

Department of Public Health  
School of Medicine  
Annual Report, 2011-2012

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The Department of Public Health continues its development towards establishing a school of public health on the IUPUI campus. The following report highlights accomplishments in this transition during the 2011-2012 academic year.

Faculty and professional staff recruitment; graduate education; research and scholarship; diversity of faculty, staff, and students; international programs and international partnerships, and infrastructure development all have been key components of this transition.

On June 23, 2011, the Indiana University Board of Trustees unanimously approved the establishment of a school of public health on the IUPUI campus.

On October 14, 2011, the formation of a school of public health on the IUPUI campus was approved by the Indiana Commission of Higher Education. This was the final step in institutional and state government approvals.

Chancellor Charles Bantz initiated a search for the Founding Dean of the school of public health on the IUPUI campus in June of 2012.

On June 23, 2012, the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) approved our request for a change in status. Currently, the department holds accreditation for its public health MPH and doctoral programs. A formal application to be reviewed for accreditation as a school of public health is required as one component of the school accreditation process. With the Council on Education for Public Health's approval to be reviewed for accreditation as a school, the university may begin the accreditation process. As part of the process, the school must undertake a self-study and submit the results to the council by June 2014, after which a team of peer reviewers will visit the school. The Founding Dean of the school will be expected to lead the self-study and accreditation process.

In addition, we have now been accepted as an Associate Member of the Association of Schools of Public Health. [http://fridayletter.asph.org/press.cfm?fl\\_index=1734](http://fridayletter.asph.org/press.cfm?fl_index=1734)

## Teaching and Learning

- The MHA Program, which ranked 13<sup>th</sup> in the nation by U.S. News & World Report, was re-accredited by the Commission of Accreditation in Healthcare Management Education for 7 years. Link to MHA Program: (<http://www.pbhealth.iupui.edu/>)
- There were 38 students enrolled in our PhD programs at the start of the 2011-2012 academic year. The Dept. of Public Health was notified in March that five students will receive University Fellowships next year. Biostatistics Link: <http://biostatgradprograms.iupui.edu/>  
Epidemiology Link: <http://pbhealth.iupui.edu/academic-programs/phd-epidemiology/>  
Health Policy and Management Link: <http://pbhealth.iupui.edu/academic-programs/phd-health-policy-and-management/>
- The Department of Public Health, in collaboration with several partners, sponsored the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Indiana Joint National Public Health Week Conference on April 3 and 4. The conference was held at the IUPUI Campus Center and included research presentations, networking mixers, speeches by national leaders and other activities for hundreds of public health practitioners, students and academicians.  
<http://pbhealth.iupui.edu/index.php/about-us/news-and-events/statewide-conference-at-iupui-focuses-on-healthier-america-health/>
- Enrollment in the department's undergraduate programs (BSPH and BSHSM) was 157 in the fall semester and 162 in the spring semester.  
BSPH: <http://pbhealth.iupui.edu/academic-programs/bachelor-of-science-in-public-health-bsph/>  
BSHSM: <http://pbhealth.iupui.edu/academic-programs/bachelor-of-science-in-health-services-management-bshsm/>
- International internships, research projects, and educational programs continue to expand under the leadership of Richard M. Fairbanks Professor Gregory A. Wilson. An Eli Lilly Corporation Foundation Grant supports scholarships for international internship experiences. <http://pbhealth.iupui.edu/index.php/about-us/news-and-events/eli-lilly-corporation-foundation-grant-supports-scholarships-for/> The Dept. of Public Health formed a partnership with the Universidad de ESAN in Lima, Peru to provide continuing education in healthcare management to a group of 20 physicians enrolled at the

university in Peru. <http://pbhealth.iupui.edu/index.php/about-us/news-and-events/faculty-member-sara-johnson-shares-highlights-from-teaching-expe/>

- Mariam Bah, a student in the BSPH Program, was named one of IUPUI's Top 10 female students. Link to announcement. <http://pbhealth.iupui.edu/about-us/news-and-events/public-health-student-among-iupuis-top-100/>
- Professor Eric R. Wright, PhD was awarded a Trustees Teaching Award for his exceptional work in 2011-2012. Dr. Wright also received the 2011 James R. Greenley Award for Distinguished Contributions to the Sociology of Mental Health Awarded by the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Mental Health Division. <http://pbhealth.iupui.edu/index.php/about-us/news-and-events/2011-james-r.-greenley-award-for-distinguished-contributions-to->
- Professor Kathryn Coe developed a new graduate service learning course in culture and qualitative methods in which students work with the Indianapolis homeless shelter and other partners.
- 2010 MPH graduate Colleen McCormick was named Director of IUPUI Office of Sustainability in September of 2011. <http://pbhealth.iupui.edu/index.php/about-us/news-and-events/mph-alumnus-named-director-of-iupui-office-of-sustainability/>
- MPH graduate, Dan Croft, publishes advocacy article in Academic Medicine. <http://pbhealth.iupui.edu/about-us/news-and-events/mph-graduate-dan-croft-publishes-advocacy-article-in-academic-me/>
- MHA Alumnus Sam Odle receives prestigious Charles L. Whistler Award from Mayor. <http://pbhealth.iupui.edu/index.php/about-us/news-and-events/mha-alumnus-sam-odle-receives-prestigious-charles-l.-whistler-aw/>
- Cynthia Stone, DrPH, RN was among six new faculty members from IUPUI and IUPUC to join the Faculty Colloquium on Excellence in Teaching (FACET) organization.

### Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity

The Department of Public Health is expanding its health sciences research programs and capacity in part through faculty recruitments, with a strong emphasis on environmental health, community engagement and on chronic diseases, especially cancer, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease, and health policy.

- 24 RFA proposals totaling \$3,371,744.00 were submitted by DPH faculty in FY 2012.
- Faculty recruitment brought two additional faculty into the environmental health sciences division: Steven E. Lacey and Emily Ahonen. Dr. Lacey was recruited as the Director of the Division of Environmental Health Sciences.
- Shaun Grannis, MD, associate professor of family medicine and public health adjunct faculty, is a member of the Institute of Medicine committee that wrote the report *"Primary Care and Public Health: Exploring Integration to Improve Population Health"*
- Lisa K. Staten, PhD recipient of IU Collaborative Research Grant: *"Integrating Clinical Data Systems With Social Context to Map Neighborhood Health"*
- Jianjun Zhang, MD, PhD article: *"Trends in Mortality from the Cancers of the Breast, Colon, Prostate, Esophagus, and Stomach in East Asia: Role of Nutrition Transition"*. European Journal of Cancer Prevention, 2012 Feb 18.  
<http://pbhealth.iupui.edu/index.php/about-us/news-and-events/epidemiology-faculty-member-publishes-in-two-journals/>
- Jianjun Zhang, MD, PhD article: *"Using survey data to inform policy establishing a state-wide colorectal cancer screening program"*. Preventing Chronic Disease 2012 accepted for publication. <http://pbhealth.iupui.edu/index.php/about-us/news-and-events/epidemiology-faculty-member-publishes-in-two-journals/>
- Chunyan He, ScD is among leading authors of a recent publication in Nature Genetics: *"Meta-analyses Identify 13 Loci Associated with Age at Menopause and Highlight DNA Repair and Immune Pathways"*.  
<http://www.nature.com/ng/journal/vaop/ncurrent/full/ng.1051.html>
- Jennifer Wessel, PhD received \$35,000 from IUPUI Research Support Funds Grant (RSFG). <http://pbhealth.iupui.edu/index.php/about-us/news-and-events/dr.-jennifer-wessel-receives-35000-from-iupui-research-support-f/>

- MPH alumnus, Indra Frank, MD, MPH contributed to the section on childhood cancers for the 2012 Indiana Cancer Facts and Figures that was recently released by the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH). <http://indianacancer.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/ICC-Facts-and-Figures-2012-Low-Resolution-Final.pdf>
- MPH alumnus, Miranda Spitznagle, MPH became the Commission Director of the Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Commission in January, 2012.

### Civic Engagement

The extensive role of public health in civic engagement was recognized by the continuing grant of \$20 million from the Richard M. Fairbanks Foundation to support the development of a school of public health on the IUPUI campus. This grant is being utilized to develop the school, with most of the funds being used to establish an endowment for the school.

- *Compañeros en la Salud*, or Companions in Health, is a CBPR partnership between La Plaza and the Department of Public Health (DPH) Indianapolis. The goal of the partnership is to connect with the Hispanic community as a first step in the implementation of community health promotion activities.
- MHA faculty and alumni were part of the initiative of Franciscan Alliance's securing ACO status. <http://pbhealth.iupui.edu/index.php/about-us/news-and-events/mha-faculty-and-alumni-part-of-the-initiative-of-franciscan-alli/>
- Sara Johnson shared highlights from teaching experience in Lima, Peru. <http://pbhealth.iupui.edu/index.php/about-us/news-and-events/faculty-member-sara-johnson-shares-highlights-from-teaching-expe/>
- Because of the Department of Public Health's contribution of \$500, nearly 120 attendees were able to participate in the 2012 Indiana Environmental Health Summit; a collaborative effort of the Department of Public Health, the Center for Urban Health at IUPUI, and Improving Kids Health (IKE). <http://ike.roundtablelive.org/>
- The Eli Lilly Corporation Foundation provided a \$1,000,000 grant to support the development of a school of public health on the IUPUI Campus, which is now in its third year. A portion of this grant provides student scholarships for PhD and MPH students, including support for students' international internships. Last summer, three MPH students (Midia Fulano, Fadumo Warsame, and Joel Hartsell) completed their public

health internships in Eldoret, Kenya. Their experiences are documented here:  
<http://pbhealth.iupui.edu/index.php/about-us/news-and-events/eli-lilly-corporation-foundation-grant-supports-scholarships-for/>

### Diversity

As Public Health expands on the IUPUI campus, we are diversifying our faculty and staff. These efforts, built into our recruitment and search procedures, have diversified both faculty and staff in terms of race, ethnicity, and sexual orientation.

Faculty and staff recruitments during this academic year increased racial and ethnic diversity in both groups, as well as increasing the number of women on our faculty. These recruitments include staff and faculty who are African-American and Latino.

Public Health continues to excel in recruiting diverse students, with the percentage of African American students in the MPH Program (10%) exceeding that of the IUPUI graduate and professional students (5%) and the state of Indiana (9%).

### Best Practices

Through webinars and live programs, the HRSA-funded Indiana Public Health Training Center has served 100% of Indiana's local health departments. This center is recognized nationally for producing cutting edge online training for public health professionals.

### External Awards and Appointments

Key national honors and appointments obtained by DPH faculty include:

- 2011 James R. Greenley Award for Distinguished Contributions to the Sociology of Mental Health Awarded by the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Mental Health Division to Professor and Interim Department Chair, Eric R. Wright, PhD  
<http://pbhealth.iupui.edu/index.php/about-us/news-and-events/2011-james-r.-greenley-award-for-distinguished-contributions-to->
- Professor and Associate Vice Chancellor, G. Marie Swanson, PhD, MPH was elected as a member of the Board of the American College of Epidemiology.  
<http://pbhealth.iupui.edu/about-us/news-and-events/dr-swanson-elected-as-member-of-the-board-of-the-american-colleg/>

- Sara Johnson, FACHE, received the Platinum Award from the Indiana Healthcare Executives Network (IHEN)  
<http://pbhealth.iupui.edu/index.php/about-us/news-and-events/faculty-member-sara-johnson-fache-receives-award-from-the-indian/>
- Public Health Adjunct Faculty, Malaz Boustani, MD received 2012 American Geriatrics Society Outstanding Scientific Achievement for Clinical Investigation Award.  
<http://pbhealth.iupui.edu/index.php/about-us/news-and-events/2012-american-geriatrics-society-outstanding-scientific-achievem/>