Welcome from the New Institute Director!

Greetings Institute Colleagues:

I would like to take this opportunity to describe my vision for the Institute Notes publication. I envision this as an avenue for all Programs of the Institute to share the good work, promotions and events that are happening.

Each edition will spotlight a Program on a rotating and equitable basis. This will be an opportunity for us to learn about each other and will serve as a communication tool for all Institute accomplishments.

I encourage each of you to share the positive and exciting activities that you are accomplishing so that we can collectively celebrate the successes of our colleagues.

Please submit any updates you would like to share to Julie Dotson at jdotson@mcw.edu.

With appreciation,

John Meurer, MD, MBA
People

Welcoming...

Terry Brandenburg, MPH, CPH - Director, Division of Public Health Education and the MPH Program
Tom Chelius, MS - Biostatistician I. Tom will be working closely with Dr. Meurer in the revitalization of the Epidemiology Data Service Center.
Jessica Jeruzal - Administrative Assistant III, Institute for Health and Society
Anne Kissack, MPH, RD - Program Manager I, Division of Community Engagement
John Meurer, MD, MBA - Professor and Director, Institute for Health and Society
Haley Montsma - Administrative Assistant II, Division of Biostatistics

Programs

Congratulating...

Kirsten Beyer, PhD, MPH - Assistant Professor, Institute for Health and Society. After completing her fellowship, Kirsten will bring her expertise to the Institute's public health graduate degree programs and research priorities.
Chris Edwards - promotion to Information Systems Manager I, Institute for Health and Society
John J. W. Fangman, M.D. - recently appointed as The Medical College Physicians (MCP) Director for Collaborative Urban Clinical Programs and became a faculty member in the Health Equity and Urban Clinical Care Partnerships Division on September 1st.
Thomas May, PhD - named the Ursula Von der Ruhr Professor in Bioethics
Shannon Opel, MPH - promotion to Program Coordinator III, Division of Community Engagement
Kris Tym, MA - promotion to Program Manager I, Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities
Lexi Visotcky, MS - promotion to Biostatistician II, Division of Biostatistics

Accomplishments...

Elizabeth Duthie received $20,000.00 from the American Association of University Women.
Changbin Guo, PhD graduated in May from the Biostatistics Program and is now employed in North Carolina as an SAS Statistician.
Prakash Laud, PhD and a group of colleagues have a three-year grant for nearly $1.2 million to develop software to help evaluate treatments from various medical data.
Shuyuan Mo, PHD graduated in May from the Biostatistics Program and is now employed as a Senior Biostatistician with Novartis Oncology in Florham Park, NJ.
Annie Nguyen received a Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award for Individual Predoctoral Fellowships to Promote Diversity in Health-Related
Research (F31) ($41,800).

**Kaija Zusevics** has had two contracts: University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Healthy People 2010: Reproductive Health ($14,999) and University of Wisconsin-Madison's Wisconsin Project LAUNCH ($3,866).

**Dr. Earnestine Willis Presented The President's Diversity Award**

Congratulations to Earnestine Willis, MD, MPH, Director, Health Equity and Urban Clinical Care Partnerships, for receiving the President's Diversity award. The award was established last spring by MCW's Diversity Advisory Committee and the Office of Faculty Affairs to honor individuals or groups from MCW or the community at large who have contributed to making the College a more inclusive and diverse environment. Dr. Willis was awarded this honor at the September 14th Convocation.

Dr. Willis' nomination was supported by several MCW leaders, a medical student as well as letters from leaders at a Federally-funded Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and nonprofit social service agency. The award celebrates her demonstrated leadership in areas that included her development of educational programs that address health disparities and advancement of critical partnerships that enhance collaborative activities between MCW and the greater underrepresented community. The impact of her leadership and mentoring was powerfully expressed by a medical student as follows, "By implementing so many different educational programs promoting diversity and fighting to eradicate the many health disparities that plague this country, Dr. Willis has encouraged students and residents to do the same."

**Institute Spotlight**

**Global Health**

Senior representatives from Shanghai's Xin Hua Hospital affiliated with Jiao Tong University School of Medicine visited the campus on Wednesday, Sept. 7, to formalize a trilateral global collaborative partnership involving The Medical College of Wisconsin and The Center for International Health. The partnership will develop a sustainable platform for global health student and
faculty exchanges to support the education, research, clinical care and public and community health training of both academic institutions and their hospital affiliates.

As part of the exchange program, The Medical College of Wisconsin and Xin Hua Hospital will host each other's trainees and faculty to introduce them to academic medicine and health care delivery systems in their respective countries, initially starting in Emergency Medicine, but with expansion to other disciplines.

The Medical College of Wisconsin’s Global Health Program, led by Associate Dean Stephen Hargarten, MD, MPH, and established in January 2010 to provide a means for physicians-in-training to learn important lessons about health disparities and cultural diversity both in Milwaukee and abroad, will facilitate these reciprocal exchanges.

Xin Hua Hospital, affiliated with Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Medicine, was established in 1958 after the founding of New China in 1949 and is a modern comprehensive teaching hospital, integrating functions of medical care, education and research. The College’s Department of Emergency Medicine has been hosting trainees from Xin Hua since 2006 including their now Director of Emergency Medicine, Dr. Pan Shumming, who was part of the delegation. Xu Weiguo, President of Xin Hua Hospital; John R. Raymond, Sr., MD, President and CEO of the Medical College of Wisconsin; and Mark Anderson, President of the Center for International Health, met to sign an affiliation agreement formalizing the partnership and exchange program.

For questions or comments, or if you have an event you would like highlighted in Notes from the Institute, please contact Julie Dotson at jdotson@mcw.edu or call at x8032.