

Georgia State University
**Institute of Public
Health Newsletter**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Dates at a Glance

- April 6-12 National Public Health Week
(<http://www.nphw.org/nphw09/default.htm>)
- April 8, 2009 April Grand Rounds
- April 9, 2009 Robert F. Kennedy at GSU
- April 16, 2009 Practicum Class
- April 27, 2009 Last day of class
- April 28-May 4 Exam Period
- June 1, 2009 Fall 2009 Graduation Registration Deadline
(http://www.gsu.edu/es/applying_for_graduation.html)

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MPH Student Receives Communications Services Award

Melanie Moser, a student in the MPH program and Public Health Analyst at CDC, received the National Center for Zoonotic, Vectorborne, and Enteric Diseases' Award of Excellence for Communication Services on March 26, 2009. Melanie was nominated by the Parasitic Diseases Branch for her efforts at creating and coordinating improvements in the Branch website, serving as a backup responder to the Branch's Public Inquiries Hotline, and assisting in the coordination of parasitic disease information that was provided to CDC-INFO, CDC's consolidated call center.

"This is Public Health" Presentation

At Georgia State University, the Institute of Public Health and the Foundations of Public Health class are committed to raising awareness of public health's critical role in ensuring a healthy America. We invite you to join the movement!

JOIN US, during National Public Health Week for the debut of **"This Is Public Health,"** a presentation on how public health affects each of us in our everyday lives.

Date: Tuesday, April 7th

Time: noon-1pm

Location: Lanier Suite (2nd floor of the Student Center)

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS will be provided, compliments of PHISA

Relay for Life of GSU

April 3, 2009

For more details, see http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?pg=entry&fr_id=12643

April Grand Rounds

April 6-12, 2009 is National Public Health Week and on April 8th, PHISA will feature Dr. Mindy Millard-Stafford for Public Health Grand Rounds. Dr. Millard-Stafford will be speaking on an important topic in public health: **"Physical Activity for Americans: Why Exercise is Medicine™"**

Mindy Millard-Stafford, PhD, is Professor in the School of Applied Physiology (within the College of Sciences) at Georgia Institute of Technology where she also directs the Exercise Physiology Laboratory. In addition to being an accomplished researcher, Dr. Millard-Stafford currently serves as President of the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) through 2009. She is the 5th woman President in the 54 year history of ACSM and the first Mom to have served in this role.

Experience of Disability in America Film Series: "What's Eating Gilbert Grape"

Date: April 8, 2009

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Cinefest

The Center for Leadership in Disability presents the first Georgia State University Disability Awareness Film Series, featuring the lives, stories and artistic expressions of people with different disabilities. Discussions and other engaging programs will follow each film, and students, faculty, community members and disability advocates are invited to attend. Admission is free.

Contact Information:

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Robert F. Kennedy at GSU

Environmental Activist & Attorney, Robert F. Kennedy, will talk about our **"Environmental Destiny."**

Date: April 9, 2009

Location: Student Center Ballroom

Time: 1:00 pm

For more details, see:

<http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwstc/eventSite/robertKennedy.html>

Practicum Class

Date: April 16, 2009

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Place: Urban Life, Room 839

Contact Courtney Burton at cmburton@gsu.edu for more information

PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Research, Synthesis, and Application (RSA) Team

.5 FTE Research Assistant / Public Health Analyst Position – NEW POSTING

The Position will broadly support the RSA Team in support of three main foci:

- A) Program evaluation, including evaluation research and program evaluation.
- B) Synthesis and translation of scientific knowledge to practice.
- C) Dissemination/Implementation research of intervention strategies and programs.

The Position will provide research assistance/support in the following RSA functions:

- A) Provide programming support and technical writing.
- B) Perform technical writing of consumer information on DVP topics for use by research, practice, and policy fields and other venues.
- C) Provide scientific data advisement.
- D) Provide technical consultation in the design of the evaluation and data analysis.
- E) Conduct a research synthesis that describes the transfer of information from research finding to practical applications in field settings.
- F) Using substantial knowledge of violence prevention activities and policies, working in conjunction with DVP/PIDB personnel, collect qualitative and quantitative data.

If interested, please contact Richard Puddy, PhD, MPH, Acting RSA Team Lead, at rpuddy@cdc.gov and include a brief letter of interest and CV.

Two Positions at Georgia Department of Human Resources – NEW POSTING

The Georgia Department of Human Resources (DHR), Division of Public Health, is seeking qualified candidates for the position of *Administrative Assistant in the Office of Substance Abuse Prevention and Behavioral Development* to provide professional level administrative support for the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG) Process. Selected person will assist in organizing and scheduling Advisory Council (AC) meetings and preparation of AC materials such as notebooks and related materials. AA must maintain an organized filing system, prepare databases for correspondence (letters, memos) and be proficient in use of related computer applications such as mail merge and the creation of labels, name badges, etc.. AA must be willing to perform other clerical support duties as assigned. AA must work cooperatively in collaboration with agency partners to prepare materials for all SPF SIG trainings and conferences as needed. Please email your cover letter and resume in Microsoft Word format to: Publichealth@dhrrjobs.com. To ensure proper routing/handling of your credentials, copy/paste or type the following title in the subject line of your email: Administrative Assistant. Candidates for this position may be subject to employment drug testing and criminal background check. Salary range \$25,895.28 – \$45,453.36.

They are also looking for a *Community Capacity Building Technical Assistance and Training Specialist*. Duties: Develops, plans, implements and maintains a comprehensive Community Initiative Task Force (CITF) system designed to coordinate and provide training and technical assistance for SPF SIG communities on the 5 SPF Steps, two Central Elements (Cultural Competence/Sustainability) and the Guiding Principles of the SPF process. Develop presentations and other training/educational materials for use by SPF SIG communities to promote understanding of the SPF process. Also, lead in the development of the Workforce Development Plan for SPF SIG over the 5 year SPF SIG Grant period managing any and all contracts for expert trainers under the CITF, including a master statewide contract with Georgia State University. Experience in the area of substance abuse (ATOD) prevention is required. Completion of the credentialing process for PCCG, experience in contract development, negotiation and management with knowledge of DHR procurement processes preferred. Statewide Salary Plan: Annual Pay Grade 15 (\$34,533.36 - \$48,935.59). Email publichealth@dhrrjobs.com for more information.

Policy Director Opening at Voices for Georgia's Children

We are seeking a Policy Director for Voices for Georgia's Children. Applications are due by April 1 <https://salsa.democracyinaction.org/o/1679/images/Voices%20Policy%20Director.pdf>

Pat Willis

Executive Director

pwillis@georgiavoices.org

Executive Director Position

The Atlanta Harm Reduction Coalition (AHRC) seeks an Executive Director for immediate hire. Founded in 1998, AHRC is a community-based non-profit organization whose core values are guided by the principles of harm reduction. AHRC's program activities follow a five-tiered risk reduction model, including street outreach and syringe exchange, HIV testing and counseling and testing for Hepatitis C, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases; wellness exams, vaccinations, and referrals to medical clinics; referral to drug treatment programs; implementation of evidence-based interventions including the Safety Counts intervention developed by the CDC to reduce the risk of HIV in at-risk drug users. To apply, please send a cover letter with current CV to Peter Stinner, Search Committee Chair, at stinner@ahrc.fdn.com

CONFERENCES / MEETINGS

The 17th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect

Focusing on the Future: Strengthening Families and Communities

Marriott Marquis in Atlanta, March 30-April 4.

<https://www.pal-tech.com/cbconference/index.cfm>

For volunteer opportunities at this conference, visit:

<http://www.naswga.org/displayemailforms.cfm?emailformnbr=93398>

GPHA First Annual Future Leaders Conference

The Georgia Public Health Association will hold its First Annual Future Leaders Conference on Friday, April 3, 2009, in Macon at Mercer University. Registration for students is free.

<http://www.gapha.org/future-leaders-conference/>

Health Disparities Conference

The Xavier University of Louisiana College of Pharmacy, Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities, Research and Education will sponsor its Third Annual Health Disparities Conference April 19-21, 2009. For details, see <http://xula09.the1joshuagroup.com/posters.html>

2009 NATIONAL HIV PREVENTION CONFERENCE

Atlanta, GA from August 23 - 26, 2009. Visit <http://www.2009nhpc.org/>

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Designing for Better Health Competition Deadline Approaching – NEW POSTING

April 1 Deadline to Enter Ideas that Nudge People to Make Better Health Decisions
The deadline for entering your idea as part of the online, open-source competition "Designing for Better Health" is only a week away-April 1, 2009. For more details, visit <http://www.rwjf.org/pioneer/product.jsp?id=37528>

2009 Tylenol Scholarship – NEW POSTING

Deadline: May 15, 2009

For more information, visit:

<http://www.tylenol.com/page.jhtml?id=tylenol/news/subptyschol.inc>

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notice to CPH Students

Please 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 following link for more details: http://publichealth.gsu.edu/current_students.asp

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).

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>