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Announcement

The Public Health Monthly Newsletter is a place to stay updated on the latest information regarding all things Public Health. The Newsletter will introduce you to an array of fulfilling internship, job, seminar, and volunteer opportunities.

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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Get to know your fellow Public Health majors and faculty.

Intern & Extern Opportunities

2018 Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinics of UPMC (WPIC) Infection Prevention Externship

- 250 hours of service onsite at WPIC
- Hours can be done around your school schedule including nights or weekends
- The work is a mix of independent and interdependent, collaborative work
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Currently pursuing or completed a Bachelor's degree or Master's in nursing, medical technology, public health, or similar field.

Job Openings

Law Enforcement Overdose Prevention Coordinator for the Epidemiology & Response Division

- Located in Sante Fe, NM
- Experience working with communities, working on health or social service related matters, behavioral health and/or health care
- Closing Date: 12/11/2018
- How to Apply: https://www.spo.state.nm.us

Program Coordinator – Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation

- Located in Brooklyn, NY
- Experience working in public health and/or community engagement, working with nonprofit organizations, programs serving low-income communities, grant writing
- Closing Date: 12/17/2018
- Contact Email: <u>hr@restorationplaza.org</u>

Environmental Health Analyst: Climate and Tracking Programs - Full-Time MPHI

- Located in Lansing, MI
- Experience in data management, analytical skills, organizational skills
- Closing Date: 12/10/2018
- How to Apply https://www.mphi.org/careers/jobs/

Volunteer Opportunities:

Second Harvest Food Bank with Public Health Club The Food Bank depends heavily on volunteers to assist in serving the community. They may ask us to assist with sorting food, packing food, or emergency bags.

- Group volunteering (5 spots available) Thursday, October 25th 5:30 8:00 PM
- Group volunteering (7 spots available) –
 Thursday, November 8th 5:00 8:00 PM
- Group volunteering (6 spots available) Thursday, November 29th 5:00 – 8:00 PM

Beach Clean-Up with Sustainability & Public Health

 Saturday, October 13th from 8:30 AM – 12:00
 PM - Contact Ms. Bennett at sbennett@mercyhurst.edu if you are interested!

Seminars and Speakers

There are several speaker series on campus and in Erie that are starting this month. They are a great way for students to learn more about their field and make connections.

Pre-Health Seminars (Wednesday's in Zurn 214)

- University of Buffalo School of Pharmacy presented by Sara Robinson – Oct. 10th at 4 PM
- Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine presented by Jamie Murphy – Oct. 17th at 4 PM
- Personal Statements 101 presented by Dr. Elnitsky – Oct. 24th at 4 PM

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

- Zooplankton interaction with summer cyanobacteria blooms in Lake Erie's Presque Isle Bay – Dr. Mike Campbell – Oct. 12th at 4
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions on Golf Courses: The Impact of Irrigation and Shade – Katy Chapman – University of Minnesota – Oct. 26th

Upcoming Events

Public Health Department:

- Mandatory Meeting Oct. 11th at 7 PM in Hirt 205 for all Public Health students interested in: PUBH 415 Independent Study, PUBH 475 Field Experience PUBH Internship PUBH 495 Senior Research Practicum
- Majors and Minors Fair VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
 We are in need of 3-4 students on Wed. October
 10th to help talk about the program from 3:30 –
 5:00 PM in the Mercy Heritage Room. Please
 contact Dr. Torres if you are available to help!
- Scholar Bowl Meeting Scholar Bowl is an opportunity for public health students from across the nation to connect, apply their knowledge, and compete. We will be holding the first meeting on Tuesday October 16th if you are interested in being part of this group, please complete the doodle pool below https://doodle.com/poll/592ewdstny368dck
- Open House(s) VOLUNTEERS NEEDED We are in need of students on Sat. Oct. 20th and Sat. Nov. 17th to talk to prospective students visiting campus about the program. Please contact Dr. Torres if you are available to help!
- Healthcare Executives Role with the Opioid Crisis—
 Thurs., Nov. 15th at 7 PM This is a great way to network with Healthcare Executives while discussing the overall prevalence of the opioid use/miss-use in the community, clinical and business rationale for addressing the opioid issue, and the call to action! There will be a small cost for students to attend. The first 10 people to RSVP to mtorres@mercyhurst.edu by the end of October will have their admission covered

Public Health Club Meetings and Events:

- Meetings Mon. Oct. 8th and Oct. 22nd at 7 PM in Hirt 305
- Public Health Trivia Night with the History Club
 Wednesday, October 17th at 7 PM
- Corn Maze Sunday, October 21st at 12 PM

Department Announcements:

There are many exciting changes to come in the Public Health Department! There will now be four different concentrations including Community Health, Global Health, Environmental Health, and Epidemiology.

If you are planning to register for an independent study, internship, field experience, or senior research practicum please be advised that the department has developed a structure and specific guidelines (goals, tasks, and deliverables) for you to follow. We are now moving from a reactive approach (approval of an experience after the fact) to a proactive approach. Please see the upcoming events section for the time and location!

Dr. Torres will be scheduling all advising appointments for October 23rd. She look forward to meeting with you to discuss your progress toward graduation and future opportunities/plans.

Public Health Club Photos of the Month



Congratulations

We would like to recognize the following students on the Zurn College Dean's list for their accomplishments as Public Health students:

Bachelor of Arts:

Stephany Oemcke, Emily Skamla Mackenzie Ryburn, Sabrina Nabinger, Erica Gonzalez, & Sarah Kosiorek

Bachelor of Science:

Lauren Wychowski, Julia Vicaretti, Christopher Wandel, Chloe Kendra, Nellie Dephtereos, Victoria Triaga, Joshua Froess, & Katherine Reisinger

Student Spotlight



Name: Katie Reisinger
Major(s): Public Health &
Environmental Science
Year: Senior (2019)
Hometown: Cleveland
(Chagrin Falls), OH

Future Aspirations: After graduation, I hope to spend a month completing service abroad. I am currently

seeking a full time job in Environmental Health Research where I can be out in the field sampling and collecting data. My goal is to find a career where I can will have challenging assignments that help to reduce environmental and social risk factors to prevent to global burden of disease.

Why did you choose to study Public Health?

I chose to study public health because I have always been interested in human health and science. When I realized that I could use this passion to help solve health issues facing entire populations of people I was hooked!

Do you have a favorite memory within the department?

One of my favorite memories within the department was our end of the year banquet for Public Health Club last year. It was a nice day to come together with faculty, recognize each other for our hard work, and set goals for the next school year.

Faculty Spotlight



Name: Dr. Maria Beatriz Torres, Ph.D.

Position: Associate Professor and Department Chair **Office Telephone:** 814-824-3864

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appointment.

Hometown: Argentina

Education: PhD. In Cross-Culture & Health Communication from Ohio University; Master's in Public Health (Community Health Promotion & Health Disparities) University of Minnesota; MA Organizational Communication, Ohio University and BA (Journalism) Universidad Nacional de Cordoba. Fluent in English and Spanish.

What are you most passionate about?

I am passionate about working with community partners to collaboratively develop evidenced-based culturally sensitive health programs/initiatives to help make their communities healthier. Most of my work and interest lie in improving the health equity of marginalized communities, particularly with regards to chronic illnesses and sexual health.

What is your best piece of advice for undergrad students?

Take advantage of the opportunities offered at Mercyhurst University to develop lifelong learning skills and a strong liberal arts perspective. Employers are eager to hire individuals who are able to think outside of the box, offer multiple standpoints for tackling an issue and show passion, commitment and consistency.

What is a fun fact about you that students might now know?

I worked with Ricky Martin (the Puerto Rican singer) in Mexico when he was recording a soap opera!