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CHRS Events

Upcoming Seminars

When: March 28, 2012

Presenter: Z. Jennifer Huang, Associate Professor, School of Nursing and Health Studies, Georgetown University. Please find attached Professor Huang’s bio.

Talk Title: Migration passage, Sexwork, and HIV/STI in China.

When: April 4, 2012

Presenter: Cristel Antonia Russell, Assistant Professor, Department of Marketing, Kogod School of Business, AU

Talk Title: Alcohol Messages in the Content of Television Series: Impact on Youth and Implications for Public Health

When: April 11, 2012

Presenter: Maria Cecilia Zea, Ph.D (with Paul Poppen, Ph.D., Carol Reisen, Ph.D., and Fernanda Bianchi, Ph.D; Research team from the Latino Health Research Center in the Department of Psychology at the George Washington University)

Talk Title: Colombian MSM, Internal Displacement, and Implications for HIV Risk

CHRS weekly seminars are held every Wednesday from 2:30-4pm in Battelle T-30 Lounge.

Events of Interest

Second Seminar on Health Disparities 2012 Series - Jack Dovidio, Ph.D.

Date: Tuesday, March 27, 12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM
Title: Racism Among the Well-Intentioned: Unconscious Bias and Medical Care
Location: Low Learning Center, UCONN Health Center, 263 Farmington Avenue, Farmington, CT
RSVP: Cheryl Steciak at 860.679.7039 or csteciak@uchc.edu.
NOTE: You can also view this talk live during or after the lecture.

Conference on Advancing the National HIV/AIDS Strategy in Metropolitan Washington: Science-Practice Partnerships

When: April 20, 2012, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Where: Howard University

HIV prevention and care providers, people living with HIV/AIDS, researchers, local and federal health officials, community-based and faith-based organizations, HIV advocates, and others will come together to share their challenges and successes in HIV prevention and care, and set a path for future collaborations.

This Forum will provide an opportunity for you to meet others in our community to build a science-practice partnership to develop strategies to reduce the risk of HIV/STDs in metropolitan Washington.
Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS - Implementation Science and HIV Conference

When: May 14, 2012, 8:30am – 1:00pm
Where: Savin Rock Conference Center, West Haven, CT
For further information: http://cira.yale.edu/

2012 National Conference on Health Statistics

The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) is organizing 2012 National Conference on Health Statistics to be held August 6-8, 2012, at the Renaissance Washington DC Downtown Hotel, 999 Ninth Street, Washington, DC 20001. There is no registration fee to attend the conference.

For further information: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/events/2012nchs/

Fellowship, Training and Internship Opportunities

UNAIDS Research Fellow on AIDS policy

This post is part of a partnership between LSHTM and United Nations Joint Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS). The position is funded for a two year period by UNAIDS and LSHTM to provide policy and science support, validation of science evidence, evaluation of the impact of policy on AIDS and monitoring of the impact of the broader policy environment on the HIV response.

The role requires excellent analytical, writing and presentation skills, along with outstanding organizational skills, the ability to work independently and accurately with excellent attention to detail and strength in prioritizing work, whilst being adaptable to new objectives and procedural, IT and other systems. The main tasks include reviewing research protocols, research papers and reviews, preparing policy briefs, keeping informed of policy proposals and decisions, attending policy discussions and conferences, working with partners from a broad spectrum of institutions (government agencies, industry, lobbyists and policy informers and research bodies) and assisting the Director of LSHTM with his research, presentations and publications (particularly publications under the joint authorship of the Director of LSHTM and the Executive Director, UNAIDS).

The successful candidate will be educated to doctoral degree level (or equivalent) in a relevant field (such as political science, health policy research, social science, public health, epidemiology and health economics) and preferably have had experience of working in low- and/or middle-income countries. The candidate will have an understanding of systematic reviews, be able to undertake analysis and synthesis of complex information from multiple sources, using evidence-based research methods.

The post-holder will be required to work full time (35 hours per week). The starting salary will be on the Academic Pathway Scale Grade 6 in the range of £35,511 ($56,217) to £40,349 ($63,829) per annum, inclusive, according to qualifications and experience. The appointment is to start as soon as possible and is funded for 2 years, with the potential for extension.

Applications should be made on-line via their website https://jobs.lshtm.ac.uk. The reference for this post is FF-RF. Applications should include the names and email contacts of 2 references who can be contacted immediately if shortlisted. Any queries regarding the application process may be addressed to jobs@lshtm.ac.uk. This post closes at 11:00pm on Thursday 5 April 2012.

SIT Study Abroad is seeking traveling faculty members

Traveling Faculty: Health & Community
Title: Traveling Faculty: Health & Community
Department: International Honors Program
Location: Global
Type: Full Time
Position #: 124504

Description:
The International Honors Program (IHP), a program of World Learning/SIT, offers international, comparative study abroad programs. We are currently seeking traveling faculty members to join an interdisciplinary team of faculty, fellows, and host country coordinators for IHP’s Health and Community Programs in Fall 2012 and Spring 2013. Each of the three four-month programs will take approximately 35 students from upper-tier colleges and universities to four countries to explore issues of health and community from a comparative perspective. Tentative itineraries are as follows:

Fall 2012 (mid August to mid December): Switzerland, India, China and South Africa.
- http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/ssa_hca.cfm
Spring 2013 #1 (early January to early May): USA, South Africa, Vietnam and Brazil
- http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/ssa_hcb.cfm
The programs are designed for students who wish to study the complex issues of health, community, and globalization from a comparative perspective. Our students come from diverse backgrounds and are typically working towards careers in public/global health, biomedicine, alternative medicine, international and community development and medical anthropology/sociology. The program combines homestays with local families, conventional coursework, guest speakers, site visits, and field-based case studies with community activists, government leaders, and representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations. IHP’s learning model is inquiry-guided and experience-based. We strongly discourage students from bringing laptops, and ask faculty to gear assignments toward having students use the people, organizations and experiences they encounter as resources, in addition to assigned readings.

For each of our programs, we are seeking a complementary team of two traveling faculty members who will facilitate learning and each teach two of the following courses (with possible areas of expertise noted):

• Health and Globalization (expertise in political economy of health and aspects of globalization that affect health, such as health care reform, trade policy, migration, occupational health)
• Public Health: From Biology to Policy (public health practitioner or researcher, clinical or biological background desirable, epidemiology or related field also desirable)
• Health, Culture, and Community (medical anthropology or related field)
• Community Health Research Methods (experience in community-based research, including participatory methods, qualitative and quantitative methods and interdisciplinary approaches)

Required Experience:
The ideal candidates should have: a) a Ph.D. (or clinical degree/MPH equivalent) in a related field; b) expertise in two of the topic areas listed above and generalist knowledge across several areas of the curriculum; c) experience teaching at the college level and commitment to incorporating alternative (non-didactic) methods of teaching (i.e. methods that promote inquiry- and field-based learning, discussion, and self-reflection); d) research, practice, or consulting experience related to health in some part of the developing world (specific experience in some of the countries in the program desired); e) the physical stamina, psychosocial health, and sensibilities (flexibility, adaptability, collegiality, cross-cultural competence) needed to effectively participate in an intensive, team-oriented study abroad program in multiple countries, and; f) the ability and desire to support students throughout the study abroad experience both in and outside of the classroom.

Additional Comments:
Please apply via the online application system by uploading your letter of interest and CV (including the contact information of three academic references) as one document saved as "traveling faculty HC". In your letter of interest, please pay special attention to how you believe you would handle the conceptual, pedagogical, intercultural and interpersonal demands of a program like IHP’s Health and Community. Please indicate your preference for fall or spring semester.

Call for Papers

National Center for Health Statistics - Call for Abstracts

Deadline: April 16, 2012

This year’s expanded Exhibitor Showcase and Poster Sessions offer another venue for insight into NCHS survey operations and data analysis. The Poster Sessions will present original research on health, health data and statistics, and provide a forum for informal discussions. Abstract submissions are invited across all topic areas within the field of public health and statistics, and this year there is a special focus on student research. Poster abstract submissions are currently being accepted through April 16, 2012. For additional information on the Conference or to submit a poster abstract to the 2012 National Conference on Health Statistics, visit: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/events/2012nchs/index.htm.

Upcoming Funding Opportunities

Limited Competition: Fogarty International Research Collaboration - Behavioral and Social Sciences (FIRCA-BSS) Research Award (R03)

If you have an active NIH funded research grant related to behavioral and social sciences research and want to initiate/extend to international collaborations, you can apply for support from NIH’s FIRCA programs. Due date: January 10, 2013

## Washington and Colorado vote on Marijuana Legalization in November

The initiatives to legalize marijuana in Colorado and Washington officially qualified for the ballot. Thanks to hard work by you, our allies and DPA’s team in Colorado, both states have an incredible opportunity to become the first states to legalize marijuana this November. [Check out DPA’s op-ed about Colorado’s effort to legalize marijuana](#).

Harm Reduction Victories in New Jersey and New Mexico

In January, New Jersey Governor Chris Christie signed a syringe access bill into law, allowing for over-the-counter syringe sales and expanding statewide syringe access. Last month, New Mexico passed legislation that will study innovative harm reduction and overdose prevention approaches, including medically supervised injection facilities. DPA’s teams in New Jersey and New Mexico were instrumental in passing these crucial pieces of life-saving legislation, which will reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS, hepatitis C and other blood-borne diseases. [Read more about our syringe access victory in New Jersey](#).