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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Public Health doctoral student **Lisa Rusch, MS, CEP** was awarded a Pilot Grant from The Center for the Promotion of Health in The New England Workplace (CPH-NEW) for her research entitled: *Associations Among Workplace Factors, Perceived Work Ability, Length of Sick Leave, and Leisure Time Physical Activity in Working Breast Cancer Survivors*. Lisa is working with co-investigators Dr. Alicia Dugan and Dr. Jennifer Cavallari on this project.

#### Honorary Doctorate Award



On February 3, **William Shaw**, Assistant Professor in the Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from Örebro University, Sweden. This special award was granted for his influential research on the links between psychosocial factors and work disability due to musculoskeletal pain. The Conferment was part of a formal graduation ceremony for new MDs and new PhDs at Örebro University in the fields of medicine, law, arts, and sciences.

While Honorary Doctorates in the US are typically awarded to celebrities, politicians, or philanthropists, this recognition in European and Scandinavian universities is reserved for fellow peer scientists from other countries who have collaborated with local faculty. Over the past 12 years, Dr. Shaw has worked with Professor Steven Linton and other faculty at the Örebro University School of Law, Psychology, and Social Work on research topics pertaining to work disability. Örebro University is one of the ten major Swedish universities, with 15,000 students, including 400 doctoral students. As part of the graduation weekend, Dr. Shaw made a public presentation of his research on work-related low back pain, he addressed new graduates as part of the commencement dinner, and he was even crowned with a real laurel wreath during the formal white-tie Conferment ceremony.

Congratulations, Dr. Shaw, for this unusual recognition from abroad!



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**Insoo Kim, PhD.**, received a BioScience Pipeline award to accelerate the development of more sensitive electronic hearing protection devices.  
(Click on the link below for more info)

<http://markets.businessinsider.com/news/stocks/Eight-Connecticut-Teams-Awarded-BioScience-Pipeline-Grants-To-Advance-Human-Health-1013312218>

**UPCOMING TALKS**

Our next Colloquium Session will be: **Wednesday, March 7, 2018**

**with Guest Speaker: Dr. Mathew Grant**



**Matthew Grant MD** is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Yale New Haven Hospital in CT. Dr. Grant did his residency in Internal Medicine at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and his fellowship in Infectious Diseases at Temple University Hospital in PA. He is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Infectious Disease. Dr. Grant is Leader of the Internal Medicine Inpatient Curriculum Project and has interests including fungal diseases and transplant associated infections.

**Title of Talk: Travel Medicine Update**

**Time: 12:00pm—1:00pm**

**Location: Low Learning Center**

**\*\*Please *RSVP* for this event if you plan to attend to [muniz@uchc.edu](mailto:muniz@uchc.edu) \*\***

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### PRESENTATIONS



**Michael Erdil, MD, FCOEM** gave the following presentations:

- ◆ UMass Lowell, UConn Health. Sturbridge Winter Symposium. Arthroscopic Surgery for Patients with Degenerative Meniscal Tears of the Knee: Practice Gaps, Opportunities and Research Considerations. Jan 10, 2018.
- ◆ Human Resource Association of Central Connecticut. Opioids in the Workplace: What HR Needs to Know! Rocky Hill, CT. Jan 23, 2018.

### PUBLICATIONS



- ◆ Lee J, Huang Y-H, Cheung JH, Chen Z, **Shaw WS**. A systematic review of the safety climate intervention literature: past trends and future directions. J Occup Health Psychol., in press.

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