Congratulations!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE HEALTH ADMINISTRATION & POLICY PROGRAM?

Fall 2013 Anticipating Graduates

Ijeoma Agbaraji
Ann Apugo
Nicole Becerra
Olivia Cawley*
Johanna Coton*
Harri Cox
Diemthanh Dang*
Sneha Divakarla
Leonard Djomgoue
Queen Etta
Christine Estep
Ibrahim Fakoya
Cho Fornishi
Adrienne Fulton
Seghen Haile
Donta Henson
Raissa Jacobsen*
Michol Johnson
Kolawole Kekere-Ekun
Somaya Khan
Arnold Kigame
Patrick Lee
Sara Losiewski
Derricka McDaniel
Ruth Nathan*
Omoyosola Odukale
Mary-An Pamplona*
Robert Perry*
Emily Pixler*
Chrystle Samuels
Sarah Schneider
Christelle Tiagni
Kaitlyn Warf
Sijun Zhang*

*Students graduating with honors! Be sure to attend the End of Semester Celebration to be recognized!

News & Reminders

Spring 2014 Internship applications are due!

Complete applications (including letter of intent) must be received no later than January 15th.

End of Semester Celebration Coming Soon!

Don't miss out on a chance to congratulate your friends on a major accomplishment, and enjoy good food and conversation.

DATE: Wed Dec 4th
TIME: 4:30pm
LOCATION: PUP 208
Friends and family are welcome to join!

Winter 2014 Course

Global Issues in Health and Disease
HAPP 380
Mon–Thurs
9:00am–12:10pm
Public Policy 206

HAPP COUNCIL OF MAJORS’ BOOK SCHOLARSHIP

APPLY BY DECEMBER 2nd 2013

Go to: http://happ.umbc.edu/happ-scholarships/
to Cathy McDonnell, PUP 221
UMBC
INTERNATIONAL
FIELD RESEARCH
Scholars Program

Up to $1000 competitive travel fellowships available!
Travel dates June 16-22, 2014

For more information:

- Check out the website http://ifr.umbc.edu/ for the brochure, application, testimonials and videos
- Join MyUMBC IFR group - http://my.umbc.edu/groups/ifr
- Contact Katie Birger, cbirge1@umbc.edu if you have additional questions
STUDY ABROAD SPOTLIGHT: MEGAN KELLNER

My decision to study abroad in Switzerland with the IFR program was one of the best decisions I have made while at UMBC. I chose to participate because I have always wanted to study abroad but I did not have an entire semester to dedicate to it, and I also wanted something to make me stand out from other students applying to grad school. During the semester, I focused my research on the difference in the rates of cardiovascular disease in the U.S. and Switzerland. I also conducted an expert interview in addition to a literature search.

During my week in Switzerland, I completed research exercises which allowed me to better understand the Swiss culture that encourages a healthy lifestyle and disease prevention. I went on a six hour hike in the Alps that looked down onto a receding glacier, spent a day at the thermal baths and spa, observed smoking patterns among the Swiss, and visited a state-of-the-art neurorehabilitation facility. Through this class I became a better researcher and gained a new perspective on my research interests that could only have been acquired through international travel. I highly recommend this course to anyone who wants to engage in learning beyond the classroom (and this country)!

A message from your HAPP Council of Majors

Hi, everyone! My name is Sarah Kuznear and I am the president of the Health Administration and Policy Program Council of Majors, also known as HAPPCOM. I would first like to start off by welcoming you all to the new school year! I hope this is finding you well and that your semester has started off on the right foot!

For those of you who are not familiar with HAPPCOM, we are a group of students that facilitates opportunities to meet with others inside and outside of the major, share information, and discuss interests. We want our group to be a resource to students seeking information, workshops, events, and networking opportunities related to the field.

This year, our Council of Majors has some great things in store! Our meetings feature spotlight speakers, such as our very own advisers, speakers from the National Association of Health Services Executives, research professionals, and others alike. We also have some great events planned for the year including volunteering at the American Cancer Society’s Making Strides against Breast Cancer walk, attending Johns Hopkins Vaccine Day, having a HAPPCOM fundraiser, setting up a food drive, and hosting a Red Cross blood drive.

We love to see new faces at our meetings and would love to see our numbers grow, so please try to stop by on Wednesdays at noon in PUP204. If you have not been able to attend a meeting, watch out for emails about our upcoming plans! We are very excited about what this year has in store and we hope to see some of you at our upcoming meetings!

Good luck with the rest of the semester! (Below are pictures of the team in order of position: President, Vice, Treasurer, Secretary, Public relations chair; respectively)
Interested in attending graduate school?

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

- 3 letters of recommendation
- Official transcripts from all higher education institutions attended
  - This includes community colleges and other 4 year institutions.
- Official standardized GRE test scores
  - The current price is $185. Plan to take it about a year before you apply to graduate school so that you can re-take if need be. See [http://www.ets.org/gre](http://www.ets.org/gre) for more information.
- Curriculum Vitae (CV) or resume
- Personal statement of purpose and objectives
  - Schools will provide you with a prompt. Make sure you have multiple people review and edit this. Be sure to respond to all questions in the prompt.

**Schools with HAPP related graduate programs**

You are not limited to a program because of your track. Use this as a *guide*

*Schools might require that application be sent through [http://www.sophas.org/](http://www.sophas.org/) (Schools of Public Health Application Service). Familiarize yourself with the site. It has a great list of schools of Public Health around the country.*

**TRACK I - Health Services Administration**

- Johns Hopkins University
- Mount St. Mary’s University
- Towson University
- University of Baltimore
- University of Maryland University College

**TRACK II - Health Policy**

- Georgetown University
- George Washington University
- Johns Hopkins University
- University of Maryland Baltimore County (Public Policy Program)

**TRACK III - Public Health**

- Johns Hopkins University
- Morgan State University
- University of Maryland Baltimore
- University of Maryland Baltimore County (Applied Sociology Program)
- University of Maryland College Park
When looking at grad schools...

- Have your own criteria and go outside of the box
- Have a tiered approach when applying to schools.
  - The schools you know you will be accepted into (easy)
  - The schools you are unsure of but would be happy attending (probable)
  - The dream schools that you hope to be accepted into (reach)
    - Often, we do not give ourselves enough options. Do not only apply to schools because they are close, convenient, and likely to take you and do not sell yourself short by avoiding the schools that are harder to get into. They may be looking for a student like you!
- Seek field internships, even after 495/496, to give yourself diverse experiences and flexibility
- Make sure the program is accredited
- Determine if the program is a department or a school
- Check if the program also offers a PhD
- Know what the strengths of the school are and see if they align with your interests
- Look at the faculty’s research and areas of concentration
- Review the completion rates to get a sense of the programs support
- Don’t be shy when asking professors for letters of recommendations. Advocate for yourself by highlighting your achievements and strengths. Get them excited about writing a letter for you!
- Get in touch with alumni. This is a great way to network and meet people
Jeannette Jeffrey's HAPP 380-Issues in Global Health class and members of HAPP COM at the Johns Hopkins University's annual Vaccine Day!

For Your Information...

All advising appointments are now made online at:

http://www.happadvisor.acuityscheduling.com/schedule.php
Or go to umbc.edu/HAPP and click “Sign up for advising here!”
Please make sure you sign up BEFORE your registration date!

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