

Georgia State University  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Upcoming Dates

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| December 3        | Grand Rounds, Lanier Suite, Student Center                                 |
| December 5        | Last Day of Class  |
| December 6-12     | Exam Period  |
| December 15       | Commencement, Georgia Dome, 6:00 pm  |
| January 2         | Last Day to Pay tuition & register for<br>Spring classes without late fees |
| January 5         | First Day of Spring Semester/New Student Orientation                       |
| <b>January 10</b> | <b>Deadline to register for Summer 2009 Graduation</b>                     |

### Public Health Grand Rounds

December 3, 2008

Lanier Suite, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Student Center

"Interdisciplinary Research on Race & Health"

Panelists:

Erin Ruel, PhD - Department of Sociology

Makungu M. Akinyela, PhD, LMFT – Department of African American Studies

Cassandra White, PhD – Department of Anthropology

Sarita K. Davis, MSW, PhD – Department of African American Studies

### SPRING 2009 THESIS DEFENSE & CAPSTONE PRESENTATION TIMELINE

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| January 5   | First Day of Class  |
| February 20 | First Draft due to Chair  |
| March 20    | Final Draft due to Chair & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader<br>Thesis/Capstone Scheduled & Announced  |
| April 13    | Last Day to Defend Thesis/Present Capstone  |
| April 27    | Last Day of Class<br>Corrected & approved thesis should be uploaded to<br>the GSU electronic database and corrected capstone<br>project will be posted to the IPH website |

## PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### Health Promotion Internships in Ecuador – NEW POSTING

P H E I E, a recently formed private educational and social service organization established in Quito, Ecuador is devoted to organize full internships in the field of Health Promotion and Public Health Education at Ecuadorean urban and rural health and educational centers. This new organization is offering two regular summer programs and customized programs during the year, starting in 2009. Details are posted at [www.pheie.org](http://www.pheie.org)

PHEIE  
P.O.BOX 17-21-0250  
Tola Chica #3. Tumbaco  
Phone (593) 9949-4412  
Phone/Fax (593) 2237-4972  
Quito - ECUADOR  
[www.pheie.org](http://www.pheie.org)

### Opportunity with PEDS – NEW POSTING

PEDS is hiring a part-time Program Assistant to perform clerical and non-clerical assignments in support of our programs and administration. If you're interested in pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods, healthy communities, fewer cars and safer walking, this may be the position for you. Check out the qualifications and how to apply.

Visit <http://www.peds.org/cgi-bin/actions.single.cgi?sortdate=2008.01.05> for more details

### The Georgia Budget and Policy Institute (GBPI) seeks to hire a Director of Communications – NEW POSTING

The Georgia Budget and Policy Institute is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that strives to raise the level of public policy debate in the state of Georgia. GBPI uses research, analysis and education to advance policies and practices that improve the quality of life for all Georgians. Through GBPI's fact-based research we educate policy makers, the media, and all Georgians about the importance of a fair and adequate tax system, affordable health coverage, and policies that expand opportunity and economic success for Georgians.

#### General Description

The Director of Communications will manage GBPI's communications activities with the goal of increasing public understanding of budget, tax, and economic issues important to low and moderate income Georgians. In addition, the Director of Communications will promote GBPI, our work and reputation, to key audiences.

Additional information about GBPI is available at [www.gbpi.org](http://www.gbpi.org) .

*New IPH Library  
Hours with Todd  
Prussin*

*Urban Life, Room  
928*

*Thursdays, 11:00 am  
– 1:00 pm*

## PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### World Health Organization Internship Opportunities

Deadline: December 1 - January 31 for Summer Internships;  
September 1 -October 31 for Winter Internships

For more information, including conditions of the internship and to apply,  
<http://www.who.int/employment/internship/interns/en/index.html>

### 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 see the following link: <http://hhsu.learning.hhs.gov/elp/>

## CONFERENCES / MEETINGS

### GPHA Meeting

Due to the cancellation of the 79th Annual Meeting and Conference in Savannah, there will be an informational meeting of the Georgia Public Health Association held on Wednesday, December 17, 2008 on the Macon campus of Mercer University. There will be no registration fee. The executive board will meet from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The general session will be held in the President's Dining Room of the University Center and begin at 1:00 p.m. Board elections will be held and GPHA president W. Douglas Skelton, M.D., will address the membership. Only paid and honorary members will be eligible to vote. If your membership dues are not up-to-date, you can renew them online at [www.gapha.org](http://www.gapha.org). The meeting will conclude at 3:00 p.m.

To register, send an e-mail with your name and contact information to  
[director@gapha.org](mailto:director@gapha.org)

Further information will be posted on the GPHA website as it becomes available.

Please feel free to call (404) 294-3871 if you have questions.

### 12th Annual Health Education Advocacy Summit – NEW POSTING

February 21-23, 2009 in Washington, D.C.

Student Scholarships are available for the 11th Annual Health Education Advocacy Summit!

To download and print the scholarship application please visit:

[http://www.sophe.org/content/docs/Student\\_Scholarship\\_Application\\_2009.pdf](http://www.sophe.org/content/docs/Student_Scholarship_Application_2009.pdf)

To learn about all of SOPHE's student travel support scholarship opportunities visit:

[http://www.sophe.org/content/docs/Student\\_Scholarship\\_description\\_08v2.pdf](http://www.sophe.org/content/docs/Student_Scholarship_description_08v2.pdf)

Questions about summit support? Contact: Carmen J. Head at [chead@sophe.org](mailto:chead@sophe.org)

## CONFERENCES / MEETINGS

### **NATIONAL Student Safety Summit, New York City**

The NATIONAL Student Safety Summit will be held on February 5-6, 2009 in New York City, and will feature real-world simulations of community response to school violence and related tragedies.

Registration in this link; [http://www.comfori.com/nsss/nsss\\_registration\\_form.pdf](http://www.comfori.com/nsss/nsss_registration_form.pdf) and return via FAX 213-559-8700 *Register Today! ...Special Promotional Rate Applies Through November 30, 2008*

### **2009 National Leadership Summit on Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health February 25-27, 2009**

The Office of Minority Health (OMH), Department of Health and Human Services, issues this Call for Abstracts for oral and poster presentations as part of the Third National Leadership Summit on Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities. The Summit will include sessions which highlight progress, challenges, and opportunities for improving the health of minority populations since the release of the 1985 "Report of the Secretary's Task Force on Black and Minority Health." For more information about the NPA, please visit <http://www.omhrc.gov/npa>.

### **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"

## FELLOWSHIPS / SCHOLARSHIPS

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

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.

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).

### **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).

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

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>

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.

## 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.

### 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>

