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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Upcoming Dates**

October 16	World Food Day
October 20	Spring 2009 Registration Begins
October 23	Haverty Lecture Series
November 5	Grand Rounds
November 25-30	Thanksgiving Holidays (no classes)

**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.

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

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](mailto:chhs@gsu.edu).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **South Atlanta for the Environment (S.A.F.E.) will host this kickoff event at Southside – NEW POSTING**

An important event is taking place on October 15, 2008 in NPU-V!  
9:30 AM-1:30 PM

As a public health student with an interest in social and environmental justice your presence is needed to underscore the significance of this project. *South Atlanta For the Environment* (S.A.F.E.) will host this kickoff event at Southside Medical Center in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor multi-purpose room at 1046 Ridge Ave, Atlanta 30315.

Please RSVP by October 10th!! To RSVP or for more information contact Dr. Yomi Noibi, Executive Director of ECO-Action at 404-584-6499 or via email at [yomi@eco-act.org](mailto:yomi@eco-act.org)  
[www.eco-action.org](http://www.eco-action.org)  
[www.dirtytruth.org](http://www.dirtytruth.org)

### **“Questioning Collapse: Human Resilience, Ecological Vulnerability, and the Aftermath of Empire” - NEW POSTING**

Thursday, October 16th  
Speakers Auditorium, Student Center  
12:00 pm

Dr. Yoffee's lecture will challenge the thesis that societies - past and present - collapse because of behavior that destroyed their environments. Drawing on material from his upcoming edited volume, topics of discussion will include the deforestation of Easter Island, the cessation of the Norse colony on Greenland, the abandonment of Chaco Canyon and the Anasazi of the American Southwest, the fate of the ancient Maya, and his own research on ancient Mesopotamia. The meaning of labels like “success” and “failure” and the way they are used in cultural history will be examined.

Norman Yoffee (Ph.D. Yale 1973) is the author of dozens of books and articles, including the recently published *Myths of the Archaic State* (Cambridge University Press, 2005). Please join us for refreshments after the lecture in Sparks Hall, Room 345.

## PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### **GSU Government and Non-Profit Career Fair**

Wednesday, November 19, 2008  
Noon-3:00 pm  
GSU

Student Center Ballroom  
DRESS FOR SUCCESS

For more information, visit  
[www.gsu.edu/career](http://www.gsu.edu/career) or 404/413-1830

### **Job Search Seminar for International Students**

Wednesday, November 19, 2008  
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
245 University Center

For more information, visit  
[www.gsu.edu/career](http://www.gsu.edu/career) or 404/413-1830

## PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### **AVIAN INFLUENZA TECHNICAL COORDINATOR – NEW POSTING**

CARE USA

<http://www.idealists.org/en/job/312325-13>

Atlanta, Georgia, United States

### **Assistant Country Director – NEW POSTING**

CARE USA

<http://www.idealists.org/en/job/312233-252>

Atlanta, Georgia, United States

### **Project Director - Atlanta, GA – NEW POSTING**

Cicatelli Associates Inc.

<http://www.idealists.org/en/job/314261-263>

Atlanta, Georgia, United States

Salary: CAI offers a competitive salary (commensurate with education and experience)

### **Position: Grant Project Coordinator Mercer University, Macon, GA**

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](http://www.mercerjobs.com). Click Professional position. AA/EOE/ADA

## PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### **PulseNet Database Administration Team: Position Announcement**

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](http://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](mailto:pfge@cdc.gov). Please enter "PulseNet Position" in the subject field.

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## PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### **GCIV Internships**

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**

Visit [www.ciee.org/study](http://www.ciee.org/study) for more details.

### **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](mailto:karen.wasilewski@choa.org)

Lillian Meacham, [Lillian.Meacham@oz.ped.emory.edu](mailto:Lillian.Meacham@oz.ped.emory.edu)

### **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.

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.

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](mailto:cbayer@msm.edu) with questions.

## CONFERENCES / MEETINGS

### **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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.latinoaids.org/programs/southproject/deepsouth_symposium.htm)

### **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](http://www.uga.edu/iws/WAGG)

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### **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](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](mailto:clewis@nfemail.com) and [christine.lewis@new-fields.net](mailto: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/nsssc2/](http://WWW.new-fields.com/nsssc2/)

Abstract Submission Form:

[http://www.emorycenterforinjurycontrol.org/abstract\\_submit.php](http://www.emorycenterforinjurycontrol.org/abstract_submit.php)

Information on the conference is posted at: [www.emorycenterforinjurycontrol.org](http://www.emorycenterforinjurycontrol.org)

### **Diabetes University – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

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](mailto:du@diabetesatlanta.org)

## CONFERENCES / MEETINGS

**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](mailto: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](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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### **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>

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### **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](mailto: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](http://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](http://fridayletter.asph.org/article_view.cfm?FLE_Index=6541&FL_Index=1498)

### Internship/Scholarship website

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

