



Public Health Monthly Newsletter

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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: hr@restorationplaza.org

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

- 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

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.
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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!