

## *AOEC E-News November 2009*

### *Cook Snyder Fund Needs Your Help*

AOEC established the Cook-Snyder Scholarship over ten years ago in honor of two former Board members, Judy Cook and Meta Snyder. The scholarship was established to provide travel funds for students and new members of the OEH professions to attend professional meetings. One of the great successes of AOEC over the past five years has been our Occupational Health Internship Program (OHIP). The interns completing that program have exceeded both our expectations in getting abstracts accepted at professional meetings and our budget for sending them to meetings. We've pretty much depleted the Cook Snyder Fund as of this moment. I'm therefore asking your help to replenish the Fund.

AOEC is a 501(c)3 organization therefore donations to Cook Snyder are tax deductible. If you would like to contribute, please send a check made payable to AOEC with Cook Snyder in the memo line or go on line to <http://www.aoec.org/content/payment.htm>. Although it has a Paypal button, you can either make a payment through Paypal or via charge card.

The thumbnail bios for those of you who never had the opportunity to meet these two wonderful women are as follows: Judy was a worker organizer and director of the Manitoba Federation of Labour for many years; Meta was a nurse who championed education in occupational and environmental health for nurses. This doesn't truly describe all they did for our profession and if you want to learn more, please drop me an e-mail at [kkirkland@aoec.org](mailto:kkirkland@aoec.org).

### *AOEC Activities*

Together with the Society for Occupational and Environmental Health (SOEH) AOEC coordinated a conference Healthy Aging for a Sustainable Workforce. In addition to SOEH and AOEC, the meeting was co-sponsored by: • CPWR - Center for Construction Research and Training • National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH AARP • Work and Health Research Center, University of Maryland School of Nursing (WHRC) • Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) • American Public Health Association (APHA). Funding was provided by NIOSH and CPWR and the Veterans Administration provided the resources to videotape the plenary sessions.

The conference report is found at [http://www.soeh.org/pdf/AgingWorkersWorkshopReport\\_11%2009\\_Final.pdf](http://www.soeh.org/pdf/AgingWorkersWorkshopReport_11%2009_Final.pdf) For those of you who would like to see the highlights of the plenary talks, the video can be viewed at <http://www.aoecdata.org/AoecVideos.aspx>.

### *Actions of the AOEC Board*

The AOEC Board of Directors met on November 7, 2009 in Philadelphia, PA. Robert Kosnik, MD, DIH, of the University of California San Francisco took office as President. Ken

Rosenman, MD of Michigan State University was elected Vice President with Laura Welch, MD and Iris Udasin, MD, MPH being re-elected as Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

The Board had discussions with representatives of both the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

The Board revised the Patient Bill of Rights. In accordance with the AOEC By-laws, that revision will soon be sent to the clinic members for their input and/or ratification.

Obviously, there were other actions taken by the Board. The AOEC Personnel Policy was updated, an action not requiring clinic approval and Board members took on specific tasks for the coming year. Ken Rosenman, MD submitted the latest review of potential asthmagens. That review was approved pending editorial changes. It should be available for review by mid-December 2009. The asthmagen report is used in determining which substances will be listed on the AOEC Exposure Coding System as asthmagens. If you haven't viewed the AOEC Exposure Coding System, please do so at <http://www.aoecdata.org/ExpCodeLookup.aspx>.

### *View from Vermont Avenue by Katherine Kirkland, Executive Director*

Congress has actually done more than Health Care Reform this month but that is still the primary focus at this time. The economy is also a source of a great deal of discussion but there is very little of potential legislation at this point in time.

The good news for OSHA is that the nomination of David Michaels, PhD, MPH to be OSHA Secretary has moved out of committee. However, it now awaits a vote by the full Senate. While this should be easily done, another nomination for Paul Anastas, PhD to be the EPA's Office of Research and Development has been held up by Senator Vitter of Louisiana for over six months.

Barring a level legislative action unseen in DC for years, we are going to have another year with many of the departmental budgets being combined into an omnibus bill at some point in mid-December. As of November 26 when everyone on Capitol Hill left for the Thanksgiving holiday, only Interior and Environment had joined the appropriations bills for Agriculture, Homeland Security, and Energy and Water appropriations as having passed both the House and the Senate.

### *New from Federal Agencies*

The NIOSH Science blog has a new posting on workplace hearing loss. Check it out at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/blog/>

#### **Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)**

Toxicity of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) - A case study in environmental medicine (CSEM) Case Study <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/csem/pah/index.html>

Printer-Friendly <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/csem/pah/docs/pah.pdf>

Continuing Education

[http://www2a.cdc.gov/TCEOnline/registration/detailpage.asp?res\\_id=2105](http://www2a.cdc.gov/TCEOnline/registration/detailpage.asp?res_id=2105)

RSS Feed <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/csem/rss.xml>

## ***Positions Available***

### **School of Public Health and Health Services-George Washington University**

#### ***Dean***

Applications and nominations are invited for the position of Dean of the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services (SPHHS). The Dean is the educational leader and chief administrator for this nationally and internationally influential school located in Washington, D.C. The school is fully accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). Review of applications will commence on November 16, 2009, and will continue until the position is filled. Applications should include a letter of interest that conveys the applicant's qualifications for the position in addition to a curriculum vita. Additional information may be found at <http://www.aupha.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageID=4103> Applications should be sent electronically to: Liz Anderson, Office of Academic Affairs, The George Washington University, [carlson@gwu.edu](mailto:carlson@gwu.edu)

### **School of Public Health and Health Services-George Washington University**

#### ***Chair, Department of Environmental and Occupational Health***

For full information go to: <http://www.gwumc.edu/sphhs/faculty/facultyPositions.cfm>

*Application Procedure:* To be considered for Chair interested applicants should submit: (1) a curriculum vitae; (2) a letter of interest including a statement of qualifications. Only complete applications will be considered. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

*Please submit* all materials electronically to: EOH Chair Search Committee and/or EOH Search Committee, c/o Jo Ann Roberts, Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, GWU School of Public Health and Health Services, 2100 M Street, NW, Suite 203, Washington, DC 20037, [eahjmr@gwumc.edu](mailto:eahjmr@gwumc.edu)

### **Environmental/Occupational Epidemiologist Position-Tyler, Texas**

The Department of Occupational Health Sciences at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler (UTHSCT) is seeking candidates for a full-time, non-tenure faculty position available at the Assistant/Associate Professor level commensurate with experience. Offering a competitive base salary and initial package to ease transition and development of partial extramural funding. Potential areas of interest include environmental/occupational lung disease, agricultural health and injury prevention, pediatric environmental health, and cancer epidemiology. UTHSCT offers employees a stimulating work environment, competitive salaries, and comprehensive benefits provided through the State of Texas without the big city hassles associated with many comparable universities. *Interested applicants should e-mail or fax a current curriculum vitae and arrange for three letters of reference to:*

**Jeffrey L. Levin, M.D., M.S.P.H.,** Professor and Chair, Department of Occupational Health Sciences, **The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler**, 11937 U.S. Highway 271, Tyler, Texas 75708-3154, **(903) 877-5900 Fax: (903) 877-7982, E-mail:**

[jeffrey.levin@uthct.edu](mailto:jeffrey.levin@uthct.edu) UTHSCT is an equal opportunity employer. This position is security

sensitive and subject to Texas Education Code, 51.215, which authorizes the employer to obtain criminal history information.

### **Occupational and Environmental Health Nursing (OEHN) Faculty Position-San Francisco**

The Department of Community Health Systems at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), School of Nursing has an opening for a tenure-track eligible faculty (Assistant or Associate Professor) position in the School's Program. Qualifications: Doctoral preparation in nursing or related health field; potential eligibility for RN licensure in California; research related to OEHN; field experience in OEHN; teaching excellence at graduate levels; ability to teach diverse populations; 1-2 years of postdoctoral experience strongly preferred.

Interested applicants should send a letter of interest and curriculum vitae to: Susan Hamrick, Department of Community Health Systems, Box 0608, UCSF, San Francisco, CA 94143-0608 [susan.hamrick@nursing.ucsf.edu](mailto:susan.hamrick@nursing.ucsf.edu)<<mailto:susan.hamrick@nursing.ucsf.edu>>

UCSF is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

### **University of Colorado Denver**

Colorado School of Public Health, Associate Professor

Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Position #615881

[http://www.cudenver.edu/Academics/Colleges/PublicHealth/about/Administration/Documents/EH\\_AssocProf.pdf](http://www.cudenver.edu/Academics/Colleges/PublicHealth/about/Administration/Documents/EH_AssocProf.pdf)

The Department of Environmental and Occupational Health in the Colorado School of Public Health (CSPH) invites applications for a tenure-track position at the Associate Professor level. Specific areas of interest include environmental or occupational epidemiology, molecular toxicology, environmental chemistry, and infectious disease. These positions require a rigorous program of independent research along with teaching at the graduate level. The Department's goal is to build a multi-disciplinary faculty engaged in cutting edge environmental and occupational health research. The CSPH serves the Rocky Mountain Region by providing training, innovative research and community service. For more information see

<http://publichealth.ucdenver.edu>.

### **University of Colorado Denver**

Colorado School of Public Health, Assistant Professor

Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Position #631137

[http://www.cudenver.edu/Academics/Colleges/PublicHealth/about/Administration/Documents/EH\\_AssistProf.pdf](http://www.cudenver.edu/Academics/Colleges/PublicHealth/about/Administration/Documents/EH_AssistProf.pdf)

The Department of Environmental and Occupational Health in the Colorado School of Public Health (CSPH) invites applications for two tenure-track positions at the Assistant Professor level. Specific areas of interest include environmental or occupational epidemiology, molecular toxicology, environmental chemistry, and infectious disease. These positions require a rigorous program of independent research along with teaching at the graduate level. The CSPH was formed collaboratively by the University of Colorado Denver, Colorado State University and the University of Northern Colorado. The CSPH serves the Rocky Mountain Region by providing training, innovative research and community service. For more information see

<http://publichealth.ucdenver.edu>.

### **Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Office of Occupational Health Nursing**

Two openings for occupational health nurses. The positions are being advertised as "health scientists". The closing date is January 8, 2010. The grades are GS 9/11, GS 12 and GS 13. Candidates can apply as either "status" (current or former federal employees) or from the general public (any U.S. citizen). To learn more or apply, see the site below or visit *USAJobs* and search under "Department of Labor", then "Occupational Safety and Health Administration". You will need to scroll down the page to the listings for "health scientist" with a closing date of 1/8/10. Find the announcement(s) that most closely match your qualifications. You can apply for more than one grade level if you are qualified.

<http://www.doors.dol.gov/jobsearch.asp?q=&jbf574=DLSH&jbf522=&salmin=&salmax=&paygrademin=&paygrademax=&FedEmp=Y&tm=&sort=rv&vw=d&brd=3876&ss=0&FedPub=Y&SUBMIT1.x=81&SUBMIT1.y=24>

### **University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio**

Faculty Associate Environmental Medicine

Challenging/rewarding teaching/research position with the South Texas Environmental Education and Research (STEER) Program in Laredo, TX. Responsibilities include teaching health professions students; collaborating with community partners; conducting environmental health research; writing grants and reports. Some travel in the South Texas area including Harlingen and San Antonio. Successful candidates will have a Master's with extensive public/environmental health experience. Excellent English/Spanish communications skills highly preferred. Texas driver's license required.

Send CV to: Claudia S. Miller, M.D., M.S., Professor, UTHSCSA, 7703 Floyd Curl Drive (222 MCS), San Antonio, TX 78229-3900. The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All faculty appointments are designated as security sensitive positions.

### ***Educational Courses***

#### **US-Mexico Border Health Training Opportunity**

The South Texas Environmental Education and Research (STEER) Program of the University of Texas School of Medicine-San Antonio (UTSOMSA) provides in vivo training experiences at the US-Mexico Border for medical students, residents and other health professionals in an unusual and informative setting. STEER engages nearly 100 instructors, most of them volunteers, including health department leaders, community healthcare workers, and professors, to teach the dozens of ½ to 1-day segments that make up the 4-week program.

The STEER program is offered as an elective during the below mentioned dates in both Laredo and Harlingen, TX. There are no tuition fees. Housing is provided at no cost to students from the University of Texas Health Science Center. Housing for visiting students is \$600 for the month. Students are responsible for their own travel to/from Laredo or Harlingen, meals, personal daily expenses and after-hours transportation and activities.

STEER program is offered monthly if there are at least three qualified applicants. Limit of 10 students per rotation. See the website <http://steer.uthscsa.edu> for information and a downloadable application, or contact directly: [steer@uthscsa.edu](mailto:steer@uthscsa.edu).

### **NIOSH Approved Spirometry Courses**

All the currently approved NIOSH spirometry courses which are available are listed at <http://www2a.cdc.gov/drds/spirometry/schedule.asp>

### **North Carolina Occupation Safety and Health Education and Research Center**

#### **Occupational Health Nursing**

Your Master's in Public Health in the Occupational Health Nursing concentration via distance education from The University of North Carolina @ Chapel Hill is only a click away. You can attend classes on-line anytime of the day or night. Tuition assistance is available. For more information contact Judy Ostendorf ([judy\\_ostendorf@unc.edu](mailto:judy_ostendorf@unc.edu)) or Bonnie Rogers ([rogersb@email.unc.edu](mailto:rogersb@email.unc.edu)) and visit our website:

[http://www.sph.unc.edu/phlp/distance\\_mph\\_in\\_occupational\\_health\\_nursing\\_2083\\_7115.html](http://www.sph.unc.edu/phlp/distance_mph_in_occupational_health_nursing_2083_7115.html)

Earn a Certificate in Occupational Health Nursing via distance education from The University of North Carolina @ Chapel Hill. Earn 11 – 12 academic credits in 12 months, which could be transferred into the MPH Program. You can attend classes on-line anytime of the day or night. For more information contact Judy Ostendorf ([judy\\_ostendorf@unc.edu](mailto:judy_ostendorf@unc.edu)) or Bonnie Rogers ([rogersb@email.unc.edu](mailto:rogersb@email.unc.edu)) and visit our website:

[http://www.sph.unc.edu/phlp/occupational\\_health\\_nursing\\_certificate\\_4796\\_8853.html](http://www.sph.unc.edu/phlp/occupational_health_nursing_certificate_4796_8853.html)

**30th Annual Occupational Safety and Health Winter Institute** February 15-19, 2010 in St Pete Beach, FL <http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/institutes/winter10/index.htm>

#### **Short Course in Occupational Safety**

December 15-18, 2009 in Chapel Hill, NC <http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/ce/courses/shortcourses.htm>

**Certification Review Courses** [http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/cert\\_review.htm](http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/cert_review.htm)

**Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene Online** January 11-April 28, 2010; August 24-December 8, 2010 [http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/ce/courses/fund\\_ind\\_hyg\\_online.htm](http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/ce/courses/fund_ind_hyg_online.htm)

#### **Occupational Health Nursing Certification Review Course**

18<sup>th</sup> Annual Occupational Health Nursing (OHN) Certification Review Course will be held at the Marriott Suites in Clearwater Beach, FL, January 11- 13, 2010. It is offered by Bonnie Rogers and Associates and twenty (20) contact hours will be awarded. Content relevant to OHN concepts and practice, industrial hygiene, ergonomics, health promotion, toxicology, management, legal issues, research and counseling will be provided. For brochure and more information, call (703) 497-2119, fax name and address to (703) 491-9656, or send email request to [rogersb@email.unc.edu](mailto:rogersb@email.unc.edu)

### **Respirator Selection and Cartridge Change Out Schedules**

February 23 & 24, 2010 Hampton Inn and Suites, Salt Lake City, UT Fee \$430. Contact Roy McKay, PhD, University of Cincinnati Medical Center, PO Box 670458, Cincinnati, OH 45267-0458, 513-558-1234 or [www.DrMcKay.com](http://www.DrMcKay.com)

Sponsored by the University of Cincinnati Medical Center

### **Correspondence Course: Practical Aspects of Health and Safety Management Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health (RMCOEH)**

*Practical Aspects of Health and Safety Management*, that is based on the Royce Moser, MD, MPH text, "Effective Management of Health and Safety Programs--A Practical Guide, 3rd Edition". Reflecting the additional chapters and other material in the 3rd edition, it is approved for a maximum of 45 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. It is also approved by the American Board of Preventive Medicine as meeting the requirements of an educational module under the ABPM re-certification program. Information on the book can be found at <http://www.oempress.com/product/347/1>. A brochure for the correspondence course can be found at <http://medicine.utah.edu/rmcoeh/ContEdProg/pammgmt1.pdf>.

### **Free Online Continuing Education Course for Health Professionals on Pediatric Environmental Health**

Now Available at: [http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/emes/health\\_professionals/pediatrics.html](http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/emes/health_professionals/pediatrics.html)

This course is based on the Pediatric Environmental Health Toolkit: An American Academy of Pediatrics endorsed clinical tool. This is an online course developed in conjunction with the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry's (ATSDR) Division of Toxicology and Environmental Medicine, the University of California San Francisco Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit, and Physicians for Social Responsibility, Greater Boston.

Free 1.5 Credit Hours for: Physicians, Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, other health professionals (check the course site). Use this free interactive online course in the comfort of your own home or office to increase your knowledge base of common pediatric environmental health issues. Users can log in and out to complete the course in several sessions.

### **Massachusetts Nurses Association- Health and Safety Courses Online**

Available at <http://www.massnurses.org/nursing-resources/continuing-education/mna-ce-online>  
*Course topics currently include:* Workplace Violence, Fragrance Free! Creating a Safe Healthcare Environment, Latex Allergy Program, Fatigue and Sleeplessness, and Work-related Asthma in Nurses and their Co-workers.

*Program requirements:* To successfully complete a program and receive contact hours, you must read the entire program, take and pass the Post-Test and complete the Program Evaluation. To pass the Post-Test, you must achieve a score of 80% or above.

*Accreditation:* The MNA is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

\*All programs are free to MNA members and others.

## ***Conferences and Meetings***

**Making Green Jobs Safe Workshop-Hosted by NIOSH  
December 14 - 16, 2009, Washington, DC**

The purpose of the workshop is to frame the issues around integrating worker health and safety into green jobs and sustainability processes and efforts. NIOSH will use their Prevention through Design platform for the outcomes of this Workshop.

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/programs/PtDesign/>

Registration and additional information at

<http://www.team-psa.com/safeandgreenworkshop/home.asp>

**Be Safe, Be Profitable: Protecting Workers in Agriculture  
January 27-28, 2010, Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas**

The 2010 ASHCA-NIOSH Conference, *Be Safe, Be Profitable: Protecting Workers in Agriculture*- January 27-28, 2010

<http://www.ashca.com/dotnetnuke/NewsEvents/ASHCAConference/tabid/97/Default.aspx>

For more information on the conference, visit [www.ashca.com](http://www.ashca.com).

**5th International Conference on Children's Health and the Environment  
Bangalore February 1 – 3, 2010**

Location: National Institute of Advance studies, Indian Institute of Science Campus, Bangalore. Karnataka. India

Organized by the International Network on Children's Health Environment and Safety (INCHES) and the H.P.Foundation, Bangalore

Call for abstracts for posters until December 1, 2009 Additional information can be found at

<http://www.inchesnetwork.net/second%20announcement%20ICCHE%202010%20Bangalore.pdf>

**The International Symposium of Reproductive Hazards in the Workplace and Environment  
(RHICOH 2010)**

Taipei, Taiwan, April 20-21, 2010

The symposium is organized by the Department of Environmental and Occupational Medicine, National Taiwan University Hospital and in collaboration with the International Commission of Occupational Health (ICOH) Scientific Committee on Reproductive Hazards in the Workplace. Information at:

<http://www.rhicoh2010.tw/index.html>

**Occupational Health under Globalization and New Technology**

Taipei, Taiwan, April 20-25, 2010

The EPICOH and MEDICHEM Conferences are a series of annual meetings of the world's leading scientists and students working in Epidemiology and Chemical Safety in Occupational Health, where all participants share their latest research findings, exchange ideas and establish new collaborations. Information at: <http://www.epicohmedichem2010.tw>

**Hindsight is 2020: Looking Back at the Last Decade, Looking Ahead to the Next**

Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) Annual Meeting

June 6 -10, 2010 in Portland, Oregon

**Call for Abstracts:** The CSTE 2010 Annual Conference Program Planning Committee invites you to submit abstract proposals for breakout, roundtable and poster presentations at the upcoming conference to be held. **Abstracts must be received by Friday, January 8, 2010 at 11:59 PM EST** through the online CSTE abstract submission database at the following address <http://www.cste.org/abstracts.asp> .