

Paschal Receives Diversity Award

Angelia Paschal, PhD, MEd, assistant professor, Wichita, received the University of Kansas Medical Center's fifth annual diversity award on Friday, March 9 in Kansas City, Kansas.

Executive Vice Chancellor Barbara Atkinson, MD presented the award to Paschal as part of the university's commitment to providing a culturally diverse environment.

Paschal's research areas examine social determinants of health and how they contribute to health disparities. Some of her previous research focused on individual, community and social factors that lead to health disparities in African-American adolescents and substance abuse. One such project focused on nutrition education and physical fitness programs for African-Americans.

She also published a book titled "Voices of African-American Teen Fathers: I'm Doing What I Got to Do."

Doren Fredrickson, MD, PhD, interim chair, Wichita, praised Paschal for her commitment to her scholarly activities and community service.

"She is totally dedicated to her work and focused on bringing cultural competency education to our students," said Fredrickson.

Paschal currently teaches two courses in the Master of Public Health program. She teaches the core course



Angelia Paschal, PhD, MEd and Barbara Atkinson, MD

PRVM 818 Social and Behavioral Aspects of Public Health and co-teaches the elective course PRVM 845 Cultural Competency in Public Health. She hopes to develop a course focused on health disparities for Spring 2009.

Professor Emerita Honored as Kansas City's Hometown Hero

Norge Jerome, PhD, FACN, FASNS, CNS, Kansas City, was honored by Kansas City Public Television (KCPT) as a Hometown Hero for her longstanding contributions to public health as the world's first nutritional anthropologist.

Jerome joined the University of Kansas Medical Center in 1967 as an assistant professor of Dietetics and Nutrition. Her research and community efforts have worked to expand food and nutrition services, particularly to children



Norge Jerome, PhD

and the underserved. By combining the elements of her training in clinical nutrition and cultural anthropology, Jerome sought to understand the

relationship between food and culture.

Currently a professor emerita of Preventive Medicine and Public Health, Jerome continues to actively serve in many public service roles. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Maternal and Child Health Coalition of Greater Kansas City and the Johnson County Foundation on Aging. She continues to

mentor students in public health nutrition and engages in a variety of research activities looking at food consumption patterns in several populations.

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Creation of the Public Health Credentialing Exam

In January of 2002, the Association of Schools of Public Health's (ASPH) Executive Committee developed an independent Board of Public Health to issue examinations and provide those that pass the exam with a public health credential. The National Board of Public Health Examiners (NBPHE) was created and held its first meeting in December 2005.

The charge to the NBPHE was to develop, prepare, administer and evaluate certification examinations for graduates from Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH)-accredited schools of public health and programs of public health. It is comprised of distinguished representatives from the Association for Prevention Teaching and Research (APTR), the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), the National Association of County and City

Health Officials (NACCHO), private sector public health, as well as the American Public Health Association (APHA) and the Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH).

Since their first meeting, the NBPHE has been working on issues related to developing the exam, eligibility, outreach, diversity and research and evaluation.

The first public health credentialing exam will be administered August 11-30, 2008. Anyone who graduated or will graduate from a CEPH-accredited school or program will be eligible to take the credentialing exam. The student must be a graduate of a CEPH-accredited school or program on or before July 31, 2008. Additionally, eligible alumni include those that graduated within 3 years of a school's accreditation. Example: If a school was accredited in 1990 and the student graduated in 1987, they would be eligible. If they

graduated in 1986, they would not. The University of Kansas Master of Public Health program was accredited in 1998.

The exam is being designed to test knowledge of the five areas basic to public health and cross-cutting areas relevant to contemporary public health. Questions are based on the core competencies developed by ASPH and available on the ASPH website (<http://www.asph.org/userfiles/version2.3.pdf>). The exam will be offered at more than 300 testing centers distributed nationally. Fees for the exam are on a sliding scale based on registration date starting at \$300. Those that successfully pass the exam will be Certified in Public Health, and can add the initials CPH to their name and degree.

Exam registration and exam related news is available at www.publichealthexam.org.

KU-MPH Application Process

The University of Kansas Master of Public Health Program (KU-MPH) is currently accepting applications for Summer/Fall 2008 admission.

Admission into the KU-MPH Program requires a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution with an undergraduate grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grade scale. At least one semester of college algebra or calculus is required. Two copies of all academic transcripts for all post-secondary education must be submitted along with a KU Graduate School Application and a KU-MPH Application.

In addition, all applicants are required to submit three letters of reference with a recommendation letter summary form as well as an official copy of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). Other professional test scores, such as the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT), Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) or the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT), are acceptable in lieu of the GRE. Test scores cannot be more than five years old and can be waived for U.S. citizens with doctoral degrees obtained in the United States.

International applicants must also submit IELTS score with a minimum band score of 6.5 with no score below 6.0, a TOEFL score with an all part score of at

least 57, or a CBTOEFL with an all part score of at least 23 with an essay of at least 4.0. Official certified copies of non-English transcripts (certified as true by a notary public) must be submitted along with an evaluation of transcripts for academic compatibility with the U.S. grading system.

All application materials should be sent to the campus you wish to attend. In Kansas City, materials should be sent to the KU-MPH Admissions Committee, Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health, University of Kansas Medical Center, 3901 Rainbow Boulevard, Mail Stop 1008, Kansas City, Kansas 66160.

Applicants to the Wichita campus should submit their materials to the KU-MPH Admissions Committee, Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health, KU School of Medicine-Wichita, 1010 N. Kansas, Wichita, Kansas 67214.

Application materials can be found on the KU-MPH website at www.kumc.edu/mph.

Applicants are reviewed once a year. All applicants are considered without regard to race, religion, ethnicity, disability or national origin. For more information regarding admission, contact Mary Ann Woirhaye in Kansas City at (913) 588-2720 or Melissa Armstrong in Wichita at (316) 293-2693.

KU-MPH Faculty Publications

University of Kansas Master of Public Health (KU-MPH) faculty in the Departments of Preventive Medicine and Public Health in Kansas City and Wichita have had the following articles published January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006.

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MPHSO Gets to Know Faculty, Community



Gaurav Kumar, MPH Student Wichita, competes in the Step Up for SIDS annual fundraising events. Participants climbed the stairs of Cessna Stadium at Wichita State University or ran laps on the track in order to raise money for SIDS support and research.

The Master of Public Health Student Organization (MPHSO) in Wichita had a very busy year. The students volunteered for two very important community events and had several dinners in order to get to know MPH faculty.

In October, MPH students volunteered at Vietnamese Women Wellness Day at the Midtown Community Resource Center. Students helped set up the event, student Nga Le helped interpret, and other students helped decorate and blow up balloons.

The MPHSO also volunteered at the Step Up for SIDS annual fundraiser. Student Gaurav Kumar ran laps while other students helped provide daycare for participants. All money raised went to help Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) research and families who lost a child to SIDS.

In order to get to know the faculty, several informal dinners were set up with students and faculty. Two faculty at a time joined the MPHSO for dinner and answered questions about why they chose public health, what their experiences were in public health and what kind of interest areas they had.

On Sunday, August 26, MPH students, faculty, staff and alumni enjoyed a picnic at Sedgwick County Park. Almost fifty people enjoyed fried chicken, vegetarian sandwiches, great conversations and a quick game of sand volleyball.

If you would like to participate in future MPHSO activities, contact Melissa Armstrong at marmstro@kumc.edu.

Kansas City Students Raise Awareness

The Master of Public Health Student Organization (MPHSO) in Kansas City focused its efforts on helping to raise awareness of health issues during the 2006-2007 school year. In Fall 2006, the MPHSO participated in Breast Cancer Awareness efforts by assisting with a 5K Walk/Run on the University of Kansas campus in Lawrence. In Spring 2007, the focus changed to awareness efforts devoted to preventing premature birth. The MPHSO formed two teams to participate in the annual March of Dimes walks in both Lawrence and Kansas City.

At the conclusion of the school year, Co-Presidents Michelle Crick and Colin Thomasset handed over the organization to Tammy Tolliver. Tammy will serve as President for the 2007-2008 academic year. Aisha Tate will remain on as Secretary for the Fall 2007 semester. Any students interested in participating in MPHSO events or serving as an officer can contact Tammy Tolliver at ttolliver@kumc.edu or Mary Ann Woirhaye at mwoirhaye@kumc.edu.

MPH Students Awarded Fellowships

Two Master of Public Health students from the Kansas City campus were recently awarded prestigious fellowship in the state of Kansas.

Cydney Rabourn, MPH student Kansas City, was awarded the Melik Fellowship. The Melik Fellowship is supported by the University of Kansas Endowment Association.

The Melik Graduate Fellowship provides a stipend of \$10,000 a year plus payment of up to nine graduate credit hours of tuition for the fall and spring semesters. Rabourn will use the fellowship to support work on her Capstone project.

Rabourn's Capstone will focus on public health and law in the area of unrealized monetary support from class

action suits and other litigation whose outcome has a direct impact on public health in Kansas. She also hopes to introduce legislation in the Kansas House and Senate and eventually have it passed in other states as well.

Jessica Wright, MPH graduate Spring 2007, was chosen for the 2007-2008 Governor's Fellowship Program.

The fellowship is 12-month experience where each fellow selects three assignments from participating agencies. Students can either choose the health and human services track or the general government track. Fellows receive a monthly salary funded by the Kansas Health Foundation.

MPH Graduate Films Documentary in Iraq

David Durham, MD, MPH is no stranger to the media. Currently a physician in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Virginia, Durham also serves as the medical anchor for "FOX FirstHealth with Dr. Dave".

Durham was initially asked by the FOX affiliate to comment on a news series focusing on obesity. However, the one-time interview turned into a series called "Fit in 5 on Fox." Five mayors in Virginia were challenged to lose weight in five weeks.

Durham's latest news mission took him to Iraq in December 2006, producing and filming "Dr. Dave's Diary from Iraq". The series, airing on the Fox network in the Southeast and Northeast regions of the United States, has been nominated for a regional Emmy award.

Durham's military background includes service in the Army Infantry and Airborne Corps. His mission in Iraq was to gather true impression video on combat medicine. Embedded with the US Army's 3rd Combat Stryker Brigade, he lived and worked with a combat infantry platoon.

"I was awed by the massive infrastructure that exists," said Durham. "The countless number of one-ton concrete walls airlifted and placed one after the other, and the amount of money we are spending on the Iraqis."

He commented that his public health background framed his view of



Pictured Left to Right: David Durham, MD, MPH, Jerry Bumgarner and Rob Durham

population based health and disease.

"Soldiers are a fixed population with health problems both unique and common to us. Place them in a war and both become much more complicated. The basic tools in epidemiology, however, are critical...clean water sources, consistent, daily hygiene, and the development of resistance."

In administering medical care to Iraqis caught in the crossfire, Durham witnessed heart wrenching situations that have become part of daily life for many. He recalls treating a 12 year-old boy for a gastrointestinal infection. The boy, caring for his seven year-old

precociousness and sense of responsibility in these terrible conditions."

Having returned to daily life in Virginia, Durham struggles with his previous sense of urgency and priorities. He feels we can often become too disconnected with the daily struggles of the world.

"Our oceans that serve to protect us also isolate us a bit too much."

Durham completed his MPH in Fall 2006. His Capstone project was titled "Programming Prevention: The Impact of Television Health Reporting on the Health Beliefs, Practices, and Norms of Audiences."

sister, lost his family in an insurgent attack. A week later, his school was destroyed. Yet, in his quiet sadness, the boy managed to smile at Durham.

"I was so taken by his emotional

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

- 1** August Degrees Awarded (Conferred at May 2008 Commencement)
- 15** Last Day to Enroll Without Late Fee
- 16** Fall Classes Begin
- 30** Last Day to Meet All Requirements for December 2007 Graduation

SEPTEMBER

- 3** Labor Day Holiday – No Classes

OCTOBER

- 11-14** Fall Break

NOVEMBER

- 21-25** Thanksgiving Holiday – No Classes

DECEMBER

- 1** Application for Degree Deadline
- 6** Last Day to Defend Capstone
- 6** Last Day of Fall Classes
- 10-14** FINALS
- 31** December Degrees Awarded (Conferred at May 2008 Commencement)

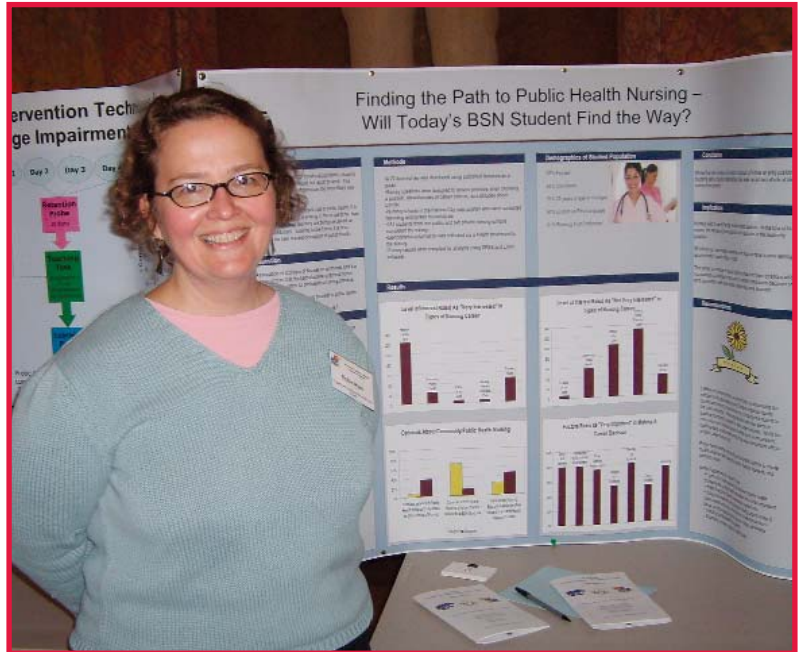
MPH Student Wins Graduate Research Competition

Robin Ryan, KU-MPH student Kansas City, competed in the Graduate Research Competition sponsored by the University of Kansas Graduate and Professional Organization.

Ryan's poster titled "Finding the Path to Public Health Nursing – Will Today's BSN Student Find the Way?" was one of 12 chosen to be displayed at the Capitol in Topeka at a research summit with state legislators and members of the Kansas Board of Regents.

Ryan's winning poster outlined the effects of the growing nursing shortage and looked at current nursing students attitudes about public health nursing. She concluded that while the new nurse is not likely to pursue community health nursing as an entry-level position, strong community relationships could enhance public health nursing recruitment efforts. She advocates that public health funding should be targeted at creating relationships with nurse educators, students, and practicing nurses.

MPH students interested in presenting research are



strongly encouraged to participate in the annual Student Research Forum at KUMC each April and the Kansas Public Health Association Conference each September. Contact your MPH advisors for more information.

Faculty Publications

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Annual Hooding Ceremony Held in Kansas City

The University of Kansas School of Medicine Master of Public Health (KU-MPH) program's eighth annual hooding ceremony was held Saturday, May 19, 2007 at the University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC) in Kansas City. Graduates, students, faculty and guests from the Master of Public Health (MPH) program, the Master of Science in Clinical Research (MS) and the Master of

Health Services Administration (MHSA) attended this special event.

The following list includes KU-MPH graduates who successfully defended their Capstones and completed the requirements for the Master of Public Health degree in Fall 2006 and Spring 2007.

Fall 2006

Kelly Heppler

Community Food Assessment:
Food Insecurity in Kansas

David Durham, MD

Programming Prevention: The
Impact of Television Health
Reporting on the Health Beliefs,
Practices, and Norms of Audiences

Chelsea Fleming

An Analysis of Health Care
Coverage for Obesity and Weight
Loss Services at a Kansas City
Metropolitan Safety-Net Clinic

Andrea Sackin

Telemedicine in Rural Kansas for
Children and Youth with Special
Health Care Needs

Gretchen Speer

Kansas Health Information
Technology/Health Information
Exchange Policy Initiative:
Recommendations for Developing
a Governance Structure
(HONORS)

Colin Thomasset

Wy/Jo Care: Microsoft Access for
Public Health Data Management

Spring 2007

Shawna Carroll

CAUSALITY: Cardiovascular
Awareness in University Students -
Adding Life in the Years
(HONORS)

Michelle Crick

Developing Sexual Health and
Women's Health Education
Materials for College Students at
Watkins Memorial Health Center

Andy Deal

Traditional Tobacco Use Among
Native Americans

Kate Donaldson

Pandemic Influenza: Business
Preparedness in Independence,
Missouri (HONORS)

Jessica Foster, MD

Developmental Screening and
Child Care: A Qualitative Inquiry
(HONORS)

Melissa Garber

Use of a Decision Aid Kiosk for
Smoking Cessation in a Primary
Care Clinic

Nicole Heim

Pandemic Preparedness and
Closed PODS: A Survey of Large
Businesses in Johnson County,
Kansas (HONORS)

Jeffery J. Honas

Energy Expenditure of Children
During Curriculum Based
Classroom Physical Activity: The
Physical Activity Across the
Curriculum Intervention (PAAC)
(HONORS)

Ai-Nguyet Huynh

Hypertension and Obesity Trends
in African-Americans and
Caucasian Clients of the Center for
Health and Wellness's Community
Hypertension Program 2002-2004

James Imholte

Public Health Response and
Recovery in the Gulf Coast

Baljit Kaur

Perceptions of Seasonal Influenza
Vaccine Among Health Care
Providers

Vaidehi Kaza

Osteoporosis in Chronic Lung
Disease: Physician's Perceptions
and Management Practices

Eleanor Lisbon, MD

Qualitative Measures of Youth
Participating in an HIV Peer
Educator Project (HONORS)

Shauna Marvin

Barriers to Identification for
Fluoride Varnish During Well-Child
Visit

Laura Mussulman

The Relationship Between
Depression and Motivation to Quit
Among Rural Smokers (HONORS)

Daniel Partridge

An Assessment of the
Environmental Public Health
Workforce in Kansas: Evaluating
Competency in the Ten Essential
Public Health Services (HONORS)

Michael Plunkett, DDS

Proposal for the Development and
Implementation of Community-
Based Education Curriculum at
Oregon Health & Sciences
University School of Dentistry: The
Oregon Oral Health Initiative
(HONORS)

Robin Ryan

Community/Public Health Nursing
as a Career Choice for Current
Nursing Students (HONORS)

Marcia Vaqar

Emergency Department Use by the
Low-Income Uninsured in
Sedgwick County, Kansas:
Antecedents of Health Care
Seeking Behavior

Jenny Rose-Marie Walters

The Effect of Birth Practices on
Breastfeeding: An Educational
Intervention (HONORS)

Jessica Wright

Health Literacy Assessment and
Development of Diabetes
Educational Materials for Low-
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Ellerbeck Named Chair of PMPH-Kansas City

Edward Ellerbeck, MD, MPH, associate professor, Preventive Medicine and Public Health, Kansas City has been named permanent chair of the Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health, Kansas City.

Dr. Ellerbeck replaces Jasjit S. Ahluwalia, MD, MPH, MS who left in September 2005.

Dr. Ellerbeck joined the Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health in 1997. Currently, he is the Director of the Health of the Public (HOP) clerkship for fourth year medical students and



Edward Ellerbeck, MD, MPH

lectures in ICM 850 Clinical Epidemiology and Prevention.

Dr. Ellerbeck's research interests include health services research and systematic improvements in the quality of medical care. Currently, he is working on two grants, one that deals with the impact of mammography facility characteristics on

patient satisfaction and the other regarding disease management for smokers in rural settings.

Additionally, Dr. Ellerbeck is interested in the linkages between public health education and service delivery in the state of Kansas. He is

currently working to build relationships with providers throughout the state in order to improve the University of Kansas's ability to serve in a prominent role in the field of public health.

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