

December 2010

Accreditation:

- ◆ On December 15, the required annual program report for the Oregon MPH Program was submitted to CEPH. This is an annual requirement for all accredited programs. The report includes topics such as program self-evaluation activities, description of any changes in the program, description of any changes in the governance process and structure, information of specializations or degrees added or discontinued changes in core curriculum or requirements for specializations, updates on any faculty changes or recruitment efforts, and documentation of changes in program resources. In addition, we report data on budgets, faculty-student ratios, new admissions, and graduation rates.
- ◆ We have been informed that some accreditation criteria changes will be shortly announced by CEPH. A major change is in the criteria for program standards on diversity of students and faculty. The definition of diversity is being broadened, calling for a more holistic planned approach to diversity, including the integration of diversity in the curriculum. According to the Executive Director of CEPH, "so many universities did not meet diversity criteria, so we concluded after five years of analysis that the criteria needed to be changed."

Program news:

- ◆ The OHSU Epidemiology & Biostatistics Track now offers their students an option to obtain a minor in global studies. This training initiative is being lead by Dr. Jay Kravitz, who has taught our Global Health course for many years. He is working with Dr. Peter Spencer, the Director of the OHSU Center for Global Health. For more info follow the link: <http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/continuing-education/global-health-center/about/index.cfm>.
- ◆ Planning for the 2011 Student Symposium, scheduled for May 6 in Corvallis, began this week with student representatives. This annual event is a joint-planning effort between students and faculty, and provides a great opportunity for students to get real-life experience presenting their ideas and work to peers.
- ◆ A memorial service will be held for Dr. Craig Wollner on January 19 at 4:00pm in Smith Memorial at PSU. Dr Wollner was a longstanding member of the Deans Oversight Council for the Oregon MPH Program, and a good friend and mentor to many in the program and at PSU. All are welcome to attend the memorial.

Congratulations:

- ◆ Jennifer Holub, MPH and Oregon MPH graduate is the winner of a Kindle. First responders to the December OMPH alumni survey were entered in a drawing and Jennifer won. She is a Senior Research Associate at OHSU.
- ◆ Ariel Singer, 2008 Oregon MPH graduate from PSU, was recently hired by Oregon Primary Care Association as the new Project Coordinator for Clinic Excellence. For more information on the work of her new organization, see www.orpca.org. The OPCA mission is "Transforming health care so community health centers can provide exceptional care to Oregonians in need."
- ◆ Goodbye and congratulations to Dr. Siobhan Maty, with the PSU School of Community Health, who recently accepted and began a newly created position at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, the Ussher Lectureship in Life Course Research, which is a joint appointment between the School of Medicine and the School of Social Work

and Social Policy. She will be using data from two large longitudinal panel studies, the GUI (Growing up in Ireland) and the Irish Longitudinal Study on Ageing (TILDA), (8000 adults in TILDA and 19,000 children in GUI). Siobhan's message to all: "I will miss Portland, the OMPH, and the students, colleagues, and my research. It was a difficult decision to make. Best of luck in the years ahead. I look forward to following the OMPH program successes."

In the Community:

- ◆ On December 1, Dr Frank Gilliam, Dean, School of Public Affairs, UCLA spoke on "The Architecture of a new racial discourse." Discussed his research at the Frameworks Institute: A few points made: Why are certain policies supported by the masses? Discussed why frameworks used for communications matter: 1) It shapes the culture, 2) determines public agenda, 3) defines issues as public or private, 4) it primes people for action or disperses accountability, and 6) it can propel social movements.

Calendar planning:

- ◆ January 19, 4pm, Memorial Service for Craig Wollner, PhD, in Smith Union at PSU
- ◆ February 4, 12-1pm, Public Health Seminar, PSU
- ◆ March 4, 12-1pm, Public Health Seminar, OHSU
- ◆ April 4-8, 2011 Public Health Week
- ◆ May 13, Latino Health Equity Conference
- ◆ May 6, 2011, OMPH Student Symposium, in Corvallis