Tuesday, 11 August 2009

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In the News

The Center for Health and Community is proud to announce that the Center for Obesity, Assessment and Treatment (COAST) has awarded a 5-year UC Multicampus Research Program and Initiatives (MRPI) Grant. The grant will establish a new multicampus center on Stress, Socioeconomic Status, and Obesity!

Lecture and Seminars

Please join the Center for Translational and Policy Research on Personalized Medicine (TRANSPERS Center), the UK Science and Innovation Network, and other co-sponsors, including The UCSF Department of Clinical Pharmacy, The UCSF Center for Health and Community, The UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center Population Sciences Group, UCSF Institute for Health Policy Studies, The UCSF Institute for Human Genetics, and the UCSF QB3 Institute for a special seminar:

“Using Genomics to Advance Medical Care”

Lord Naren Patel
Chair of the Inquiry Into Genomic Medicine Science and Technology Committee, UK House of Lords

Lord Patel will provide an overview of the Committee’s findings and recommendations the UK government presented in its July 2009 “Genomic Medicine” report. The growing “direct-to-consumer” (DTC) test industry, regulation of genetic tests, and the gap in training provided to medical professionals will also be discussed. A Q&A session will directly follow Lord Patel’s talk.

Thursday, September 10, 2009
11:45AM (light lunch/refreshments), 12PM (talk)
UCSF-Laurel Heights, Chancellor’s Room
Please RSVP to Christina Hosenfeld, TRANSPERS Center Program Manager, by Friday, September 4, 2009.
By appointment, Lord Patel is available to meet with individuals or small groups following the seminar.

For more about Lord Patel, please go to: http://www.somis.dundee.ac.uk/court/com/Biography/patel.htm

For the full House of Lords Report, please go to: http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/lords_s_t_select/genomic.htm

For more about the TRANSPERS Center, please go to: http://transpers.ucsf.edu

UCSF Conference on Stress and Coping to Honor Folkman

UCSF’s Osher Center for Integrative Medicine is currently registering participants for a daylong conference on stress and coping.

The “State of the Science of Stress and Coping” conference will take place on Friday, Sept. 11, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at UCSF’s Laurel Heights Conference Center.

The event will feature a host of thought leaders and scholars from around the country as well as Canada and The Netherlands. Speakers will explore topics ranging from “Gender and Coping,” to the “Spiritual Dimensions of Coping,” to “Genetic Testing and the Proactive Management of the Familial Cancer Risk.”

The conference also will pay tribute to Osher Center Director Susan Folkman, PhD, Osher Foundation Distinguished Professor of Integrative Medicine who is retiring after 30 years of service to the University. Folkman is an internationally recognized expert in the field of psychological stress and coping. For the past 20 years, her work has focused on stress and coping in the context of HIV/AIDS and other chronic illnesses, with a particular emphasis on caregiving and bereavement. Read full article

Monday, August 17, 2009

UCSF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND AGING 2009-2010 COLLOQUIUM SERIES
Fall Quarter

“Medicalization in Italy: A Controversial Trend”

Speaker: Antonio Maturo, PhD
Università di Bologna

Dr. Maturo will analyze medicalization trends in Italy, including highly medicalized phenomena (cesarean sections), less medicalized areas (in vitro fertilization), growing areas of medicalization (male sexuality), and of the death. He will also examine the role of the state, the church and the media in this process.

Time: 3:00-4:30pm

Location: Gay Becker Conference Room
IHA, UCSF Laurel Heights 340

Refreshments provided – please join us!

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Web site: SBS/IHA Colloquium Series

Training Program

Dear Colleagues:

Please review this exciting new training opportunity in Implementation and Dissemination Sciences at UCSF from Ralph Gonzales and Margaret Handley and the UCSF Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute. Several scholarships are available. The application deadline is August 24.

http://www.epibiostat.ucsf.edu/courses/implementation_research.html

Please direct questions to Dr. Ralph Gonzales ralphg@medicine.ucsf.edu.

New UCSF Supplemental Training Program in Implementation Research for Translating Evidence into Practice, Policy and Public Health

In order to provide supplemental training in implementation research to persons with Masters Degrees in Public Health, Clinical Research or their equivalent, and who are currently engaged in efforts to increase the translation of evidence into practice, policy and public health, we are offering a new training program based on short series of new courses. This new supplemental training program is offered by the UCSF Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute, the UCSF Program in Implementation and Dissemination Sciences and the UCSF Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics.
What is implementation research?

Implementation research is aimed at enhancing the adoption and appropriate adaptation (i.e., translation) of best evidence-based practices and policies in clinical care and public health; and the development of best evidence through community engagement.

What is the target audience for this training opportunity?

This training program is designed for professionals engaged in the development, implementation and evaluation of programs to promote and improve health and health care quality, including clinical and public health researchers, quality improvement officers, and public health practitioners.
Program Size: up to 12 Supplemental Training Program scholars.

What will I learn in this program?

Through a judicious blending of evidence with theory and indigenous wisdom, scholars will:

1. Design and implement more effective intervention programs through learning how to identify community, patient, clinician and organizational factors that serve as barriers and facilitators to translating evidence into practice, policy and public health and identifying the best tools for building interventions that can be tailored and applied in diverse settings.

2. Design more comprehensive evaluations of your intervention through learning the basics of process and outcome evaluation, and by identifying the appropriate qualitative and quantitative measures of effect.

3. Develop better funding proposals by learning how to define the "quality gap" and make the "business case" for translational programs, and by integrating conceptual frameworks, theory and evidence into the intervention design and/or evaluation of your program.

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