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Our Program Values: Population centric, Evidence based, Social justice, Engagement, Teamwork, Advocacy, Resolve, Integrity, Respect

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#### **OUR PROGRAM VALUES**

The interprofessional focus of our MPH program, consistent with the values of the University of Connecticut and the principles of public health practice, prioritizes the following values:

- Population centric putting public concerns and needs above individuals or the profession.
- Evidence based utilizing best available

- information to inform decisions and actions in the practice of public health.
- Social justice believing that wellness is a public good and fundamental right of all individuals. As such, we challenge the basis of health inequity wherever it occurs.
- Engagement fostering reciprocal, equitable partnerships among stakeholders to distribute

- responsibilities for selection, implementation and assessment of public health activities.
- Teamwork functioning across disciplines and circumstance to achieve integrated, cohesive approaches to community concerns.
- Advocacy increasing awareness and support for a robust, comprehensive public health agenda.
- Resolve preparing life-long learners to address current and emerging public health challenges.
- Integrity promoting the highest standards of objectivity and accountability in work and interpersonal relations.
- Respect incorporating differing beliefs, cultures and practices into all program activities.

We hope our program stakeholders—faculty, administrative staff, and students—will incorporate these values into all they do both in the classroom and in practice situations within the community.

Morgan H. Spencer, MPH, MPA, Program Coordinator Joan Segal, MA, MS, Editor

# KERTANIS ADDRESSES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jennifer Kertanis, MPH (1996), Director of the Farmington Valley Health District and new chair of the MPH Advisory Committee, addressed the Academic Affairs Committee of the UConn Health Board of Directors on February 1. It was an excellent opportunity to express our thanks for the support of administration and to urge continued attention to the needs we have to address to maintain an excellent academic program and to move forward. In her address to the Board, Jennifer stated:

Good Morning. My name is Jennifer Kertanis and I serve as the Chair of the MPH Advisory Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. Before I offer a few remarks, I'd like to acknowledge the members of the Advisory Committee who have joined us today, and ask them if they would please stand to be recognized.

As you know, the MPH program just completed its CEPH accreditation application and site visit. We anticipate receiving favorable review and reaccreditation and I'd like to recognize the faculty, staff and members of the Advisory Committee, under David's leadership, for their extraordinary work in preparing the accreditation materials and coordinating an excellent site visit. In addition, we are extremely grateful to Deans Liang and Rose for supporting our efforts by funding 1.8 FTEs. This was viewed very favorably by the review committee.

While we were successful in our primary goal of reaccreditation, there is always room for improvement. Most notable was references to our very lean student to faculty ratio. A single faculty loss would bring that ratio below an acceptable threshold. We look forward to working collaboratively with all of you to find ways to increase this ratio and ensure that the MPH program maintains and continues to improve the high quality standards not just expected of our accrediting body but also our students, faculty and the community the program serves.

#### Thank you.

Present at the meeting in support of our public health program were Tom Babor, Jamie Grady, Zita Lazzarini, Audrey Chapman, and Jane Ungemack, representing program faculty; Morgan Spencer, Program Coordinator; Barbara Case, Program Assistant; Tom Buckley, alumnus and Pharmacy faculty; and Samia Hussain and Mitchell Irving, MPH students. In thanking the MPH program supporters who attended the meeting, Jennifer states, "While the value of our participation may not manifest for some time, it is an important venue to champion the strength and needs of the MPH program." And a huge thank you to Jennifer herself for bringing this important message to the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board.

#### IN MEMORIAM

It is with sadness that we announce the loss of **John M. Glasgow, PhD**, one of the former leaders of the Department of Community Medicine, and the longtime instructor of the MPH core course, *Health Administration*. Dr. Glasgow, a health economist, was one of the School of Medicine's original faculty members who came to the Health Center in 1968 with the first medical school class. He passed away

peacefully on February 4, 2016 after a long and courageous battle with Parkinson's disease. He served the Health Center as a teacher, a scholar of the administration and management of health services, Associate Vice President of Health Affairs, Professor and Chair of the Department of

Community Medicine and Health Care and a member and leader of many community and institutional boards. He retired to New Mexico with his wife Nancy to pursue his love of Native American art and artifacts in 1992 after 24 years of extraordinary service to the Health Center and to the people of Connecticut. A celebration of Dr. Glasgow's life was held on Saturday, February 27, 2016 at the New Britain Museum of Art.

With sadness, Bruce Liang, MD, FACC, Medical School Dean, and Cheryl Oncken, MD, Professor of Medicine and Interim Chair, Department of Medicine, have announced the passing of **John Shanley, MD, MPH (2007)** on February 22, 2016. Dr. Shanley's distinguished career with the School of Medicine spanned from 1982-2007. His first appointment was as Associate Professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases. In 1989, he was promoted to Professor of Medicine and in 1991 as the Director of the Infectious Diseases Fellowship Program. He was appointed Chief of the Infectious Diseases Division in 1993 and had a secondary appointment as Professor in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology from 2000-2004.

While at UConn Health Dr. Shanley served in numerous leadership positions. He was Chairman, Animal Care Committee, 1983-88; Chairman, Research and Development Committee VAMC, 1985-87; Director, Infection Control Committee VAMC, 1988-96; Director, Scholars in Medicine Program, 1986-99; Chairman, School of Medicine Council, 1997-99; Chairman, University of Connecticut AIDS Task Force, 1992-05; and Vice-Chairman for Research, Department of Medicine, 1999-07. His many teaching contributions to UConn Health were recognized by his receipt of the prestigious medical student award, "Outstanding Teacher Award," in 2005.

But Dr. Shanley's career went beyond the field of medicine. In 2006, he joined the MPH program as a student, a move that represented his evolving interest and focus on population health. After graduating in 2007, Dr. Shanley joined the

Department of Preventive Medicine at Stony Brook University in 200X, ultimately becoming the Associate Dean for Global Health. Both before and after his move to Stoney Brook, Dr. Shanley taught infectious diseases electives in the UConn MPH program.

A celebration of John Shanley's life was held on February 26, and a memorial service was held on February 27. Contributions in his memory may be made to either A Promise to Peru, Inc., PO Box 427, Setauket, NY11733, <a href="https://www.apromisetoperu.org">www.apromisetoperu.org</a>, or FNE International, PO Box 890286, E. Weymouth, MA, 02189.

#### **DANIEL RAY SELECTED AS 2016**



### COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER FOR UCONN HEALTH GRAD STUDENTS

MPH student Daniel Ray will represent the Graduate Programs at UConn Health, including the PhD Program in Biomedical Sciences, the PhD Program in Public Health, the Master

of Dental Science Program, the Master of Science Program in Clinical and Translational Research, and the Master of Public Health (MPH) Program, as a commencement speaker on Monday, May 9 in Storrs.

Daniel will be graduating this spring with both a Master's in Public Health (MPH) and a Master's in Public Administration (MPA). He will be the first UConn student to receive both degrees concurrently. Daniel has focused his coursework on public health/healthcare quality improvement, public finance and statistical analysis. His public health capstone focused on the effects of community collaboration across health care settings and providers on lowering hospital readmission rates for Medicare beneficiaries admitted with heart failure. A community organization similar to what you would see in an accountable care organization was formed that met monthly to discuss best practices and strategies to help patients that frequented their facilities. Daniel's public administration capstone is an extensive causal program evaluation course that covers randomized experiments, instrumental variable estimation of causal effects, regression discontinuity designs, fixed effects, difference in differences and matching estimators.

Daniel currently works as a graduate intern in the administration office for UConn Health. Ultimately, he hopes to secure a position in hospital administration.

#### **NEW 4+1 FAST TRACK PROGRAM**

The MPH program is launching a FastTrack (4+1) BA/BS + MPH) option for qualified undergraduate students. The program allows someone to complete a Bachelor's degree in any UCONNapproved discipline and the MPH degree within 5 years. Typically, students will apply to this program during their sophomore year. If accepted, they will complete the core MPH requirements (18 credits) during their junior and senior years, after which they will formally be admitted to the graduate school and complete an additional 30 MPH credits. The FastTrack program will require that our Farmington-based core courses are simulcast to the Storrs campus, allowing MPH and other nondegree students to attend in either location! Our initial plans call for enrolling five undergraduates for fall 2016-17 with eventual enrollment of 10-15 students per year. Questions about the FastTrack program should be sent to Manik Ahuja (manik.ahuja@uconn.edu).

#### PHSO EVENTS FOR NPHW

Bv: Samia Hussein. PHSO President The spring semester was off too a great start. PHSO had its welcome back event in February at the new Maratta's Front Row at The Exchange, A big thank you to those who came out and networked with other fellow classmates (see image below). With your involvement, the board has been working diligently to coordinate some events for the rest of the semester. PHSO is now an official partner of National Public Health Week, an American Public Health Association initiative. PHSO will be joining many organizations and communities the week of April 4-10 to raise awareness about public health challenges and innovations. We would like to invite all students. faculty, and staff to participate and join the many activities planned in celebration of national public health week. Here is a sneak peak:

Public Health Table: Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>,
 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the UConn Health
 Academic Lobby - Stop by our public health
 awareness table to participate in games,
 get free giveaways, and win prizes.

BLAST Lyme Disease Presentation:
 Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the
 UConn Health Patterson Auditorium - Join
 us as a representative from the Ridgefield
 Health Department talks about Lyme
 disease and provides public health
 prevention strategies.

**Fed Up Movie Showing**: Friday, April 8th, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the UConn Health Student Lounge - Everything we've been told about food and exercise for the past 30 years is dead wrong. FED UP is the film the food industry doesn't want you to see. Join PHSO in watching this eye opening film. Snacks and Blankies will be provided!

PHSO's Spring Community Service: Saturday, April 9th, 1:00-3:00 PM at 20 Lawlor Street, New Britain - Now a PHSO tradition, we will be going back to the garden we cleaned in the fall for a spring cleaning and to plant some vegetables. Those harvested will be donated to a local food shelter and/or given to those in need.

We are excited to be coordinating these events for you. To RSVP or to volunteer, please contact us at <a href="mailto:PHSO@uchc.edu">PHSO@uchc.edu</a>. Our next meeting will be after spring break on Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 4:30-5:30 at the Student Lounge. Don't forget to like us on Facebook to see our latest pictures and announcements. We hope you have a restful break and good luck with the rest of the semester.



From Left to Right: Linh Duong, Taryn Sidney, Chelsey Hahn, Rabale Hasan, Andrew Lyon, Marco

Palmeri, Paisley Rearden, Kim Adamski, Samia Hussein, Michelle Pomerantz, and Michal Klau-Stevens.

### CPHA AWARD BREAKFAST: 2016 AWARDEES ANNOUNCED

Please plan to join the Connecticut Public Health Association (CPHA) for a **Networking and Awards Breakfast** on **Friday, April 8, 2016** from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. at the <u>Energize CT Center in North Haven, CT</u>. Celebrate National Public Health Week by celebrating our outstanding colleagues in public health. Registration is just \$12 and \$10 for students. Go to the <u>CPHA website</u> for registration information.

The list of outstanding recipients of CPHA's public health awards includes:

C.E.A. Winslow Award, CT's highest honor, recognizes a public health professional for demonstrated leadership and achievement in public health practice, research and/or education--Debbie L. Humphries, PhD, MPH, Yale School of Public Health

Ira V. Hiscock Award recognizes a layperson that has made notable contributions to the advancement of public health through public service, education, advocacy and/or leadership--The Witness Project of Connecticut, Bridgeport, CT

Charles G. Huntington III Award recognizes a health care practitioner who has demonstrated public health leadership and a commitment to the health and well-being of populations--Thomas P Meehan, MD, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Hartford, CT

The Michael J. Perlin Student Award recognizes a current public health student who demonstrates, through student activities and/or community service, a commitment to leadership, volunteerism, and the highest educational standards--Randy Domina and Elizabeth Schwartz, MPH Candidates, Southern Connecticut State University

2016 NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK: HOW TO PARTICIPATE

The CPHA Mentors on Request (formerly the Mentoring Organization Registry, or MOR) invite UConn alumni, students, and faculty to join in the celebration of National Public Health Week (NPHW) 2016. Last year the MOR reached over 2,500 students in high schools and community colleges through NPHW activities, including presentations, career fairs and interactive projects. The 2016 goal is to reach 2,700 students in 50 communities. To accommodate mentor and student schedules, the MOR is planning activities throughout April.

There are several ways to participate in NPHW activities through the MOR:

- Share your stories about your public health career path
- Take students to job shadow or engage them in an emergency preparedness activity
- Use 2016 CPHA MOR presentations available on the MOR web pages, which can be easily tailored to the interests of classes from Civics to Health Education. Presentations include: (1) The Public Health Film Festival 2016, comprised of short videos that highlight timely issues, such as the Zika virus; (2) Health Literacy: Don't Leave High School Without it; and (3) Public Health: A Career for a Lifetime.

To become a 2016 classroom MOR mentor, send an email to: rhasan@uchc.edu. Include:

- Your name, organization, area of expertise, address, email, phone
- Day and time you are available to present during April 2016
- School where you will present; indicate if you would like the MOR to connect you to a class.
- Do you need training? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

If you have questions, please contact Cyndi Billian Stern, MA, MPH at <a href="mailto:cyndistern@mac.com">cyndistern@mac.com</a>; Amanda Durante, MPH, PhD at <a href="mailto:durante@uchc.edu">durante@uchc.edu</a>; or Rabale Hasan, UConn MPH Candidate, at rabale.hasan@gmail.com.

#### FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS SOUGHT

The Capital Area Health Consortium is seeking applications for the **T. Stewart Hamilton, M.D. Fellowship in Healthcare Management**. The

fellowship is available to individuals engaged in post-graduate study in the field of healthcare such as management, medicine, nursing, and public health. Awards range from \$1,000 to \$2,000. Applicants must be employed full time in one of the seven member hospitals of the Capital Area Health Consortium. Employees of for-profit subsidiaries are not eligible to apply. Applications will be accepted no later than **March 22**, **2016**. Application forms are available at the Consortium web site (www.cahc.org) or by calling

Lory Gasper, Capital Area Health Consortium at

860-676-1110.

#### **US HHS FELLOWSHIP**

A **Project Assessment and Implementation Fellowship** is currently available with the Region I (Boston) office within the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) at the U.S.
Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Region I encompasses the six New England states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. The selected participant will focus on public health projects assigned to the Region by the Assistant Secretary for Health. These currently include: *Let's Move!* Cities, Towns and Counties (LMCTC); the Tobacco-Free College Campus Initiative (TFCCI): and Million Hearts (MH).

Through this fellowship, the selected participant will learn to: identify and disseminate effective recruitment and technical assistance strategies for engaging local government in DHHS efforts to address childhood obesity and prevent heart attacks and strokes; identify and disseminate effective implementation and technical assistance strategies for engaging academic institutions in DHHS efforts to implement tobacco-free campuses; and share lessons learned with federal and nonfederal entities interested in engaging local elected officials, academic institutions and other stakeholders for all projects.

The initial appointment is for one year, but may be renewed upon recommendation of DHHS contingent on the availability of funds. The participant will receive a monthly stipend commensurate with education level and experience. Proof of health insurance is required for participation in this program. A stipend supplement will be provided to help cover the cost of health insurance. The appointment is full-time at

OASH in the Boston, Massachusetts, area. Participants do not become employees of DHHS or the program administrator, and there are no fringe benefits paid.

To be eligible, applicants must be currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree or Master's degree in life Health and Medical Sciences or have received one of these degrees within 60 months.

A complete application consists of:

- An application
- Transcripts <u>Click here for detailed information</u> about acceptable transcripts
- A current resume/CV, including academic history, employment history, relevant experiences, and publication list
- Two educational or professional references

All documents must be in English or include an official English translation. If you have questions, send an email to <a href="mailto:HHSrpp@orau.org">HHSrpp@orau.org</a>. Please include the reference code (DHHS-OASH-2015-0104) for this opportunity in your email. For further information or to apply online, go to <a href="https://www.zintellect.com/Posting/Details/970">https://www.zintellect.com/Posting/Details/970</a>,

#### **HEALTH DIRECTOR POSITION**

The Town of Madison is accepting applications for the position of **Director of Health** for an anticipated vacancy (due to retirement) of July 1, 2016. The minimum training and experience required includes:

- Graduate degree in Public Health from an accredited institution or a licensed physician holding a degree in Public Health and three years of experience in Public Health Administration
- Registered Sanitarian, and/or certification as a Connecticut Food Inspector and Septic Inspection Phase 1 and Phase 2 (highly desirable)
- Valid Connecticut Driver's License and ability to successfully complete a complex background investigation

Municipal experience is also highly desirable.

Completed applications must be received in the Human Resources Department no later than 4:00

p.m. on **Friday April 1, 2016**. Application forms may be obtained in the Human Resources Department, 8 Campus Drive, Madison, CT 06443; or, applications can be printed from the website at <a href="https://www.madisonct.org">www.madisonct.org</a>. Please note that the Town is also exploring the possibility of joining a Health District. A recruitment is being done to ascertain if qualified candidates exist in order to keep the function and position as an internal department.

### HEALTH EDUCATOR/RD OR REGISTERED NURSE POSITION

The North Central Health District, based in Enfield, CT, is seeking a full-time or part-time **Health Educator/Registered Dietician or Registered Nurse** for a variety of duties relating to the improvement of community health. Applicants should have the following Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- General knowledge of communicable and chronic disease
- Ability to prepare health promotion/disease prevention grants
- Ability to work with others in planning and implementation of community health programs
- Competency in oral and written presentations
- Ability to perform related duties as needed under the direction of the Director of Public Health
- Comfortable with public speaking and program facilitation

At minimum, the position requires a Bachelor's Degree in Health Education, Public Health, or Nursing, Dietetics or a health-related field. A Master's Degree in Health Education, Public Health or another health-related field is desirable. Also desirable are CHES-certification and six months or more of responsible experience in the field of health education. Salary will be based on qualifications.

Interested applicants should forward their resume and cover letter to Patrice Sulik, Director of Health, North Central District Health Department at 31 North Main Street, Enfield, CT 06082 or via email to <a href="mailto:psulik@ncdhd.org">psulik@ncdhd.org</a>.

# CT HEALTHY HOMES WEBINAR: PUBLIC DRINKING WATER

The current water crisis in Flint, Michigan confirms the prime importance of safe, clean public drinking water for a community and its citizenry. On March 17, 2017, 12:00-1:30 PM, the New England Public Health Training Center and the Connecticut Department of Public Health will host the third presentation of the Connecticut Healthy Homes Winter 2016 Webinar Series. The Webinar, Connecticut's Approach to Public Drinking Water and Public Health Protection, will be presented by Lori Mathieu, Section Chief of Drinking Water at the Connecticut Department of Public Health and an EPA Region 1 representative.. Registration is FREE; go to <a href="https://www.train.org">www.train.org</a> and search for course # 1060897.

Recordings of previous Healthy Homes webinars are also available on TRAIN.

#### **CT SIM SYMPOSIUM**

While Connecticut ranks among the top states in measures of the health of its citizens, a closer look reveals astonishing inequities in health care outcomes and health status. Connecticut's payers. providers and community stakeholders are looking to develop new ways to tackle the social and economic factors that often get in the way. This program looks beyond today's accountable care solutions toward new models that focus on improving the health of communities, models that require multi-stakeholder partnerships to drive collaborative and innovative solutions that target the root causes of poor health in our most vulnerable communities. This is the focus of *The* SIM (State Innovation Model) Smposium, entitled FROM ACCOUNTABLE CARE TO ACCOUNTABLE COMMUNITIES: How Connecticut's State Innovation Model Initiative is Driving Reform. The symposium is being held on Thursday, March 31, 2016, 8:00-11:45 a.m. at the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine, Quinnipiac University. Admission is \$25 for founding members of the Connecticut Health Council (CHC) and \$50 for the general public. To register, go to http://web.metrohartford.com/events/Connecticut-Health-Council-Program-2347/details

### SAVE THE DATE: APHA ANNUAL MEETING

Join 13,000 public health professionals, faculty and students at the American Public Health Association's (APHA's) 2016 Annual Meeting and Expo in Denver on October 29-November 2. Registration and Housing will open on June 1. Mark your calendars today and go to <a href="http://www.apha.org/events-and-meetings/annual">http://www.apha.org/events-and-meetings/annual</a> for further information.

#### INFORMATION ON ZIKA

Last year it was Ebola in the news; this year's infectious disease is **Zika**. Zika is a virus most often caused by a bite of the *Aedis aegypti* mosquito, although it also can be caused by other means. In most cases the virus results in no symptoms at all or only mild symptoms. However, in a some cases it has severe consequences, including microcephaly, which severely limits brain development among fetuses and the newborn, or Guillain-Barré syndrome, which damages the nervous system and sometimes results in paralysis.

For more information on Zika, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has established a microsite that offers an easy way to share information and stay up to date with developments in the current Zika virus outbreak, including prevention, symptoms, treatment, and information for pregnant women and travelers. Go to the following website:

https://tools.cdc.gov/medialibrary/index.aspx#/microsite/id/234558.

The American Public Health Association (APHA) also has a webpage devoted to Zika, with links to many other resources. Go to <a href="http://www.apha.org/topics-and-issues/communicable-disease/zika">http://www.apha.org/topics-and-issues/communicable-disease/zika</a>.

#### PREVENTION STATUS REPORTS

The CDC has just released the latest Prevention Status Reports, which highlight the status of state-level policies and practices to address critical public health problems. Reports are available for all 50 states and the District of Columbia on the following 10 health topics: alcohol-related harms; food safety; healthcare-associated infections; heart disease and stroke; HIV; motor vehicle injuries; nutrition, physical activity, and obesity; prescription drug overdose; teen pregnancy; and tobacco use. States are rated green, yellow, or red to reflect how well they are implementing each recommended policy or practice. The status reports may provide a good resource for student papers.

#### STUDENT NEWS

Public health doctoral student **Sara Namazi**, a student in the doctoral program in public health, is co-investigator for a pilot grant from the Center for the Promotion of Health in the New England Workplace . **Dr. Alicia Dugan**, Occupational & Environmental Medicine, is the Principal Investigator. For the project they will be creating a sleep hygiene intervention for the Connecticut Correctional Supervisor population. Sara writes, "...as a student I am excited to have this opportunity to be a co-investigator on a grant."

#### **ALUMNI NEWS**

**Tom Mahoney, MPH (2011)** joined Healthy Lincoln County in Damariscotta, Maine as Program Manager in October 2015. Prior to this, he was Director, Office of Special Clinical Services for the Greenwich Department of Health, where he worked for 27 years.

Raul Pino, MPH (2010) was named Commissioner of Health by Governor Dannel P. Malloy on February 11, pending confirmation by the Connecticut General Assembly. He has been serving as acting head of the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) since shortly after former commissioner Jewel Mullen left the agency for a position with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Previously, Raul Pino had worked at the DPH as an epidemiologist for the sexually infectious disease unit. Before returning to the department, he most recently served as director of the City of Hartford Department of Health and Human Services. He has also held positions at the Institute for Community Research, the Hispanic Health Council, and Hartford Hospital, all in the city of Hartford.

**Prakrity Silwal, MPH (2012)** is a Graduate Social Work Intern, Restoring Family Links at American Red Cross.

Patrice Sulik, MPH (2004) is now Director of Health of the North Central District Health Department.

#### **FACULTY NEWS**

David Gregorio, PhD, MS, Director of Public Health Programs and Professor of Community Medicine and Health Care, was installed as President of the Association for Prevention Teaching and Research (APTR) at its annual meeting, Prevention Teaching 2016, on March 13-15 in Albuquerque, New Mexico....David gave a report at the recent UConn Health Board of Directors meeting on the draft site visit report from the Council for Education in Public Health (CEPH) and the program's response to this report.

Miranda Lynch, PhD, Assistant Professor of Community Medicine and Health Care, presented a talk on "Pursuing questions in public health using longitudinal trajectory data" for a Collaborative Brown Bag Lecture on March 3. The presentation was sponsored by the Center for Public Health and Health Policy/Center for Quantitative Medicine.

Stephen L Schensul, PhD, Professor of Community Medicine and Health Care and Lalarukh Haider, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Nephrology, UConn Health, presented on "The Global Epidemic of Chronic Kidney Disease of Unknown Etiology (CKDu): The Case of Sri Lanka" at Medical Grand Rounds on March 3.

#### **CALENDAR**

**April 4-11**—National Public Health Week 2016 **April 11** – Deadline for Poster to be printed at office. It needs to be sent to Morgan Spencer in pdf form.

**April 15:** Completion of written capstone paper signed by advisory committee to be eligible for consideration for program awards (Mulvihill Medal and Susan S. Addiss Award) or election to Delta Omega. Please note\*\*\*Signed approval page or final exam form must be submitted to Barbara Case on or before April 15.

**April 19**—Poster Session for graduating public health students, 4:00-5:30 p.m., Academic Lobby **April 22** – Last day to defend thesis or project (Plan A or Plan B).

May 2: All Plan B (Project) students must submit original signed final exam forms to Barbara Case, if after this date, you will have to drive your original final exam form up to the Graduate School no later than May 6th.

May 2 – Last day to send thesis and related paperwork to the registrar at Uconn Health to mail to the Graduate School at Storrs. After this date,

you will have to drive it up yourself on or before May 6<sup>th</sup>.

May 2 - If you want the UConn Health registrar to send your thesis and final exam form to the Graduate School for you, you must do so by May 2nd.

**May 6** – Last day to upload thesis to Digital Commons and submit paperwork to the Graduate School on Storrs campus.

May 6 – Submit a copy of your final exam form and an elect

**May 9--**Health Commencement Ceremony, Storrs Campus

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