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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SPRING 2016 ANTICIPATING GRADUATES!

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2016 HAPPMENI PANEL EVENT

This well attended event was informative for HAPPM majors. We extend a big thank you to the following HAPPM alumni panel:

Anisha Khandelwal, Data Analyst, Maryland Patient Safety Center
Kristin Borowski (Schwab), Program Analyst, CMS
Agnes Buanya, Program Consultant, CareFirst Patient Centered Medical Home Program
Amity Lachowicz, Independent Living Specialist, Accessible Resources for Independence

SAVE THE DATE: END OF SEMESTER CELEBRATION!

Join us at our end of semester event. Come celebrate our new graduates and their accomplishments!

When: May 4, 2016; 5:00-6:00PM
Where: Fireside Lounge (Located in Commons 3rd floor)

SUMMER 2016 COURSES

Interested in taking a course this summer? See below for our HAPPM offerings!

**HAPPM 100 Survey of U.S. Health Care System:**
Charles Cange, Session 2 MWF 1PM-4:10PM, Public Policy 206

**HAPPM 398 Selected Topics in Health Administration and Policy (Topic: Health Care Marketing):**
Paul Coakley, Session 1 TuTh 1PM-4:10PM, Public Policy 208

**HAPPM 405 Contemporary Issues in Long Term Care:**
Paul Coakley, Session 1 TuTh 6PM-9:10PM, Public Policy 208

**HAPPM 495 Internship:**
Meryl Damasiewicz, 12 Week Session
West Baltimore Community Commission on Police Misconduct

Dr. Charles Cange, visiting lecturer in Health Administration and Policy Program (HAPP), Department of Sociology & Anthropology at the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC), is a member and research consultant for W. Baltimore Community Commission on Police Misconduct. Findings were released in a reported entitled **Over-Policed, Yet Underserved: The People’s Findings Regarding Police Misconduct in West Baltimore**.
INTERNSHIP INFORMATION

The internship is a required course for all HAPP majors. Students are expected to find an internship in the Health Administration and Policy field in order to gain first-hand knowledge and skills that are beneficial to know for recent graduates entering the workforce.

Deadlines

**Summer Internships:**
*Internship application due by the 15th of April
*Letters of Intent due by the 15th of May

**Fall Internships:**
*Internship applications due by the 15th of April
*Letters of Intent due by the 15th of August

**Spring Internships:**
*Internship applications due by the 15th of December
*Letters of Intent due by the 15th of January

SPOTLIGHT: HAPP 495 INTERNSHIP

*We asked one of our Spring 2016 interns to share with his experiences and provide some tips and guidance*

My name is Colton Rhoderick and I am a Track I, Health Administration, HAPP Major graduating this spring. I am currently a Billing and Insurance Intern at University Health Services here at UMBC. I spend a lot of my time in the Billing office checking patients out and collecting payment for services. I have learned a lot about the billing process, and also a lot about our university’s health insurance plan. Some of my other duties include updating patient records, directing phone calls, assisting the insurance and billing specialists, and aiding in the enrollment process for students who are selecting to use our school’s health plan.

I secured my internship through my own personal network. Last semester my supervisor told me about the opportunity and I was able to set up an interview a few days later. My biggest suggestion to students who are about to do their HAPP internship is to utilize your personal and professional networks. Also, don’t get discouraged if it takes you a while to secure an internship.

COLTON RHODERICK:
The International Field Research Program

The International Field Research Program (IFR) prides itself on instilling cultural competency among students to help prepare participants for the increasingly sophisticated requirements of a global economy. In addition, IFR helps students to develop an international perspective on issues of importance to the United States and other countries while encouraging interdisciplinary approaches in solving global issues. IFR participants gain experiences using field research vocabulary, concepts, and methods. During spring semester students study a variety of research methods, complete background research, and write a research paper as part of a weekly seminar class. Students then travel to Switzerland in June for a week to conduct their field research. The 16 year history of IFR represents 199 students from various departments and majors have traveled to 7 different countries including: Switzerland, France, Portugal, Scotland, Italy, Denmark, and England.

Spring 2016 IFR Spotlights!

Namrata Mohanty is a senior majoring in HAPP Track III and minoring in Korean Language. She shares, “For my IFR research project, I am studying how cultural diversity has influenced health care delivery. More specifically, I am focusing on the implementation and effects of cultural-competency training in health care in Switzerland, in the hopes of demonstrating a potential for application of the same methods in the Maryland health care system. Once in Switzerland, I hope to be able to visit the Lausanne University Hospital, which was a noted site of recent studies on cultural-competency training. In addition, I plan to interview local informants to determine their own experience with the health care system, as well as observe first-hand the distribution and social impact of cultural subsects in Switzerland. The IFR course assignments come together to facilitate a smooth and enjoyable research experience. Not only do I feel more sufficiently prepared to complete my research activities, but I also have a much better understanding of Switzerland’s society and culture. In addition Dr. Stuart, Mrs. McGlynn, and Yinka have been incredibly supportive of my research goals, and are great resources to have in the process of putting together an international research plan. I have truly enjoyed getting to know our group over the last couple of months, and am really looking forward to exploring Switzerland alongside my classmates!”

Molly Nicholson is also a senior double majoring in HAPP Track III and Global Studies. She says, “Through the IFR program, I have decided to focus on natural disaster preparedness and response while in Switzerland. I plan on conducting a preliminary exploratory case study that focuses on the Gasterntal floods that occurred in 2011. Mostly, I am looking at the local government and military’s responses and involvement, as well as the individual citizen’s opinions on how everything was handled. I will be using both visual and interview techniques in order to conduct this research. One major part of this study will be looking at the damage that the floods continue to show as one walks up the Gasterntal, so I hope to hike up that way while I am in country and take pictures to document the area. I feel the IFR program has prepared me for international field research through a step-by-step process. The layout of the class focuses on one thing at a time, which deconstructs the research project process and makes it look less intimidating and stressful. This class has also connected me with incredible UMBC students who have research projects that are insightful and intriguing, and I am excited to see what they will accomplish. I have never been to Europe, and I look forward to exploring the area, as well as taking in the culture and the people!”

*Other members of this year’s cohort include: Lia Adams (PSYC & SOCY), Nirshiee Agrumugam (MPP), Aaron Good (HAPP), Safoura KashfiPour (HAPP), Hyewon Lee (HAPP), Rebecca Mann (SOWK & ANTH), Jasmine Strong (INDS), Stanley Wang (BIOCHEM), and Jonathan Ben-Joseph (PHD CS).

We wish all of IFR 2016 the best!

For more information about the IFR program please visit http://ifr.umbc.edu/
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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HAPP URCAD PRESENTERS!

HAPP is very proud of Eric Adjakwah, Rafay Qureshi, and Yinka Bode-George who will present research at this year’s URCAD event on April 27.

Eric Adjakwah: “Using DNA Sequences to Determine the Geographical Origins of Agriculturally Important Invasive Leafmining Flies.”
Mentors: Dr. Sonja Scheffer and Mr. Matthew Lewis

“I started doing research in high school when I was in an academy called Biotechnology. Through the academy, I had the opportunity to intern at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). When I graduated high school and started UMBC in 2014, I was called back to our lab to continue doing research as a paid intern. Our research was conducted in the Entomology department and we study leafmining flies that are agriculturally important. Doing research has fostered my academic opportunities and self-development. I learned how to work in a professional setting and interact with a diverse group of people. In addition, I had the opportunity to attend the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS) in 2014. During the conference, I was awarded a certificate for outstanding presentation for the poster presentation I plan to present during URCAD. As an intern, I am gaining networking experience and building relationships not only with my mentors but with people in our department; this enables me to explore my career opportunities and future endeavors. I anticipate to graduate in 2017 with a Bachelor’s in Health Administration and Policy Program and I plan to attend graduate school to study nutrition.”

Mentor: Dr. Dawn Biehler

“I am grateful for my undergraduate research experience because it enabled me to pursue a study surrounding a topic I am very passionate about. From my research experience, I have gained a great deal of insight about environmental health issues in the urban environment. Conducting the study really solidified how I perceive my role as an agent of change in regards to environmental hazard exposure in marginalized communities.”

Rafay Qureshi: “Exploration of College Students’ Dietary Habits and Differences in American Dietary Guidelines”
Mentors: Dr. Dena T. Smith and Dr. Jamie Trevitt

"My research experiences at UMBC has been fundamental in helping me understand and explore various health topics. I started doing research my first year at UMBC and was able to co-author a paper in Neurology, the official journal of the American Academy of Neurology. Since then, I have been working with Dr. Smith and Dr. Trevitt on a social science project focusing on nutritional health. Conducting research as an undergraduate student has given me a chance to develop critical thinking skills and develop relationships with faculty members, which has helped me learn more about myself and my interests."
MESSAGE FROM THE HAPP COUNCIL OF MAJORS
This year went very well for HAPP COM, we succeeded in organizing various events for our general body members. During the Fall semester we had a bake sale fundraiser for UNICEF, where we successfully donated 50 dollars to Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF. This semester we had the HAPP alumni panel. We would like to thank everyone who helped us out and a big thank you to the HAPP department, especially Cathy McDonnell, who helped us throughout this year. We would like to wish the incoming board good luck for next year!

HAPP EXTENDS A BIG THANK YOU TO THE 2015/16 COUNCIL OF MAJORS BOARD!

Introducing the new HAPP Council of Majors Board for 2016/17 academic year

Pictured left to right: Sara Walker, Public Relations; Valerie Pasquale ,Treasurer;  Sara Khan, President; Naiem Reza,  Vice President; Roopa Mistry,  Secretary
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