

A Message from the Chair...

Another incredible year in the Grand Valley State University Master of Public Health program is behind us!

There have been many exciting changes and additions to our program this year, and we are looking forward to welcoming our newest cohort this fall. Several highlights from the last few months I would like to mention include our five new faculty, who have been hired to kick off the next academic year, the introduction of the hybrid courses in the core public health curriculum, and the addition of several elective courses in the areas of health policy, epidemiology and environmental health that will broaden the scope of options for our MPH students.

We began many new collaborations this year including the LoWellness Health Needs Assessment project (see [page 4](#)). I also had the pleasure of traveling to New York City during spring break, along with eight of our MPH students, to immerse ourselves in Public Health in a larger and fast-paced city (see [page 2](#)).



We are extremely pleased to have witnessed our first graduating class cross the stage in April, wearing their salmon hoods and decorated graduation caps! There hasn't been a more exciting moment for me since we welcomed that group as our very first cohort in 2013. Congratulations to our recent graduates, and here's to an exciting new academic year to come!

Dr. Ranelle Brew

eMPHasis is eLinked

This *eMPHasis* newsletter is full of webpage hyperlinks to help you learn more about the subjects featured within its articles. *eMPHasis* is intended and designed to be an electronic communication, so links are embedded to bring you directly to designated webpages simply by clicking on the hyperlinked word, phrase, picture, or web address.

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Upcoming Public Health Events & Important Dates

June 22	Classes begin—2nd 6 weeks	Oct 7-8	MI's Premier PH Conference Crystal Mountain, MI. Info here .
July 3	Independence Day recess No classes—Offices closed	Oct 20	GLC-SOPHE Annual Meeting Central Michigan University More information here
July 13-16	sHaPe Camp 2015 Public Health sessions on July 15	Sept 28-Oct 1	MPH Information Sessions Allendale & Pew campus locations Times vary—details can be found here .
Aug 3	MPH Student Research Day CHS 540 12:00—1pm	Oct 31-Nov 4	APHA Annual Meeting Chicago, IL. Visit here .
Aug 27	MPH Fall '15 Cohort Orientation CHS 123 6:00—8:30pm	Feb 1	MPH Fall '16 Application Deadline Apply here .
Aug 31	Fall Semester begins		

Student Highlight

Kirsten Curtis, a Health Promotion student, was selected by our faculty as the MPH student to receive the Academic Excellence Award on behalf of the Master of Public Health program.

Ms. Curtis was selected from the Class of 2015 based on her scholarly performance in the classroom, as well as her outstanding work on curriculum development for practicum placement at Mercy Health, which is now being implemented. Her research project was on Program Development for Nutrition and Physical Development for Communities with Low Socioeconomic status.



Kirsten Curtis, her parents, and Dr. Ranelle Brew at the Annual Awards Celebration

Kirsten, along with her parents, joined Dr. Brew for a night of celebration on April 6, 2015 at the Student Awards Convocation.

We congratulate Kirsten on this outstanding accomplishment.

GLC-SOPHE Meeting

The Great Lakes Chapter of the Society of Public Health Education (GLC-SOPHE) will be holding its annual meeting on October 20, 2015 (8:00am-4:00pm) at Central Michigan University. The theme for this year's conference is **Partnerships for Healthy Communities: Erasing the Boundaries**.

There will be a call for student abstracts and Dr. Vogelzang is willing to work with any student wishing to submit an abstract for the conference. The conference also awards a limited number of student scholarships toward the registration fee. See the GLC-SOPHE [website](#) for more details, or contact [Dr. Vogelzang](#).

MPH Students Take New York!

MPH Spring Break—2015

Eight MPH students spent spring break 2015 touring New York City on behalf of their public health studies and had a full week of exciting opportunities. The snow and weather couldn't stop this group from having an amazing trip in the Big Apple!

Students took in experiences touring national and international public health organizations including [Global Citizen](#), [New York City Coalition Against Hunger](#), and Montefiore Hospital's Healthy Bodega Project, all while navigating the subway system.

A day at the United Nations helped to give the students a perspective on public health's work around the globe and through policy. Students had a volunteerism experience at the New York Food Bank in Harlem where they helped customers shop for groceries and stocked the pantry. They also spent two days attending the 7th Annual [Health Disparities Conference](#) at Columbia University, where Dr. Brew presented *The Pipeline for Careers into Health Professions*.



There was no shortage of fun to be had with the group in NYC as well! A trip to Wall Street and the newly opened 9/11 Museum, a Broadway show experience, dinner in Little Italy, and photos in Times Square were just a few of the tourism highlights the group experienced on their trip. It was a public health and personal experience of a lifetime for all!



The group at Montefiore Hospital



Serving at the NYC Coalition Against Hunger

This Is Public Health

GVSU MPH Celebrates National Public Health Week

Who doesn't love a game of Life-Sized Jenga while learning more about Public Health? Grand Valley State University hosted a [#NPHW](#) event to incorporate fun into Wednesday's "Building Momentum" theme on April 8th. Throughout the event, public health students spent time educating the GV community toward becoming the [Healthiest Nation 2030](#) with their National Public Health

Week activities.

From tweeting live, to posting photos on Facebook of the action, the event was shared via social media by the Public Health Social Campaigning and Distribution class (PH 632). Students asked participants to pull a Jenga block and write what public health means to them. Public Health prizes and educational information were distributed to all who accepted the challenge. The community responded with great answers including, "Healthy Eating," "Breastfeeding," and "Health Care Access for ALL!"

Learn more about our project on our [Facebook page](#), *Grand Valley State University – Public Health* today and follow us as we continue the Challenge toward being the Healthiest Nation 2030 for years to come!



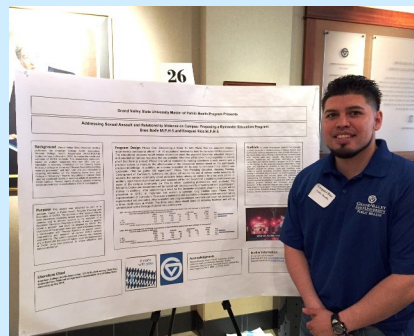
Graduate Showcase

Each spring, the Office of Graduate Studies offers the opportunity for graduate programs to nominate outstanding scholars in their programs to participate in the [Graduate Showcase](#) event. This year, two presentations were selected from the Public Health program.



Bradley Wandschneider presented his research, *Analysis of the SEAL*!

Michigan Dental Sealant Program in Ingham County: A School Based Oral Health Intervention Program and Partnership.



Ezekiel Rios and Bree Bode presented a project from their Social and Behavioral Health course, *Addressing Sexual Assault in Relationship Violence on Campus: Proposing a Bystander Education Program*. Congratulations Brad, Zeke & Bree!

Get Social With Us!

Grand Valley State University's Department of Public Health is active on the social media sites, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Follow us to keep up with our GV MPH activities and events, as well as local, national and global public health news, plus other helpful public health tidbits, photos, and more. Click the buttons below, or visit [page 11](#) for the links.



LoWellness & GVSU-PH

Our last *eMPHasis* issue highlighted a fabulous partnership recently established with the [LoWellness Health Assessment](#) project and GV's Public Health program, along with the Johnson Center for Philanthropy. At the end of March, GVSU President Thomas J. Haas joined our MPH students at the Lowell High School for the official announcement and launch of the project.



Public Health Student Research Day & Graduate Reception



Alumni Updates

Congratulations to our first graduating class, and special congrats to those now using their MPH degree in the workplace.

Houdeshell, Lauren (MPH, 2015) - Health Care Quality Improvement Project Coordinator; MSU Institute for Health Policy (Lansing, MI).

Moloney, Katie (MPH, 2015) - WIC Program Community Planner; District Health Department #10 (Hart, MI).

Olson, Katherine (MPH, 2015) - Business Analyst; Insurancequotes.com (Denver, CO).

Sagorski, Ryan (MPH, 2015) - Clinical Research Coordinator; Spectrum Health (Grand Rapids, MI).

If you are a GVSU Public Health Alumna/Alumnus, we would like to include your updates in future eMPHasis issues! Please send your news to: kosterhe@gvsu.edu, with the subject, "eMPHasis Alumni Update."



GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY PUBLIC HEALTH ALUMNI



Student Highlights— Spring/Summer Practicum:

Congratulations and good luck to the following students who have headed into the field this semester for their practicum experience:



Daniel Albright
Michigan Dept. of Community Health; Oral Health Program



Alison Staley
Cherry Street Health Services



Mary Whitworth
Municipal Health Dept. (Cape Town, South Africa)

External Presentation:

Katherine Olson presented twice on her topic, "Characteristics of Maternal Mortality due to Suicide in Michigan." The first, as a poster presentation at the 14th Annual [Michigan Epidemiology Conference](#), March 2015, in Ann Arbor, MI. The second, as an oral presentation at the Grand Rapids Medical Education Partners Research Day, April 2015.



Fellowships:

Bree Bode and **Gina Gero** were granted fellowships with the [National Association of County & City Health Officials \(NACCHO\)](#). In their role as Health and Disability Fellows they created educational materials, provided technical assistance to local health departments and participated in health and disability workshops.



Emphasis: Epidemiology

“Boots-on-the ground disease detectives” is the tag line for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Epidemiologic Intelligence Service (EIS). Although, in the media EIS officers have been referred to as the “CDC’s Swat Team” or the “CIA of health care.” Since 1951, this 2-year CDC post-graduate fellowship program has been training EIS officers with a combination of on-the-job learning and service in applied epidemiology. The four major goals of the EIS program are to: identify causes of disease outbreaks, investigate urgent public health threats, recommend prevention and control measures, and implement strategies to protect people from injury, disability, illness, and death.

As the CDC’s disease detectives, EIS officers are assigned to work on some of the most pressing public health problems and are often some of the first front line personnel when a public health emergency occurs, whether it be responding to an infectious disease outbreak, an industrial accident, or a natural event. EIS officers work with local public health officials in investigating and controlling infectious disease outbreaks, such as Ebola in West Africa, chikungunya virus in the Americas, and foodborne outbreaks in the United States. They also respond to natural events, such as hurricanes,

earthquakes, mudslides, extreme heat or winter weather, as well as industrial accidents, such as the release of chemicals that may endanger the health and safety of the public.

The EIS program is currently accepting applications for the 2016 class. Applications will be accepted until

August 17, 2015.

If you are interested in learning more about the EIS program, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/eis/index.html>

For questions related to epidemiology, please contact [Dr. Claudia Leiras](#).



Emphasis: Public Health Administration

The Community Benefit of Non-profit Hospitals

Soon after the development of non-profit status for hospitals in the US, concerns arose about whether communities were receiving the same value in services that hospitals received in tax benefit. Periodically, Congress would raise this concern. Since the 1950s nonprofit hospitals have been required to provide charity care, and in 1969 Congress described additional services a nonprofit hospital must provide. Most recently, a requirement was placed in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act for nonprofit hospitals to report yearly on the services provided to their local communities. The results of a study published in 2013 showed that nationally nonprofit hospitals spent only 7.5% of their budgets on community benefits, and

that over 85% of the spending was on patient care and charity care (Young, Chou, Alexander, Lee, & Raver, 2013). Only 5.3% of community benefit spending was on community health programs such as health education or screening services.

The final rules for reporting community benefits were published by the Internal Revenue Service at the end of 2014. The new rules apply to public, or government, hospitals as well as to nonprofit ones. The expectations are that hospitals will now perform regular community health needs assessments and develop and implement plans to address the identified community health needs. In addition, hospital financial assistance policies must be clarified, meet criteria regarding billing and collections, and be made more visible to patients.

In general, these rules recognize the concerns that have been expressed over the decades that charity care is not enough. In order to demonstrate the value of the tax benefit, hospitals must play a more active and visible role in helping to address their local communities’ health issues. Part of this includes making sure that patients are treated fairly and know their options with regards to billing. Since these regulations apply to over 80% of US hospitals, we should all expect to see our nonprofit hospitals as partners in and providers of community health programming.

Young, G. J., Chou, C.-H., Alexander, J., Lee, S.-Y. D., & Raver, E. (2013). Provision of Community Benefits by Tax-Exempt U.S. Hospitals. *New England Journal of Medicine*, 368(16), 1519–1527. ([Weblink](#))

Faculty Updates

Dr. Ranelle Brew was a recipient of the Dr. Muriel Petioni Award for Outstanding Service and Mentoring to Eliminate Health Disparities Distinguished Alumni Award, at Columbia University in March 2015.

Dr. Lara Jaskiewicz had a paper published in the Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development. The article, titled “Local Food Innovation in a World of Wicked Problems: The Pitfalls and the Potential,” is available [open-access](#).

Dr. Claudia Leiras gave a presentation on the “Effectiveness of the Teach Back Method in Improving Health Literacy in a Primary Care Practice” at the 6th Annual Health Literacy Research Conference in Bethesda, Maryland.

Dr. Leiras was elected vice-chair of the Graduate Council for Grand Valley State University for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Dr. Azizur Molla received a grant for “School Wellness Policies in West Michigan: Implementation, Success and Barriers,” an inter-college collaboration project.

Dr. Molla recently created and is chairing the Institute of Global Health (IGH) Task Force, created to showcase global action and connections within the College of Health Professions. He is currently organizing the inaugural IGH Showcase, complete with keynote speaker, presentations and posters, to be held at GVSU on October 16, 2015.

Dr. Molla presented his experience implementing an interdisciplinary project, done in collaboration with students, at GVSU’s Community as Classroom event.

Dr. Jody Vogelzang was the keynote speaker for the Newaygo County Community Health Summit: Obesity Prevention on April 21 in Fremont, Michigan.

Dr. Vogelzang presented at the Society of Public Health Education (SOPHE) in Portland, Oregon on April 23. Her presentation was titled: “Lessons from the Sidewalk: Food Security and Availability in a Rust Belt City.” Her poster acknowledged the help of GVSU and U of M MPH students in data gathering.

Dr. Vogelzang had a poster accepted for presentation at the International Conference on Culinary Arts and

Sciences, held this year at Montclair State University. Her presentation is titled: “Kick and Cook-A-Palooza: Teaching Kids Self-efficacy in the Kitchen.” On her poster, she acknowledged the student workers and intern who helped with this research, funded by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation.

The Kick and Cook-A-Palooza: What’s in the Box? grant ended on May 31, 2015 but a spin-off program: “Kick and Cook-A-Palooza: Welcome to the US!” was recently funded by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation, for a year. The \$20,000 grant program will work with the teenage refugee population in Grand Rapids and will again use student workers to assist with cooking classes and leisure activities.



Dr. Jody Vogelzang with her poster at SOPHE, Portland

Did You Know? Food Insecurity in the Military

In early March, Dr. Vogelzang attended the Annual [Anti-Hunger Conference](#) in Washington D.C. The conference was sponsored by Feeding America and the Food Research and Action Center, and was attended by almost 1200 participants. It brought together innovators from across the U.S. on solving food access problems.



Perhaps the most startling research presented at the conference was the prevalence of food insecurity in the military. Would you not expect the military to recognize the importance of a consistent and nutritious diet for its enlistees? Recent research uncovered that many families in base and off-base housing suffer from food insecurity.

To learn more about Hunger in America 2014 military statistics, read the [memo](#), or visit the [Feeding America: Hunger in America 2014 Key Findings webpage](#).

In the Classroom

Dr. Vogelzang’s students in PH 505, Social and Behavioral Public Health, researched gaps in service for marginalized populations and created theory based programs for their final project.

Topics included: Tory’s House: A Transitional Housing Program for First-Time Pregnant Mothers; A Community Based Fall Prevention Program for Older Adults; and Prisoner Reentry into the Workforce.

Welcome New MPH Faculty

The GV Public Health department has been growing in leaps and bounds as we head into our third year. This Fall we will be welcoming five new full-time faculty. In this issue of *eMPHasis*, we would like to congratulate Dr. Karen Niemchick on her transition from an adjunct to a full-time faculty position, and introduce you to two of our newcomers: Dr. Kathryn (Katie) Barnhart and Dr. Jeffrey Wing.

Dr. Karen Niemchick is passionate about education. She considers the ability to transform minds and inspire tomorrow's leaders as both a welcoming challenge, and a humble privilege.



Karen received her Bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry from the University of Toledo. She holds a Master's of Health Science Degree from Grand Valley State University and is currently pursuing her PhD in Public Health, Epidemiology from Walden University. During this time, she has

been actively involved with education at the college/university level for the past 12 years teaching classes and laboratories in cell biology, human anatomy and physiology, pathophysiology, and clinical classes, at Grand Valley State University, Davenport University, and Grand Rapids Community College. Additionally, she has developed classroom curriculum, and supervised a biological tutorial laboratory.

Her love of education is translated into other roles and pursuits. Along with curriculum and tutorial labs, she has also developed Service Learning Activities and is part of the human cadaver dissection and management team.

Dr. Kathryn (Katie) Barnhart joins us as an Assistant Professor for the public health program at Grand Valley State University. She received her PhD in Health Behavior, with a minor in mixed methods inquiry, from Indiana University Bloomington's School of Public Health. Additionally, she holds a MPH in Behavioral Science and Health Education and a graduate certificate in Women's Studies from Saint Louis University and a BS in Health Education from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Her dissertation was a community-engaged research project



conducted with a harm reduction provider to explore sexual health, injection drug use, and opiate overdose prevention behaviors. Dr. Barnhart believes it is important to make, and keep, connections between harm reduction and public health practice. Prior to pursuing her doctorate, she gained

experience planning, implementing, and evaluating programs as an HIV Prevention/Education coordinator for an AIDS Service Organization in Southern Illinois.

Dr. Barnhart's current interests include community-engaged learning, mixed methods approaches to community-engaged research, and social network influences on sexual health and harm reduction behaviors. She enjoys teaching public health courses and sharing her passion for community health practice with students. Prior to joining the faculty at GVSU, Dr. Barnhart belonged to research teams at the Center for Sexual Health Promotion at IU and the Prevention Research Center at SLU. Her research experience includes both qualitative and quantitative research on a variety of public health topics. She has worked on community-based participatory research projects and a nationally representative survey.



Dr. Jeffrey Wing joins us as an Assistant Professor for the Public Health program at Grand Valley State University. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan, where he received his Master's of Public Health in Biostatistics and a Ph.D. in Epidemiology.

Prior to completing his doctoral work, Dr. Wing

worked as a statistician on numerous research projects, primarily focusing on health disparities in cardiovascular outcomes. He has experience in clinical trials, education interventions, surveillance, and secondary data analysis.

His current research interests focus on the influence of the physical and social environment on health disparities in stroke.

We are extremely excited to welcome all three to our MPH faculty team!

More Dates of Interest for MPH...

Practicum Deadlines:

Winter 2016 -

Compliance by July 1, 2015

Site Confirmation by Sept. 15, 2015

Spring/Summer 2016 -

Compliance by Nov. 1, 2015

Site Confirmation by Jan 18, 2015

For [more info](#) on Practicum.

CPR Training Opportunities

Provider/Certification (\$55)

July 13 5:30-9pm CHS

Aug 13 8-11:30am CHS

Recertification (\$50)

July 15 6-9pm CHS

Aug 13 12:30-3:30pm CHS

Register [online](#) or call Carol Gates

at (616) 874-8800

Interested in an MPH degree?

Dr. Brew will be hosting **MPH Info Sessions** on both the Allendale and Pew campuses. (Deadline for Fall 2016 Applications is Feb 1, 2016.)

Sept 28 @ 9am (Allendale—Rm [TBA](#))

Sept 29 @ 2pm (CHS—Rm 123)

Sept 30 @ 4pm (DEV—Rm [TBA](#))

Oct 1 @ 12pm (Allendale—Rm [TBA](#))

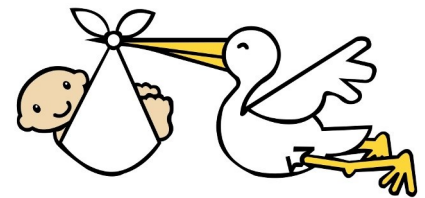
Student Resource

The GVSU Public Health office encourages all MPH students to stop by 515 Michigan to peruse the **Public Health Resource Binder**.

This awesome resource features practicum placement ideas, job postings, volunteer opportunities, and more! New entries and updates are entered into the binder each week, so plan to visit often!

Congratulations Dr. Brew & family!

Dr. Ranelle Brew and her husband welcomed a new life into the world, on June 10, 2015. Little Valentina Diana Lynn arrived at 9:06 am, weighing a healthy 7 pounds, 13 ounces. Momma and baby are doing well and we can't wait to see them—although we hope they are both getting lots of rest and bonding time!



If you need any assistance during Dr. Brew's absence, please don't hesitate to contact the Public Health/MPH office via phone (616-331-5570) or email (mphdept@gvsu.edu).

Alliance for Health

Dr. Claudia Leiras was one of the invited speakers at the [Alliance for Health's First Friday Forum](#) on the topic of Social Determinants of Health on February 6, 2015.

Dr. Leiras gave a talk on "Social Determinants of Health: A Local Perspective." Other invited speakers included Sheryl Weir, Section Manager for the Michigan Department of Community Health, Joe Jones, President & CEO of the Grand Rapids Urban League, and Karyn Pelon, Public Health Educator with the Kent County Health Department.



Dr. Claudia Leiras speaking at the Alliance For Health's First Friday Forum



GV MPH students and Dr. Claudia Leiras attended the Alliance for Health's First Friday Forum, last February

The forum was moderated by Dr. Khan Nedd from Spectrum Health. There were over 200 attendees present, including some of our own public health students, as well as Jodie Seese, our community partner from LoWellness.

The AH forums are designed around key health issues and offered at 8am-10am on the first Friday of the month, September through June.

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Great Lake Chapter, Society for Public Health Education Conference: <http://glcsophe.org/professional-development.html>

GVSU—MPH Information Sessions: <http://www.gvsu.edu/grad/mph/>

APHA Conference: <http://www.apha.org/events-and-meetings/annual>

Grand Valley State University; Graduate Application: <http://gvsu.edu/admissions/graduate-application-24.htm>

Grand Valley State University-Public Health Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/publichealthatgvsu>

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New York City Coalition Against Hunger: <https://nyccah.org/>

Health Disparities Conference at Columbia University: <http://www.tc.columbia.edu/conferences/health-disparities-conference/>

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National Public Health Week (#NPHW): <http://www.nphw.org/>

Healthiest Nation 2030: http://www.nphw.org/assets/images/2015/NPHW_2015_Brochure.pdf

Grand Valley State University-Public Health Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/publichealthatgvsu>

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CDC Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Information: <http://www.cdc.gov/eis/index.html>

Dr. Claudia Leiras email: leirasc@gvsu.edu

Community Benefit of Non-Profit Hospitals; journal article: <http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMsa1210239>

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National Anti-Hunger Policy Conference: <http://www.antihungerpolicyconference.org/>

Hunger in America 2014 Military Service statistics memo: <http://goo.gl/7fPn8z> or direct link: http://help.feedingamerica.org/HungerInAmerica/HIA-2014-Military.pdf?s_src=W156ORGSC&s_referrer=google&s_subsrc=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.feedingamerica.org%2Fhunger-in-america%2Four-research%2Fhunger-in-america%2Fkey-findings.html%3Freferrer%3Dhttps%3A%2F%2Fwww.go

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MPH Info Sessions (for room announcements): <https://www.gvsu.edu/grad/mph/>

Alliance for Health First Friday Forum: <http://afh.org/events/first-friday-forum/>

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GVSU Public Health Society (Student Org.): <https://orgsync.com/76721/chapter>

GVSU PHS Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/publichealthsociety>

2015 MIPERC (Midwest Interprofessional Practice, Education, and Research Center) Health Expo: <https://www.gvsu.edu/miperc/module-events-view.htm?siteModuleId=CC2A9DCC-E136-5129-76FCBCA975732A96&eventId=CC6C48F7-915E-0A5A-D89201DE356CB7DC>

Kids' Food Basket: <http://www.kidsfoodbasket.org/>



Public Health Student Research Day—Summer 2015

Join us on **Monday, August 3, 2015** as our graduating students present their research posters. The event will be held in the Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences (CHS), Room 540, from **11:00 am to 12:00 pm**. Everyone is welcome! We encourage you to attend this event and show your support for our MPH students!

Parking permits will be made available for (non-GVSU) visitors, with prior approval. Permits will be valid for the new Michigan Street lot, adjacent to the CHS building. Please email kosterhe@gvsu.edu or mphdept@gvsu.edu, no later than Thursday, July 30, for more information, or to receive your Visitor Parking pass.

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About Us

The Department of Public Health at Grand Valley State University prepares students, through our new and emerging programs, offering community-based education and research grounded in social justice.

Grand Valley State University's Master of Public Health (MPH), offered by the Department of Public Health, prepares students by enhancing career opportunities through the acquisition of quantitative and qualitative problem solving research skills, service, and experiential learning. Public health professionals promote good health and prevent disease within communities. The MPH provides graduate and community-based education and research grounded in social justice to help meet these goals.

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GVSU Public Health Society



The [GVSU Public Health Society](#) has had an exciting and successful year thus far. The society has participated in several events within GVSU and out in the community. This organization has been a great place for students to interact with like-minded individuals and has allowed them to further develop skills outside of the classroom.

Kicking off winter semester, the society took part in Campus Life Night 2.0, which allowed the members to network with other GVSU Student Organizations that are also passionate about volunteering in the community.

Another exciting event that GVSU-PHS was a part of was the [MIPERC Wellness Expo](#). Society members connected with health expo participants with existing health related resources in the community, learned about roles in specific health professions, and networked with professionals in the field.



PHS Members at Kids' Food Basket

This coming fall, the society plans on sending a large group of members to the National Public Health Conference, (APHA) in Chicago. This will give our students the chance to learn, engage, and network with numerous public health professionals in the field.

The society has other events in the works for this coming fall including a public health professional panel, an apparel fundraising event, and volunteer opportunities such as The Red Project and Make a Difference Day.

The GVSU-PHS is looking forward to the upcoming semester as well as meeting the incoming cohort. Stayed tuned for the dates and times of our fall meetings and events.

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Treasurer: Heidi Sarles
Secretary: Kasie Pickart

In April, GVSU-PHS went into the community and spent a Sunday afternoon volunteering at [Kids' Food Basket](#) in Grand Rapids. Members formed assembly lines to package lunches for children that provided the five food groups, which were delivered to 36 different schools in the Grand Rapids area.

GVSU Public Health Society

MISSION:

Promote the public health profession

Educate students about various opportunities in public health

Provide professional development for students interested in public health careers

Connect students interested in public health with their peers

Improve the health of the Grand Valley State University community through health campaigns, research and policy.

DUES: \$0

MEETINGS: CHS 425
(Summer) June 29, July 27
5:20 pm