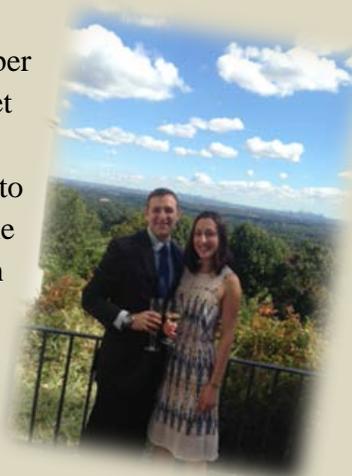


HPM IN ACTION

- ❖ Several HPM faculty are featured in a collage of interviews in the Centennial issue of the Harvard Public Health magazine. Read about their experiences and expertise on the important work happening in public health and health care.
- ❖ Nancy Kane and Sue Goldie were both featured panelists at The Second Century Symposium, held November 1 at HSPH. Learn more about the Symposium and the interesting topics covered [here](#).
- ❖ Nancy Turnbull presented at the APHA Annual Meeting, reporting Massachusetts now has the lowest rate of uninsurance in the country (3%) and half of the newly insured in Massachusetts have obtained coverage through the exchange.
- ❖ Ashish Jha and colleagues recently launched Harvard HIGHQ, the Initiative on Global Health Quality. Read about their goals and objectives [here](#).
- ❖ Congratulations to Ashish Jha and Michelle Mello who were both recently elected to the Institute of Medicine! Read more about them and this great accomplishment [here](#).
- ❖ Congratulations to Sara Singer who was just honored by APHA as the 2013 winner of the Avedis Donabedian Award which recognizes outstanding contributions in the field of health care quality assurance and improvement.

Congratulations to Yelena Kuznetsov on her engagement to Jonathan Greenberg! On September 9th, Jon took advantage of a sunset stroll on the beach during their vacation in Cape Cod to propose to Lena. Lena said - "of course!" She and Jon are just beginning to plan their wedding, which will likely take place next year in Massachusetts.



Also, congratulations to Shehnaz Alidina, who has successfully defended her dissertation entitled "Promise and Performance of Patient-Centered Medical Homes (PCMH)." Shehnaz was advised by Meredith Rosenthal, Eric Schneider and Sara Singer. In her dissertation, she examined coordination

mechanisms that primary care physicians use to collaborate with specialists and hospitals in medical neighborhoods; job satisfaction of primary care providers and staff in patient-centered medical home pilots; and medical home structural capabilities of primary care practices. Shehnaz is currently working with Meredith Rosenthal on a meta-analysis of PCMH effects on quality, utilization and costs. Well done, Shehnaz!

Upcoming Events

- ❖ December 6: Informal session with Ashish Jha about the new Initiative on Global Health Quality and how you can get involved. FXB Atrium, 12:30-1:30 pm
- ❖ December 12: Research Seminar, Guest lecturer, Christopher Robertson, *Scaling Cost-Sharing to Wages: How Employers Can Reduce Health Spending & Provide Greater Economic Security*, Kresge 439, 12:30-1:30pm
- ❖ January 10: HPM Faculty & Staff New Year Celebration

HPM Comings and Goings Welcome

- ❖ Meghan Coletta, Faculty Assistant with Katherine Swartz

Farewell and best wishes

- ❖ Paula Smith, Programmer with Ashish Jha
- ❖ Fernandel Salomon, Temporary Assistant with the financial team

Student Spotlight - Preparing for Life as an HPM Student, by Kevin Nguyen

Beginning graduate school brings a number of looming questions for first-year SM2 students: How do I optimize my short two years at HSPH? What classes will help me along my career? When should I begin looking for my internship? Is it normal to not have the next five years mapped out? Luckily for first year students, there have been several events held to mitigate these concerns, and to more seamlessly integrate first-year SM2 students into the HSPH HPM family.

On September 16, the HPM department held a social for SM2 first-year and second-year students to get to know one another. The social was very successful, as second years were able to provide guidance about courses, midterm studying, Winter Session trips, Boston events, and joining clubs and listservs.

Second-year students also shared their internship experiences over lunch on October 11th and October 18th. These lunches, deemed helpful by many first-year students, provided an opportunity to ask questions about the internship process, and see the wide range of health policy and management endeavors students pursued.

In mid-October, several members of the HPM department (Howard Rivenson, Anne Occhipinti, Nancy Turnbull, and Nancy Kane) held group advising sessions for SM, MPH-CMP, and LPH students to prepare for and answer questions about Fall 2, winter session and spring courses.

While starting any graduate program can be an overwhelming experience, the HPM department has made the transition a much more exciting process, and outlined the array of opportunities available to HSPH students. Regardless of anticipated twists and turns over the next two years, this will unquestionably be a great adventure!

Faculty Spotlight - Meredith Rosenthal, New Associate Dean for Diversity!

Congratulations to Meredith Rosenthal who was appointed Associate Dean for Diversity on October 3, 2013! We recently sat down with Dr. Rosenthal to learn more about this new role and her vision for promoting and enhancing diversity and a climate of inclusion among students and faculty here at HSPH.

Meredith accepted this role after serving for many years on the Committee on the Advancement of Women Faculty (formerly Committee on the Concerns of Women Faculty) and serving as a Faculty Ambassador and mentor for Project Success. While on that committee she identified a greater need to encourage diversity across HSPH. The work of that committee and related diversity initiatives around the school identified multiple levers for improving recruitment, retention and the overall climate at HSPH. One example emerged from student surveys about their experiences at HSPH indicating that “we need to do a better job working with our instructors so they know how to interact with multicultural groups.” That realization motivated Meredith to accept this position, where she can further identify and address ways to improve experiences at HSPH. As a first step, Meredith is gathering data. “I want to have a more comprehensive understanding of disparities in student and faculty recruitment as well as the scope of current initiatives to address diversity so that the School can find ways to close the apparent gaps.” Meredith’s objectives in this role include: 1) engaging with other departments and offices who are working to foster diversity on campus and understanding their issues and concerns; 2) coordinating diversity efforts with faculty throughout HSPH’s working groups, committees, and core programs; and 3) building and hosting pipeline initiatives that bring together high school and college students and encourage young people from underrepresented groups to pursue public health careers.

To strengthen Meredith’s efforts, a task force has been formed to work with students and faculty to address these kinds of issues: The Dean’s Advisory Committee on Diversity & Inclusion (DACDI). Meredith also hopes to explore funding opportunities to eventually build programs and a larger team committed to this effort.