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Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have been affected by Hurricane Irma, Jose, and now Hurricane Maria.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

On 9/16/17 President Herbst sent a message to the University Community and all the members of UConn Nation on the State Budget:

“Last night and early this morning, both houses of the General Assembly approved a state budget that is appalling to us at UConn. The approved budget would cut state funding for the university by more than \$300 million over the next two years. That level of cut is unprecedented and would be devastating for UConn, higher education in Connecticut, and the state as a whole.

This would simply decimate the university.

Here is a partial list of what the budget approved by the General Assembly would mean for UConn and Connecticut:

The closure of regional campuses and multiple academic departments and potentially even schools and colleges;

The closure of UConn Health, or large parts of it;

Elimination of scores of majors and graduate programs;

Dramatically larger classes and waitlists that will make it challenging for many students to graduate in four years;

Major reductions to need- and merit-based financial aid for students across the board;

Devastating cuts to scientific and medical research programs;

Reduction of UConn police and fire services as well as the elimination of most student health and mental health services, and other student support programs;



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Elimination of many Division 1 Athletics programs;

Elimination of international programs;

Dramatic reductions to fundraising efforts and philanthropic giving.

It is difficult to describe how destructive the approved budget would be to UConn and higher education in Connecticut. We thank the governor for his promised veto of this measure, and we thank all of those who believe in higher education for Connecticut and its residents.

Going forward, we are hopeful that the legislature and governor can agree on a far-sighted budget that protects investments in UConn, our students, and the state's future."

Sincerely,

Susan Herbst

LETTER FROM PROVOST TEITELBAUM ON STATE BUDGET

On 9/18/17 UCONN Professor of Mathematics and Interim Provost, Jeremy Teitelbaum, Ph.D., sent a message to the UConn Health Community:

Dear Colleagues,

For months, the university, along with nearly everyone else in the state, has been expecting the legislature to conclude its

protracted negotiations by adopting a budget that was generally in line with the range of proposals made by the governor and the Democratic caucuses since the spring. We have been planning our own budget under this assumption.

However, as I'm sure you know, on Friday and early Saturday, the legislature unexpectedly adopted a state budget proposed by the Republican caucuses in both houses. This budget would reduce state support to UConn and UConn Health by over 300 million dollars over the next two fiscal years. The budget also transfers the financial responsibility for fringe benefits, but not the ability to set them, to the university, and this will have additional longer term negative consequences. Although the governor has said that he will veto this bill, we must conclude that the range of possible outcomes for the ultimate state budget is now much wider than we expected.

President Herbst's note over the weekend highlights some potential consequences if these numbers, or anything close to them, were approved. Many faculty have written to me and to the president asking what they can do to help during this uncertain time.

The best and most helpful action you can take is to share your views with your elected representatives as citizens and taxpayers in the state of Connecticut. If you enter your address, your state senators and state



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representatives and their contact information can be found here: <https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/cgafindleg.asp>. Because we imagine that a new budget is being negotiated now and could be ready by the end of this week, there's no time to waste. I would like to remind you that your efforts to advocate for UConn should not make use of state resources.

UConn and UConn Health are vital to our state and its future. An affordable, high-quality education is essential for our students, the large majority of whom are from Connecticut and will go on to live and work here. I am sure each of you can tell a story or express a view that will make a difference. Your own words are better than any we could supply.

Over the next days and weeks I will keep you informed as I learn more about the evolving budget situation. I will also keep you advised of opportunities for you to express your views about the importance of higher education to an advanced economy such as that of Connecticut, and of the many wonderful things we are accomplishing every day here in Storrs, in Avery Point, Hartford, Stamford, and Waterbury, at the Law School, and at the Health Center in Farmington.

We had thought we were coming to the end of a difficult budget process at the state level, but in fact we are just at the beginning of it. As the process unfolds, let

us keep reminding all of our neighbors and friends across the state that the University of Connecticut is a critical resource for our future, and a point of pride for all of us.

Thanks,

Jeremy T.

UCONN HEALTH STUDENTS RALLIED AGAINST BUDGET CUTS ON SEPT. 20, 2017

During the next two years, the unprecedented budget cuts plan to reduce state support for UConn overall by over \$300 million including cutting UConn Health by almost \$49 million this fiscal year, and almost \$75 million next year.

On September 20th from 5 to 5:30 pm at the Academic Entrance of UConn Health, UConn Health Students of UConn School of Medicine, UConn School of Dental Medicine and UConn Graduate School rallied against the possible devastating budget cuts by the state legislature and in support of Governor Malloy's promise to veto them.

For more information and updates, visit the Facebook [event's page](#).

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ARTICLE IN UCONN TODAY

Please see:

<http://today.uconn.edu/2017/09/students-rally-saveuconn/>

STUDENTS RALLY TO #SAVEUCONN.

September 21, 2017 - Peter Morenus - UConn Communications

Nearly 1,200 UConn students, faculty, and staff rallied at the Hugh S. Greer Field House on Wednesday, Sept. 20, to protest a budget approved by the state legislature that would cut \$309 million from UConn's budget over two years. The unprecedented 30 percent reduction in state funding would lead to closed campuses, higher tuition and fees, fewer majors, and other harmful consequences, University leaders have said.

During the hour-long assembly, participants heard speakers express their fears about the greatly weakened University that would

exist after 30 percent of its state funding is cut.

Speaker after speaker warned of the risks to financial aid, academic life, the University's ability to serve as an economic growth engine for Connecticut, and the national reputation that UConn has won for itself and its state



Haley Hinton, USG external affairs chairwoman, who juggles multiple part-time jobs while being a full-time student, said, "Coming to UConn was a blessing to me. I did well in high school, but I struggled financially. UConn helped me." (Bret Eckhardt/UConn Photo)

Undergraduate Sebastien Kerr '20 (CLAS) spoke movingly during the rally of how merit scholarships had enabled him to fulfill his dream of attending UConn. Roughly 80 percent of UConn undergraduates receive some form of financial aid, which would be endangered by the budget adopted by the legislature. Kerr warned that would make

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UConn inaccessible even for some students currently enrolled.

Graduate student Steven Manicastro, president of the graduate student union at UConn, told the rally that the proposed \$309 million cut to UConn's funding would be felt not only in the University, but in the state as a whole. In addition to its ranking as one of the top public universities in the country, UConn is a major factor in Connecticut's economy, generating more than \$3.4 billion a year for the state.

Wrapping up, USG President Irma Valverde '18 (CLAS, BUS) said, "It's really important to show our state legislators that we're not going to be silent. We're going to come together."

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The Field House was filled to capacity with 1200 students, faculty and staff. (Peter Morenus Photo)

PUBLIC HEALTH STUDENT ORGANIZATION (PHSO) UPDATES

2017 New Officers

President – Cassie Therriault
Vice President – Alyssa Gilbert
Treasurer/Alumni Board Member – Cory Loftis
Secretary - Ruth Shefraw
Event Coordinator – This could be you!

8/31 - Welcome Event was Held at the Tavern

9/6 – PHSO Meeting and Elections were Held at the Student Lounge

10/4 – PHSO Meeting will be Held at the Student Lounge

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10/30- Connecticut Public Health Association (CPHA) Annual Conference:
Held at the Aqua Turf

11/1 – PHSO Meeting: Held at the Student Lounge

December Holiday Party TBD

PHSO PUERTO RICAN COLLECTION

The PHSO will begin collecting items for the victims of Puerto Rico after the devastating hurricanes that have hit. If you would like to contribute any of the items listed below, please bring them to the MPH Program Office. There will be a box labeled donations.

GSO representative John Garcia will be the point person for the PHSO board due to his connection to the Latino Medical Students Organization and the Hartford Puerto Rican Federal Affairs Commission. Together, these groups, will send the collected items to Puerto Rico.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE, PLEASE GO TO THE WEBSITE BELOW:

<http://prfaa.pr.gov/unitedforpuertorico/>

The PHSO donations will be held from 9/27-10/25.

- Bottled Water
- Baby Wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- Canned foods
- Dry foods
- Baby Formula

- Garbage Bags
- Towels
- Dental Hygiene supplies
- Canned Milk
- Canned or dry pet food
- Pain relief medicine (Baby and Adult)
- Bug spray
- Blankets
- Pillows
- First aid supplies
- Dish Soap
- Laundry Soap
- Stomach and Diarrhea relief Medicine
- Feminine Products
- Safety Glasses
- Work Gloves
- Tarps
- Ropes
- Tools



U.S. ramps up response to crisis in Puerto Rico caused by Hurricane Maria



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A BILL DEVELOPED BY TWO MPH STUDENTS – AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGAL AGE TO MARRY IN THE STATE

MPH Students, **Dr. Matthew Blondin and Audrey Blondin**, developed HB 5442, a proposal Raising the Legal Age To Marry To Eighteen, and to prevent forced marriages and prohibit marriage before age 18.

Summary: This act (1) prohibits anyone under age 16 from being issued a marriage license under any circumstances and (2) narrows the circumstances in which such a license may be issued to a 16 or 17 year old.

Under prior law, a 16 or 17 year old could be issued a marriage license if the registrar of vital statistics had on file the written consent of the minor's parent or guardian. If the minor was under 16, he or she also needed the written consent of the probate judge where the minor resides. (The probate judge's written consent alone could suffice for a minor's marriage license if no parent or guardian is a US resident.)

Under the act, a minor under age 16 may not be issued a marriage license. A 16 or 17 year old may only get a marriage license if the probate court where the minor resides approves a petition filed on the minor's behalf by his or her parent or guardian. The court must schedule a hearing on the petition and notify the minor, his or her

parents or guardians, and other party to the intended marriage. The minor and the petitioning parent or guardian must attend the hearing, and the court may, at its discretion, also require the other party to the marriage to attend the hearing. After a hearing on the petition, the court may approve the license if it finds that the:

1. Petitioning parent or guardian consents to the marriage,
2. Minor (a) consents to the marriage based on an understanding of the nature and consequences of the marriage and (b) is sufficiently capable of making that decision,
3. Minor's decision to marry is voluntary and made without coercion, and
4. Marriage would not be detrimental to the minor.

Under existing law, unchanged by the act, emancipated minors are treated as adults for marriage purposes and therefore are not subject to these restrictions (By law, a minor must be at least age 16 to be emancipated.). EFFECTIVE DATE: OCTOBER 1, 2017

Congratulations to Dr. Matthew and Audrey Blondin we are honored to have you as part of our program!

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**A FORUM WITH OUR 2009 MPH
GRADUATE- THE CT DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSIONER
RAUL PINO, MD, MPH (2009)**

We are honored to welcome Dr. Raul Pino, MD, MPH, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health to join us for a forum on October 11th from 2 pm to 4 pm followed by a reception. The forum is intended for public health faculty and students to have an exchange as to where public health needs to go. The Commissioner is looking for input on population health and structural changes that may be needed in CT to achieve and to obtain better health outcomes.



**Connecticut
Public Health
Association**

Promoting Public Health in Connecticut Since 1916

**2017 CPHA Conference
Registration is OPEN!**

**Be a Part of CT's Premier
Public Health Event**

**From Patient to Population Health -
Disparities Matter**

When: October 30, 2017 - 8am-4pm

**Where: The Aqua Turf Club, 556
Mulberry St, Plantsville, CT 06479**

Register Here!

Every year, the Connecticut Public Health Association (CPHA) hosts the state's leading public health event at the CPHA Annual Meeting and Conference. Join more than 300 public health practitioners from around CT for an exciting day full of learning and professional development!

This year's CPHA Conference will feature:

- [32 public health presentations](#)
- [Video Welcome Address from US Senator Chris Murphy](#)
- [Morning Keynote Speaker Senator Doug McCrory](#)
- [Afternoon Keynote Speaker Mark Masselli](#)
- [Rapid Fire and Roundtable Sessions](#)
- [Exhibitor's Sessions](#)
- [Networking Sessions](#)

Bring a group of 10 or more and each person will receive a 10% discount off conference registration and \$10 off a CPHA membership fee! Fill out this form with your group (you don't need to all be from the same organization) and submit it to cpa@cpha.info!

*******The MPH Program is thrilled to be sponsoring 10 student registrations this year!**

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2017 AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION WILL BE IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA THIS YEAR!



Theme: "Creating the Healthiest Nation: Climate Changes Health"

It's Not Too Late! Register Online to Skip the Lines On-site!

Join **APHA 2017**, Nov. 4-8 in Atlanta at the Georgia World Congress Center: [285 Andrew Young International Blvd NW](#) and the Omni Atlanta Hotel at CNN Center: [100 CNN Center NW](#).

Hotels are filling up fast! [Book your hotel](#) to get the best rates and locations. Prepare for your trip by learning important [travel information](#). Check out the [Roommate Locator](#) to meet fellow attendees to share a room and split the cost.

****Due to budgetary restrictions, we cannot host a program social this year. Our sincerest apologies! Let's hope for next year!

OUR VERY OWN NATALIE MOORE IS PROVIDING RELIEF WORK AFTER HURRICANE IRMA!!!

Can be found at here:

http://today.uconn.edu/school-stories/uconn-health-physician-offers-first-person-account-hurricane-zone/?utm_source=launchdistribution&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily_email



Dr. Natalie Moore (middle) is providing relief work on St. John after Hurricane Irma.

Hurricane Irma and now Hurricane Maria have pummeled the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. More than a week ago, UConn

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*Health's Dr. Natalie Moore traveled to this devastated area to help with relief work. The past couple of days she's been hunkered down in a St. Croix hospital awaiting the impact of Hurricane Maria. Moore is the first International Disaster Emergency Medicine Fellow at UConn Health and is also a **UConn Masters of Public Health candidate**. She's providing much needed medical and humanitarian assistance to island residents while also trying to juggle her MPH class responsibilities. Below are some examples of her correspondence with her professor and classmates as she offers a realistic account of the difficulties she's facing in the hurricane zone.*



Hurricane Irma decimated homes on St. John. (Photo by Dr. Natalie Moore).

Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017 10:54 p.m.

Good evening,

I am so sorry to email you so late but I finally found out today that I am being deployed to St. Croix for Irma relief work. I will be working in the ED there, flying to St. Thomas for relief work and working with the public health department, too (so definitely relates to the MPH!).

I will likely be gone at least 2 weeks but I only have a one-way flight at this point. I have asked some of the other classmates to take good notes for me and I will keep up on the readings. Also, as for my topic which I am supposed to pick this week, I was going to do rise of opiate abuse as it relates well to the ED. However, I may find a more interesting topic working with the St. Croix Public Health Department!

Please let me know if this is ok. The place I will be staying at this point does not have any power but hopefully they will get power soon!

-Natalie Moore

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UConn Health's Dr. Natalie Moore is among those providing medical assistance for residents of St. John following Hurricane Irma. (Photo by Dr. Natalie Moore)

Monday, Sept. 11, 2017 7:19 p.m.

I have just arrived down here in St. Croix. I have already been recruited by the public health department to go on a 48-hour mission to St. Thomas where the hospital has been shut down. They are without power and communication and they are starting to evacuate. I'll be doing medical care there and then hopefully coming back to the main hospital on St. Croix which is the only hospital that is open in this entire area to work as an ED doctor. They are being overwhelmed with accepting patients from St. John and St. Thomas who no longer have standing hospitals. This coming weekend I will be heading out with another group to St. John. It certainly is much worse down here than they are showing in the news. Burglars have broken into and

robbed ambulances and have been setting victims' houses on fire, robbing and killing them- completely taking advantage of this devastating situation.

Anyway, I have intermittent internet and am still going to try to call in if I have access tomorrow but I figured I would send you a quick update!

Sincerely,
Natalie Moore



Large parts of St. John were without power following Hurricane Irma. (Photo by Dr. Natalie Moore)

Monday, Sept. 18, 2017 10:51 p.m.

Hey all – I just got back from St. John from doing relief work over there.



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It has been quite a crazy week. I have been in St. John where St. John rescue FD set up a triage clinic. We had a great team including me, 3 nurses, a medic and an EMT. We saw quite a few patients in Coral Bay who were unable to get to the clinic over on the other side of the island (which itself is demolished) but had a DMAT [Disaster Medical Assistance Team] with quite a few medical providers with them until now. The government couldn't really reach Coral Bay where I was so it was all private relief efforts into here. St. Thomas (Schneider) hospital lost its roof during Irma but has set up a make-shift ED and has hemodialysis and what I found out yesterday- 1 OR is up and running. But most of their patients have been sent to us in St. Croix at the hospital I have been working at or to Puerto Rico.

Over the weekend, we got wind of hurricane Maria which is a cat 5 storm coming straight at St. Croix and St. John. I came back here to St. Croix to work at the FJL hospital and that is where I will be bunkered down for the next few days. (So please watch the storm closely.... it may be another IRMA). DMAT team has left St. John and VITEMA (VI version of FEMA) has told all of St. John to evacuate as no one will be sending food, water, gas, or supplies any longer. Black hawk helicopters were flying in and out trying to evacuate pts and the Navy has set up 2 ships nearby as a floating hospital. They left today though. Unfortunately, there are really no more surrounding private resources from

St. John or St. Thomas so we are reliant on the government (which took quite a while to get supplies in to some areas) and NGOs. IMC (the one I am with) is stationed close in case.

I know the power is being turned off here on island in St. Croix tomorrow at 2 pm in preparation for the storm. I may have cell service and if I do I will certainly call in...so send the number into class George so I can give updates...which I have a lot of from this week! (If I don't call, feel free to share any of this).

As of now, I have a flight booked Sept. 26 but depending on where the storm hits, I might not be getting back by then, I fly through PR which is also going to be hit by Maria so all please forgive me if I don't make it back next week as planned.

Also – I think I might change my topic to being disaster preparedness or relief since I have learned so much on this trip! :)

Hope everyone is well. See you and talk to you when I am back!

-Natalie.

Friday, Sept. 22, 2017 12:26 p.m. (cell phone text)

I found a bit of service- 1 bar! Still doing ok. It's crazy here. Army engineers deemed hospital unsafe and we're going to be evacuating patients. The navy ships are



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getting here tonight and DMAT will be here soon with their deployable hospital. I'm not sure if my flight will leave Tuesday but hopefully- I work Friday. But it's so interesting being here!

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COMMUNITY MAPPING WORKSHOP

On September 6, 2017, the Program welcomed John Scott for a workshop on Community Health Mapping (CHM). Mr. Scott came to us from the National Library of Medicine Center for Public Service Communications.

There were nearly 50 registrants for his workshop.

At the conclusion of this workshop, attendees were able to:

1. Describe the CHM workflow that includes low-cost and open-source tools for community mapping and data visualization.
2. Create a data collection tool on a mobile device that can be used to collect community data.
3. Learn how to map data collected online in and on the desktop.

The workshop was free of cost and very well received!

Distance Learning – All Core Courses

This is the first semester that all of our core courses are held at both the Farmington and Storrs campuses through distance learning technologies.

We would like to thank all of our teaching assistants for their hard work to include:

Lisa Rusch – Intro to Epidemiology/Biology I
Cory Loftis – Intro to Epidemiology/Biology I
Marco Palmeri – Law and Public Health
Barry Zitser – Law and Public Health
Kaitlin Carafa – Research Methods
Michelle Pomerantz – Health Administration
Fawatih Mohamed – Health Administration

We look forward to another great semester in the Spring!

GRADUATING STUDENTS MEETING

The program administration plan to hold a graduating students meeting on

Wednesday, October 25th from 4 to 5 pm.

If the date changes, you will have plenty of notice.

COUNCIL ON EDUCATION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH (CEPH) HAPPENINGS

- Join us to learn more about the 2016 criteria!
- New approaches to the MPH curriculum:
a series of case studies

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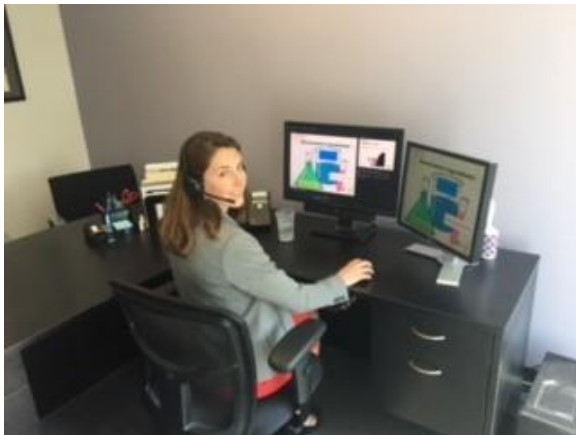
Omni Atlanta Hotel At CNN Center
Dogwood A in Atlanta, GA

Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017

4:00-6:00pm

Registration for APHA not required

This event will include strategies to approaching the new curriculum, specific competency examples and lessons learned from two schools of public health and three public health programs.



Taken from CEPH Newsletter

Considering accreditation?
Join us for a [Pre-Application Orientation Webinar](#) (P-AOW) this October!

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Public Health Programs/Schools of Public Health from 1:00-2:00pm ET

– [Register here](#)

Standalone Baccalaureate Programs from 2:30-3:30pm ET – [Register here](#)

*****VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE CPHA CONFERENCE ON OCTOBER 30th**

If you are interested and available please contact Laura King at lauragking@comcast.net or Riddhi Doshi at doshi@uchc.edu

Also, if you have a projector or laptop that can be used during the conference, please contact Jon Noel at jknoel@hotmail.com

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

YALE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Job Summary – Yale Program Manager
Reporting to Director of Operations at the Global Health Leadership Institute (GHLI), the manager is responsible for conceptualizing, managing, and ensuring the effective implementation of GHLI's executive leadership development certificate programs for senior health care professionals. The manager is



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responsible for managing day-to-day program operations including new proposal development, program design, implementation, evaluation, drafting and dissemination of project reports, and engagement with country partners, faculty, students and other stakeholders. At the time of this posting, this position is primarily responsible for the management of two large programs in the GHLI portfolio: The Yale-IMD Hospital Management and Leadership (HML) Program which engages hospital management teams with lessons and exercise to strengthen key leadership, management, and team problem solving capacities, such as data management, building accountable organizations, and effective leadership and followership. In addition to the EPI Leadership and Management Program (EPI LAMP), a Gavi-supported program to build performance management and leadership capacity in EPI teams from 5-7 focal countries.

Key responsibilities

- Manage the day-to-day operations for successful implementation of educational programs in China. This includes routine interactions with partners, drafting key programmatic documents, creating meeting agendas and leading conference calls with partners and communicating key information back to GHLI staff and faculty.
- Proactively coordinate and manage of internal meetings with faculty, partners, other Yale offices and students as required. Develop, maintain strong relationships, and liaise with faculty, partners, and students, and facilitate connections to appropriate resources.
- Manage program logistics, including delivery of online and in person educational sessions, with faculty, partners, and other Yale office as required. This includes frequent, clear and direct communication with all parties to ensure smooth management and implementation of meetings and training events.
- Develop and manage program timelines and schedules and update Director of Operations and other key parties routinely. For each program create a timeline to guide the work of faculty, staff and partners, ensuring each program is progressing and key milestones are being met.
- Advise the Director of Operations on overall progress of programs, anticipate potential problems, and recommend changes to meet objectives.
- Deliver session and program evaluations, draft technical reports and scientific manuscripts related to GHLI's leadership development efforts.
- Proactively identify opportunities for program-related communications to drive visibility and disseminate lessons learned.
- Develop strategy and associated implementation plans for GHLI on-line learning modules; Liaise with partner organizations and relevant faculty to operationalize various aspects of on-line learning forums.



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Required Education and Experience

Master's degree in Public Health, Business or related field and two years of experience or an equivalent combination of education and experience.

Skills and Abilities

- Enthusiasm for serving as an effective academic partner in global health programming.
 - Demonstrated project management and/or research administration experience.
 - Demonstrated ability to work effectively with diverse stakeholders across professional, geographic, and cultural boundaries
 - Experience implementing global health projects in the field
 - Ability to work in an entrepreneurial, fast-paced environment with some ambiguity.
 - Flexibility and ability to work as a team player, especially as the GHLI portfolio evolves.
 - Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, including ability to effectively present and work with a wide variety of stakeholders.
 - Well-developed writing skills, including the ability to write public materials and reports for various constituencies.
 - Ability to problem solve and work independently with little supervision on multiple tasks and projects.
- Ability to integrate faculty expertise and content into effective and dynamic curricula in both online & in-person settings.
 - Demonstrated skill in e-learning curriculum design and delivery, including technical development and project management to promote student success
 - Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite programs, including Word, Excel and PowerPoint required.

How to apply:

Please submit cover letter and CV/resume to Marcia Mulligan at marcia.mulligan@yale.edu

YALE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Reporting to the Director of Operations at the Global Health Leadership Institute (GHLI), the Manager is responsible for conceptualizing, managing, and ensuring the effective implementation of a set of global health research and education programs within the GHLI portfolio. The Manager is responsible for driving all aspects of program operations including new proposal development, program design and implementation, dissemination of project reports and scientific deliverables, management of faculty and staff contributing to the project, and proactive engagement of stakeholders, including global and in-country partners as well as contributing faculty, staff and students from Yale.



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At the time of this posting, projects that the manager will be responsible for include:

- 1. Multi-country, longitudinal mixed-methods evaluation of Project Last Mile, a partnership between the Coca-Cola Company, the Global Fund, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and the U.S. government to leverage Coca-Cola's core business expertise for improved public health outcomes.*
- 2. PremieBreathe, an interdisciplinary collaboration with faculty and students from engineering, medicine, and public health to create a low-cost, low-tech respiratory support device for neonates in Ethiopia.*
- 3. Additional project opportunities in global health research and education as available.*

The Program Manager is responsible for facilitating and maintaining direct communications with partners and internal counterparts to ensure program alignment and has discretion to use project funds as appropriate for program execution. The manager will advise the Principal Investigator on the direction and progress of the respective programs.

Management of GHFI programs requires entrepreneurial thinking, independent decision-making, and creation and management of objectives and timelines.

Key responsibilities

- Conceptualizes and develops program plans and proposals
- Manages the day-to-day operations for successful program implementation, including oversight of project financial resources (grants management)
- Leads effective communication with internal and external project stakeholders to set expectations, plan and implement project activities and data collection, and ensure timely and accurate data collection.
- Develops and manages program timelines and schedules, and updates key parties routinely.
- Advises the Principal Investigator on overall progress of programs, anticipates potential problems, and recommends changes to meet objectives.
- Participates in all aspects of implementation science research, including quantitative and qualitative data collection, management, analysis, and dissemination
- Develops and maintains data collection and management tools and processes for both qualitative and quantitative data
- Draft technical reports, project briefs, poster presentations, academic manuscripts, and web content
- Coordinates and manages of meetings with other Yale offices as required,



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including Yale's Institutional Review Board for research ethics.

- Present findings at academic and professional conferences; proactively identify opportunities for dissemination of project outputs/results in scientific and professional forums.
- Proactively engages and manages student interns.
- May perform other duties as assigned.

Required Education and Experience

Master's degree in Public Health, Business or related field and two years of experience or an equivalent combination of education and experience.

Skills and Abilities

- Demonstrated project management and/or research administration experience.
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively with diverse stakeholders across professional, geographic, and cultural boundaries
- Experience implementing global health projects in the field
- Experience in qualitative and/or mixed-methods research methodology, with preference for field-based research projects in global health
- Ability to work in an entrepreneurial, fast-paced environment with some ambiguity.

Flexibility and ability to work as a team player.

- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, including ability to effectively present and work with a wide variety of stakeholders.
- Well-developed writing skills, including the ability to write public materials and reports for various constituencies.
- Ability to problem solve and work independently with little supervision on multiple tasks and projects.
- Willingness to travel internationally on a regular basis to program sites and for professional meetings and conferences
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite programs, including Word, Excel and PowerPoint required. Proficiency in Atlas.ti preferred.

How to apply:

Please submit cover letter and CV/resume to Marcia Mulligan at marcia.mulligan@yale.edu

CONNECTICUT CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

POSITION # & TITLE: Research Associate 1 – 00003370

JOB CODE: 000254

FLSA: Exempt

DEPT # & NAME: 38003 Research-Department

REPORTS TO MANAGER: Director, Research Operations



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APPROVED BY: Director, Research Operations

DATE APPROVED/REVISED: September/2017

SUMMARY

Under limited supervision, performs a full range of complex, non-clinical activities associated with the design, development, implementation, analysis, and presentation and publication of pediatric research projects. Works collaboratively with one or more Principal Investigators (PI) in designated clinical or program divisions on a variety of projects. Provides expertise in research methods and practices to increase research productivity.

ROLE RESPONSIBILITIES

Assists PI in the design and development of complex research projects. Activities may include: developing and writing research protocols; managing and summarizing literature searches; organizing supporting data and other documentation; preparing applications for grant funding from internal and external sources.

Prepares protocols, applications, continuations, amendments, and other regulatory documents and submits to the Institutional Review Board (IRB), Scientific Review Committee, and other agencies as required to meet study objectives.

Develops, evaluates, and/or implements data collection methodologies, database management systems, and data quality assurance procedures; may assist with data collection including abstracting information from paper and electronic medical records and other sources.

Conducts statistical data analysis and

interpretation, independently or in collaboration with PI and other research staff; prepares tables and figures.

Contributes to research reports, presentations, and abstracts/publications.

May perform non-clinical research activities related to the conduct of research studies, such as: interacting with research subjects to register, review eligibility, and obtain informed consent prior to participation; training and overseeing personnel involved in the study; monitoring compliance with protocol procedures and specifications; overseeing shipment of research specimens or transmission of research data; monitoring the budget; facilitating communication among internal and external study team members.

Serves as a resource or mentor within own area of expertise across the organization's research infrastructure; may serve as a member of the Scientific Review Committee; may provide research support to students, trainees, and fellows as needed.

Maintains professional expertise through involvement in professional organizations and continuing education programs.

Demonstrates knowledge of the age-related differences and needs of subjects in appropriate, specific populations from neonate through adolescence and applies them to practice.

Demonstrates cultural sensitivity in all interactions with subjects/families.

Values cultural diversity and other individual differences in the workforce.



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Demonstrates support for the mission, values, and goals of the organization through behaviors that are consistent with Connecticut Children's standards.

Performs other related responsibilities as assigned.

Position Specific Role Responsibilities

This position will provide support and management of research projects; including assisting with abstract preparation, manuscript writing, grant application writing, and qualitative and quantitative analysis. The candidate should have an understanding of cultural competency, health equity, health systems and health services research.

Specific positions may need to serve as liaison to and maintains close relationships with study sites; coordinate daily activities of project including scheduling of site visits, focus groups, and interviews; assist in conducting interviews and focus groups; and schedule, coordinate and attend advisory board and other meetings.

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES

May provide oversight to study personnel in specific areas of assigned project(s).

EDUCATION and/or EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

Master's degree in a health care related field strongly preferred plus two (2) years of research experience in a relevant discipline. Degrees in other areas may be substituted on a case-by-case basis. Minimum educational requirement is Bachelor's Degree and four (4) years of

relevant research experience.

Position Specific Job Education and/or Experience

LICENSE and/or CERTIFICATION REQUIRED

Position Specific Job License and/or Certification Required

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED

KNOWLEDGE OF:

Research methods and principles, including protocol development, experimental design, data collection and management strategies, statistical analysis, and associated computer applications.

Quality control methodologies related to research projects.

Ethics regulatory requirements for human subject research (i.e., informed consent, IRB applications, FDA regulations, data confidentiality and patient safety monitoring, etc.)

SKILLS:

Project management, interpersonal, and organizational skills

Excellent oral and written communication skills
Demonstrated proficiency in Windows environment

Intermediate to advanced skills in word processing, spreadsheet, data management, and database design (Microsoft Word, Excel,



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Access); intermediate to advanced skills developing presentations (Microsoft PowerPoint)

Intermediate to advanced skills in a statistical software package (e.g., SPSS, SAS, JMP, STATA, Mplus)

ABILITY TO:

Work both independently and collaboratively as a member of a project team

Work with limited supervision and take responsibility for decision-making in area of expertise

Prioritize tasks and meet deadlines

Independently organize, analyze, and interpret data for decision making

Attend to detail, problem solve, be organized, and work in a fast-paced environment

WORK ENVIRONMENT:

Non-clinical work environment

For additional questions, please contact:

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Interim Director, Research Operations
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Additional Job Openings:

Taken from the CPHA Newsletter

[Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Department of Health](#) – City of New Haven

[Health Assistant](#), Department of Health, City of New Haven

[Public Health Nurse](#), Department of Health, City of New Haven

[Public Health Nurse - Part Time](#), Greenwich, CT

[Director of Health](#), Norwalk, CT

[Service to Improve Community Health \(STICH\)](#), AmeriCorps, Cheshire, CT

ALUMNI NEWS

Anastasiya Domnich-Kovalevsky, MPH (2015)

Public Health Specialist in the Torrington Area Health District.

Celeste Karpow, MA, MPH (2015), PharmD

(2015), is ORISE Safe Medication Management Fellow at the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP).

Anita Chandrasekaran, MD (2015), MPH

(2015), Internal Medicine Resident at Scripps Green Hospital in La Jolla, California.

Melissa Touma, MPH (2015), Accreditation Coordinator, CT Department of Public Health in the Public Health Systems Improvement Group.

Staceyann Smith, MPH (2015), MD (2015)

Third year Pediatric Resident at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children.

Luz Flaherty, MPH (2014), Account manager for Beckman Coulter, Inc.

Cara Passaro, MPH (2017), JD.(2017), Deputy Director of Policy and Advisor to the Speaker of the Connecticut House of Representatives.

Roberto Henry, MPH (2014), Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)



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Debi Noujaim, MPH, (2016), Research Assistant in the Center on Aging here at UConn Health.

Kelley A. LaFleur, APRN, MPH (2015), MSN (2015) Health Promotion Outreach Director, Family Nurse Practitioner at UConn Student Health Services

Samia Hussein, MPH (2016), Community Health Liaison at Hartford Hospital.

Nishelli Ahmed, MPH (2017), CHES, Health Educator, UConn Student Health Services

Rachel Sadlon (Bruno), MPH (2017), Assistant Director of Research and Evaluation, The Center for Health and Health Care in School Department of Prevention and Community Health, Milken Institute School of Public Health The George Washington University

Chris Seery, MPH (2016), Sanitarian, Ledge Light Health District.

Rebecca Allen, MPH (2015), Director of Recovery Support Services, Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR)

Daniel Ray, MPA (2016), MPH (2016), Operational Integration Specialist, Hartford Healthcare

Shir Lerman, PhD (2015), MPH (2015) Postdoctoral Fellow, Division of Preventive and Behavioral Medicine, University of Massachusetts Medical School

In September of 2017, **Jeffrey Dussetschleger, MPH(2006), DDS**, stepped up as the Director of Health for Naugatuck Valley Health District.

Luigi Sartori, MPH (2016), is the new Director of Health, Town of South Windsor

Jessica Hoag, PhD (2017), MPH, is a Biostatistician at the Copper Center at Yale University and on the Dean's Advisory Council for LGBTQI Affairs: Directories: Community Service Interest | Yale Medicine Outlist.

Talia Savic Hitt, MD (2015), MPH (2015) Pediatric Resident Physician at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Jonathan Noel, PhD (2017), MPH (2009), Assistant Professor, Johnson & Wales University; Owner, Smarter Research, LLC

Ashley Bonet, MPH (2014), Educator, Harford Public Schools

The newest members of our Masters of Public Health Alumni Board Include: **Kelcie Reid, JD (2016), MPH (2016) and Amanda Johnson, MPH, (2016), and Fawatih Mohamed-Abouh, (2017) and Cory Loftis, MPH Candidate and PHSO Rep.**

Jon Basso MPH (2016), Senior Director of Emergency Services at the American Red Cross of Connecticut.

Katie Boyle, MPH (2009), started her own business, Boyle Public Health, with the mission to provide simple solutions for reducing exposures to toxins in our homes' air, water, food and the products we use. She runs educational workshops and is developing a line of home and personal care products that are toxin-free. Each is accompanied by an important health tip (such as living more mindfully) - her "A Millisecond of 'Me' Time"



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foaming hand soap is getting some traction and attention.” Find out more about what Katie's doing at www.boylepublichealth.com

Michelle Pomerantz, (2017) is the Program and Development Associate at the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness.

Letter from Jon Noel, PhD, MPH, our graduate and current CPHA President:

“Welcome to Fall! As the temperature starts to drop and the leaves begin to change, CPHA is back from the summer months to provide you with a great membership experience.

That experience starts with the [2017 CPHA Annual Meeting and Conference](#), which will be on Monday, October 30th at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington. Featuring an entire schedule [that comes from you](#), our members, there is a packed agenda that touches on all aspects of public health, including a welcome from [Senator Christopher Murphy](#), a morning keynote from [State Senator Doug McCrory](#), and an afternoon keynote delivered by the Founder/President/CEO of Community Health Center, Inc. [Mark Masselli](#). I not only strongly encourage you to attend but to bring your friends along as well. We are offering a group discount for parties of 10 or more. (Click [here](#) to download the form or see attached form at the end of the newsletter)

The fall is also a time when many of us renew our [CPHA membership](#). The importance of this act cannot be overstated as our membership is the basis for the strength of our organization. As you renew your membership,

consider referring a friend. CPHA pins will be mailed to both you and your friend to acknowledge your contribution towards strengthening CPHA as an organization and furthering our vision to make each generation of Connecticut healthier than the last.

Finally, check your inbox regularly to become involved in committee activities. The [health education committee](#) offers multiple opportunities to earn continuing education credits, the [advocacy committee](#) will begin ramping up its activities to prepare for the next legislative session, and the [MOR](#) is always looking for new public health mentors.

Thank you for being a member. I look forward to seeing you at the conference on October 30th!”

FACULTY NEWS

In June of 2017, Dr. Stephen Schensul was recognized by the University and the Provost for his excellent student course teaching evaluations.

Written by: Morgan Hollenbeck Spencer