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Around the School

News & Notices of the Harvard School of Public Health

October 24, 1997

Takemi Program Welcomes Fellows

The Takemi Program in International Health welcomed eleven new fellows this fall. This year's fellows are the fourteenth group of fellows since the program's inception in 1984 and represent nine different countries.

The fellows come to the school to pursue research and advanced training in international health with an emphasis on the needs of developing countries. The program is named for Taro Takemi, a physician-scientist who served for over 25 years as president of the Japan Medical Association.

This year's fellows and their research projects are as follows:

Albert Kanlisi Awedoba, research fellow, Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana: "Local People's Health-Seeking Behaviors and Coping Strategies in Relation to ARIs, Diarrhea and Onchocercal Skin Diseases, and the Role of Social Networks in Health-Seeking and Modes of Coping with Morbidity."

Juraci César, assistant professor, Fundação Universidade do Rio Grande, Brazil: "Interventions in Maternal-Child Health in a Small Community: The Brazilian Experience."

Chang-Chuan James Chan, professor and acting director, College of Public Health, National Taiwan University: "Comparative Health Risk Assessments of Air Pollution."

Diane Coggan, former chief epidemiologist, Israel Defense Forces: "Foreign Worker Health Care Issues: International Experience with Application to Israel."

Maha El-Adawy, national program officer for the United Nations Population Fund: "Comparative Study of the Determinants of Health Services Utilization Patterns Among Egyptian and Jordanian Women."

Charu Garg, associate professor, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, India, and senior lecturer, Shri Ram College of Commerce, Delhi University, India: "Health Insurance Systems in India."

Dairiku Hozumi, public health expert, Maternal and Child Health Project, Japan International Cooperation Agency: "Exploration of the Use of Geographical Information Systems in Public Health Planning and Management."

Joseph Ntangsi, resident economist, World Bank: "The Sustainability of Health Reforms in Cameroon: Issues of Financing Efficiency, Equity, and Political Commitment."

Katsumi Numasawa, manager, Information and Planning Division, Japan Medical Association: "The Process of Formulating Health Policies in the Research Institute of the Japan Medical Association."

Aniceto Orbeta, research fellow, Philippine Institute for Development Studies: "The Impact of Macroeconomics Policy Change on Sectoral and Household Health Outcomes."

Charu Prakash, deputy director, National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Government of India: "Policy Options for Controlling Hepatitis B in India."

The 1997 Takemi Fellows. Back row (from left): Lucy Zahner (program coordinator), Juraci César, Dairiku Hozumi, Joseph Ntangsi, Katsumi Numasawa, Albert Kanlisi Awedoba, Chang-Chuan James Chan, and Aniceto Orbeta. Front row: Charu Prakash, Maha El-Adawy, Michael Reich (program director), Diane Coggan, and Charu Garg.



The annual benefits enrollment period for Harvard University staff and faculty runs from October 22 through November 12. Two information sessions will each consist of presentations from the various health and dental plans and general sessions on the benefits package. The Longwood Campus session is on October 29, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Vanderbilt Common Room at Vanderbilt Hall, 107 Avenue Louis Pasteur. A Cambridge session will occur on November 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Gutman Conference Center in Gutman Library, 6 Appian Way, Cambridge. For a schedule of presentations, or for more information, call 496-4001.

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Calendar

Submit calendar listings to Bob Brustman, Kresge 1012, by noon on Monday of the week preceding the event. Listings may be transmitted via Email (brustman@hsph.harvard.edu).

A fund-raising dance, "Meren-gue with Mission Hill," will be held on October 30 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Kresge cafeteria. The event will bring together the HSPH and neighboring Mission Hill communities for an evening of fun, dance, and food, including dance lessons and music by Jorge Arce and y Su Grupo Humano. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$12 at the door, with proceeds going to Project LIFE's After School program. For more information, or to purchase tickets, call Maria Cristine, executive director, Project LIFE, Inc., at 442-3620.

Monday, October 27

"Bayesian Model Selection for Factor Analysis"

Speaker: David Shera, doctoral student, Department of Biostatistics
Sponsor: Department of Biostatistics, Psychiatric Biostatistics Seminar
Kresge 606, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 28

"Disequilibrium of Airway Smooth Muscle and its Implications in Asthma"

Speaker: Jeffrey Fredberg, professor, Department of Environmental Health
Sponsor: Department of Environmental Health, Physiology Program
SPH I-1301, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Global Chat: "AWA Traditional Medicine/Modern Medicine Development Project"

Speakers: Florencio Cantincuz and Julian Cantincuz
Kresge 213, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

"Legislative Efforts to Insure Quality of Medical Care: The Massachusetts Experience"

Speaker: Allan Goroll, president, Massachusetts Medical Society, associate professor, HMS
Sponsor: Center for Quality of Care and Research
Kresge G-2, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

"Aflatoxins as Risk Factors for Liver Cancer: Experimental Epidemiologic Evidence"

Speaker: Gerald Wogan, professor of toxicology and chemistry, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Sponsor: Division of Biological Sciences, Distinguished Lecture Series
FXB G-13, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

The Sol Levine Lectureship on Society and Health: "Lessons from Sol About Leadership and Life"

Speaker: Diana Chapman Walsh, adjunct professor, Department of Health and Social Behavior; president, Wellesley College
Sponsors: HSPH Office of the Dean; Boston University School of Public Health; Health Institute of New England Medical Center
Snyder Auditorium, 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 29

"The Role of a Community Oriented Approach to Health Care Delivery in Changing Health Systems"

Speaker: Leon Epstein, professor, Department of Social Medicine, Hadassah University Hospital, Israel
Sponsor: Department of Population and International Health
FXB G-11, 12:30-1:20 p.m.

"The Youngest Parents: Teenage Pregnancy as It Shapes Lives"

Speaker: Robert Coles, professor of social ethics, Harvard Graduate School of Education
Sponsor: Harvard Education Forum
Askwith Lecture Hall, Longfellow Hall, 3 Appian Way, Cambridge, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 30

Minority Student Health Organization General Meeting

Agenda items include a mentorship program with Mission Hill children and planning for upcoming clothing, food, and toy drives
FXB G-11, 12:30-1:30 p.m.



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"A Structural Equations Approach to Correcting for Regression Toward the Mean"

Speaker: Charissa Hogeboom, postdoctoral research fellow, Department of Biostatistics, University of Washington
Sponsor: Department of Biostatistics
FXB G-10, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

"Equity in Health Care Delivery and Finance"

Speaker: John Roemer, Department of Economics, University of California at Davis
Sponsor: Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies
9 Bow Street, Cambridge, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Exams and Defenses

Amy Ratcliffe will take her oral qualifying examination for a doctoral degree in the Department of Population and International Health on October 30 at 3:30 p.m. in SPH I-1104. Major field: reproductive health and population studies; minor fields: biostatistics and qualitative methods. David Harrington will chair the examination committee.

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