Friday, May 9, 2008
9:00 am — 3:00 pm
Friedrick Center
1590 Willow Drive
Madison, Wisconsin

Public Health Symposium
May 9, 2008

Department of Population Health Sciences
SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

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Patrick Remington, Director

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Ann Huber

9:40 am  Starting from Abundance: What I Learned from the Johnson's Park Health Alliance
Jessie Tobin

10:00 am Colon Cancer Screening: A Patient Navigator Approach to Eliminating Disparities within Milwaukee County
Sukit Ringwala

10:20 am Break

10:40 am Launching the Next State Health Plan: Stakeholder Views of the Healthiest Wisconsin 2010
Marina DePablo

11:00 am Notes from a Smoke-Filled Room: The Breathe Free Wisconsin Act
Diane Reis

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Abby Keller

Program Faculty
Henry Anderson  George Mejicano
Linda Baumann  Javier Nieto
Barbara Beck  Thomas Oliver
Marvin Birnbaum  Chris Olsen
Anne Bradford Harris  Jonathan Patz
Charles Brokopp  Linda Reivitz
Richard Brown  Patrick Remington
Molly Carnes  Gordon Ridley
Tim Corden  Sue Riesch
Byron Crouse  Jeanette Roberts
Lori DiPrete-Brown  Hal Skinner
Barbara Duerst  Susan Skochelak
Philip Farrell  Lisa Steinkamp
Ismor Fischer  Geoff Swain
Mike Fleming  Amy Trentham-Dietz
John Frey  Louise Trubek
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12:00 pm Lunch
1:00 pm Cultural Dimensions of Access to Active Living:
Understanding Youth and Adult’s Experiences of Health and Place
Suzanne Galoucher
1:20 pm The Epidemiology of Female High School Volleyball Injuries
Avery Buchholz
1:40 pm Mexico: The People, the Experience, the Cows, and the PROLEA
Melissa Mauer-Ford
2:00 pm Regional Distribution of Cleft Lip and Palate Births in Wisconsin from 1997–2006
Allison Derrick
2:20 pm Community Perspectives on Health Impacts of Wetland Restoration in the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans
Elizabeth Pleuss
2:40 pm Closing Remarks
Patrick Remington, Director
Public Health in Practice


The Master of Public Health Program, established in 2005, provides multidisciplinary graduate education and training in public health concepts and methods to health professionals and students through a focus in service learning. Close connections with the community, through the Wisconsin Division of Public Health, the City of Milwaukee Health Department, and other health care and not-for-profit agencies, enable students to apply their skills in a real world setting. The MPH program’s vision is to develop a workforce that is competent to advance the well-being of the citizens of Wisconsin and beyond.

The Master of Public Health Program is a unique educational experience that focuses on public health applications. The MPH degree is supported by a strong core of departmental faculty as well as a program faculty spanning a broad array of departments including Family Medicine, Biostatistics and Medical Informatics, Nutritional Sciences, Nursing, Pharmacy, Veterinary Medicine, Social Work and several other departments across the Medical School and the University of Wisconsin–Madison campus.

Community Perspectives on Health Impacts of Wetland Restoration in the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans

Elizabeth Pleuss

Preceptor: Herb Wang, Professor, Department of Geology and Geophysics, and the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies

In the summer of 2007, nine graduate students in the Water Resources Management Program in the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies were invited by the Holy Cross Neighborhood Association to complete a feasibility analysis of potential restoration options for a degraded cypress swamp just north of the neighborhood (the Lower Ninth Ward). In addition to an environmental characterization of the wetland, the group also assessed community attitudes toward wetland restoration and community-based development in the context of post-Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts. Elizabeth analyzed survey data to identify commonly-held perceptions regarding possible health implications of restoration, or continued degradation, of the wetland.

Elizabeth Pleuss has pursued an unusual course of study at UW, pursuing an interest in social justice, environmental resources and community-based development. Building on a background in cultural anthropology, she earned a M.S. in Water Resources Management in December and will complete her MPH and a certificate in Global Health in August. This unique combination will certainly prove useful next autumn when she begins work with a federal agency as a Presidential Management Fellow.
The Wisconsin Population Health Fellowship Program is an extension of the student’s public health service and training. The two-year fellowship program, targeted to those who have completed masters programs, preferably in public health and allied sciences, provides applicants with practical field assignments in community based, non-profit, governmental and health service organizations.

The primary goal of the Wisconsin Population Health Fellowship Program is to develop the next generation of public health officials and administrators skilled in planning, implementation, and evaluation of public health programs. Fellows are currently located in public health departments in Milwaukee and La Crosse, the American Cancer Society, the state health department and small non-profit health organizations.

The Certificate in Global Health is a collaborative offering from the schools of Medicine and Public Health, Nursing, Pharmacy, Veterinary Medicine, and the Division of International Studies. The certificate curriculum focuses on global health topics and health issues that transcend national boundaries, emphasizing health and disease in developing countries. Through a nine-credit program of course work and a global health field experience, students will be prepared to address health disparities in a context of cultural diversity. Certificate recipients may serve populations internationally or work among the increasingly diverse population of Wisconsin and the United States.

Through core courses and electives, students may focus their studies on health promotion, detection and treatment of disease, prevention and management outbreaks, health policy, environmental health or other interdisciplinary topics. Available as a Graduate Certificate to professional students in the health sciences, to graduate students in health-related fields, and as a Capstone Certificate to individuals with a minimum of a BA or BS in a health-related field, the Certificate in Global Health program is designed to assist traditional and non-traditional students with interests in global health. The program is based in the Department of Population Sciences of the UW School of Medicine and Public Health and is administered by the Center for Global Health at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Mexico: the People, the Experience, the Cows, and PROLEA

Melissa Mauer-Ford

Preceptor: Christopher Olsen DVM, PhD, Professor of Public Health and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, UW School of Veterinary Medicine

Mentor: Edgardo Patricio Ortiz Munoz, M Sc, Universidad de Guadalajara

The experience to observe, participate, and interact with veterinarians from other parts of the globe is an experience NOT to be missed, especially if the experience is just next door. Jalisco is a rich agricultural and industrial area in west central Mexico. It boasts the birthplace of corn and domesticated agriculture, along with Mariachi music and Tequila. In 2006, interested parties from the Marshfield Clinic in Marshfield, WI and personnel from the Center for Global Health explored the possibility for collaboration in a variety of areas of public health and zoonotic disease investigation. In 2007, a professor and student from the University of Guadalajara (UDG) CUAAltos traveled to Wisconsin and spent time at the University of Wisconsin and at the Marshfield Clinic to further evaluate collaborative efforts and to investigate potential student exchange opportunities. At UDG CUAAltos, there is interest to develop a diagnostic laboratory that supports educational programs and agribusiness in Jalisco. The project hopes to address both clinical disease problems (bovine mastitis) and food safety issues (antibiotic residues in milk; coliform carcass contamination). This project reports on valuable hands-on experience, Spanish language skills, critical thinking and diagnostic skills through a four week global health experience.

Melissa Mauer-Ford is a 4th year veterinary student at the University of Wisconsin-School of Veterinary Medicine. She obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in horticulture from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with minors in Biology and Spanish. Melissa is very interested in all aspects of disease and disease management at the herd level. Plans for the immediate future include finding a job in production animal medicine to gain clinical experience and knowledge. Ultimately she hopes to work in the field of international veterinary medicine and production animals.

Melissa Mauer-Ford
Improving School-based Sexuality Education through Curriculum Enhancement: A Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin Quality Improvement Project

Ann Huber

Preceptor: Nancy Lindfors, Ed.D., Curriculum and Training Manager, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin
Mentor: Geof Swain, M.D., M.P.H., Associate Professor, Department of Family Medicine and Department of Population Health Sciences, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine & Public Health

In Wisconsin, 69% of reported cases of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) are diagnosed among 15-24 year olds. School-based education about STIs is a standard approach to educating teens about prevention. Many Milwaukee area health teachers invite community educators to teach specific topics, including STIs. To fill this need, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin (PPWI) has developed a 50 minute STI curriculum which is now taught by their outreach staff. Enhancement activities were piloted in four Wisconsin classrooms. Teacher satisfaction with the pre and post activities was measured using an online survey. Classroom observers documented student comfort level and participation. Survey responses and observer data were compared between classrooms that used the pre and post activities and classrooms that did not. Community educator perceptions were also collected. The project demonstrates that addition of the pre and post activities to the existing STI curriculum improves teacher’s self-reported comfort and involvement in teaching about STIs. The project also shows that students who participate in a pre activity demonstrate a higher level of comfort and greater participation in the PPWI STI curriculum.

Ann Huber will be graduating from the UW MPH program in the Summer of 2008 just in time to start a medical residency in Adult Medicine and Pediatrics at StrongMemorial Hospital in Rochester, NY. She is a Wisconsin native who received a B.A. from Lawrence University in Appleton and an M.D. from the Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee in 2007. She plans to continue her interest in adolescent sexual health through her participation in the Strong Memorial CARE track in Rochester which supports medical residents in developing and implementing a public health or advocacy intervention during the four-year residency program.

Regional Distribution of Cleft Lip and Palate Births in Wisconsin from 1997 to 2006

Allison Derrick

Preceptor/Mentor: Delora Mount, Assistant Professor, School of Medicine and Public Health

Orofacial clefts present a significant public health problem due to the complex etiology and considerable morbidity faced by patients and families. Current literature suggests that orofacial clefting is the result of a multifactorial process involving both environmental and genetic factors. The objective of this study was to evaluate the incidence of orofacial cleft births in the Fox River Valley with respect to the rest of Wisconsin and to examine the overall spatial distribution for potential associations between environmental factors and orofacial clefts. The Wisconsin Vital Records provided crude counts of orofacial cleft births from the years 1997 to 2006. Incidence rates were then calculated for individual counties using denominator data of the total number of births per county obtained from the Wisconsin Interactive Statistics on Health (WISH) Database. As a comparison, incidence rates were also calculated from data supplied by the Wisconsin Birth Defects Registry from the years 2005 and 2006. A geostatistical representation of orofacial clefting in the state of Wisconsin from the years 1997 to 2006 was developed from the Wisconsin Vital Records data. This analysis summarizes the geographical distribution of orofacial cleft births within the state of Wisconsin and indicates a relative increased incidence within the Fox River Valley area between 1997 and 2006. By geographically assessing the incidence of orofacial clefting throughout Wisconsin, we can examine potential relationships among orofacial clefting and various environmental exposures. This information serves as a foundation for generating further hypotheses and evaluations of the geographic differences of orofacial cleft births within Wisconsin.

Allison Derrick received her undergraduate education at the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire before beginning her medical education at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. During that time, she fostered a great interest in the surgical arts, completing research projects with guidance from members of the plastic surgery department. Currently, Allison is completing a one-year masters in Public Health in which she is focusing on global and public health epidemiology as it relates to surgical disease. She will graduate with her medical doctorate in the spring of 2009.
The Epidemiology of Female High School Volleyball Injuries
Avery Buchholz

Preceptor: Tim McGuine, PhD, LAT, Senior Athletic Trainer, UW Hospital and Clinics, Sports Medicine, Research Park
Mentor: Lee Kaplan, MD, Department of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation, School of Medicine and Public Health

Volleyball is a fast-paced sport that requires players to possess a unique combination of strength, conditioning, and agility to be successful. Participation in high school volleyball continues to grow annually with 380,000 female participants in the US alone. Despite wide participation in high school volleyball, a limited number of prospective studies have reported estimates for the rate of injuries in US high school volleyball players. Additionally, these studies presented little information about the type, mechanism, and severity of injuries. Without well-planned prospective studies, sports medicine professionals cannot begin to implement cost-effective injury prevention programs for any athlete population. It is necessary therefore, to implement well-designed, prospective studies examining the incidence of injuries in high school volleyball players and study whether relationships exist between independent variables and injury risk. The purpose of this study is to examine the incidence, severity, mechanisms, and risk factors for injuries in a cohort of female high school volleyball players. This prospective study should provide a large set of data which can be used to examine the risk between these independent variables and injury risk. With this, strategies will be developed to modify those variables in order to decrease the incidence of injury as well as the severity of injuries.

Avery Buchholz received a BS in biology at The Citadel in Charleston, SC. He then studied the effects of hypertrophy on NCX expression at the Medical University of South Carolina before beginning medical school here at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. While in medical school Avery has worked with Dr. Lee Kaplan studying the effects of body mass index on osteoarthritis. This year he pursued an MPH degree focused around sports medicine and injury prevention. He has done so by working with Tim McGuine at the UW Sports Medicine Clinic. Avery plans on pursuing an orthopedic residency upon the completion of medical school and putting his MPH degree to good use through studying sports injuries and improving injury prevention strategies.
Colon Cancer Screening: A Patient Navigator Approach to Eliminating Disparities within Milwaukee County

**Sukit Ringwala**

**Preceptor:** Lora Taylor de Oliveira, MPH, MBA, RD, Partnerships for Healthy Milwaukee, Milwaukee Regional Cancer Care Network  
**Mentor:** Griselle Sanchez, UW Comprehensive Cancer Center, Milwaukee Regional Cancer Care Network

Screening for colon cancer with fecal occult blood tests (FOBTs) and colonoscopy is an established modality for improving mortality rates. In Milwaukee County, however, disparity in patient education and access to care with respect to colon cancer prevention and diagnosis is evident. The Milwaukee Regional Cancer Care Network (MRCCN) has focused efforts on decreasing these disparities in alignment with Wisconsin's Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan. Specifically, the coalition has taken on the task of creating a colon cancer program to increase screening rates and decrease the time between screening and diagnosis. The goal is to improve mortality in disparate populations by providing treatment earlier. Initially, a colon cancer capacity assessment was conducted for Milwaukee County. A literature review for appropriate screening programs was performed to arrive at a successful evidence-based model. This model utilizes patient navigators/community health workers that educate and guide patients to initial screening and through the transition to diagnosis. A program coordinator links navigators with the county health care systems and also provides access to FOBT kits. Future endeavors include obtaining support from stakeholders in developing a successful implementation plan.

Sukit Ringwala will complete his Doctor of Medicine and Master of Public Health degree from the University of Wisconsin in May of 2008. Over the course of his graduate training, he has directed his efforts on improving cancer care within Wisconsin. He has appreciated the privilege of being able to address the needs of patients in the clinics as well as at the population level. Sukit will begin his residency training at the University of Vermont this year. His future aspirations include pursuing a career in medical oncology. He aims to improve disparities in cancer care at the local, national, and international level. He would especially like to thank his parents and brother for their love and support.

Cultural Dimensions of Access to Active Living: Understanding Youth and Adult’s Experiences of Health and Place

**Suzanne Galoucher**

**Preceptor:** Judy Howard, Public Health for Madison and Dane County  
**Mentor:** Mamadou Ndiaye, MCH Epidemiologist, Public Health for Madison and Dane County

The Community Health Assessment Mapping Partnership (CHAMP) is an ongoing transdisciplinary working group that integrates multiple methods to collect and track data in order to inform state and federal health policy, local stakeholders and health information networks. Partners have successfully completed several projects in high risk neighborhoods with children, adolescent and adult community members. One such project, the Cypress Spray Park Mapping Project, partnered with two local schools to work with youth in creating a list of recommendations for a local spray park. The list of recommendations created by the young people was presented to city and county officials and influenced community design to increase walking and biking in one Madison neighborhood. CHAMP aims to address the cultural dimensions of access to active living by using participatory strategies to address health disparities in communities at risk for obesity and other chronic diseases. CHAMP also aims to enhance health information systems and advise public health and policy decision makers. This information will improve health and well being of communities by providing treatment earlier. CHAMP also aims to enhance health information systems and advise public health and policy decision makers. This information will improve health and well being of communities by providing decision makers, including policy makers, family medicine and public health practitioners, with useful environmental and socio-economic data linked to specific rural and urban neighborhoods. Once completed, the project will deliver a set of tools and methods for implementing the CHAMP model in other local health departments and CHAMP will use findings as a way to translate research into practice and policy and justify early intervention and supportive services.

Suzanne Galoucher, MA, MPH, is a Population Health Fellow with UW Madison School of Medicine and Public Health. She has a background in applied anthropology and public health and has combined approaches from both of these disciplines into her research and practice. Ms. Gaulocher uses participatory strategies to address health disparities within communities and address the relationship between the built environment and health. Ms. Gaulocher developed her interest in community-based participatory research during her extensive experience with community-based health advocacy groups.
Wellness Matters: The Wisconsin Worksite Wellness Resource Kit
Abby Keller

Preceptor: Tim Size, Executive Director, Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative

Chronic diseases account for 7 in 10 deaths and affect the quality of life of 90 million Americans. Physical inactivity and unhealthy eating contribute to obesity and the chronic disease burden. In the past 30 years, the prevalence of obesity for both adults and children has drastically increased. Promoting regular physical activity and healthy eating and creating an environment that supports these behaviors are crucial to overcoming this growing problem. Worksites provide access to 65% of the population aged 16 years and older, thus making them an ideal setting to implement strategies for reducing the prevalence and burden of obesity and chronic diseases. The Wisconsin Worksite Wellness Resource Kit was released in August of 2006 as part of the Healthier Wisconsin Worksite Initiative by the Wisconsin Nutrition and Physical Activity Program. The Kit was designed to guide worksites through the steps of developing a wellness program from start to finish. In December 2006, 11 local nutrition and physical activity coalitions were recruited to partner with 17 worksites in their community to use the Worksite Wellness Resource Kit and help develop wellness programs in their local worksites with the potential to reach 10,092 employees. The purpose of this project was to survey these coalitions and the worksites with less than 100 employees to evaluate their experience with the Kit.

Abby Keller received her BS in Biomedical Science from Marquette University in 2001 and her Master of Physician Assistant Studies from the University of Iowa in 2003. She has an appointment as a clinical instructor with the UW-Madison Physician Assistant Program and currently works clinically as a physician assistant in an urgent/immediate care setting. Ms. Keller has been accepted to the Ph.D. Program in Population Health at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She plans to begin her Ph.D. studies in the Fall of 2008 with a focus in health services research.

Launching the Next State Health Plan:
Stakeholder Views of Healthiest Wisconsin 2010
Marina DePablo

Preceptor: Margaret Schmelzer, MS, RN, Director of Public Health Nursing and Health Policy, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Public Health
Mentor: Marilyn Haynes-Brokopp, MS, RN, BC, Clinical Associate Professor at University of Wisconsin - Madison School of Nursing

Large-scale policy development efforts to publish Wisconsin’s next state health plan for the decade 2010 – 2020 are underway at the Wisconsin Division of Public Health. This presentation will describe an evaluation of the previous plan, Healthiest Wisconsin 2010. The literature indicates that program evaluation is key in determining whether interventions attain the desired goals, and if they reach the target population. The objective of this evaluation is to strengthen planning processes and inform the work of teams associated with development of Healthiest Wisconsin 2020. Partners have recommended a communication plan despite no available data on the needs of users of the current State Health Plan. The evaluation focuses on three key areas: identifying diverse partners’ views of the most effective means for communication across the public health system; strategies to increase stakeholder use of the plan; and their perceptions of the primary strengths, gaps, and public health messages of the 2010 plan. Written survey instruments that included open-ended questions were developed and pre-tested by a representative sample from state government and the community. Two cohorts were purposefully selected to include respondents knowledgeable about HW2010. The survey was sent electronically to all respondents. Survey results indicate an interest in electronic and in-person meetings to stay informed during the planning process, a desire for an active role in planning, and that use of the plan can be increased through involvement of stakeholders from the beginning.

Marina DePablo is a dual degree student in the MPH / MS Nursing program. She plans to complete the program in August, 2008. She has a BS in Nursing from UW Madison, and a previous BA in Development Studies and BA in Spanish from UC Berkeley. She has worked as a Public Health Nurse for the City of Madison, in health promotion outreach in the Latino community, and with a health care team in Belize. Marina currently works for the UW Madison School of Nursing as an Outreach Specialist with the Linking Education and Practice (LEAP) program that focuses on increasing capacity in Public Health Nursing statewide. She plans to continue her work in public health nursing outreach, minority health, and in nursing education.
Notes From a Smoke-Filled Room: The Breathe Free Wisconsin Act

Diane Reis

Preceptor: Nancy Freeman, CHES, Executive Director, Wisconsin Cancer Council  
Mentor: Patrick Remington, MD, MPH, Director & Professor, UW Master of Public Health Program, Associate Director, Paul P. Carbone Comprehensive Cancer Center

Secondhand smoke has well-documented health effects, particularly for those employees who are consistently exposed to high levels of smoke in their workplaces. The purpose of this work was to aid in the passage of the Breathe Free Wisconsin Act by the Wisconsin State Legislature. This was in connection to a broader policy-focused experience with the Wisconsin Comprehensive Cancer Control Center. This legislation will create a statewide ban on indoor smoking in all workplaces, including bars and restaurants. This project used a multi-pronged approach including contacting constituents of key legislators who are in the Wisconsin Cancer Council Database, attending and testifying at legislative hearings, and follow-up education and status updates for interested members of the Wisconsin Cancer Council. It also included working with other groups dedicated to the passage of this bill. The legislative session ended without the Senate or Assembly versions of the bill coming to a full floor vote. Secondary outcomes included increased knowledge among lawmakers of the dangers of secondhand smoke and substantial momentum for future passage of similar legislation as well as more effective coordination of the people in the Cancer Council Database. It is conclusive that public health policy, even when it is based on strong scientific evidence and enjoys bipartisan support, can easily be stalled by a few prominent politicians or by the legislative calendar. However, the coalitions formed, awareness raised, and momentum built created a strong foundation for future efforts toward smoke-free Wisconsin workplaces.

Diane Reis is pursuing a Master’s of Public Health degree between her second and third years of medical school. She has a background in History and has spent two years as a Teach for America Corps member. Her public health interests include health policy and advocacy, health disparities, and the roles that physicians can play in addressing these issues in and out of the clinic. She hopes to specialize in pediatrics or family medicine and combine a clinical practice with teaching medical students and advocating for a better, more just health system. She will graduate from medical school in 2010.

Report on Women’s Health in Wisconsin, 2008

Kate Petersen

Preceptor: Julie Whitehorse, Program Director

Some of the biggest health challenges facing women have a direct correlation to behavioral health risk factors. Additionally, disease symptoms and susceptibility vary greatly between the sexes, and particular health issues such as cancer, osteoporosis and domestic abuse disproportionally affect women or affect women differently. Women also face unique health conditions such as pregnancy and menopause, which can dramatically affect a woman’s health. The goal of this project was to create a report, which offers a “snap shot” of the overall health status of Wisconsin women as of 2008, in a comprehensive and user-friendly resource. The report highlights data specific to Wisconsin women, offers tips for prevention and treatment, and describes services provided by the Wisconsin Women’s Health Foundation. The Wisconsin Women’s Health Foundation’s Scientific Advisory Board selected the key health issues for the report and proposed initial structure and presentation. The 144 page Report on Women’s Health 2008 was printed, and distributed throughout Wisconsin. The report can be picked up at the Wisconsin Women Health Foundation or downloaded from the Wisconsin Women’s Health the Foundation web page: http://www.wwhf.org. The Wisconsin Women’s Health Foundation continues to be at the forefront of women’s health communication and women-centered program initiatives.

Kate Petersen graduated from Ripon College in 2004 with a degree in Psychobiology. Her public health focus and interest includes community health education, program development, and health policy. Kate will graduate from the MPH program in Summer 2008. She hopes to secure a position in the area of community health education and disease prevention while continuing to explore her additional public health interests in health policy and reform.