Tuesday, 31 March 2009

Lectures and Seminars

Wednesday, April 1, 2009
Philip R. Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies
Joint General Pediatrics & IHPS Health Policy Seminar

Public reporting and pay for performance in pediatrics

Naomi Bardach, MD

11:00 - 12:00 pm
UCSF Laurel Heights Campus
3333 California Street, Room 263

Contact: Ernestine Florence, Fellowship Coordinator at Ernestine.Florence@ucsf.edu or 415-476-4924

Thursday, April 2, 2009
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars
Program Core Seminar Schedule

Descriptions to advance population health

Constance Wang, PhD

12:00 - 1:30 pm
UCSF Laurel Heights Campus
3333 California Street, Conference Room 474

Contact: hss@chc.ucsf.edu

Wednesday, April 1, 2009
Geriatrics Grand Rounds

Topic: The Inner Life of the Physician and the Care of the Seriously Ill

Rolfe Sean Morrison, MD
Professor of Geriatrics and Adult Development
Professor of Medicine, Anesthesiology, The Mount Sinai Medical Center

with an Introduction by:

Joseph C. Barbaccia, MD, MPH
Remembering the forgotten: invertebrate pathogens as new cures for neglected tropical roundworm diseases

Raffi Aroian, PhD
Professor, Section of Cell and Developmental Biology, UCSD

Four intestinal parasitic nematodes are among the most common parasites in the world and are associated with impoverished living conditions, infecting over 1 billion people and responsible for causing significant morbidity in children and pregnant women in the developing world. Raffi Aroian, PhD, Professor, Section of Cell and Developmental Biology, UCSD, will discuss a promising characterization of a new class of natural anthelmintics and the serendipitous discovery of how two different anthelmintic classes can be combined to express outstanding nematicidal properties.

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Mission Bay, Byers Hall 212

Dear Colleagues,

I wanted to let you know about the 40th Annual International Society of Psychoneuroendocrinology (ISPNE) Conference - Modern Psychoneuroendocrinology: Interactions with Genes, Health, and Longevity” scheduled for July 23-26, 2009 at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco. I am involved in the planning of this program and think you and your colleagues will find it of tremendous value. This program provides an opportunity to learn the latest scientific developments relevant to genetic and
developmental/environmental contributions to hormonal physiology and mental and physical health. At this conference, we will discuss and debate key topics such as:

* The interaction between genes, prenatal, early postnatal and adult experience & health behavior
* Factors that promote vulnerability to depression, early disease and detrimental effects of stress
* Factors that promote stress resilience, and longevity
* Methods of predicting and optimizing physiological balance to reduce vulnerability and increase resiliency

I hope you will join me for four days of symposia, free communications and engaging plenary lectures and showcase your work and expertise by presenting a paper or symposium. We are currently accepting abstract submissions at our website (http://www.ispne.org/conference) and the deadline to submit is April 30th.

Please feel free to contact me or the Conference Organizer, Ms. Lovdy Hamm (meetings@ispne.org or 512-215-4831), should you need additional information, flyers or brochures, in either print or electronic formats, and she will provide you with the materials as soon as possible. Also, the most important part: The social event Saturday night is always great fun. I think it will be a ferry ride to Marin for margaritas/Mexican food.

With best regards,
Elissa Epel

Associate Professor, Dept of Psychiatry
ISPNE Local Organizing Committee member
http://www.ispne.org/conference

Program Dates:

* April 17, 2009: 3:00pm-8:15pm
* April 18, 2009: 8:00am-2:00pm
* May 16, 2009: 8:00am-2:00pm

The Northern California Geriatric Education Center is pleased to offer an interdisciplinary faculty development program in health literacy and aging. The purpose of this program is to train faculty to teach culturally appropriate approaches to health literacy as it applies to geriatrics. The goal is to disseminate health literacy principles as a vehicle to improve patient outcomes.

This opportunity is targeted to selected health professionals and faculty in dentistry, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, psychology, rehabilitation sciences, and social work. The program requires a commitment of approximately 24 hours over a two-month period, including individualized projects intended to foster integration of knowledge and practice. Sessions will be held in Fresno, CA. They will be largely case- and problem-based and highly interactive.
Call for Applications
The Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation has granted a small Block Grant to the University of California San Francisco. The Department of Anthropology, History and Social Medicine, Program in Medical Anthropology invites faculty and students on the UCSF campus to submit proposals for small grants for research and pedagogical projects in the area of Global Health Diplomacy.

Global Health Diplomacy is an emerging field of scholarship and research that attends to the dual interests of advancing health while attending to the political and diplomatic infrastructures that are entailed in this effort. It covers a broad range of topical areas, from the use of political instruments to promote health interventions, to recognizing the political effects and contexts of such interventions. Three areas of particular concern are the changing infrastructures and environments of global health aid, the growth of pharmaceutical research industries in global health, and the role of political strategy in delivering health aid (from biosecurity to national health programs).

Faculty and students* interested in obtaining small grants ($2000) for research or research presentations or workshops/conferences ($5000) should submit a proposal with budget to: Kimberly Bissell, Bissellk@dahsm.ucsf.edu no later than May 15, 2009. Funding for research is not intended for salary support.

We are pleased to pass on an excellent opportunity to attend a Health Literacy faculty development program in Fresno, California offered by the Northern California GEC. Communicating with Older Adults: Why Health Literacy Matters is offered over a two-month period, beginning on April 17, 2009.

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