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## *Around the School*

News & Notices of the Harvard School of Public Health

April 17, 1998

### Take Our Daughters to Work Day

Take Our Daughters to Work Day is a nation-wide event sponsored by the Ms. Foundation for Women and observed at HSPH each year. This year, April 23 is the day that students, staff, and faculty are encouraged to bring their daughters or other young women in their lives to join them for a day at the school. The intent is to provide opportunities for girls and young women to learn more about careers and to meet and observe successful role models.

A panel of student speakers will convene at 12:30 p.m. in Kresge G-2 to share their insights and experiences about being a woman in the field of public health. Titled "Voices from Women in the Field," the panel will include Gillian Barclay, doctoral student in the Department of Health and Social Behavior; Susan Garfield, master's student in the Department of Health Policy and Management; Tonya Nyagiro, master's student in the Department of Population and International Health; Lysiane Ribeiro, a master of public health student; and Yeemay Su, a master's student in the Department of Health and Social Behavior. Following the presentations, a pizza lunch will be served.

The event is cosponsored by the Career Services and Human Resources Offices, and the Women in Public Health student group. Those planning to attend the lunchtime event are urged to RSVP to 432-1046.



### ASP Seeks Teaching Assistants

The Advance Seminar Program (ASP) presents an opportunity for new students to orient themselves to HSPH and to Boston. The Office for Professional Education is seeking teaching assistants to participate in this summer's ASP session to welcome new students and assist in a variety of ways. ASP is scheduled for September 1-11. Interested students may pick up applications in Kresge 506. Applications must be returned by April 24. For more information, phone Roberta Gianfortoni in the Office for Professional Education at 432-0090. Teaching assistants are given a stipend.

### HSPH Student Hsu Receives Award

Congratulations to Leslie Hsu, recipient of the first Julius B. Richmond Young Leader in Public Health Award, given by the US Public Health Service, Region I, and the Massachusetts Public Health Association. Hsu (center) received the award from Richmond (right) at the April 7 bicentennial celebration of the US Public Health Service. Also on hand were Surgeon General David Satcher (left) and US Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA, not pictured).

Hsu, a master's student in the Department of Health and Social Behavior, was chosen for this honor because of her work with the HepB Initiative, a program that is raising awareness about hepatitis B and offering testing and vaccination to Boston's Chinatown and surrounding neighborhoods. The HepB Initiative, comprised of students from HSPH, HMS, and other area graduate schools, has been the feature of stories in previous issues of *Around the School*, *Focus*, and the *Boston Globe*.

## Exams and Defenses

Pamela Robin Dziuban will take her oral examination for a doctoral degree in the Departments of Environmental Health and Health Policy and Management on April 20 at 10:30 a.m. in the Harvard Center for Risk Analysis conference room, 718 Huntington Avenue. Major fields: environmental health science and risk and decision science; minor field: public policy and law. John Graham will chair the examination committee.

Bernardo Hernandez, doctoral student in the Department of Health and Social Behavior, will present his thesis, "Diet, Activity, and Obesity in Mexican Children," on April 22 at 12:00 p.m. in Kresge 315.

Philip Armstrong, doctoral student in the Department of Immunology and Infectious Diseases, will present his thesis, "Pathogen Diversity at the Tick-Human Interface," on April 24 at 10:00 a.m. in SPH I-717.

Lois Chandler Howland, doctoral student in the Department of Maternal and Child Health, will present her thesis, "Quality of Life, Stress, and Immune Function in Children with HIV Infection," on April 27 at 10:00 a.m. in Kresge 209.

Jennifer Fine, doctoral student in the Department of Health and Social Behavior, will present her thesis, "Obesity: Cost to Society and Burden to the Individual," on April 28 at 1:00 p.m. in FXB G-13.

Lisa Beth Signorello, doctoral student in the Department of Epidemiology, will present her thesis, "Endocrine Factors in the Etiology of

Prostate Cancer and Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia," on April 28 at 2:00 p.m. in Kresge 904.

Audiey Kao, doctoral student in the PhD Program in Health Policy, will present his thesis, "Trust and Agency: The Patient-Physician Relationship in the Era of Managed Care," on April 29 at 1:30 p.m. in Taubman 401, KSG, 79 J.F. Kennedy Street, Cambridge.

Cary Perry will take her oral examination for a doctoral degree in the Department of Health and Social Behavior on April 29 at 2:00 p.m. in Kresge 315. Major field: program design and planned social change; minor fields: research and evaluation methods and maternal and child health. Lisa Berkman will chair the examination committee.

Kari Bohlke, doctoral student in the Department of Epidemiology, will present her thesis, "Diet, Endogenous Hormones, and Breast Cancer," on April 30 at 2:00 p.m. in Kresge 904.

Edmond Shenassa will take his oral examination for a doctoral degree in the Departments of Epidemiology and Maternal and Child Health on April 30 at 3:00 p.m. in Kresge 315. Major fields: epidemiology and maternal and child health; minor field: biostatistics. Felton Earls will chair the examination committee.

Kuei-Ling Belinda Chen, doctoral student in the Department of Environmental Health, will present her thesis, "Toenail Arsenic Measurement for Epidemiologic Studies," on May 1 at 3:00 p.m. in SPH I-1301.

## Calendar Monday, April 20

*"Interactive Applications: Databases and PDF Forms"*

**Speaker:** Deane Eastwood, assistant director for internet applications, Office of Academic Communications  
**Sponsor:** Office of Academic Communications, Web Site Development Seminar  
FXB G-11, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

## Tuesday, April 21

*"Learning Curves: The Adoption of a New Surgical Technique"*

**Speakers:** From Harvard Business School: Gary Pisano, professor of business administration; and Richard Bohmer, lecturer  
**Sponsor:** Center for Quality of Care Research and Education  
Kresge G-2, 12:30-1:25 p.m.

*"Missing Data: Are We Doing the Right Thing?"*

**Speaker:** Karin Michels, instructor in medicine, Brigham and Women's Hospital  
**Sponsor:** Channing Laboratory, Epidemiology of Chronic Disease Seminar  
5th floor conference room, Channing Laboratory, 181 Longwood Avenue, 12:30 p.m.

*"Malaria's Eve: Recent Evolution of an Ancient Parasite"*

**Speaker:** Stephen Rich, University of Rochester  
**Sponsor:** Department of Immunology and Infectious Diseases  
FXB G-12, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

*"Investigating Boston's Teaching Hospitals' Response to Employees Affected by Domestic Violence"*

**Speaker:** Melissa Dimond, master's

student, Department of Health and Social Behavior

**Sponsor:** Resolution—The Violence Prevention Working Group  
Kresge 203, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

### Frank Minore Memorial Gathering

Frank Minore, a master of public health student, passed away on March 18. Friends and colleagues of Minore are invited to attend a memorial gathering to share their memories and thoughts about his life. The gathering begins at 4:00 p.m. on April 22 in Kresge 101. For more information, contact the Office for Students at 432-1036.

### Thursday, April 23

*“The Anorexicant Debate: Lessons for and from Pharmacoepidemiology”*

**Speakers:** Cochairs: Jerome Avorn, associate professor of medicine, HMS; Alexander Walker, professor, Department of Epidemiology. Presenters: Lucien Abenheim, professor of epidemiology, McGill University; Thomas Moore, Center for Health Policy Studies, George Washington University School of Medicine; Robert Nelson, former associate director of epidemiology, Food and Drug Administration; and Arthur Weyman, professor of medicine, HMS

**Sponsor:** International Society for Pharmacoepidemiology  
Best Western Boston-Inn at Children’s, 342 Longwood Avenue, 8:15 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
(\$65 symposium fee. Call 617-278-0936 for more information.)

*“Statistical Issues in a Comparative Technology Assessment Experiment Involving Multivariate Categorical Data with Clustering”*

**Speaker:** J. Richard Landis, director, Division of Biostatistics, University of Pennsylvania Medical Center  
**Sponsor:** Department of Biostatistics, Statistical Methods in Epidemiology Seminar  
Kresge 606, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

*“GIS Partnerships: Improving Access to Public Data?”*

**Speaker:** David Cobb and Arlene Olivero, Harvard Map Collection, Pusey Library, Harvard College  
**Sponsor:** Department of Biostatistics  
FXB G-11, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

*“Social Capital in Mali: Theory, Measurement and Relevance for Development”*

**Speaker:** Alayne Adams, Center for Population and Family Health, Columbia School of Public Health  
**Sponsor:** Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies  
9 Bow Street, Cambridge, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

### Friday, April 24

*“Proteolytic Mechanisms Regulating Genome Ploidy in Schizosaccharomyces Pombe”*

**Speaker:** Dieter Wolf, Department of Pathology, Stanford University School of Medicine  
**Sponsor:** Department of Cancer Cell Biology  
FXB G-11, 11:00 a.m.

*“Ethical and Human Rights Implications of HIV Surveillance: An International Perspective”*

**Speakers:** From the Department of Population and International Health: Daniel Tarantola, lecturer;

and Sophia Gruskin, instructor

**Sponsor:** Human Subjects Committee  
FXB G-12, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

*“Cytotoxic T Lymphocyte Responses to Trypanosoma Cruzi: From Experimental Murine Infection Model to Human Chagas’ Disease”*

**Speaker:** Benjamin Wizel-Cohen, research associate, department of cellular biology, University of Georgia  
**Sponsor:** Department of Immunology and Infectious Diseases  
FXB G-11, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

*“Applications of Epidemiology in the Pharmaceutical Field: An Industry Perspective”*

**Speaker:** Susanne Prez Gutthann, head, Global Pharmacoepidemiology, Novartis Pharmaceuticals  
**Sponsor:** Department of Epidemiology, Pharmacoepidemiology Seminar  
Kresge 204, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

*“Blood Lead, Pregnancy, and Bone Density”*

**Speaker:** Irva Hertz-Picciotto, associate professor, Department of Epidemiology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
**Sponsor:** Department of Environmental Health

Kresge 904, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

### Saturday, April 25

*“Harvard-MIT Conference on Alternative Medicine: An Interactive Exploration of Non-Traditional Medicine”*

**Speakers:** Herbert Benson, director, Mind-Body Institute, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center; James Gordon, director, Center for Mind-Body Medicine, Washington, DC; Steve Wolf, Emory School of Medicine; Bill Mueller, former chair, Na-

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An orientation session for recently hired exempt staff will be held from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. on April 21 in the Club Room, Vanderbilt Hall, 107 Avenue Louis Pasteur. The program includes an overview of Harvard's organizational structure and mission, benefits, retirement plans, facilities, programs, and services. Benefits Office consultants will be on hand to answer questions.

## Calendar cont'd.

Submit calendar listings to Ethan Cohen, Kresge 1005, by noon on Monday of the week preceding the event. Listings may be transmitted via Email (ecohen@sph.harvard.edu).

Around the School will not be published next week. The next issue will be distributed on May 1, 1998.

Advisors to foreign students and scholars from the Harvard International Office will hold office hours at HSPH on April 23 and 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Kresge G-10. Drop by or call 432-0488 to schedule an appointment. Please remember to bring your passport and other visa documents.

## Saturday, April 25, cont'd.

tional Commission to Certify Acupuncture; Mary Ann Richardson, University of Texas School of Public Health; and others  
**Sponsor:** Hippocratic Society Science Center, 1 Oxford Street, Cambridge, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (Continues on Sunday, April 26. Conference fees are \$20. Call 617-493-6390 for more information.)

*"Harvard International Women's Health Conference"*

**Speakers:** From HSPH: Sofia Gruskin, instructor, Department of Population and International Health; Norma Swenson, lecturer, Department of Maternal and Child Health; and Daniel Tarantola, lecturer, Department of Population and International Health; together with other women's health scholars and professionals

**Sponsors:** Harvard Project for International Health and Development Harvard Hall, Harvard Yard, Cambridge, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (For more information, call 617-493-7328)

## Monday, April 27

*"Hsp70, a Molecular Chaperone That Controls Stress-Activated Kinases JNK and p38"*

**Speaker:** Michael Sherman, Boston Biomedical Research Institute  
**Sponsor:** Department of Cancer Cell Biology Kresge 502, 11:00 a.m.

## Tuesday, April 28

*"HIV/AIDS in Zimbabwe: The Southern African Story"*

**Speaker:** David Katzenstein,

Stanford University Medical School  
**Sponsor:** Department of Immunology and Infectious Diseases FXB G-12, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

*"Effectiveness of Alternative Approaches for Coordinating Patient Care Within and Across Settings"*

**Speaker:** Jody Hofer Gittel, assistant professor of business administration, HBS

**Sponsor:** Center for Quality of Care Research and Education Kresge G-2, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

*"Protein-Directed Molecular Interactions in Recombination and Repair"*

**Speaker:** Stephen West, Imperial Cancer Research Fund

**Sponsor:** Division of Biological Sciences, Distinguished Lecture FXB G-13, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

## Wednesday, April 29

*"NCI's New Cancer Incidence Maps"*

**Speaker:** Susan Devesa, chief, Descriptive Studies Section, Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics, National Cancer Institute

**Sponsor:** Harvard Center for Cancer Prevention Kresge 904, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

## Thursday, April 30

*"The Role of Trypanosoma Cruzi Oligopeptidase B in Host Cell Signaling and Invasion"*

**Speaker:** Barbara Burleigh, Department of Cell Biology, Yale University School of Medicine

**Sponsor:** Department of Immunology and Infectious Diseases FXB G-12, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

*Alonzo Yerby Memorial Lecture: "Drug Policy and Violence"*

**Speaker:** Kurt Schmoke, mayor, City of Baltimore

**Sponsors:** Division of Public Health Practice, Department of Health Policy and Management, Violence Prevention Working Group Snyder Auditorium, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

## Friday, May 1

*"Confidentiality in Public Health Research"*

**Speaker:** Felton Earls, professor, Department of Maternal and Child Health

**Sponsor:** Human Subjects Committee FXB G-12, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

*"The Transmission/Disequilibrium Test (TDT) and Its Generalizations"*

**Speaker:** W.J. Ewens, professor of biology, University of Pennsylvania

**Sponsors:** Department of Biostatistics, Program for Population Genetics, Genome Therapeutics Corporation FXB G-12, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

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