the CDC in Atlanta, GA on November 5-7, 2008. For more information, visit:

http://www.rsvpbook.com/event_customization/CDC/index.html

2nd National Student Safety & Security Conference November 20 - 21, 2008 in Las Vegas, Nevada

Nearly 500 safety experts representing schools, government agencies and school organizations gathered in last year's event that was featured in CBS News and other media outlets throughout the state. This year, the conference will give you hands-on experience as our experts share real life scenarios during break-out sessions and table top exercises. Learn different strategies in the areas of prevention, preparedness, response and recovery. Attendees will be given the option to attend the first day or second day but we will highly appreciate if you will attend the two-day conference.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-536-5000 or email clewis@nfemail.com and christine.lewis@new-fields.net

To register for this event simple fill in the registration form and fax it to 202- 280-1239. For more information on the event, please visit WWW.new-fields.com/nssc2/

Abstract Submission Form: http://www.emorycenterforinjurycontrol.org/abstract_submit.php
Information on the conference is posted at: www.emorycenterforinjurycontrol.org

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National Environmental Health Association NEHA's 73rd AEC & Exhibition in Atlanta, Georgia Submit your abstract by Friday, October 31, 2008 at midnight MDT.

Online Abstract Submission Form and Instructions:

<http://www.neha.org/AEC/2009/abstracts/index.html>>

With 1,500 attendees expected, don't miss this valuable opportunity to present your information and/or research at the national level.

QUESTIONS? Contact Denise Devotta at 303-756-9090, ext. 313 or at ddevotta@neha.org.

Society for Advancement of Violence & Injury Research National Meeting March 5-6, 2009

The 2009 Society for Advancement of Violence and Injury Research National Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia is being co-sponsored by the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, the Emory Center for Injury Control, and SAVIR. The Pre-Conference workshop I is March 4, 2009; and an Opening reception March 5th, 2009 at the Carter Center.

This year's theme is: "From Discovery to Practice: Innovative Translational Approaches to Injury Prevention and Care"

ABSTRACT DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31st 5pm EST

Abstract Instructions: http://www.emorycenterforinjurycontrol.org/abstract_info.php

FELLOWSHIPS / SCHOLARSHIPS

The Villers Fellowship

The Villers Fellowship for Health Care Justice (<http://www.familiesusa.org/about/the-villers-fellowship.html>) was created in 2005 by Philippe Villers, Founder and President of Families USA. Villers Fellows will conduct research on a range of health care policy issues, and write and contribute to publications that are relevant to current health policy debates.

The application deadline for the Villers Fellowship is January 15, 2009.

Visit: <http://www.familiesusa.org/about/the-villers-fellowship.html> for more information. If you have any questions about the Villers Fellowship for Health Care Justice or would like to request hard copies of the application brochure, please email: villersfellowship@familiesusa.org.

The Wellstone Fellowship

The Wellstone Fellowship for Social Justice (<http://www.familiesusa.org/about/wellstone-fellowship.html>) aims to advance social justice through health care advocacy by focusing particularly on the unique challenges facing communities of color. Through this fellowship, established to honor the memory of the late Senator Paul D. Wellstone, the hope is to expand the pool of talented social justice advocates from underrepresented racial and ethnic minority groups.

You can find more information, including a downloadable application form, on our Web site:

<http://www.familiesusa.org/about/wellstone-fellowship.html>

The application deadline for the Wellstone Fellowship is February 6, 2009.

If you have any questions about the Wellstone Fellowship for Social Justice please email: wellstonefellowship@familiesusa.org.

Both fellowships are year-long, full-time, salaried positions at our office in Washington, DC. Each year, one candidate will be selected for each fellowship. Selected fellows will receive a compensatory package that includes an annual salary of \$35,000 and excellent health care benefits.

FELLOWSHIPS / SCHOLARSHIPS

Southeast Regional Network Fellowship

Applications are now open for the Environmental Leadership Program's 2009 Southeast Regional Network Fellowship class. For more information about our Fellowship program contact Cerise Bridges at 205.532.1719 or visit <http://www.elpnet.org/southeastnetwork/process.php>

Public Health Informatics Fellowship

Application Deadline --- November 14, 2008

CDC offers a 2-year postgraduate fellowship in public health informatics, the systematic application of information technology to public health practice, research, and learning. Fellows receive training in both informatics and public health, are assigned to teams involved in research and development of CDC information systems, and are given the opportunity to lead one or more major projects during their fellowships.

The deadline to apply for the fellowship period beginning July 2009 is November 14, 2008. All supporting documents must be received by the Public Health Informatics Fellowship office by November 21, 2008.

Additional information regarding the application process is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/epo/phifp/appinfo.htm>. Additional information regarding the program is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/epo/phifp>, by telephone, 404-498-6219, or by e-mail, phifp@cdc.gov (subject line: request info).

NCHS/AcademyHealth Health Policy Fellowship

Call for Applications due January 5, 2009

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) and AcademyHealth are seeking applications for their 2009 Health Policy Fellowship. The aim of the fellowship is to foster collaboration between NCHS staff and visiting scholars. The fellowship allows scholars to conduct new and innovative analyses and participate in developmental and health policy activities related to the design and content of future NCHS surveys and offers access to the data resources (<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/express.htm>) provided by the CDC. Applicants may be at any stage in their careers--from doctoral students to senior investigators. To learn more about the fellowship, download the application, or view past fellows' profiles, visit the AcademyHealth Web site at www.academyhealth.org/nchs.

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notice to CPH Students

Certificate students must submit the following form:

<http://publichealth.gsu.edu/pdf/GCPHApplication.pdf> prior to completing the certificate program. The form should be submitted to the Graduate Coordinator, Courtney Burton.

Selecting a MPH Specialty Track and Program of Study

By the end of the second semester or after completing required courses, whichever comes first, MPH students must select a specialty track. Selection should be done in consultation with the student's faculty advisor. At the time of selection, a Program of Study (POS) form should be filed by the student. The POS may be updated from time to time as course work progresses. Please see the IPH Graduate Student Handbook for further details and an example of the Program of Study worksheet: <http://publichealth.gsu.edu/pdf/IPHhandbookspring08.pdf>

SAS Software

IS&T has received authorization from SAS Inc. to distribute the SAS analytics software to Georgia State students. SAS version 9.1.3 is available for \$30 per copy, which just covers the cost of the CD and duplication. For more information, contact the Help Center at (404) 413-HELP(4357).

Computer Lab

The College of Health & Human Sciences Computer Lab in the Urban Life Building, Room 955 is available for use by all CHHS students (including MPH students) during normal operating hours.

You merely need to have your student ID with you. Normal operating hours are Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 am - 7:30 pm and Fri. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. These hours are subject to change periodically, as the lab is sometimes closed for departmental testing or maintenance.

Library Resources for PH Students

Todd Prusin, the College of Health and Human Sciences librarian, will hold research assistance "office hours" in the IPH office suite student/GRA computer lab on Wednesdays from 1-3 PM.

See Todd's website at: <http://www.library.gsu.edu/people/index.asp?ID=225>.

GSU Online Writing Resources

<http://www.wac.gsu.edu/23793.html>

ASPH Recommended Reading From The Schools of Public Health

http://fridayletter.asph.org/article_view.cfm?FLE_Index=6541&FL_Index=1498

Internship/Scholarship website

<http://socrates.berkeley.edu/~cphpweb/career/fellowships.html>

