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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- As of February 19, Jennifer Garza, ScD transitioned from Postdoctoral Fellow to Ergonomist within DOEM.

- Sara Namazi, a student of Dr. Richard Fortinsky in the School of Medicine, has completed the graduate certificate program in Occupational Health Psychology, effective January 21, 2016.

- Dr. Michael Erdil and DOEM would like to thank Phil Denniston, Phil Lefevre and Pat Whelan from the Work Loss Data Institute and Official Disability Guidelines Treatment in Workers’ Comp for their unrestricted educational donation to support the Occupational Medicine Colloquium Series for the 2016-2017 academic year. 

TRENDS IN OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

- The February Trends in Occupational Health meeting focused on women in the workplace. Our guest facilitator was Alicia Dugan, an assistant professor in Occupational Medicine at UCHC. Dr. Dugan led a dynamic discussion on the influences of gender and sex on occupational exposures, health, and occupational health research. If you are interested in obtaining more information on these topics, please contact Sara Namazi at namazi@uchc.edu or Lisa Rusch at lisa.rusch@uconn.edu, and we will forward the articles discussed.

- We will be holding our next “Trends in Occupational Health” discussion on Wednesday March 16 from 12-1:30pm in the Outpatient Pavilion Seventh Floor Conference Room West, at UConn Health. This month’s topic will be Establishing Partnership with Industry for Applied Research Projects and will be facilitated by Dr. Martin Cherniack, Professor of Medicine at UCHC. As always, lunch will be served! Please RSVP to Lisa Rusch (lisa.rusch@uconn.edu) or Sara Namazi (namazi@uchc.edu) if you plan to attend. This event is sponsored by the Connecticut Institute for Clinical and Translational Science (CICATS) Occupational Safety and Health Core Interest Group (OSH-CIG).
UPCOMING TALKS

Our next invited guest speaker for our Colloquium series is: **Jay R. Poliner, MD, MPH, FACOEM**, an occupational physician with a consulting practice based in West Hartford, CT. He has taught in the New England College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine’s NRCME training courses since December 2012 in which over 600 licensed healthcare providers throughout New England have participated. He also participates in the NRCME’s National Registry Champions program to encourage licensed healthcare providers to become certified MEs.

**Co-presenter** with Dr. Poliner will be **Marie Eugene-Mbewe, D.O.**

Dr. Marie Eugene is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Neurology at UConn Health. She is a graduate of the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Eugene completed her neurology residency at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, and her Fellowship at Yale-New Haven Hospital specializing in epilepsy. Dr. Eugene has been the recipient of awards for being an Exemplary Teacher and Compassionate Physician at UConn Health, as well as receiving recognition for Clinical Excellence in the Treatment of Acute Ischemic Stroke at UConn Health.

They will be presenting a seminar on **Wednesday, March 2, 2016**

**Title of Talk:** “Seizure Disorders and Commercial Drivers”

**Time:** 12:00pm—1:00pm

**Location:** UConn Health Outpatient Pavilion, 7th floor, EAST Conference Room.

**Lunch will be provided** Please RSVP for this event, to Miriam at muniz@uchc.edu


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**Michael Erdil MD, FACOEM** will be giving the following talk: