The College of Human Medicine

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS Monday Monthly NEWS for November 25, 2013

Newsy Note: Dr. Rappley visited Malawi recently to explore opportunities with their medical school. A team of faculty from Malawi visited campus to meet faculty, students and staff as a next step in creating deeper partnerships between the institutions.

LCME Accreditation Update: The LCME returns to CHM October 19-23, 2014, for our regular accreditation site visit. Student and faculty self-study groups are hard at work. The LCME Self-Study Subcommittees are completing their work at the beginning of December. The LCME Steering Committee will begin work in January to prepare the report for the LCME survey team from the self-study. More information on this report will be presented at the Spring CHM Faculty meeting. All of the materials must be completed for the LCME 90 days prior to their visit which means that the materials will be submitted in mid-July 2014.

More information about accreditation can be found at http://lcme.chm.msu.edu/

Kudos: College of Human Medicine MD/PhD student Melissa Elafros is featured in MSU Today’s “360 Perspective: Voices and Viewpoints” (http://msutoday.msu.edu/360/2013/melissa-elafros-at-home-in-zambia/). Melissa is doing her dissertation research in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics and in collaboration with the University of Zambia. The population she is focusing on is HIV-positive individuals in Lusaka, Zambia, examining the intersection of HIV and epilepsy.

People You Should Know: Drs. Claire Margerison-Zilko and Hector M. Gonzalez have joined the Department of Epidemiology.

Dr. Margerison-Zilko has a PhD in Epidemiology and a MPH in Epidemiology and Biostatistics from the University of California, Berkeley. Her research focuses on understanding the determinants of racial/ethnic and socioeconomic disparities in perinatal and early life health.
Dr. González is an Associate Professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at Michigan State University, College of Human Medicine. Dr. González has clinical and research expertise in the epidemiology of neurodegenerative disorders. His primary research interest is in Latino health.

Challenge: There is disarray in the East Lansing nerd cave.

Solution: The Student Council will help oversee nerd cave etiquette, and the College is working to improve that space for students.

Student-to-Student Pearl: Set aside devoted time over winter break to make summer plans and to apply for scholarships. After a tiring semester, it is going to be very easy to just forget about anything school related. Take a few hours here and there and get a start on your scholarship essay requirements. You will thank yourself when you are less stressed in spring semester. You do not want to have to worry about these items in the thick of spring semester.

Patient Care Pearl: Arthritis is the most common disability among U.S. adults, by some reports affecting over 20% of people over age 18. Greater use of evidence-based interventions, such as self-management education and physical activity interventions such as appropriate exercise regimens might help significantly reduce arthritis morbidity.

New Curriculum Update: The New Curriculum Design Group had several attendees at the recent AAMC annual meeting in Philadelphia earlier this month. Curricular revision-ing is ongoing at many medical schools across the country. The integration of clinical experiences and basic sciences is a theme, and the logistic challenges of providing learners with improved medical education “process” was discussed in many sessions. New curriculum work continues as the members of the Design Group explicate a clearer vision for the Early Clinical Experience which was piloted this last summer. The last New Curriculum Town Hall took place Thursday evening, October 24. The Town Hall was recorded and can be accessed at: http://media.hc.msu.edu/Mediasite/Play/c216a93313c449f29163fc914c59074c1d

Don’t forget there is a New Curriculum website you can visit at: http://curriculum.chm.msu.edu/