LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear SBS community:

Welcome to the Fall 2 edition of the Department newsletter. I hope that your hectic schedules are beginning to settle down, and that you’re also getting a chance to enjoy the autumn weather and the New England fall foliage before the arrival of snow.

Just don’t forget your flu shot!

With best wishes,

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1. UPCOMING EVENTS

**Maternal and Child Health/Epi Symposium**  
Jan 23, 2013  
HSPH, Kresge Rm. 502  
Hours TBD  
George Davey Smith will be the keynote speaker

**Health Communication Concentration Reception**  
If you are interested in or concentrating in Health Communication, come mingle with fellow students and faculty members at the HCC Fall Reception. Information will be provided for those interested in joining the concentration. Food and beverages will be served.  
Monday, October 28th  
5-7 pm  
HSPH, FXB-Atrium  
Questions? Contact Rachel at rcf885@mail.harvard.edu

2. MILESTONES

**Loretta LaFratta** was recently married so her name has changed to Loretta Alamo; her new e-mail address is lalamo@hsph.harvard.edu. Congratulations Loretta!

3. ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

**Emily O'Donnell's** son, Caleb, was born May 2. Emily says “He is a daily lesson in MCH, mental health, social support, work/family balance and many other topics near and dear to SBS!” Congratulations Emily!

**Jill Roncarati** and Jim O'Connell welcomed a beautiful baby daughter on September 27th, 2013 at 5:27 pm. She weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and was 21 inches long. Her name is Gabriella Yvonne O'Connell. Congratulations Jill!
4. COMMITTEES & INITIATIVES

**HSPH Student Community Action Partnership (HSPH S-CAP).** Interested in exploring, working and taking action with Boston communities on health and social justice-related issues? Come together with other interested friends through HSPH Student Community Action Partnership (HSPH S-CAP)! HSPH S-CAP is committed to increasing the presence of HSPH in the surrounding Boston area and engaging with social justice issues which impact local communities, especially those affecting health. We aim to connect HSPH with the communities of Greater Boston through equitable community-student planning, implementation and active engagement in both short-term volunteer projects, as well as sustained community partnerships and programs. If you'd like to be added to our email list, please fill out our interest survey at [https://docs.google.com/a/mail.harvard.edu/forms/d/1cKlijQB61oL3wsdGloXemih3u9vT_gAX1K-5lzvP0xA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/a/mail.harvard.edu/forms/d/1cKlijQB61oL3wsdGloXemih3u9vT_gAX1K-5lzvP0xA/viewform) (or [HERE](https://docs.google.com/a/mail.harvard.edu/forms/d/1cKlijQB61oL3wsdGloXemih3u9vT_gAX1K-5lzvP0xA/viewform)). If you have any questions or suggestions, please email marvin.so@mail.harvard.edu. We can work together towards healthier communities!

5. GRANTS, AWARDS & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

**Vish Viswanath** received a $250,000 grant from the American Legacy Foundation to work with Legacy to provide a test bed for campaign evaluation including testing new mobile technologies for data collection and laboratory experiments to test messages.

6. UPCOMING COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

**ID 238, Programs and Principles in Public Health Nutrition**

The ability to translate nutrition and public health research to practical applications on the community and population level is increasingly becoming critical in the practice of public health nutrition. This course is designed for both masters and doctoral level students interested in acquiring skills for linking nutrition research to action in US and international settings; post-doctoral fellows with relevant applied research interests are welcomed. The course provides an introduction to research and practice of public health nutrition in both the US and abroad by presenting conceptual and methodological perspectives on topics ranging from existing nutrition programs and policies to planning and evaluation, to nutritional surveillance. Participatory, interdisciplinary approaches to research and practice are discussed and incorporated into student workgroup activities. Course Activities: discussions, assigned readings, class exercises, class presentations and written group project. Course Note: Enrollment limited to 30 students. Prior coursework recommended in one or more of the following areas: nutrition, exercise physiology, program and policy implementation and evaluation, participatory and community-based public health practice and research.

2.5 credits
Meet Thrs, 10:30 am – 1:20 pm
Spring 2
Instructor: Kirsten K. Davison
7. UPCOMING CONFERENCES

**Spirit Of 1848 Sessions At American Public Health Association (APHA) Meeting**

*Boston, MA*

Nov 2-6, 2013

[www.apha.org/meetings/annualmeeting/](http://www.apha.org/meetings/annualmeeting/)

Chair: N. Krieger; 2 of 3 students on the Spirit of 1848 Coordinating Committee who organize the student poster session are SBS fellows & students: Rebekka Lee & Allegra Gordon

**Nancy Krieger** will give the Wade Hampton Frost Award Lecture at the American Public Health Association. The talk is titled “Epidemiology and The People's Health: Critical Reflections” and it will be presented in the Epidemiology Section Award session (Session 3446.0, Mon, Nov 4, 2:30-4 pm, Boston Convention and Exhibition Center Room 251).

**Jessica Marden**’s APHA abstract won the Epidemiology Section Student Award. She will make an oral presentation at APHA entitled: “Associations between lifetime experiences of discrimination and lifetime suicide attempts among a cross-sectional sample of adult Latino males: Findings from the National Epidemiologic Survey on Alcohol and Related Conditions (NESARC).”

a) Overall Spirit of 1848 theme for sessions: “The Politics of Global Climate Change: Social Justice, Sustainable Economies & Ecologies, and Health Equity”

b) Specific sessions:

*Monday, November 4, 2013:*

-- 10:30 am to 12 noon: Resource Inequalities & Health Inequities: Connecting the Local and Global in Historical Analysis, Critique, and Best Practices (Session 3180; Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, Room 259A)

-- 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm: Politics of public health data: global climate change, public health, and health equity (Session 3387.0; Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, Room 205AB)

-- 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm: Social justice & the politics of global climate change: governance, political economy, political ecology, and health equity – global, national, and indigenous perspectives (Session 3463.0; Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, Room 205AB)

*Tuesday, November 5, 2013:*

-- 8:30 am to 10:00 am: Progressive pedagogy: climate change, sustainability and health equity (Session 4071.0; Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, Room 205A)

-- 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm: Spirit of 1848 social justice & public health student poster session (Session 4178.0; Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, Exhibit Hall A/B1)

-- 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm: Spirit of 1848 Caucus Business Meeting (Session 319.0; Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, Room 158)
Co-sponsored sessions:

On Tues, Nov 5 we will co-sponsor one session and one event:

-- We will, as usual, co-sponsor the P. Ellen Parsons Memorial Session – this year titled: “Comrades in Health: U.S. Health Internationalists, Abroad and at Home” (organized by Women's Caucus, Spirit of 1848, Socialist Caucus, and Medical Care) (Session 4331.0; 2:30 – 4:00 pm, Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, Room 159)

-- In the evening there will be the annual health activist dance party, organized by the Occupational Health & Safety section and which we will, as usual, cosponsor; it will be at the Bell in Hand Tavern (45 Union St, Boston, near Government Center) from 8 pm to 12 midnight (phone: 617-227-2098).

8. STUDENT ARTICLES IN PRESS


Janiak E, Rhodes E, Foster AM. Translating access into utilization: lessons from the design and evaluation of a health insurance Web site to promote reproductive health care for young women in Massachusetts. Contraception (in press)


9. ARTICLES IN PRESS


Slopen N, Williams DR. Discrimination, Other Psychosocial Stressors and Self-Reported Sleep Duration and Difficulties. SLEEP (in press)
