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Department of Public Health Sciences (PHS)

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PHS Doctoral Programs:
Health Services Research (PhD)*
Public Health Sciences (PhD)

PHS Masters Programs:
Gerontology (MA)*
Health Administration (MHA)
Health Informatics (MS)*
Public Health (MSPH)

PHS Combined Degree Programs:
MHA/MBA
MHA/MS Health Informatics
MSPH/MS Health Informatics

PHS Graduate Certificate Programs:
Community Health
Gerontology*
Health Informatics*
Public Health Core Concepts
*interdisciplinary

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PHS Undergraduate Programs:
Public Health (BSPH)
Public Health and Gerontology Minors
Early Entry Masters Programs

Student Spotlight:
Celia Karp, BSPH, BA
Communication Studies, and
Undergraduate Certificate
International Public Relations
(‘14, Summa Cum Laude),
inaugural Levine Scholar
member, and 2014 Fulbright grant recipient; spent her Fulbright year in Ecuador
working on her project, “Communication, Culture,
and Health: Investigating Maternal Mortality in Ec-
uador.” Celia begins her doctoral studies in Popula-
tion, Family, and Reproductive Health at Johns
Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public
Health this fall.

Congratulations to our MSPH and PhD May 2015 PHS Graduates!

Tony Derrick McLaurin, III, MSPH
Thesis Title: An examination of the Association between College Students’ Perceptions of Internet and Health Educator Credibility and HIV Screening Chair: Dr. Jan Warren-Findlow

Putri Pamela Powell, MSPH
Thesis Title: The Association between Sexual Violence against Women and the Female Victims’ Future Pregnancy Intention: A Secondary Analysis using the 2006-2010 National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG) Data Chair: Dr. Larissa Brunner Huber

Jatyra Mone’t Rivers, MSPH
Thesis Title: The Association between Race/Ethnicity and Perceptions of Weight Gain among Women using Oral Contraceptives: A Study of Fertility and Oral Contraceptive Use Study (Focus) Participants Chair: Dr. Larissa Brunner Huber

Meghan Kusper Wally, MSPH
Thesis Title: The Association between Pre-conception Care Receipt and the Timeliness and Adequacy of Prenatal Care: An Examination of Multistate Data from Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) 2009-2011 Chair: Dr. Larissa Brunner Huber

Jacqueline Narissa Mungo, MSPH
Project Title: A Grant Proposal for the Expansion of Freedom School Partners: The Freedom to Defend Chair: Dr. Sharon Portwood

Tyisha Terry, MSPH
Project Title: 123 ABC: A Grant Proposal for the UNC Charlotte Center for Wellness Promotion Alcohol Education and Prevention Chair: Dr. Sharon Portwood

Charnele Walton, MSPH
Project Title: A Program Implementation Plan for I AM Not the Media, Inc., A Media Literacy Curriculum for Adolescents in Charlotte-Mecklenburg High Schools Chair: Dr. Sharon Portwood

Melanie Rose Pate, PhD
Dissertation Title: The Role of the Activity Professional in Promoting Resident-Centered Engagement for persons with Dementia Living in Care Communities Chair: Dr. Sarah Laditka

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11/11/15
143rd Annual APHA Meeting Abstracts

Association between North Carolina Free Clinics and Non-Urgent Emergency Department Visits **Jenny Hutchinson, Michael E. Thompson, Jennifer Troyer

Association between Women’s Perceptions of Domestic Violence and Choice of Contraceptive Method **Comfort Olorunsaiye, Larissa R. Brunner Huber, Sarah B. Laditka, Shanti Kulkarni, Suzanne Boyd

Demographics of Uninsured Adults Admitted for Preventable Hospitalizations in North Carolina Communities with a Free Clinic **Jenny Hutchinson, Jennifer Troyer, Michael E. Thompson


Perceptions of Health Among Adults with Arthritis in North Carolina Crystal Piper, **Shweta Shah, *Jyoti Bankapur, Elizabeth Racine, Elena Platonova

Race, Socioeconomic Status and Rurality Influences on Type 2 Diabetes Management among North Carolina Adults Crystal Piper, *Shilpa Chatakalal, Neethu Sebastian, *Tatreka Polite-Middleton, **Shweta Shah, *Fred Martin

Relationship between Local Health Department Organizational Characteristics and Changes in Maternal and Child Health Services Profile **Comfort Olorunsaiye, L. Michele Issel, Arden Handler, Laura Sneed

RN Salary Gap in County Labor Markets: Public health nurses versus hospital nurses L. Michele Issel, Betty Bekemeier, Christine Fitzpatrick

Translation and Testing of a Scale to Assess Hypertension Self-Care Activities among Latinos Jan Warren-Findlow, Celia Karp, Maren Coffman

Village HeartBEAT: People, partnership, pride and progress Cheryl Emanuel, Lori Carter-Edwards, Camina Davis, Victor Romano, Mark J. DeHaven, Marcus Plescia

African Americans & Stress: A review of effective stress reduction interventions for African Americans living with chronic disease **Corliss Allen

Possible Fringe Benefits Associated with Increasing the Supply of Physician Extenders in Primary Care: The Impact of Physician Extenders on Race and Gender Concordance Galen Smith III, William P. Brandon, Cicily Hampton, **Keith Carnes, Hollie Tripp

Treatment preference of women with persistent obstetric fistula in Kano, Nigeria Sunday Lengmang, Amir Yola, Hannah Dege **Comfort Olorunsaiye

**Doctoral student *MSPH student PHS Faculty Member

Public Health Sciences Graduate Faculty

Ahmed Arif, PhD, MS, CPH, Epidemiology
Chris Blanchette, PhD, MA(‘02), MS, MBA, Pharma Health Services Research
Larissa R. Brunner Huber, PhD, MS, Epidemiology
Mark James DeHaven, PhD, MA, Community Health
Andrew Harver, PhD, MS, AE-C, Experimental Psychology
L. Michele Issel, PhD, RN, Nursing
James N. Laditka, PhD, DA, MPA, Public Administration
Sarah B. Laditka, PhD, MBA, MA, Public Administration
Crystal Nicole Piper, PhD, MPH, MHA, Health Services Policy & Management
Elena Platonova, PhD, MHA, Health Care Strategic Mgmt
Sharon Portwood, PhD, JD, Psychology
Elizabeth Racine, DrPH, MS, MPH, RD, Nutrition
William “Bill” Saunders, PhD, MPH, Epidemiology
Winsor C. Schmidt, JD, Health Policy
Susan M. Sell, PhD, Interim Chair, Bioinformatics & Genomics
Gary Silverman, DEnv, MS, RS, Environmental Health
James Studnicki, ScD, MBA, MPH, Health Services Research
Michael E. Thompson, DrPH, MS, Health Services Research
Jan Warren-Findlow, PhD, MBA, Community Health

Lecturers

Camina Davis, MS ’03, CHES, Community Health
Pilar Zuber, PhD(’12), MSPH(’06), MCHES, CPH, Health Services Research

Admission Application Deadlines Fall 2016

Graduate: January 15, 2016—PhD Public Health Sciences
February 1, 2016—PhD Health Services Research
February 15, 2016—MHA, MSPH, Certificate
April 15, 2016—MS Health Informatics

Undergraduate: February 12, 2016—BSPH