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MPH Initiates Poster Session for Graduating Students

For a long time, MPH administrators and faculty have been searching for a more meaningful way to present the excellent work done by our students on their theses and applied practice projects. Although the oral defense serves a purpose, by the time it occurs many of us have been through several versions of the papers and have met with the students on several occasions to discuss their progress. Just as important, we are proud of our students' accomplishments and want to share their achievements with a wider audience. Although oral

defenses are open to the UConn community, usually attendance consists only of the student, the major advisor, and the two associate advisors. Furthermore, just getting these folks together in a room at the same time is often a stressful challenge that confronts the student at the same time he or she is trying to complete the final changes to the capstone paper.

With these factors in mind, the MPH program is instituting a **Poster Session** (in lieu of the oral defense) on **Tuesday, May 1** in the Academic Lobby where all students graduating in May will present posters of their work. So far, both students and faculty have been highly enthusiastic about this new process. There will, we are sure, be kinks to work out, so please bear with us. If you have any comments or suggestions, we would be interested in hearing your feedback. We hope our other students, faculty, alumni and community partners will support the event and turn out to see what outstanding work our graduating students are doing.

Here are some important dates to note, particularly if you are hoping to complete the program in May 2012:

- April 16: Completion of written capstone paper including the approval page signed by the advisory committee to be eligible for consideration for program awards (*Mulvihill Medal* and *Susan S. Addiss Award*) or election to *Delta Omega*
- May 1: (1) Last date for completion of capstone paper signed by advisory committee and (2) Poster Session in Academic Lobby (participation required for May 2012 graduates)
- May 8: Tentative date for Public Health Graduation Dinner
- May 13: UConn Health Center Commencement, CT Convention Center, Hartford
- May 16: Last date for submitting final copies of theses and Final Examination Forms (must be in Storrs by this date)

Please note: Students expecting to graduate must register for May graduation on PeopleSoft. (Only students registered specifically for May 2012 graduation will be considered for conferral.) Also, this year the student speaker representing the Graduate School at commencement will be from the MPH program. We hope graduating students will support their colleague and attend. If you do plan to be at commencement, you should be receiving notices shortly from the Co-op Bookstore with instructions for ordering caps and gowns.

Finally, if you have any questions about the process, contact the Program Office and we will be happy to assist you. Best wishes for an excellent spring semester.

Joan Segal, MPH Program Coordinator

IRB GUIDELINES: STUDENT QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Mayra Cagganello, MPH, CHES, Education & Development Specialist in the UConn Health Center's Human Subjects Protection Office (HSPO), has answered some questions that should help students in planning their capstone theses or applied practice projects or other research endeavors.

1- *When should I submit a Human Subject Research Determination Form?*

If an investigator is proposing a project using human materials (specimens) and/or data that s/he does not believe constitutes human subject research, and/or in the opinion of the investigator, data is not individually identifiable (directly or through codes) the investigator is encouraged to submit the Human Subject Research Determination Form to the Institutional Review Board (IRB) Office prior to initiating the project. IRB approval cannot be given retroactively. The IRB Chair will review the form and make the final determination as to whether a study meets the definition of human subject research. If the Chair determines the project does not constitute human subject research the HSPO/IRB will have no further involvement. If the project does constitute human subject research a complete IRB application will be required. The IRB will send a copy of the determination to the Principal Investigator (PI). (Please note that students cannot serve as PIs. Rather, they are responsible for preparing the application in consultation with their major advisor, who serves as the PI.) Determination results are usually available within two weeks of the date the IRB received the request for determination.

2- *How do I know if my Performance Improvement Project requires IRB review*

In determining whether a project is a performance improvement (also called quality improvement) or whether it is a research project subject to IRB review and approval, investigators should consider whether there is the possibility that the resulting data will be worthy of publications or presentation and thereby contribute to generalizable knowledge. If so, you should consider submitting a Performance Improvement Determination form to the IRB prior to initiating the project. IRB approval cannot be given retroactively. The IRB Chair will review the form and make the final determination as to whether a study meets the definition of human subject research or performance improvement. If the Chair determines the project does not constitute human subject research the HSPO/IRB will have no further involvement. If the project does constitute human subject research a complete IRB application will be required. The IRB will send a copy of the determination to the PI. Determination results are usually available within two weeks of the date the IRB received the request for determination.

3- *Does a Student Project involving human subjects require IRB review?*

In accordance with federal regulations, the UCHC requires that all human subjects' research be prospectively reviewed by the IRB. Master's or Doctoral proposals involving human subject's research must be submitted for IRB review. The HSPO and IRB recognize that some student projects conducted to fulfill course requirements involve activities that might be viewed as research. Recognizing its role in the protection of human subjects, the HSPO and IRB have determined that in addition to a Masters thesis or Doctoral dissertation some other classroom or program assignments (e.g., selective projects) may require review by the IRB. **IRB approval cannot be granted retrospectively.** Students are encouraged to consult with the IRB prior to starting any activity that may constitute human subject research. The IRB can make a determination and instruct the student as to whether a full IRB application will be required.

To assist you with the IRB process, and in making a human subjects determination, the following documents are available in the Public Health Program Office and from Mayra Cagganello in the Human Subjects Protection Office:

- Determination of Human Subjects Research Chart (Flow Chart)
- Human Subject Research – Determination Form
- Intent to Engage in Performance Improvement Project Involving Humans

- Investigator Initiated Submission Template

RICHARD STEVENS DEBUTS IN AWARD-WINNING DOCUMENTARY

The Ashford, Mansfield and Willington Conservation Commissions are holding a screening of **The City Dark**, a feature documentary about light pollution and the disappearing night sky. The film leads viewers on a quest to understand how light pollution affects people and the planet. The show will take place on **Friday, February 3** from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at E.O. Smith High School, 1235 Storrs Road, Storrs, CT 06268 (adjacent to the UConn Campus).

In *The City Dark*, filmmaker Ian Cheney unravels the myriad implications of a globe glittering with lights—including increased breast cancer rates from exposure to light at night, and a generation of kids without a glimpse of the universe above. The segment on breast cancer features Richard Stevens, PhD, Associate Professor of Community Medicine, who has focused much of his career on trying to understand why women in industrialized societies suffer from increased rates of breast cancer. In 1987, he woke up in the middle of the night staring at the streetlight pouring in his window, and became the first scientist to suggest a link between light at night and breast cancer. His research led to the revelation that night-shift workers are almost twice as likely to develop breast cancer as day-shift workers, suggesting that disrupted circadian rhythms cause us more harm than we might think.

A few of the others featured on the film include Neil deGrasse Tyson, Astrophysicist, Hayden Planetarium; Don Pettit, NASA Astronaut; Ann Druya, Co-writer, *Cosmos*; and Jack Newton, Astrophotographer. The film has made the New York Times “Critics Pick” List. For a review, go to: <http://movies.nytimes.com/2012/01/18/movies/the-city-dark-a-documentary-by-ian-cheney-review.html>.



Connecticut Public Health Association

Promoting Public Health in Connecticut Since 1916

CPHA TO HOLD LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST AT STATE CAPITOL

Save the date! CPHA will host a breakfast for legislators and public health advocates on **Friday, February 24, 2012** at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford. The event, which will take place in the Private Dining Room from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., is a great opportunity to meet directly with legislators in an informal setting and educate them about public health and our policy priorities. It will be a great networking opportunity as well. Commissioner of Public Health Jewel Mullen and members and staff of the [General Assembly's Public Health Committee](#), as well as the other key lawmakers, will attend. Please help CPHA have a strong showing by being there!

If you plan to attend, kindly RSVP to Noele.kidney@cpha.info by **February 10th** and include your name and affiliation in the email. Space is limited and attendance is on a first come, first served basis. A suggested voluntary donation of \$10, \$25, or \$35 is encouraged. Please mail checks made out to CPHA to: CPHA, 241 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Hartford, CT

06106 or go to www.cpha.info/displayemailforms.cfm?emailformnbr=175450 to make a donation with a credit card. Directions to the event are available on the following website: <http://www.cga.ct.gov/capitol tours/directions.htm>.

UNDERSTANDING WORD 2007/2010:
SOFTWARE TRAINING FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNITY



The CT-RI Public Health Training Center is offering a software training program on Word 2007/2010 that will provide participants with tips about the Word desktop environment, describe ways to control text flow, and illustrate various formatting techniques that will result in professional-looking documents. This three-hour class will cover the following topics:

- Paragraph formatting
- Line breaks and page breaks
- Creation of text columns
- Paintbrush tool
- Tables
- Working with images (if time)

Two different versions of the course are being offered:

| DATE | VERSION | TIME | LOCATION |
|------------------------|---------|------------|-----------------------------|
| Wednesday, February 22 | 2010 | 1 PM– 4 PM | The Lyceum, Hartford, CT |
| Friday, February 24 | 2007 | 1 PM– 4 PM | Yale West Campus, Orange CT |

Although a different version of Word is featured at each session, both versions are similar. You can attend either session as long as you are using Word 2007 or 2010. You must bring your own laptop to the training (please make sure it is charged for a three-hour session) and laptops must have Word 2007 or 2010.

The instructor is Kathi Goodfriend, Organizational Development & Learning Center at Yale University. Register at www.ct.train.org by choosing course **TRAIN # 1031714**.

SHAFER STUDENT CENTER OPENS AT UCHC

Thanks to the generosity of Anne Shafer and her family, the new Shafer Student Center for medical, dental and graduate students has recently opened at UConn Health Center. The

Shafer Student Center is located on the main floor just off the academic entrance where the Health Center bookstore used to be. At 2,000 square feet, the Center is twice the size of the old student lounge that it replaces. It features a big-screen television, a computer area, gaming tables such as ping pong, and a furnished kitchen area with solid surface counter tops, refrigerators, and microwave ovens. The Public Health Student Organization is already making use of it for its meetings.

INVITE TO JOIN COMMUNITY CURRICULUM PLANNING COMMITTEE

Are you interested in health care issues? Do you enjoy working with people? Would you like to develop solutions rather than simply review challenges? The School of Medicine's Community Curriculum Planning Committee (CCPC) is comprised of UConn Health Center faculty, students and community members across Connecticut who is interested in improving, developing and implementing educational activities addressing health care matters. The Community Based Education (CBE) program develops curriculum for the UConn School of Medicine as well as educational events open to the public. The CCPC plays a major role in planning and evaluating these pursuits. Some issues we are currently working on include: physician advocacy, health disparities, and cultural competency. The Committee meets at UConn Health Center *every other month* and via email on alternate months.

If you like to get involved and/or learn more, please contact me (mar@uchc.edu) or Stacy Brown (StBrown@uchc.edu) or call 860-679-6295. You can also view the website at <http://cbe.uchc.edu>.

Rasy Mar, MPH (2008), Community Based Education Specialist, UConn School of Medicine



PUBLIC HEALTH STUDENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Public Health Student Association (PHSO) has announced the following upcoming events:

Monday, February 6, 2012 -- PHSO Meeting

5:00 - 5:30 p.m.

UCHC Student Lounge

For more information, contact Jeff Shaw.

Monday, February 27, 2012 -- PHSO Meeting

5:00 - 5:30 p.m.

UCHC Student Lounge

For more information, contact Jeff Shaw.

Saturday, March 3, 2012 -- Public Health Opportunity Fair

9:00 - 12:0 p.m.

UCHC Cafeteria

For more information, contact Kat Yarbrough. Alumni who wish to attend should contact Jeff Shaw (JESHAW@mph.uchc.edu) or Kat Yarbrough (YARBROUGH@mph.uchc.edu).

DELTA OMEGA CALL FOR STUDENT APPLICATIONS



The University of Connecticut Chapter of Delta Omega, the Public Health National Honor Society, is currently accepting applications for student membership. Graduates from the 2011-2012 academic year (August 2011, December 2011 and May 2012) will be considered. Membership is based on a number of qualifications, including: class rank, leadership, and career plans. New members will be voted on during Delta Omega's annual meeting in April. You are eligible to apply for membership if you have completed your coursework (except for spring 2012 courses) and your written capstone project/thesis by **April 16** and have registered to graduate in May 2012. Please note: Students anticipating a May 2012 conferral must submit a signed copy of their approval page with the rest of the application.

If you are earning a dual degree (e.g., MD, DMD, MSW, PhD, etc.), and will not complete the second degree for May conferral, you may apply for student membership at the time that you will graduate with your second degree.

To request an application for membership, please contact Ava Nepaul. Membership applications will also be sent to all MPH student email accounts. The application must be received by 5:00 p.m. on **April 20, 2012**. Please send your completed applications and/or questions about the process to: nomchairdoCT@gmail.com.

DELTA OMEGA LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

The national Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health has launched its new website, which is viewable at www.deltaomega.org. The society designed the website to provide a user-friendly platform for chapters and help create new connections for its members. Now the public can easily search for members, connect with mentors, review classic texts in public health, and access chapter resources.

Delta Omega's website includes new features, such as a Member Spotlight section that highlights members during various stages in their careers and studies in the public health field, and the latest information on the society's collaborative and competitive events.

RESEARCH INTERNSHIP

The Institute for Community Research has an internship immediately available for a graduate student that will focus on the problem of underage drinking and prescription drugs among high school youth. The Intern will provide research support to the Evaluation Researcher. Duties include: literature and instrument reviews; assistance with evaluation design of environmental, peer and individual level interventions; design of data collection instruments and protocols, assistance with data collection and analysis. Qualifications

include: interest in evaluation research; experience with qualitative and/or quantitative methods through coursework; good interpersonal skills; and familiarity with Microsoft Word, Excel, SPSS and qualitative software such as ATLAS Ti. The project extends from January 2012 through June 2012 and includes a stipend of \$2,000. Send resume to: Human Resources Department, Institute for Community Research, 2 Hartford Sq. West, Hartford, CT 06106 or e-mail resume to joanna.diloreto@icrweb.org.

STUDENT INTERNSHIP: IMMEDIATE OPENING

Legislation passed last spring established a new Connecticut panel to address education and awareness on lupus. The Connecticut Chapter of the Lupus Foundation of America is seeking a graduate student intern to do a needs assessment as required in Public Act 11-23 (<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00023-R00HB-06481-PA.htm>). It is expected that the survey be undertaken first with rheumatologists throughout the State of Connecticut

The needs assessment must be completed by the end of the spring 2012 semester. To apply or obtain further information, contact Lisa Sartorius, CEO/President, Lupus Foundation of America, CT Chapter, 860-269-6240, lsartorius@lupusct.org; or Hope Hetherington, Chair, Interagency & Partnership Panel on Lupus, hlhetherington@gmail.com.

SUMMER STUDENT RESEARCH INTERNSHIP

The Yale-New Haven Hospital Center for Outcomes Research and Evaluation (CORE), a leading national outcomes research center, has announced student summer research assistant opportunities. Summer interns will work closely with project staff performing a wide variety of meaningful research project tasks related to CORE outcomes research projects. Responsibilities may include:

- Complete focused literature searches or internet research as necessary
- Assist with summarizing data output and appropriate display; provide data input and spreadsheet management
- Assist with final deliverable preparation, including reviewing, formatting, and editing of documents
- Otherwise assist with project organization and meeting preparation, as necessary

Ideal candidates may be either undergraduates or graduate students with an interest in public health, health services research or outcomes research. Student applicants should have good computer skills (Excel, Word, Power Point, Access); good communication skills (verbal and written); and be willing to learn and take on a variety of tasks in a fast-paced academic medical center environment.

Interested applicants should send their resume and cover letter to:

Darcey Cobbs-Lomax

Research Manager

darcey.cobbs-lomax@yale.edu

203-764-5891

<http://medicine.yale.edu/core/careers/index.aspx>

BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROJECT

Bridgeport Hospital is seeking a public health student to assist in a community needs assessment process during the summer of 2012. This is a 40 hours a week, 10-12 week position at a salary of \$14/hour.

Starting in 2013, all hospitals and city/town health departments have to conduct a community wide health needs assessment, identify issues and develop an action plan. Bridgeport Hospital and its community partners, along with the adjacent towns of Stratford, Fairfield, Easton, Trumbull and Monroe, are collaborating to develop a common tool and process to ensure a comprehensive study and coordinated action planning.

The student will research baseline health data for the area, do community resource mapping (much of the data already exists but needs to be organized), do some background research on health assessment tools, and work with the stakeholders to develop the community needs assessment tool and an implementation plan.

To apply for the internship or obtain further information, contact Lyn Salsgiver, Senior Vice President for Planning and Marketing, Bridgeport Hospital, kcsals@bpthosp.org, 203-384-3846.

SUMMER INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY IN OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

The Occupational Health Internship Program (OHIP) is a national program committed to training, mentoring and inspiring a new generation of occupational safety and health (OSH) professionals to prevent job injury and disease through a partnership with workers. A project of the Association of Occupational and Environmental Clinics (AOEC), OHIP has training centers in the San Francisco Bay Area, Los Angeles, San Diego, New York, Boston and Chicago, and potentially some new sites. Previous 2011 projects included: violence-related injuries and illness experienced by mental health care workers in a state hospital, hazards related to manual handling materials among grocery store workers, and blood borne pathogen exposure issues for nurses.

Working in teams, students are paired with a particular union or organization to investigate health and safety concerns among workers employed in underserved or high hazard jobs. Students receive a hands-on experience through which they learn about the field of OSH from the perspective of workers. At the end of the internship, teams present their projects at a National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) videoconference and produce a final report. Commitment is *full-time*, including possible evenings or weekends.

The stipend for graduate students is \$5,200. Some stipends are restricted to US citizens. Non-US citizens must supply documentation of permission to work in the US. Graduate students in public health, medicine, nursing or a related field are encouraged to apply. Students who have experience or interest in working with unions or social justice organizations; are organized and self-starting; have good team skills and ideally speak a second language of new immigrant workers (Spanish, Mandarin, Vietnamese, etc.) are preferred. Students from minority and recent immigrant groups are also encouraged to apply.

The internship dates are June 18 - August 15, 2012. Interns are required to attend a 3-day National Orientation in Los Angeles on June 19, 20 and 21, but expenses are covered by OHIP. To apply, visit www.aoec.org/ohip for an application or contact OHIP Administrative Program Coordinator Ingrid Denis (idenis@aoec.org or 1-888-347-2632). Applications will be

posted in January. For general information on sites or potential projects, contact OHIP Program Coordinator Sarah Jacobs (sjacobs@irle.ucla.edu).

ATPR-ODPHS PREVENTIVE MEDICINE & PUBLIC HEALTH FELLOWSHIP

The Association for Prevention Teaching and Research (APTR) with support from the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is seeking applications for the following two new fellowship opportunities:

Prevention Science Fellow

Among the key initiatives that ODPHP coordinates are: 1) Dietary Guidelines for Americans, which form the cornerstone of Federal nutrition policy, are the basis of Federal food, nutrition, and health programs, and are issued jointly with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) every five years since 1980; 2) the Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans, which provide science-based recommendations and summarize the latest knowledge about activity and health, with depth and flexibility targeting specific population subgroups, such as seniors and children; and 3) Healthy People, a set of National Health Objectives. In addition, ODPHP is called upon to provide scientific expertise and consultation on any number of prevention related initiatives for the Department (e.g., childhood obesity).

Healthy People Communication Fellow

For three decades, Healthy People has provided a comprehensive set of national disease prevention and health promotion objectives. These objectives serve as a catalyst mobilizing action in public health policy, research, programs, and communication across the country and globally. ODPHP coordinates activities related to Healthy People including but not limited to developing the objectives, monitoring progress towards achieving objectives, promoting awareness and implementing strategies to achieve objectives, and fostering collaboration among organizations and individuals, both within and outside of the federal government.

Eligible applicants must:

1. Be a U.S. Citizen, non-citizen national, or foreign national possessing a visa permitting *permanent* residence in the U.S. (Alien Registration or "Green Card"). Student visas and temporary work visas do not qualify.
2. Have completed a graduate degree in communication, marketing, or public health.
3. If awarded the fellowship, be an individual member of APTR (individual membership - \$175.00 annually). For further information on APTR individual membership, please contact the APTR Membership team at 866-520-APTR or [Learn more about APTR Individual Membership](#).
4. Must be RD or RD exam eligible for the Prevention Science Fellowship.

The term of service for the fellowships is one year, with the potential to extend the award for an additional year. The fellowship is expected to begin in spring 2012. There is one position available per fellowship. Complete applications must be **RECEIVED** by the close of business on **March 2, 2012**. For application packets or further information, go to www.aptr.org.

2013 APHA PUBLIC HEALTH FELLOWSHIP IN GOVERNMENT

The American Public Health Association (APHA) has announced the call for applications for the 2013 APHA Public Health Fellowship in Government. This is the sixth year that APHA is offering this fellowship, which has been described as an "amazing" and "phenomenal" experience by previous fellows.

Candidates must have strong public health credentials and be interested in spending one year in Washington, D.C. working in a congressional office on legislative and policy issues related to health, the environment or other public health concerns. The fellowship will begin in January 2013 and continue through December 2013. The fellowship provides a unique learning experience and demonstrates the value and need for basing policy on sound science. Throughout the year, the fellow will gain practical knowledge in government and the public policy process.

Applications and additional information are available at <http://www.apha.org/advocacy/fellowship/>.

The application, including a CV and three letters of recommendation, are due to APHA by **April 9, 2012**.

All candidates (1) must be members of APHA, (2) have five years of experience as a public health professional beyond graduate or medical training, and (3) have a graduate degree in public health or a related field. For more information, please contact charlene.bright@apha.org or susan.polan@apha.org.

HUSKY PROGRAM POSITIONS AVAILABLE



The Husky Program at UConn Health Center has three positions to fill:

Community Based Health Specialist-Nutrition Education Specialist – Husky Programs (Search Code Number 2012-581).

Community Based Education Specialist – Husky Programs (Search Code Number 2012-585)

Community Based Education Specialist – SNAP Ed Programs for Healthy Aging (Search Code Number 2012-646)

To find out more about these positions, visit <http://www.uhc.edu>, then go to Careers under “Quick Find” at the bottom of the page, and click on Employment Opportunities.

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE FOR UCONN CPHHP

The University of Connecticut Center for Public Health and Health Policy is seeking a Research Associate to focus primarily on legislative and state agency relationships, but also to lead or support other health policy and research programs. The research associate will report directly to the director of the Center and will manage staff and student policy analysts as assigned.

Applicants should have the following skills:

- Knowledge of and experience with health policy analysis methods.
- Demonstrated excellent writing skills: brief and report development, and dissemination.
- Ability to search large federal health and demographic databases.
- Ability to meet tight deadlines.

The following experience and training is also needed:

- Master's Degree in a relevant discipline (e.g., public policy, health services research, public health, social/ behavioral sciences) plus three years of related research experience in a health care setting.
- Successful experience working collaboratively on team and joint projects.
- Experience with software programs such as SPSS, Endnote, MS Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

The work schedule will vary according to need, with some evening and week-end work required. The full-time equivalent salary is \$77,343. If you would like to view more information, or to apply for this position, please click on the following link:

https://jobs.uchc.edu/CSS_External/CSSPage_Referred.ASP?Req=2012-583.

CITY OF HARTFORD SEEKS DIRECTOR OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

The City of Hartford is seeking candidates with a Master's degree in public health from an accredited college or university with a major in local public health administration, and ten years of increasingly responsible managerial experience in public health and/or human services, for the position of Director of Health and Human Services. City of Hartford residency is required within six months of appointment. The annual salary range is \$103,040-\$156,800. Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest and resume to: Miguel Matos, c/o Office of the Chief Operating Officer, 550 Main Street, Hartford, CT 06103.

CTDPH PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES MANAGER: ORAL HEALTH

The Connecticut Department of Public Health (CTDPH) is recruiting a State Oral Health Director to manage, direct and coordinate the staff and operations of the Oral Health Program and serve as the Department's chief advisor on matters involving oral health. The Director will be responsible for the following:

- Integrate oral health services within Department of Public Health programs (injury prevention, maternal and child health, chronic diseases, etc.) as well as direct the interface with other agencies and community based organizations.
- Plan, organize, manage, direct and coordinate the Oral Health Program for the state.
- Maintain an awareness of advances in dental medicine and best practices, government regulations and laws, and health insurance and financing options.
- Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of oral health services and programs to include the design, development and implementation of appropriate program policies, protocols and procedures which are in compliance with the most current acceptable professional standards.
- Develop, review, monitor and ensure compliance of oral health program budget; draft legislation and develop policy to educate policy makers, the general public, health professions and others on current and emerging oral health issues in the state.
- Conduct statewide assessment of oral health needs to assure that community services are adequate, accessible, and appropriate, especially for the most vulnerable populations.
- Develop and/or update and implement an oral health strategic plan based on information gathered from needs assessment and other surveillance data.
- Provide technical assistance to oral health providers and organizations, as well as to other DPH programs.

- Engage communities and facilitate coalition building to increase awareness, coordinate and maximize resources, and promote oral health in the state.
- Prepare and deliver presentations to promote oral health at the local, state and national level.

Minimum Qualifications

Candidates must have considerable knowledge of and ability to apply management principles and techniques; considerable knowledge of and ability to apply relevant local, state and federal statutes and regulations; considerable knowledge of health care delivery systems, practitioners and/or providers; considerable knowledge of aims, objectives and operational environment of health providers; considerable interpersonal skills; considerable knowledge of principles and practices of public administration; and considerable oral and written communication skills. In addition, considerable knowledge of the principles, practices, and techniques of oral health is required. The Director of the Oral Statewide Oral Health Program must possess and retain a license to practice dentistry in Connecticut or a license to practice as a Registered Dental Hygienist.

The position requires nine years of professional experience in a health organization. Two of those years must have been in a supervisory capacity with responsibility for the planning, development, and execution of a comprehensive health or health-related program. Some education may substitute for experience (for details, refer to the Department of Administrative Services job description for Position Control Number **100473TF**).

The salary range is \$81,829 - \$104,954. Anyone wishing to apply for this position must complete and forward the appropriate form, "State of Connecticut Application Form for Examination and Employment" (**FORM CT-HR-12**) including original and one copy of the entire application package, no later than **January 31, 2012**, to Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Ave., MS #13PER, PO Box 340308, Hartford, CT 06134-0308, FAX: 860-509-7860, Email: dph.recruitment@ct.gov. If faxing, you need only send one application. **NOTE: The Position Control Number, 100473TF, MUST BE INCLUDED ON THE APPLICATION.** Questions regarding this process should be directed to the Human Resources Office (Recruitment Hotline, 509-7223).

HEALTH PROGRAM ASSISTANT 2: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

The State of Connecticut has posted a job opening for the position of **Health Program Assistant 2 (Position Control Number 100027YW)**. (Potential applicants should note that candidates must have applied for and passed the Health Program Assistant 2 exam and be on the current certification list promulgated by the Department of Administrative Services. Applicants will not have the opportunity to take the exam prior to the closing date to qualify for this particular vacancy.)

The following knowledge, skills and abilities are required: Knowledge of purposes, plans, objectives and programs of public health agencies including the changing patterns of preventive medicine and environmental health; knowledge of the changing aspects of socio-medical philosophies; knowledge of state and community organizations and programs involved in the field of health; considerable oral and written communication skills; interpersonal skills; and ability to conduct independent research, develop and gather data.

The position requires six years of General Experience in a professional capacity in a health organization. One of these years must have been in health care program administration, a health systems agency or other health care organization involving grant writing or monitoring, formal program planning, development or management, consultation or related responsibilities at or above the level of Health Program Assistant 1. College training may be

substituted for the General Experience, with 15 semester hours equaling six months of experience to a maximum of four years for a Bachelor's degree. A Master's degree in public health, health education, hospital administration or public administration may be substituted for one additional year of the General Experience.

Anyone wishing to apply for this position (salary range: \$49,388 - \$65,383) must complete and forward the State of Connecticut Application Form for Examination and Employment (Form CT-HR-12), including the original and one copy of the entire application package, **no later than the closing date of February 7, 2012 to:**

Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, MS #13PER
PO Box 340308
Hartford, CT 06134-0308
FAX: 860-509-7860 (if faxing, only one application is necessary)
EMAIL:dph.recruitment@ct.gov

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PREVENTION PROGRAM PART-TIME GROUP FACILITATOR

Windham Regional Community Council is seeking a part-time (24-hour per week) group facilitator for an after-school prevention program. The candidate will facilitate groups, implement prevention curriculums, and plan activities that support objectives of the program model including enrichment and recreational activities.

The successful candidate should have at least 3 years' experience with young adolescents, and a degree in social work, psychology, or a related field. Candidates must have their own transportation. Someone bilingual is preferred. The position includes paid vacation, sick and personal time.

To apply, please email or forward your cover letter and resume to: Lynda Stein, MSW, Windham Regional Community Council, 872 Main Street, Willimantic, CT 06226, Lynda.Stein@wrccinc.org.

PART-TIME COORDINATOR POSITION

The Connecticut-Rhode Island (CT-RI) Public Health Training Center will be hiring a part-time coordinator to assist with the planning, development, delivery and evaluation of Center training programs provided to public health practitioners in Connecticut and distance learning courses available on a national level. Funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the training center is located in the Office of Community Health at the Yale School of Public Health and collaborates with the four accredited Master's programs in Public Health in CT and RI, as well as public health practice partners in both states to improve the public health system by strengthening the technical, scientific, managerial and leadership competence of current and future public health professionals.

Candidates must hold a Bachelor's Degree and have one year of related experience, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Other skills and abilities required include:

- Excellent interpersonal & communication skills, including ability to present information in both written and verbal form effectively to a wide variety of stakeholders.

- Well-developed writing skills, including the ability to write reports for various constituencies.
- Ability to multi-task and manage multiple projects.
- Demonstrated skills in MS office suite.
- Ability to work independently to identify program needs and meet deadlines.
- Strong time management skills and ability to independently prioritize tasks.
- Demonstrated analytical skills.
- Demonstrated commitment to act as a team player within a dynamic, evolving organization.

Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or flexible depending on program needs. **Applicants should apply online through the Yale STARS system. The requisition number is 14749BR.**

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AT YALE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL

Yale-New Haven Hospital's Center for Outcomes Research and Evaluation (CORE) is seeking to fill four positions:

Research Assistant II

This individual will assist with various research project tasks, including data collection, computer data entry, generation of computer statistical reports, statistical analysis, library literature searches, and overall project organizational support for the Center for Outcomes Research and Evaluation. The research assistant will conduct structured and semi-structured interviews and administer surveys in support of research projects of varying magnitude and complexity; assist the principal investigator with the development of protocols for the collection of data and design of data collection instruments; perform data abstraction from medical records and patient screening and enrollment for studies; design and implement quality control measures to ensure the efficient and accurate collection and processing of data to meet project timelines; and compose status reports using a variety of computer software.

Requirements for the position include:

- *Education*--Graduation from an accredited college or university with major in Healthcare, Human Services or a related field preferred, or a combination of relevant experience and education.
- *Experience*--A minimum of six months to one year of experience in a research capacity or related experience which must indicate ability to work with people, work with minimal supervision, and be receptive to direction. Familiarity with medical terminology is desirable.

Research Project Coordinator

This individual is responsible for coordinating tasks for multifaceted research projects and government contracts in the Center for Outcomes Research and Evaluation. The position requires substantive knowledge and experience in health services research, quality measurement development or related work in health care. The incumbent will ensure that project activities--including data collection, data analysis, report production, and communication with funding agencies--are carried out according to the project timelines, that deliverables are met, and that resources are within the established budget. The research project coordinator must have a clear understanding of the overall grant and contract process, and effectively communicate the status of specific tasks to CORE management.

Qualifications for the position are:

- *Education*--Bachelors degree in public health, nursing, healthcare or related field, with Masters degree preferred.
- *Experience*--A minimum of three years' experience in a research capacity or related experience indicating ability to communicate with people, to work with minimal supervision, to conduct and coordinate research studies, to work with a variety of computer software programs, and to be receptive to a variety of duties to support projects.

Statistician

Yale-New Haven is recruiting a statistician to provide analysis and support for multiple clinical and epidemiology studies in a highly productive cardiovascular outcomes research center. The statistician will have the following duties and responsibilities

- Interact with a multidisciplinary team to assess data management/statistical needs and provide appropriate analyses using SAS and other statistical software.
- Extract and merge research data from multiple sources including national registries, Medicare claims datasets, Area Resource File, Census data, and other research datasets.
- Perform data cleaning and quality control and prepare datasets for analysis.
- Independently carry out analyses according to project timelines.
- Work on several projects concurrently.
- Organize and create documents related to datasets: communicate with data sources about data accuracy and data dictionary; clearly label variables and define variables through detailed description in the database.
- Prepare written and oral reports that summarize the analysis of research data, interpret the findings and provide conclusions and recommendations.
- Assist investigators in the review/preparation of research protocols, grants and manuscripts for multiple projects.
- Ensure data security and compliance with data use agreements by becoming knowledgeable about, and strictly adhering to, the policies and procedures set forth by institutions in their data use agreements.
- Provide biostatistical consultation and assist in the training of faculty, students and team members in the principles of biostatistics and study design through lectures, workshops and one-on-one interactions.
- Work in a team environment.

Qualifications wanted include:

- *Education*--Graduation from an accredited college or university with Master's degree in Biostatistics, Statistics or relevant field.
- *Experience*--A minimum of six months to one year of experience in conducting analysis. Experience conducting analysis of health outcomes and quality of care is preferred.

Senior Statistician

Under the direction of the Manager of Statistical Analysis for the Center for Outcomes Research and Evaluation (CORE), the senior statistician supervises all data management and data analysis activities. This individual provides mainframe and PC support to include the development, integration, implementation and maintenance of CORE databases; designs and implements efficient data management systems for CORE projects including: database design, data entry, monitoring of data quality, follow-up tracking, data integration, and data backup to support CORE projects. He/she develops and designs survey instruments; provides high level statistical analysis using appropriate tests according to the study design; provides consultation on study design, data collection tools, pilot testing, statistical analysis

plan, and reporting according to the CORE business plan; and participates in the preparation of research papers for publication and presentations at scientific meetings.

Requirements for this position are:

- *Education*-- Master's degree with experience in public health, biostatistics, or related field required; PhD degree preferred.
- *Experience*--Three to five years of experience in data management and analysis including database design, statistical data analysis and reporting of clinical research studies and/or quality improvement projects. Experience in managing and integrating large datasets using a variety of software packages, including SAS, EXCEL, STATA, JMP, MS ACCESS, and clinical experience are desired.

For more information on CORE and career opportunities, please visit the following website: <http://medicine.yale.edu/core/careers/index.aspx>. To apply for one of the positions, please send resume and cover letter to:

Darcey Cobbs-Lomax
darcey.cobbs-lomax@yale.edu
203-764-5891

MEDICAL SOCIAL WORK POSITION

Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center is seeking a full-time, temporary **medical social worker** for its Congestive Heart Failure outpatient clinic. The social worker will conduct in-depth psychosocial assessment; provide patients with supportive counseling, advocacy and care coordination; and will coordinate/facilitate support groups and educational sessions. The position requires a Master's degree from a CSWE-accredited school of Social Work; knowledge and abilities essential to the successful performance of the duties assigned to the position; and effective written and oral communication, diplomacy, organizational and analytic skills. Candidates must be also be self-directed, assertive and creative in problem solving, systems planning and patient care management in a high volume work environment. Three years' experience in an acute care hospital setting is preferred. Experience working with LVAD/heart transplant and chronic illness is highly preferred. If interested, contact Rosemary Benoit, MA, Human Resource Business Partner, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Woodland Street, Hartford, CT 06105, Phone: 860-714-1308; FAX: 860-714-8048.

RETURN ON INVESTMENT PREVENTION CONFERENCE

The Massachusetts Health Council's upcoming conference, **Return on Investment for Prevention and Wellness**, will present the case for improving health status while reducing costs. The conference will describe the details of prevention and wellness success stories from a cost-savings perspective, particularly in the areas of preventable health indicators as reported in the MA Health Council's health status indicator report, *Common Health for the Commonwealth: Massachusetts Trends in the Preventable Determinants of Health* (available at <http://www.mahealthcouncil.org/HSIR-10.pdf>).

The conference is aimed at an audience of health care providers, advocates, policy-makers, and administrators who are interested in successful, cost-saving interventions/programs that focus on prevention and wellness. The MA Health Council wants to promote the use of best practices in a way that spreads the success for a high return on investment for prevention and wellness programs. The Conference will highlight creative, successful programs in the

areas of tobacco control, asthma control, diabetes, oral health, health coaching for behavior changes and community health initiatives. The goal is to encourage everyone in the health care arena to look at innovative ways to improve health status and lower costs. The conference offers CEUs for nursing, social work and mental health counselors.

The conference will be held on **Tuesday, March 27**, 7:45 a.m.-2:15 p.m. at the Weston-Waltham Hotel, Waltham, MA. Tickets are \$95 (includes lunch) for non-members of the MA Health Council. To register or receive further information, go to www.mahealthcouncil.org. Advanced registration is encouraged. Tickets at the door are \$115.

2012 NATIONAL HEALTH PROMOTION SUMMIT

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP) and the Association for Prevention Teaching and Research (APTR) are hosting the 2012 National Health Promotion Summit: *Prevention. Promotion. Progress*, April 10-11, 2012, in Washington, DC at the Omni Shoreham Hotel.

With this Summit, HHS will highlight the vast number of disease prevention and health promotion efforts that are working to improve the health of all Americans. The Summit goals are to:

- Promote the development of disease prevention and health promotion policies that align with national prevention initiatives;
- Encourage stakeholders at every level to collaborate on reaching national health goals; and
- Integrate health policies across all sectors.

The concurrent sessions cover the following topics:

- Communities in Action: Creating Healthier Urban and Rural Environments
- Policy and Data: New Approaches
- How to Ask the Question: Data Collection among LGBT Populations
- Addressing Equity through Social Determinants of Health
- How Community Health Workers Are Making a Difference in Public Health
- Policy for Systems Change: Converting Health Objectives Into Laws and Culture
- When the Crisis Doesn't End: Living with the Effects of War and Violent Events
- Strengthening Chronic Disease Practices Through Teaching and Reaching Underserved Populations\
- Effective Solutions for Chronic Disease Management
- Policy for Healthy Living: A Focus on Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity
- Preparing the Workforce for the New Public Health
- Predictors of Disparities across Life Stages
- Prevention Across the Lifecourse: Woman, Infant, Child and Family Health Approaches
- Policy for Change: A Focus on Health Inequity
- Innovations in Community Assessment
- Data and Tools to Achieve Health Equity

Early bird registration is \$120. After March 10 the rate increases to \$175. Student registration is \$75 with a valid ID. To register for the conference, go <http://www.aptrweb.org>.

Student Scholarships: A limited number of Student Scholarships are available. Scholarship recipients will be reimbursed \$75 for the student registration fee. This competitive scholarship opportunity is available to current full-time undergraduate or graduate students in fields related to public health. To apply, applicants are required to submit the following by email:

- Essay of no more than 500 words indicating your interest in attending the 2012 National Health Promotion Summit. (The statement of interest should illustrate how attending the Summit will contribute to the development of your overall educational and career goals. The statement of interest should also clearly and thoughtfully demonstrate your commitment to taking advantage of the information and opportunities available at the Summit. Strong preference will be given to students who offer creative, innovative approaches to collaborative, coordinated prevention strategies across organizations and sectors.)
- Current resume.
- Letter from the applicant's university confirming current enrollment.

Applications must be received no later than **Friday, March 9, 2012** and only complete applications received by email will be eligible for consideration. Students who wish to apply for the scholarship should attach all application materials to an email directed to Flannery Peterson at FRP@aptrweb.org with the subject line: 2012 Summit Student Scholarship. Late submissions will not be considered. If you have questions about this scholarship opportunity or the application process, please contact Flannery Peterson at FRP@aptrweb.org or by phone at 202-463-0550, ext 137.

WEBCAST: SUPERCOMMITTEE COLLAPSE & AMERICA'S HEALTH CARE FUTURE

The Forum at Harvard School of Public Health has a webcast entitled "The Supercommittee Collapse and America's Healthcare Future: Impact on Providers, Households and the 2012 Elections," available on its website. The original webcast was presented on December 16 in collaboration with Reuters. To watch the session, go to www.ForumHSPH.org.

This webcast focuses on how the failure of the U.S Congressional "Supercommittee" to agree on a way to trim more than \$1 trillion from federal spending has created the potential for cuts in numerous programs, including Medicare, starting in 2013. This threat has emerged at a time when the future of Medicare is in question and when the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is being tested, presenting significant potential repercussions for the U.S. health care landscape.

During the webcast, various experts weigh in on the issue, including:

- Dr. Robert Blendon, professor of health policy and political analysis at the Harvard School of Public Health
 - Dr. David Cutler, professor of applied economics at Harvard
 - Mr. John Rother, president and CEO, National Coalition on Health Care and former executive vice president of policy, strategy, and international affairs for the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).
 - Dr. Gail Wilensky, former director of Medicare and Medicaid programs under President George H.W. Bush, and senior fellow at Project HOPE.
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CDC RELEASES 2008 FINAL DEATH DATA

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Health Statistics has released the final death data for 2008. As anticipated, stroke or cerebrovascular disease officially moved from the third to fourth leading cause of death in the United States. This shift is driven both by a decreasing trend in the numbers of deaths from stroke (from 167,661 deaths in 2000 to 134,148 in 2008), and an increasing number of deaths from Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease (CLRD), the new third leading cause of death.

It is thus appropriate to describe stroke now as the fourth leading cause of death whenever we are talking about rank order of causes of death. It is correct to continue to state that heart disease and stroke are both leading causes of death.

The 2008 final death data can be accessed at:
http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr59/nvsr59_10.pdf .

STUDENT NEWS

Roman Shrestha is Website Sub Committee Co-chair for the American Public Health Association-Student Assembly.

ALUMNI NEWS



James Meek, MPH (2000), associate director of the Connecticut Emerging Infections Program at Yale School of Public Health, contributed to a national study that recently found that statins—a drug widely used to lower cholesterol—may complement the use of annual immunization and anti-viral drugs used to fight influenza and reduces mortality among patients with influenza. The Yale program is one of ten Emerging Infections Programs across the country funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Researchers from each of the ten Centers contributed to the study, which was led by Meredith L. Vandermeer of the Oregon Public Health Division in Portland.

The researchers used data from hospitalized adults during the 2007-08 influenza season to evaluate the association between patients prescribed statins and influenza-related deaths. The data were drawn from the CDC's Emerging Infections Program, which conducts active surveillance for patients with laboratory confirmed influenza in 59 counties in 10 states (including New Haven County, CT).

Jason Ryan, MD/MPH (1997) has narrated a series of videos on heart failure produced by Qualidigm, a health care consulting and research organization in Rocky Hill, CT. The videos focus on key recommendations that can help heart failure patients live healthier lives without unnecessary hospitalizations. Jason is assistant professor of medicine at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and co-director of the Calhoun Cardiology Center's Heart Failure Center. His work embodies the interface between medicine and public health.

"Many of the hospitalizations for heart failure we think are avoidable if patients have better education, and that often slips through the cracks," Jason said, during an interview with Carolyn Pennington for an article that appeared in *UConn Today* on November 29, 2011. "We were shocked that there is not a universal set of teaching materials that everybody can

use...” Funded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, each of the three videos in the set is directed toward a specific group—healthcare professionals, nursing assistants, and families and caregivers.

As co-director of the UConn Heart Failure Center, Jason has been instrumental in the Health Center’s efforts to reduce the number of heart failure patients readmitted to the hospital. Between February 2010 and October 2011, the Health Center’s readmission rate for patients with heart failure decreased from 26.1% to 20.4%, which is well below the statewide average of 25.9%. (For further information, see Carolyn Pennington, “Heart Failure Readmission Rates Lower Than State Average,” *UConn Today*, November 29, 2011.)

UConn MPH alumni continue to play large leadership roles on the Connecticut Public Health Association. Three of the four newly elected at-large board members are alumni of the program. They include:

- **Elaine Abrams, RN, MPH (2002), CHES** is a Registered Nurse and Certified Health Education Specialist with 20 years of public health nursing, community health and health promotion experience. She has taught undergraduate and graduate courses in health education and is currently the Community Health Coordinator at Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Fairfield County in Norwalk CT. She has been an active member of the CPHA Program Committee.
- **Pamela Kilbey-Fox, RDH, MPH (1991)** worked as the Branch Chief for Local Health Administration for the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH), serving as the liaison between local health directors and the Commissioner. Her duties also included serving as Interim Dental Director of the DPH Office of Oral Health. Pamela was the Director of Health and Social Services for the City of New London prior to joining DPH. She is a Registered Dental Hygienist and for the past two years has been an instructor for the MPH program’s core course in health administration.
- **David Skoczulek, MPH (2009)** is the Director of Business Development and Community Relations for the Ambulance Service of Manchester and Aetna Ambulance Service of Hartford. He is the Chairman of the Board for North Central District Health Department and the Vice President of the Board for North Central Area Agency on Aging. He has a BS in Emergency Medical Services Management, a Master’s in Public Health and was a Connecticut Health Foundation *Health Leadership Fellow* for 2011.

Karen Behringer, MPH (2008), FNP-BC currently works at The International Center for AIDS Care and Treatment Programs (ICAP) at Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health as ICAP Nurse Capacity Initiative Program Manager. Founded in 2004, Columbia’s IPAC has become a global leader in HIV/AIDS services and has supported work at more than 1,200 sites across 21 countries around the world. More than one million people have received HIV services through ICAP-supported programs. Prior to joining Columbia, Karen was most recently a public health volunteer at Mae Tao Clinic, Mae Sot, Thailand. She gained international experience during the MPH program through her practicum at Shenzhen Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Shenzhen, China.

Laurie DeChello, MPH (2004), CPH is now Health Blogger at Altra Service Professionals, Inc. discussing respiratory health.

Ilona Durkin Bruno, MPH (1984) has a new position as Community Liaison for Stedman Clinical Trials. She writes: “I love the job. I screen potential trial study participants, as well as handle the marketing. I find it remarkable how many people are turning to trial studies of

investigational drugs as a way of securing health care in the absence of insurance.” Ilona is currently living in Land O Lakes, FL.

Lisa Kenyon-Pesce, MPH (2005), recruitment manager at the UConn Center on Aging, presented on the topic of “Subject Recruitment for Clinical Trials – Challenges and Methods” at the January 9 Aging Research Idea – Incubator Rounds held at UConn Health Center.

Pam Meliso, JD, MPH (2006) is currently Senior Attorney at the Center for Medicare Advocacy. In this capacity, she has successfully handled hundreds of appeals of Medicare denials on behalf of beneficiaries. She is a member of Connecticut's Carrier Advisory Committee and is co-chair of the Medicare subcommittee of the Elder Law Section of the Connecticut Bar Association. She is also lead trainer for Connecticut's Health Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program and is a frequent speaker on Medicare, due process, and related topics in Connecticut and around the country. Pam is a co-author of the *Medicare Handbook*, Aspen Publishing Co., 2003 (updated annually).

Colleen O'Connor, MPH (2011) has been appointed chair of the Connecticut Public Health Association's Advocacy Committee.

Raul Pino, MD, MPH (2010), Interim **Director** of Health for the City of Hartford, was interviewed on Connecticut Public Radio on January 18 on the health department's new grading system for the city's restaurants.

A picture of **David Skoczulek, MPH (2009)** appeared in the *Hartford Courant's* January 28 issue of *Courant.com* in the section, “Who's Climbing Connecticut's Career Ladder?” Go to <http://www.courant.com/business/hc-connecticut-career-ladder-pg.0.5950465.photogallery>.

Congratulations to Theresa Domingo Martins, MPH (2011) and her husband on the birth of their second child, a daughter (Regan Leigh Martins, 6 lbs., 5 oz and 17.5 in. long), at Hartford Hospital on January 6, 2012.

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