Sarah Laditka, PhD Associate Professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences was invited to be a featured speaker at UNCG Gerontology research network “Lunch & Learn” Thursday February 6, 2014. The presentation was entitled “Health Risks that Double Disability for Older Americans with Diabetes: Results from a National Longitudinal Study”. The presentation was based on the PSID by Sarah and Jim Laditka. In attendance were about 25 faculty, students, and community members, and went well.

Elizabeth Racine, DrPH, RD Associate Professor, Department of Public Health Sciences presented at USC, January 31, 2014. Her topic of discussion was “How Do the Characteristics and Concentration of SNAP Approved Stores Affect Community Health”. This research describes the availability and characteristics of SNAP approved stores in Charlotte, NC, how these factors differ across neighborhoods, and the implications for community health.

Carl de Moore is available for biostatistical discussions and feedback. Contact information CdeMoor@us.imshealth.com


VA Partnership: On Friday March 21, 2014, 10 faculty members drawn from the 4 departments in our college, will be visiting the VA Hospital in Salisbury NC, to discuss future research collaboration. If you are interested in attending please contact Vikki.

Mentor Research Series: TBD

Mock Study Section: Submissions are due by the 1st of each month. Please contact Vikki Cherwon to schedule a review.

Concept paper presentation: Josh Noone, HSRD student will present a study to understand the impact of Alpha one antitrypsin (AATD) on elder COPD patients. Using three years of Medicare data, he will characterize COPD patients with AATD in terms of their clinical characteristics, prescription drug usage, and progression of service utilization compared to non AATD COPD patients.

(Date and time will be announcement once finalized)

ACADEMY'S

ARCHES: The Academy for Research on Community Health, Engagement and Services (ARCHES) has completed a draft of its strategic plan. Its stated goal is to “identify, develop, implement and evaluate sustainable, equitable and effective models of health in all communities by combining clinical technology, scientific reasoning, and social science program models.” On February 20th, a special meeting of ARCHES members was convened to gauge the level of interest among ARCHES members for submitting National Institutes of Health (NIH) R-15 grants and how they would be beneficial to the faculty and students of CHHS. Since there is a high level of interest among ARCHES members, Dr. Mark DeHaven (Director, ARCHES) will be working with Dr. Christopher Blanchette, Associate Dean for Research and Public Engagement in CHHS, and other members of the research office, to develop template materials for grant applications. Also this month, ARCHES held a general meeting on February 21st to discuss ideas about the academy’s organizational structure and future website. There was also a general discussion about how ARCHES members and other faculty in the CHHS can begin working together to overcome existing barriers to research inside the college and throughout UNC Charlotte. Also during the meeting, Dr. Jean-Claude Thill, Director, Project Mosaic, gave a presentation about Project Mosaic which aims to “enhance social and behavioral science research at UNC Charlotte”. Members of ARCHES were enthusiastic about working with Project Mosaic in the future. The ARCHES next meeting will be held on Friday, March 14th. Contact information Mark DeHaven at Mark.DeHaven@uncc.edu

HINORA: The HnORA has developed a Moodle site to share information related to databases, the mission and purpose of the Academy, faculty research interests, and funding opportunities. A web site is also being developed. At our last meeting, Jean-Claude Thill discussed Project Mosaic. Interested faculty are invited to attend the next HnORA meeting to be held Thursday, March 27 in CHHS 472, or contact Bill Saunders at wsauden6@uncc.edu.

Healty Aging: The next meeting of the Healthy Aging Academy will be Friday, March 21, from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Room TBD. Contact information Scott Gordon Scott.Gordon@uncc.edu

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES & TRAINING

~ Project Mosaic provides limited financial support to increase the quantity, quality, and scope of interdisciplinary funded research by UNC Charlotte faculty. We also provide consultation services on proposal development, methodological framework of the project, as well as other technical advice such as data archiving and curation. There is no deadline for the MOSAIC Flash grants, applications can be submitted at any time, however we encourage faculty to apply early. Flash Social Science Grant call for proposals.

~ The Chancellor, through the Council on University Community (COUC), has created the Chancellor’s Diversity Challenge Fund. The purpose of the fund is to support faculty, staff, and student initiatives promoting the daily value of diversity in the intellectual life of the campus. For projects to be implemented in the 2014-2015 academic year, the deadline for submission is March 24, 2014. Funding level is up to $5,000.00

Grant-writing resources available on Moodle: https://moodle2.uncc.edu/course/view.php?id=41859#section-0. Just enroll using your UNC Charlotte username and password. If you have any questions, contact Lesley Brown, Director of Proposal Development, by email or at 7-1880.

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In the future, we would like to add your new publications when they occur and other research activities, speaking engagements, etc. to this weekly newsletter. Please forward this information to Vikki or Elizabeth for addition to the next edition.