



Public Health Monthly Newsletter

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Announcement

We are almost at the half way point in the semester. Keep up the good work! Now is the time when many summer internships are posted. Keep an eye out and don't wait to apply!

If you are interested in being featured for the student spotlight, or you would like to submit any information please email Dr. Torres at mtorres@mercyhurst.edu or Katie Reisinger at kreisi62@lakers.mercyhurst.edu by the 25th of the prior month.

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Intern & Job Opportunities

Turning Points for Children- Food and Wellness Network Intern

- Assist in the daily operations of the emergency food pantry and nutrition education groups, working hands-on with consumers
- Philadelphia, PA
- Available as part time or full time
- <https://www.internships.com/non-profit/intern-food-and-wellness-network>

APHA - Public Health Policy Intern

- Work with staff in the Center for Public Health Policy (Center) and receive hands-on experience and insight into the integration of science, policy and practice in public health
- Washington, DC
- Open until filled
- <https://internships-apha.icims.com/jobs/1340/public-health-policy-internship%3a-2019-summer-term-%28june-august%29/job>

Presque Isle - Environmental Education Intern:

- Work with the Environmental Education staff to assist with programming throughout the summer.
- Contact: adesarro@pa.gov

Presque Isle - Water Quality Intern:

- Collect water samples at the swimming beaches and then plate and count those samples in the lab. When done with that work you will meet up with the invasive species crew.
- Paid
- Contact: hbest@pa.gov

Research Technician at the Regional Science Consortium:

- Spend the summer learning field and laboratory techniques and working with a small group to complete major research grant requirements with the Regional Science Consortium
- Paid
- Contact: amber@regsciconsort.com

Disease Intervention Specialist - Kitsap Public Health District

- Perform Communicable Disease investigation and surveillance activities using current disease investigation protocols.
- Bremerton, WA
- https://apps.sph.emory.edu/PHEC/index.cfm?action=job_details&JobID=61833



Pictures of the Month

Research Assistant in Global Health Delivery Project at Harvard, Brigham and Women's Hospital

- Support the creation of teaching materials, scholarly research, and course programming on global health delivery
- Bachelor's with quantitative and qualitative research preferred
- Boston, MA
- https://apps.sph.emory.edu/PHEC/index.cfm?action=job_details&JobID=62031

Seminars and Speakers

Is This A Crisis? Understanding and responding to the drug-resistant bacteria problem

- Panel discussion exploring the science of drug-resistant bacteria as well as the public health and policy implications
- Panelists include Dr. Danowitz (Chemistry), Dr. Thairu (Public Health), and Dr. Clemons (Political Science)
- Wednesday, February 20th at 7 PM in Walker Recital Hall

Biology Seminars (Friday's at 4 PM in Zurn 114)

- February 22nd – topic TBA
- March 15th – topic TBA

Department Announcements

Scholar Bowl:

Scholar Bowl participants - Hannah Buncher, Joshua Froess, Matthew Dempsey, Karrah Savage, Nina Hollopeter and Jaqueline Rogers will be traveling to St Loius, Missouri to participate in the 2019 case study and quiz competition on April 4th. Public Health Scholar Bowl is an opportunity for public health students from across the nation to apply their knowledge and compete to win the Quiz Bowl and Case Study competitions. In the past we have won both the quiz competition and the case study. Be sure to wish our team good luck!

Public Health Club:

Upcoming meeting

- Tuesday, February 19th – 7 PM in Hirt 200 - Valentines Theme: we will be making valentines for the Mercy Center for Women and having fondue. We are also collecting items to donate to the center. Items that are needed include:
 - Personal hygiene products for women and children
 - Bath towels, sheets, blankets, pillows
 - Kleenex, paper towels, toilet paper
 - Gently used kitchen items such as dishes, glassware, cookware and silverware
 - Socks and slippers for women and children

Networking and Mentoring Night

On April 11th from 6-8 PM we will be holding a networking and mentoring meeting with employers. This event will be limited to juniors and seniors. Seniors will have priority in signing up. Spaces will be limited. Stay tuned for more details to come!

Student Research

Below are research projects that our students are doing as part of their Senior Research Practicum:

Paige Baiocchi - Needs Assessment of Wellness Connection - Integrated, Drop-In Clinic in Erie PA.

Brett Conrad - Analysis of Single Point Homeless Survey - the survey is conducted in shelters and in the streets with individuals experiencing homeless

Natcha Tabkhan - Bullying experiences of Thai students. This cross sectional study is conducted in partnership with Mahidol University International College in Bangkok, Thailand

Student Spotlight



Name: Victoria Triaga
Major/Minor(s): B.S. Public Health and B.A. Applied Sociology
Year: 2019
Hometown: Akron, NY
Extracurriculars: Student-Athlete, Public Health Club, Leadership Mentoring

What are you planning to do in the future?

Hopefully, I will be attending The University at Buffalo where I will obtain a dual Master's in Business Administration and Public Health with a concentration in Healthcare Administration. My ideal job would be to someday lead a hospital down South where the weather is warm!

Why did you choose to study public health?

I study public health because every aspect of our society relates to health and well-being. It's vital to have a happy, healthy society to progress.

What is special to you about the department?

The family-like atmosphere and great people that fill it.

How have you prepared yourself for your future career?

I have interned with the Infection Control nurses at my local hospital (Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital in Buffalo) and with Beacon Communities LLC where I help to promote health and well-being among elders and intellectually disabled adults.

Single Point in Time Count

Recently, students from PUBH 290 - social determinants of health helped to identify homeless in our community. They participated in an annual survey that collects data on the homeless population, specifically regarding demographics, previous places persons have stayed, veteran status and other census topics. Mercyhurst is working with several different organizations as well as other volunteers throughout the community on this project.