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## CENTER FOR HEALTH LEADERSHIP

After its pilot year, the Center for Health Leadership (CHL) astounded the SPH community with ongoing beneficial leadership development courses, seminars, conferences, and internships. Through the encouragement and support of our staff, the CHL has opened up the world of public health to students, alumni, and professionals, guiding them to emerge as leaders in their own fields. Read more about the successful CHL programs on page 5!■

### Students Triumphantly Return from Summer Internships

The Center for Public Health Practice (CPHP) congratulates the 89 MPH students who successfully completed their 2009 Summer Internships!

As an integral part of the MPH degree at UC Berkeley’s School of Public Health, the internship program is the primary means through which students strengthen their practice knowledge and skills. CPHP coordinates a comprehensive internship application and placement process for MPH students in all concentrations. CPHP recruited more than 200 summer and part-time school year internship opportunities through our extensive network of community partners, employers and alumni to offer students meaningful, paid internship placements in a wide range of public health settings.

We are grateful to the following for their ongoing support of our Summer Internships: Kathy Kwan, MBA/MPH ’93, and the Eustace-Kwan Family Foundation for funding internship stipends to students working in local organizations that support the Bay Area’s most underserved communities, and which otherwise could not afford to pay a student; the Factor Family Foundation for making it possible for graduate students to gain substantial public health practice skills and career opportunities via internships in the Los Angeles County area; and our outstanding community partners for their excellent support of our Internship Program.

Of the 89 Summer 2009 placements (some students interned in two organizations), 53 were in the San Francisco Bay Area, 17 were in California (outside SF Bay Area), one was in Maryland, and 18 were at international sites including: Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Mexico, the Philippines, Samoa, Switzerland, Tanzania, Zambia, and Zimbabwe!



The following is the breakdown of the types of internships in which students were involved: international – 19%; government agencies – 28%; university/research work – 17%; nonprofit organizations- 22%, healthcare systems – 11% and private groups – 2%

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

The past several months have presented the CPHP with numerous challenges but we are delighted to have made substantial progress and accomplishments in many of our programs this year, including the Center for Health Leadership, Isms Collaborative and community partnerships. The numerous highlights in this newsletter exemplify the success of our efforts in strengthening the CPHP. This issue also includes the amazing experiences and accomplishments that our students had in their internships this summer. We are proud of them and their contributions and greatly appreciate the support provided by their preceptors and host organizations. We would like to emphasize and acknowledge the organizations and donors who made the internships possible despite the significant economic challenges this year, the students and CPHP cannot be more appreciative.

Unfortunately, the economic and state budget challenges this past year have necessitated budget cuts, furloughs and major changes at the School of Public Health and within the CPHP. As a result, we deeply regret that we had to lay-off two of our valued team members. Obiel Leyva and Sona Saha, both of whom made significant contributions to our students, staff, faculty and community partners during their tenure with CPHP. We will miss them and wish them well in their future endeavors. Cathy Mercado, our Practice Coordinator has also moved on but we are fortunate to welcome Patricia Segrestan aboard to serve in that role.

Despite the changes and more limited resources, CPHP remains committed to providing excellent service to students and community partners. We ask for your understanding and patience as we transition to our new resource and workload. We seek your collaboration and creativity to support our students and strengthen our offerings, partnerships and resources in these challenging times, and hope you are able to partake in our various events and activities.

Sincerely,



Jeff Oxendine, MPH, MBA  
Associate Dean, Public Health Practice

## 2009 Summer Internships

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Some of the Internship Sites were:

Alameda County Public Health Department: CAPE  
Alameda County Community Food Bank  
Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative  
Berkeley Youth Alternatives  
California Department of Health Care Services,  
Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Program  
California Family Health Council, Inc  
Center for Elders Independence  
Chevron  
Contra Costa Health Services  
Kaiser Permanente: Care Management Institute,  
Weight Management Initiative  
La Clinica de La Raza  
Los Angeles Department of Public Health  
National Cancer Institute (NIH)  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
Project Concern International (PCI) – Bolivia  
Public Health Research Institute of India (PHRI)  
San Francisco AIDS Foundation  
San Francisco Department of Public Health – STD  
Prevention and Control  
San Francisco General Hospital Medical Center  
UC Berkeley – SPH Northern California Childhood  
Leukemia Study  
UCSF Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health  
World Health Organization



**Summer  
Internship  
Preparation  
For 1<sup>st</sup>  
Year students**

- ✓ Understand the process, objectives, logistics and deliverables of the summer internship program by visiting our website: **SPH.berkeley.edu/CPHP/internships**
- ✓ Develop/update/refine your resume
- ✓ Meet with your field supervisor and/or your academic advisors to discuss your internship interests
- ✓ Conduct three to five informational interviews with organizations aligned with your interests
- ✓ Identify sources and apply for funding (especially critical for students looking for international internships)

## Student Feature

### **SHEILA BAXTER Established 1<sup>st</sup> Fellowship Program in Western Samoa**

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The Council of Women World Leaders presented me with a once in a lifetime opportunity in establishing the first fellowship program in Western Samoa, where, I had the privilege to shadow three amazing women world leaders; the CEO of the Ministry of Health, Palantina Touloupe, the Minister of Health, Amataga Alesana Gildow Gatoloaifaana, and the CEO of Tokelau's Healthcare System, Lee Pearce. By observing each woman's empowering and distinct leading style, I gleaned multifaceted knowledge on how to influentially lead a group of people.



At the Ministry of Health, I worked on assisting the only openly HIV person in Samoa with setting up the first HIV support group, writing a proposal to incorporate hand washing as an arts and crafts activity in primary schools, contract tracing for the HINI Virus, and creating a Tobacco Control Act handout to encourage support from NGO's of Samoa. Additionally, I revised/extended the Ministry of Health's policies on; the Standards for All Allied Health Professionals, Overseas Treatment Policies, HIV/AIDS policy, and composed a speech entitled "Investing in women is a smart choice under these hard economic times" for the Minister of Health to present at World Population Day headed by the United Nations.

During my fellowship, I involved myself with a humanitarian mission called "Pacific Partnership," a US Naval campaign that works to positively impact the lives of people in the Pacific region and improve these nations capacity to respond to natural disaster. My preceptor, the assistant CEO of the Ministry of Health, Andrew Peteru, was fully engaged with the spread of Swine Flu in the country, so I took the initiative to lead the project and was nominated by the US Navy to connect their medical specialist with the Ministry, as a part of their personnel. I preemptively collected lists of equipment and information each department needed and sent this information to the lead medical coordinator a week before the ship arrived at Samoa, so that the needed aide could be obtained. Upon arrival, I helped coordinate the placement of each specialist and spent time collecting water samples on Savai'i with the Navy and Ministry of Health's team.

Along with the work I did for the Ministry and the Navy, I also had the opportunity to review Samoa's Surveillance Guidelines on Communicable Diseases for the World Health Organization (WHO) of the South Pacific. After reviewing this document, I arranged for the WHO leader on communicable diseases to meet with the head of the department at the Ministry of Health and myself to discuss what areas of the surveillance could be added or improved. I cannot describe the impact of this experience, and I am blessed to have been given the opportunity to take on so many amazing challenges.

### **ASHLEY STEGALL takes charge back in the Bay Area**

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When searching for my internship, I was looking for a summer experience to encompass three elements: health disparities, community health and engagement, and epidemiology. My search was not fruitless as I came upon an amazing opportunity with the Heart 2 Heart (H2H) Project at the City of Berkeley Public Health Division. Sponsored by Kaiser Permanente Community Benefit, Heart 2 Heart is a community-based partnership that aims to reduce hypertension and cardiovascular disease hospitalization and mortality rates in African American and Hispanic populations in South and West Berkeley.



Working in conjunction with Dr. Victoria Breckwich-Vasquez, Chief of the Community Health Action & Assessment Section, Dr. Tanya Moore, Co-Coordinator of the Chronic Disease Prevention Program and Dr. Neil Maizlish, Epidemiologist on the H2H Project, I conducted H2H related research on place-based interventions highlighting social determinants of health. Finalizing the H2H baseline survey instrument and assisting in creating a survey protocol and administration plan for our South Berkeley neighborhood, I also developed a resident surveyor training curriculum and conducted resident training sessions as well as assisted in managing the H2H Questionnaire databases and initial data evaluation.

Working on the community health survey was a remarkable and rewarding experience for me. It was refreshing to take the knowledge from the classroom and put it into community action. Besides the immediate campus community, I was able to explore different communities and engage with long time residents of Berkeley. Not only did I develop and strengthen my public health skills, I also was reminded of my commitment to empower our communities. I am certain that my fieldwork experience will have a positive impact on my future public health work.

## What Have Preceptors said About Our SPH Student Interns?

...by far the strongest student intern I have worked with. She exceeded any expectations I had for a summer student intern. She's enthusiastic, organized, thoughtful and incredibly proactive. She was able to move forward on tasks independently, asking for guidance when appropriate and needed. As a result, I feel that she was able to complete a substantial project that may have taken longer in the hands of someone else.

...is a delight to work with- highly professional and responsible, with fantastic work ethic. He has a very clear understanding of public health and a bright future in the field.

...will be an amazing asset to any organization she works for in the future. We were lucky to have her this summer.

...we were fortunate to have an SPH intern to work with us this summer, and he will be missed! We will be in touch.

### Be a Preceptor for Summer 2010

An approved supervised internship is an integral part of the master of public health (MPH) degree at the UC Berkeley School of Public Health. It is an important learning and career development experience as well as a graduation requirement. We view the internship as a partnership between the student, the host organization and CPHP. In order for the student internships to be successful, it is critical that the host organization provides an appropriate "preceptor." A preceptor is a mentor and supervisor who guides the student internship.

#### Preceptor Roles and Responsibilities:

- Provide the student with an orientation to the organization
- Assist the student in completing a work plan
- Provide access to individuals and meetings
- Meet with the student at least once per week
- Provide opportunities to explore career options
- Provide leadership opportunities in or beyond project area
- Provide regular professional feedback
- Secure a work space and needed resources
- Participate in an internship meeting or a site visit with CPHP
- Complete an evaluation of the student intern and internship process

Email notices on how, when and where to post summer internship positions will be sent out in November. For "new" preceptors, the details and Internship Guidelines are on our website [sph.berkeley.edu/cphp](http://sph.berkeley.edu/cphp). The deadline for posting internships is **January 31, 2010**. For questions, contact **Patricia Segrestan, CPHP practice coordinator, at [psegrestan@berkeley.edu](mailto:psegrestan@berkeley.edu)**. ■

## JESS LINN (HSB) Receives Kwan Award for summer 2009



This summer, Jess was fortunate to have been a recipient of a Kwan Award. The Kwan award enabled me to pursue my internship at the Stop AIDS Project in San Francisco. The STOP AIDS Project of San Francisco is a grass roots community effort in the Castro District that reaches over 2000 gay men annually through workshops, outreach, and other events. With a strong focus on prevention, STOP AIDS touches the lives of men who represent diversity in terms of age, sexual orientation, ethnicity, as well as men who are HIV positive. Funding for AIDS Prevention programs statewide has been especially hard hit this past year and this internship would not have been possible if not for the generous contributions from the Kwan Fund at UC Berkeley.

Jess specifically worked with the prevention department's "Structural Intervention Team," focusing the majority of her work on structural interventions to address HIV risk factors amongst MSM (men who have sex with men) in San Francisco. Jess chose this internship site and project because in her own words, "...it afforded me an opportunity to work in a local HIV prevention organization and gain experience in working within the local MSM community. It also developed my research and qualitative evaluation skills." In her professional life, Jess has a history of working in the HIV arena and has shown a strong commitment to community interventions and education. Her work this past summer demonstrates the need to go beyond individual change and to move towards structural interventions. The level of her work was multi-faceted and included "field testing of intervention ideas, conducting focus groups, researching existing policies, communicating with stakeholders, developing an evaluation plan, and logistical support". Continuing her involvement in the Project this fall, Jess hopes to continue this important work upon her graduation in 2010.

## THE CENTER FOR HEALTH LEADERSHIP UC BERKELEY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Started in 2008, the UC Berkeley School of Public Health launched the **Center for Health Leadership (CHL)** through the generous support of the Eustace-Kwan Family Foundation. The CHL was designed to enhance the School's curricular, co-curricular and experiential offerings to inspire and prepare graduate students to be effective health leaders and professionals. From practice based seminars, courses, internships/community projects, leadership programs, and conferences the CHL has successfully provided SPH students, alumni, and health professionals with the knowledge to strengthen leadership competencies and opportunities. Additionally, a dedicated SPH Career Services Manager, a career website, and numerous professional development events offer students and alumni ongoing support.

### What do we mean by leadership?

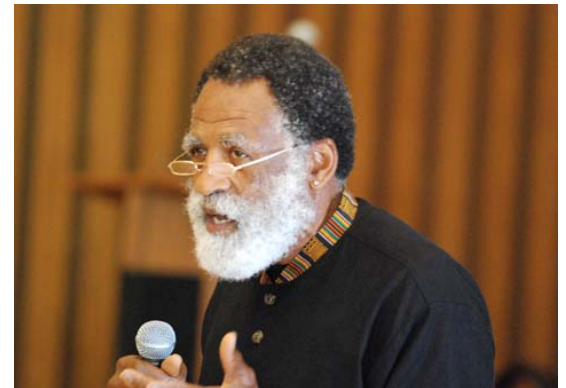
We believe everyone can be a leader, and that we can lead from wherever we are. Addressing not only organizational leadership (the type most commonly associated with the term), but also thought leadership (which includes research and teaching) and leadership through advocacy and community organizing. Whether we are called upon to lead in government, communities, nonprofits, or the private sector, locally or globally, in public health or in healthcare, we all can develop ourselves to be of service to important goals by leading in a wide variety of roles and approaches. We see leadership as "stepping up," offering to be "of service," using our skills to help facilitate, organize, mentor, guide and develop or advance initiatives, projects, policies, and organizations.

### Leadership Day- "Leading From Where You Are"

Over 100 incoming SPH students, five speakers and a panel of recent alumni gathered on August 25 during Orientation in the MLK Student Union for "Leadership Day." Students heard from inspiring speakers, participated in small group leadership discussions, and interacted with a panel of recent alumni all of whom are emerging leaders. Current SPH students also presented to the incoming students ways to get involved in leadership development activities during their time at SPH.

The event highlighted the importance of leadership skills and "leading from where you are" in today's world of public health. Speakers encouraged students to rethink their prior conceptions of leadership to create their own personal definitions.

Speakers included Jeffrey Oxendine, Associate Dean, CPHP; Kathy Kwan, Alumna; Art Reingold, Epidemiology Division Chair & Associate Dean for Research; Arnold Perkins, Retired Director of Alameda County Public Health Department; and Keynote speaker Sandra Shewry, President & CEO, California Center for Connected Health and former Director, California State Department of Health Services.



### Paul Farmer, M.D. Lectures and Enlightens the CPHP Community

In March, the Center for Health Leadership Student Board, through funding from the \*Pfizer "Moments in Leadership" Distinguished Health Leadership Speaker Series, had the opportunity to host Paul Farmer, M.D., a hugely successful lecturer and winner of the School of Public Health Heroes award. Dr. Farmer is co-founder of Partners in Health, as well as a medical anthropologist, physician, writer, and professor of social medicine. Multiple disciplinary students, health professionals and interested community members attended the lecture, which covered Dr. Farmer's international work and explored how students could make a difference in their community. Before the talk, Student Board members had an opportunity to meet with Dr. Farmer and ask questions about his life, the difficulties of being a public health leader, how he balances his other life responsibilities, and the possibilities and complexities of working internationally.

\*The video of the Paul Farmer Event is available at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lwy22pXrig8>

## Fellows Leadership Program to be Piloted this Spring



The Center for Health Leadership is very excited about the enthusiastic response to our new Leadership Fellows Program. This is a new 18-month leadership development program which will pilot this spring semester with twelve incoming MPH students. Built on the principles of developing leaders from the inside-out and “leading from where you are,” the program aims to inspire students to become the best they can be and to strengthen their ability to make a positive difference in the world. 24 applicants applied to the program representing most of the concentrations within the School of Public Health. The program will begin in January 2010.

## CHL Student Highlight:

### KIMBERLY MARSH gains Humanitarian Emergency Training in the Bay Area

I began my graduate studies at SPH earlier this fall, excited to possibly participate in a global effort to provide health care for third world countries in dire need. I expected that during the next two years, I would be gaining the necessary skills to significantly contribute to humanitarian efforts throughout the world. My experience as a participant in the Complex Humanitarian Emergency Training offered by UCSF Global Health Sciences and the Center for Health Leadership at UC Berkeley showed me just how dynamic of an education SPH provides.

Over two days, a team of volunteers from the two schools (several with first-hand experience working in crisis situations abroad) gave me a glimpse of what it would be like to pursue a career in medical relief work. The simulation (based on recent conflict in Chad) was made to be as realistic as possible and

participants faced several challenges, from interactions with the Chadian army and rebel militia to assessing the needs of refugee and local populations through personal interviews and epidemiological analysis. I had the chance to work with a team of students representing the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) with whom I bonded closely as we prepared for the culminating exercise - a presentation of our proposal for ICRC activities in Chad.



There is nothing more valuable in education than hands-on experience. Not only did the training confirm my dreams to pursue a medical career in humanitarian relief work, but I drove away from that East Bay campground more passionate and assured about my future in public health. Additionally, this training gave me the confidence in my abilities to succeed in a career as a relief worker.

**The Complex Humanitarian Emergency (CHE) Leadership and Training Program** is sponsored by UCSF Global Health Sciences, with support from the CHL at UC Berkeley SPH. This program works to teach students the skills they would need to deliver relief to a simulated population while under the stress of simulated rebel attacks and security evacuations. The CHE

program is open to all UCSF Global and health professional students, and UCB School of Public Health students. This year 22 students participated and 6 were UCB SPH students. The program will take place again in May 2010 for more information, visit: <http://globalhealthsciences.ucsf.edu/education/che/>

## Using Video & New Media for Advocacy, Participatory Evaluation, & Action Research: New Public Health Leadership Course

CHL is sponsoring an exciting new course this year that provides students with critical knowledge and experience in video production, participatory new media, and visual methods for research/evaluation, and advocacy, all skills needed for cutting edge leaders. New media—online video, blogs, podcasts, and digital storytelling—are produced around the world to engage and mobilize diverse communities. Using the Internet and social networking tools, this media is now being shared through vast networks to reach people and places around the world with astounding speed, at minimal cost and with relative ease. Students will learn these skills in the context of investigating questions about leadership as part of developing the CHL. Additionally, teams of students will design their own research questions, carry out their research using video, and produce media products to communicate their findings. This course allows students to experience working effectively in teams and develop their leadership skills while simultaneously expanding their technological knowledge.



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\*The course is divided into 2 semesters: Fall 2009 (Basic video production skills) and Spring 2010 (Professional video editing, post-production, & strategic online/offline distribution skills) are taught by Caricia Catalani, DrPH, a recent SPH graduate and Director of the Videovoice Collective, and Ellie Schindelman, MPH, education coordinator for the CHL and UCB SPH lecturer. Twenty-two students are enrolled in the course, including a team of SPH faculty and staff. The completed videos will be on our website in May 2010. For more information contact Ellie Schindelman at [ebs@berkeley.edu](mailto:ebs@berkeley.edu)

## Applied Community Research & Evaluation (ACRE)

The CPHP's Applied Community Research & Evaluation (ACRE) projects are well known within the School of Public Health. We stress our commitment to student mentorship by including graduate student assistant positions in our project contracts. We are always looking to partner with new community organizations, health institutions, or faculty. Tell your friends! The following are some of the ACRE projects in the past 12 months:

- An evaluation of the Alameda County Coalition on Language Access in Health Care. The project assessed how the member organizations perceive the successes and challenges of the coalition and how well their pilot collaborative projects advanced language access.
- Data review and synthesis of health indicators for the African American Health Disparities Regional Learning Community. The project provided data and recommendations to inform the decision-making process developing a strategic plan that could engage communities throughout the SF Bay Area.
- A policy research project assessing the public health infrastructure needs that could be addressed through increased access to public health education and training. This project is focused on the health workforce serving rural and underserved communities in Northern and Central California.
- Evaluation capacity-building among health pipeline programs. Pipeline programs are focused on service and often lack resources to strengthen their evaluation activities to make a better case for funding and to document the impact among their participating students. This project is to develop a learning community among pipeline programs in the SF Bay Area as they pilot user-friendly evaluation tools.

## MONICA DELORES ALLEN, MPH Soon to Attain Doctorate of PH



The CPHP congratulates student employee Monica Delores Allen, M.P.H., who will soon be receiving her Dr.P.H. and departing for the adventurous realm of post-doctorates. Monica has worked in multiple ACRE research projects in the last three years and has demonstrated initiative, integrity, diligence, and commitment to applied public health. Her contributions to ACRE research projects include the facilitating of focus groups in Solano County and her presentation on health disparities in the Bay Area at the 2009 African American Health Summit in Oakland. Most recently Monica has been conducting key informant interviews, transcribing, and analyzing data at vertiginous speed as a research associate in a policy project.

Her coursework has focused on health policy and management, building on her pre-DrPH career experiences. Currently pursuing post-doctoral research and fellowship opportunities to further develop her skills, Monica has completed her dissertation entitled "Exploring Motivations and Expectations of Churches in Public Health Partnerships." Acquiring considerable knowledge and experience maneuvering employment, coursework, and bureaucracy within SPH, she will be greatly missed by the students and staff. We wish her the best in all of her endeavors.

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## **Student led Forum “What's the Prescription for Health Care Reform?” a Resounding Success!**

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Over 400 students crowded into Booth Auditorium in Boalt Hall Law School on Thursday evening, Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, for “What's the Prescription for Health Care Reform?” a nonpartisan forum on current health care reform legislation. The high turn out was a testament to the importance of the national health care reform debate to the UC Berkeley student community. The forum aimed to provide a balanced and concise overview of the most controversial elements of the legislation under consideration. Three faculty panelists from the UC Berkeley School of Public Health presented the pros and cons of contentious policies including the public option and the employer mandate and fielded questions from the audience about the implications of specific proposals.

Dr. Helen Halpin, UC Berkeley Professor of Health Policy, Dr. William Dow, UC Berkeley Associate Professor of Health Economics and Dr. Stephen Shortell, UC Berkeley Dean of School of Public Health and Professor of Health Policy and Management delivered individual presentations and participated on the Q&A panel. Student leaders from cosponsoring UC Berkeley student organizations moderated the discussion. In closing speeches, student organizers urged forum attendees to transform their knowledge into action by joining local advocacy efforts with cosponsoring student groups. Over half of those attending signed postcards to Congress concerning health care reform initiatives at the after forum reception.

\*Planning and publicity for the forum was a collaborative effort by seven UC Berkeley student groups. Berkeley Students for Healthcare Reform, a newly founded student campaign, organized the forum with help from the American Medical Student Association, Berkeley College Republicans, Boalt Hall Democrats, Cal Berkeley Democrats, CalPirg, and the Social Welfare Graduate Assembly. Funding for the event was provided by the Center for Health Leadership and the Graduate Assembly. Video footage for the two-hour event is available online at <http://tinyurl.com/calforhealthreform>

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## **CHL Spring Conference**

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This spring, the Center for Health Leadership hosted its first annual conference and workshop, titled “Leading Change and Innovation”. Over 150 public health professionals from throughout the greater Bay Area attended the conference, representing a wide range of health organizations, as well as SPH students. Speakers ranged from Bruce Bodaken, CEO of Blue Shield California to Ron Sims, County Executive, King County, Washington who talked about the challenges of managing cross-sectoral public health initiatives. Participants said they gained “very useful tools to apply to management and employees” and learned “how to be innovative.”

\*Podcasts of all presentations are available through UCTV at <http://www.uctv.tv/series/?seriesnumber=522>

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## **CPHP Training Series, “ How to Launch a Successful Independent Practice”**

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Alta Bates Medical Group is an Independent Physicians Association that has served patients in Oakland, Berkeley and the greater East Bay since 1983. It has 600 physicians and serves 50,000 health plan members. A year and a half ago, Alta Bates Medical Group (ABMG) asked CPHP to develop, organize, and implement a professional development series of trainings for their member physicians and staff. CPHP rose to the challenge.

The training series that CPHP pulled together was called: *Resources for a Successful Independent Practice* and was targeted specifically towards a medial group audience. CPHP staff recruited excellent and accomplished trainers from all over the Bay Area to provide and facilitate the training sessions for ABMG providers and their staff. The trainings were held in the beautiful Garden Room at Clark Kerr Conference Center and wonderful dinners were provided for by Cal-Catering. Since the monthly sessions started in November 2008, the series has hosted over 200 participants. Such topics as: *Understanding Your Practice Finances, Coding Fundamentals, Enhancing Your Patients' Experiences, Effective Employee Relations & Updates on Human Resources Requirements, Leadership & Communication and Health Plan Contract Negotiation* have been successfully executed.

Based on written evaluations, participants greatly appreciated the session topics and found the very useful. Many complimented the enjoyable venue and suggested that we continue the training sessions so their co-workers could attend. The professional team work that happened between CPHP and ABMG staff greatly contributed in making this project a success.

\*If you have any questions about this series please contact Guenet Sebsibe at [guenet\\_sebsibe@berkeley.edu](mailto:guenet_sebsibe@berkeley.edu)

## SPH DIVERSITY AND LEADERSHIP Summer Preparatory Seminar

School of Public Health director of diversity **Abby Rincón** presented the third annual **Summer Preparatory Seminar** for matriculating MPH students this past August. For the first two years this program was offered, approximately 25 students attended each seminar, but this year 40 MPH students participated in the program that took place August 17 through August 21. The higher attendance was due to the enrollment increase as a result of the Kaiser Community Fellows Scholarship funds.

The seminar program is intended to prepare students for the transition to graduate level studies at the School of Public Health at UC Berkeley. This week long program focuses on academic preparation, leadership development, and diversity training as well as introduces the students to key campus resources such as the University Health Services. Additionally the seminar helps create and establish a healthy cohort for underrepresented students as a sustaining and supportive mechanism while in graduate school. This year, the students represented all the areas of concentration within the school and were a very diverse group in general. Abby Rincon, Director of Diversity coordinates the week long seminar and works with many faculty and staff who contribute to the success of the program. Thanks to Barbara Abrams, Steve Selvin, Lisa Barcellos, Jeff Oxendine, Ruthann Haffke, Bernard Griego, Ellie Schindelman, Kim Solomon, Caricia Catalani, Michael Sholinbeck, Judy Bolstad and Kelvin Quan all of whom provided valuable information and workshops to help get the students off to a successful start.

The summer preparatory program is open to all entering two-year M.P.H. students. The majority of students who sign up for the program are historically underrepresented in graduate school, educationally and financially disadvantaged, or first-generation college students.

## CAREER SERVICES

Here at the UC Berkeley School of Public Health, we have a fresh crop of master's, doctoral and bachelor's degree students not only engaged in academic pursuits, but looking for part-time jobs, internships and projects to round out their college experience. If your organization has any open positions, you are encouraged you to post them on the **SPH Jobsite** at [CPHP-berkeley.org](http://CPHP-berkeley.org).

The Jobsite can also be used to advertise volunteer and project-based activities, in which some of our students are required to engage. To post volunteer opportunities or projects simply log into the Jobsite, use the "Create a Job Posting" link, select the Position Type "Volunteer/Projects" and complete the applicable fields.

Contact **Ruthann Haffke**, Career Services Manager, by email at [haffke@berkeley.edu](mailto:haffke@berkeley.edu), or phone 510.642.0431 if you need any assistance using the SPH Jobsite or recruiting UC Berkeley SPH students and alumni. ■



**Please join us at  
The Pfizer Moments in Leadership Speaker Series:  
Robert Reich – "Progressive Leadership in Health Policy"**

**November 18, 2009, 5:30pm-7:30pm**

**Pauley Ballroom East, MLK Student Union, Bancroft & Telegraph Ave, UC Berkeley Campus**

Named one of the 'Top 10 Most Successful Cabinet Members of the Century' in 2008 by *Time* magazine and one of 'America's Top 10 Business Thinkers' by the Wall Street Journal, this is a conversation you don't want to miss! Robert Reich, Professor of Public Policy at UC Berkeley, has served in three national administrations. A former Rhodes Scholar, Reich served as the 22<sup>nd</sup> Labor Secretary under President Bill Clinton. His accomplishments include helping to implement the Family and Medical Leave Act, raising the minimum wage and leading a crackdown on sweatshops. Currently serving as an advisor to President Barack Obama, Reich has also written twelve books, including *The Work of Nations* and *Locked in Cabinet*: his most recent book is *Supercapitalism*. He is the co-founding editor of *The American Prospect* magazine and his commentaries can be heard weekly on public radio's "Marketplace." In addition, Reich is a political commentator on programs such as *Hardball* with Chris Matthews, *This Week* with George Stephanopolous, and *CNBC's Kudlow & Company*. He received his B.A. from Dartmouth College, his M.A. from Oxford University, and his J.D. from Yale Law School.



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We fulfill our mission through the following services:

- Internships
- Career Services
- Professional Development Opportunities
- Center for Multicultural Health
- Community Research and Evaluation
- Leadership Development