



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE HEALTH ADMINISTRATION & POLICY PROGRAM

NEWSLETTER



CONGRATULATIONS! Seniors Anticipating Graduation December 2010

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Ami Sheth
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End of Semester Celebration

Don't Miss out on a chance to congratulate yourself and your friends on a major accomplishment, and enjoy good food and conversation!

When: December 1, 2010 at 4pm
Where: Public Policy Building 2nd fl lobby



Winter Session 2011

HAPP 380 is being offered this winter!
Global Issues in Health and Disease (3).

Days: Monday-Thursday
Time: 9am-12pm
Location: Physics Bld. 201
Instructor: Jeanette Jeffrey



ACT NOW!

Spring 2011 Internships

If you are planning to do a **Spring 2011 Internship**, and have not already completed an application and met with Joyce Riley, PUP 222, pick up an application and internship handbook from the HAPP office and sign up for an appointment as soon as possible.

Please note: All students will be required to participate in a weekly discussion group (HAPP 496) as a part of their internship experience and must be taken concurrently with HAPP 495, the Internship Placement.



WELCOME

Kathleen Hertel to the HAPP team! Kathleen will be working with HAPP as an academic advisor. She is located in PUP room 220 and will be available for advising during advanced registration for the spring semester.

Scholarships

HAPP Council of Majors Book Scholarship

This \$250 scholarship was established by the student organization to recognize outstanding academic achievement by HAPP majors.

Due December 13, 2010

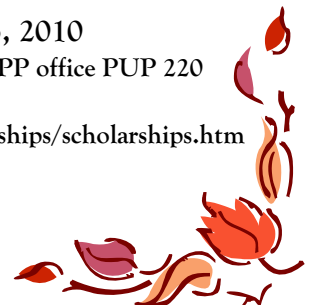
Barbara E. Burkman Scholarship

This \$1000 scholarship was established by a graduate of the program. The award is given to a student who has demonstrated academic stature and scholarly/creative activity in their chosen discipline.

Due December 13, 2010

Applications available in the HAPP office PUP 220
and on line

<http://www.umbc.edu/happ/scholarships/scholarships.htm>



My Experience During McNair Summer Research Institute

By Christina Powell

The McNair Scholar Program is developed to mimic graduate school; from entrance into the program, to selecting mentors to support research, and even presenting research at national conferences. The strongest aspect of the program is that it offers scholars assistance in gaining acceptance into graduate school and succeeding in one's program. The Summer Research Institute (SRI) delivered the valuable awareness of how to succeed in graduate school and achieve one's doctorate in an eight-week program.

After being accepted in December 2009 for the McNair Summer Research Institute (SRI), I was required to register for an upper-level research methodology course to prepare me for a professional research proposal. This course was broken into three main components: library research techniques, research methodology, and presentation of individual research proposal.

All scholars (SRI Fellows), lived on-campus at UMBC. Each day for 2 hours we met as a cohort, during that time guest speakers covered topics including resume building, writing cover letters and personal statements for graduate school, time management, business & dining etiquette, networking, and holistic wellness.

My research focused on the current role of hospital-based prenatal programs and how they address infant mortality among high-risk women in urban and suburban settings. I conducted interviews with prenatal program personnel throughout Baltimore. With the help of my mentor, peers, and the McNair program and staff, I was able to complete my research paper, and present my research confidently. We went on informational visits to prominent graduate schools where we met with the directors of our desired programs. Our visits helped inspire our research which we presented at Pennsylvania State University's Annual McNair Conference in Mid-July.

When I reflect on the experience, the most challenging part was completing my paper. As with all things, research can change and the unexpected happens. While I was waist-deep into my paper and nearing my deadline, I experienced a major "freak out" due to an unexpected occurrence in my results and an issue in my analysis. It was during that time, I used the strength of perseverance, support of my peers and loved ones, and the guidance of my mentor to pull through to completion. I highly recommend the program for those who want to excel in graduate school and build a strong network of colleagues while doing so.

Internship at Northrop Grumman

By Alec Penrod

My internship this semester is with Northrop Grumman on the Environmental Health Safety and Fire Prevention team as an industrial hygienist intern.

As an intern it is my job to compile the data necessary for the chemical inventory lists for the Northrop Grumman plants throughout the state of Maryland for submission to the Maryland Department of the Environment. This entailed contacting the managers of all of the labs and departments and making sure their inventories were up to date, making them available as a spreadsheet on a shared drive, and compiling the data in our business software and running a reporting function.

I am also responsible for conducting and reporting an industrial ventilation survey for the BWI factory. I have gone through the plant and measured the levels of air intake for the various workstations and fume hoods.

Another project I am working on is conducting a noise survey. This involved collecting data with a noise level meter and creating a report. In addition to these tasks I am involved in many lab industrial hygiene and safety audits with various staff members of the Environmental Health Safety and Fire Prevention team, respirator fit testing, and various data entry projects.

The experience of working with such a talented team has been vital to my educational experience. The team has made me feel like a welcomed and critical member to their daily operations. I am working on real projects and generating real results that are crucial to plant operations. The most important aspect for me is learning corporate culture and how my education translates to the working world.



Greetings to all Students & Faculty

From HAPP Council of Majors

Greetings to new and returning HAPP students! The HAPP Council of Majors would like to extend warm wishes to everyone in hopes that the semester is starting off well. As we begin this new school year, I would like to introduce myself and the current board members of the council of majors: **Philips Khuu** serves as Vice President, **Thy Ma** as Secretary, **Mahvish Shahid** as public relations chair, **Samuel Daniel** as our treasurer, and I, **Ami Vyas**, as president.

I would like to first share great news that the Health Administration and Public Policy Program has grown tremendously throughout the years. Currently there are 237 declared students which is the highest number of declared HAPP students ever! This is a great reminder of how important health administration and public health has become. The executive committee is excited and eager to recruit students into the HAPP Council of Majors (COM). HAPP COM is designed for you, the proactive student, who wants to explore the field of healthcare by working with each other & the community.

The council also participates in various service events with local facilities. In early October, a few members of the board and a current HAPP student participated in the BMORE Aware HIV event at the Inner Harbor. It was a great event where we helped to break Baltimore's record for participation in forming a live human ribbon. Currently we are sponsoring a food drive to benefit the Maryland Food Bank and the Elkrigde Food Pantry. Non-perishables will be collected now through December to serve those in need.

Our council has many events planned for the future, including World AIDS Day, and a winter clothing drive. We are also working to promote a new campaign on campus called the Relationship Violence Prevention Advocates Program.

Throughout the semester we will be having HAPP COM meetings to discuss events, and your involvement with the council. These meetings will be announced via the HAPP listserv. If you are not already on this list, you can easily sign up at: <https://lists.umbc.edu/lists/subscribe/happinformationhotline>.

We at the council welcome any ideas and feedback from everyone. We have an exciting semester ahead of us and I hope to see active involvement from all HAPP students. I wish you all a successful semester, and look forward to your involvement in the HAPP council of majors.

Ami Vyas

President, HAPP COM

HAPP Academic Policy

As shared with you previously, the university policy for third attempts to complete a course successfully requires a petition and the support of the instructor for the course. Any registration for a course resulting in an unacceptable grade including withdrawal (W on transcript) is considered an attempt.

HAPP will not support a third attempt for courses with the HAPP designation for students who have not successfully earned a C or better or withdrew from the course failing.

Please be mindful of this as you plan your schedules and register for courses.

Travel to Switzerland!

Plan Now for 2011 !

If interested in the International Field Research Program in Switzerland you must complete HAPP/SOCY 403/663.

Intro to International Field Research in the spring semester.

**Applications due by
December 1, 2010.**

See the website:

<http://www.umbc.edu/happ/health/IFR.htm>



ALUMNI
CORNER

Check out the Alumni Corner

Visit the HAPP web site for information on past graduates.

<http://www.umbc.edu/happ/alumni.html>

Visit the Bulletin Board

Don't forget there is an electronic Bulletin Board available on the HAPP Department website (www.umbc.edu/happ/) that contains a variety of program relevant information. Be sure to visit the site often, as it is frequently updated. Any changes of importance to the program will always be posted on this bulletin board



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