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### *AOEC Activities, Announcements, and Funding Opportunities*

One component of the AOEC project in the Gulf Coast is to develop educational materials related to health concerns in the region. The first module, *Benefits & Risks of Seafood Consumption Enduring Material*, has received continuing medical education credits (CME) by Tulane University. It is now available on-line at the Center for Gulf Coast Environmental Health Research, Leadership, and Strategic Initiatives with CME credit available through Tulane University at <http://www.gulfcoastenvironmentalhealth.com/cme-credits>. This module was developed by members of the AOEC member clinic at the University of California San Francisco. The primary authors are Drs. Rachel Roisman and Robert Harrison and Elana Silver.

Several members of the Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit (PEHSU) program participated in the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Children's Health and Environment in Israel, November 20-22, 2013. Their statement on children's health can be viewed at <http://www.inchesnetwork.net/>.

For those of you looking for one last 2013 tax deduction, may we offer three from AOEC? All three can be donated to on-line at <http://www.aoec.org/content/payment.htm>. If you want to send a check to AOEC with the fund in the memo line, we will acknowledge your gift based on the date on the check.

The first is the Cook/Snyder fund. Named in honor of two past AOEC members, these funds are used to support expenses for students/trainees in occupational or environmental health to attend conferences and meetings. The fund's history and origins are explained here [http://www.aoec.org/documents/Cook\\_Snyder\\_Scholarship.pdf](http://www.aoec.org/documents/Cook_Snyder_Scholarship.pdf).

Second, we always need support for the Occupational Health Internship Program (OHIP). These funds are to be used to support summer interns' stipends and/or travel expenses. If you've somehow missed all the previous E-News articles about this great program, please check it out at [www.aoec.org/ohip](http://www.aoec.org/ohip).

Finally, the OEM-List, run since 1993 by Gary Greenberg, MD, MPH is in the midst of its annual subscription campaign. When Gary started the list he was on faculty at Duke University.

He now serves as the medical director for the Urban Ministries of Wake County. Your support helps provide the hardware and software he needs to keep the list functioning.

### *View from Vermont Avenue by Katherine Kirkland, Executive Director*

Washington is in recess at this moment. If you were in town, you'd see more tourists on the Metro than workers. Either that or every other person is celebrating both casual Tuesday and take your children to work day.

One thing Congress and the President did do before scooting out of town was to finally pass not just one but two budgets. Both sides decided to compromise and the budgets approved and signed includes an FY14 spending level at \$1.012 trillion and an FY15 spending at \$1.014 trillion. The important factor is that the bill increases discretionary spending by about \$63 billion above the sequestration levels, with \$45 billion of the increase applied to FY14 and the rest to FY15. This is less than either the President or the Senate wanted but it is a step forward rather than backward. That's the good news. The bad news is all they passed was the total figures for the various segments of government. The real work has been left to the Appropriations Committees. We won't even know how much each major department (Health and Human Services, Defense, EPA, etc.) get until Congress returns in January.

### *New from Federal Agencies*

#### **NIOSH**

##### **Nanotechnology Strategic Plan**

NIOSH has issued "Protecting the Nanotechnology Workforce: NIOSH Nanotechnology Research and Guidance Strategic Plan, 2013–2016," found at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2014-106/>. This plan updates the November 2009 NIOSH strategic plan with knowledge gained from results of ongoing research and is used as a roadmap to advance basic understanding of toxicology and workplace exposures.

##### **Smartphone App Available for Extension Ladder Safety**

NIOSH has developed a free smartphone ladder safety application to help improve the safety of extension ladder users. The application is available for Apple iPhone/iPad and Google Android devices, and is also available in Spanish. The ladder safety application and additional information are available at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/falls>.

##### **Carcinogen Classification and Target Risk Level Policy Document Available for Public Comment**

NIOSH is currently reviewing its cancer (carcinogen) and related Recommended Exposure Limit (REL) policies to ensure that they reflect current scientific and risk management practices. A [draft NIOSH document](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docket/review/docket240A/pdf/EID-CIB-11052013.pdf) (<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docket/review/docket240A/pdf/EID-CIB-11052013.pdf>) is currently available for public comment until February 13, 2014. A public meeting was held on Monday, December 16, 2013 in Washington, DC to allow the public to provide comments and ask questions. Information about providing comments on the draft

document and participating in the public meeting is available in the [Federal Register notice](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docket/review/docket240A/pdf/FRN-2013-273.PDF) (<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docket/review/docket240A/pdf/FRN-2013-273.PDF>).

## **OSHA**

There will be a GS15 opening for a physician advertised shortly. Please keep an eye on <https://www.usajobs.gov/>

## ***Calls for Abstracts***

Abstracts for submission for the "***Current Research in OEM & Resident Research Presentations***" session are now solicited for the Spring American Occupational Health Conference (AOHC) meeting. Submission is now open through February 16, 2014. Submissions will be considered for a 10 minute oral presentation or as a poster presentation. The session will be part of the 2014 AOHC, to be held in San Antonio TX (4/27 to 4/30/2014) The session will be held in the morning of Monday, April 28, 2014. \*\*\* Submission closes on Feb 16th 2014 \*\*\* Fellows, residents and medical students are eligible to submit abstracts detailing current research work in occupational and environmental medicine To submit an abstract, go to [http://acoem.org/aohc2014\\_abstracts.aspx](http://acoem.org/aohc2014_abstracts.aspx) and click on the "OPEN" link to the right of Resident Abstracts: Please contact me if any questions: [jmeyer424@gmail.com](mailto:jmeyer424@gmail.com) or [john.meyer@mssm.edu](mailto:john.meyer@mssm.edu)

## **ISES 2014 Conference Program Call for Abstracts**

You are invited to participate in the 24th International Society of Exposure Science Annual Meeting to be held at the Westin in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 12 – 16, 2014, by submitting an abstract and attending the meeting. The theme of this year's meeting is "Exposure Science Integration to Protect Ecological Systems, Human Well-Being, and Occupational Health." For more details go to: <http://www.ises2014.org/abstracts.html>

## **2014 LRAN Conference Call for Proposals**

The Labor Research Action Network will be having its 4th annual conference in Washington, D.C. on June 16-17, 2014. The LRAN conference is an opportunity for academics, labor leaders, activists, and supporters to think creatively and daringly about the future of the labor movement. It's a space to question fundamental assumptions, reflect critically on victories and challenges, and propose new pathways that can propel our movement forward. We are particularly interested in joint presentations with academics and practitioners who have collaborated on research and organizing projects. LRAN is now accepting proposals for panels, papers, and posters. All proposals are due February 15, 2014. For more information: <http://www.lranetwork.org/events/view/2>

## **[Positions Available](#)**

### **Associate Industrial Hygienist Occupational Lead Poisoning Prevention Program California Department of Public Health-Deadline December 31**

Under the general supervision of the Research Scientist Supervisor I, Chief, Technical Support and Education Unit, Occupational Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (OLPPP), the Associate

Industrial Hygienist (AIH) is a team member in the multidisciplinary research, occupational lead poisoning surveillance, and educational efforts of the Program. The AIH acts as technical consultant to employers, workers, local health departments, and to Program and Branch staff to prevent occupational illness, disease, and injuries, with a particular emphasis on lead-using industries. The position requires in-depth knowledge of and experience with assessing and controlling workplace exposures in lead-using industries; conducting site visits, intervention studies, and data/sample collection; and recommending corrective actions for lead safety. The position requires knowledge of lead-using industries, processes, and operations for the purpose of evaluating and processing applications for waivers of the Occupational Lead Poisoning Fee. In addition, the AIH contributes to industry-specific intervention projects on the adoption of safer alternatives to lead in target industries; assists in preparation of reports, educational materials, and peer-reviewed journal articles on occupational hazards; and represents OLPPP at professional meetings. [http://jobs.spb.ca.gov/spb1/vpos1/vadmin\\_moreinfo.cfm?recno=535992](http://jobs.spb.ca.gov/spb1/vpos1/vadmin_moreinfo.cfm?recno=535992)

### **Occupational and Environmental Faculty Position-Tyler, TX**

The Department of Occupational Health Sciences at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler (UTHSCT) is seeking candidates for a full-time, faculty position available at the Assistant/Associate Professor level commensurate with experience. Faculty in occupational and environmental medicine at UTHSCT precept Occupational Medicine residents in a teaching clinic that is an AOEC (Association of Occupational and Environmental Clinics) member clinic, participate in an academic training program, and provide occupational medicine services to a variety of local businesses. The position will be responsible for numerous academic and clinical programs as assigned by the Department Chair. This is a competitive, non-tenure appointment.

The successful candidate will have a strong track record of clinical experience and a desire to make a difference with a team-based philosophy. Candidates should possess an MD degree, hold current board certified in Occupational Medicine/Preventive Medicine by the American Board of Preventive Medicine, and be eligible for Texas medical licensure. The successful candidate must be willing to develop an active occupational medicine clinical practice and participate in the Departments numerous academic and clinical programs as assigned by the Department Chair.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Interested applicants should e-mail or fax a current CV and arrange for three letters of reference to: Jeffrey L. Levin, M.D., M.S.P.H., Professor and Chair, Department of Occupational Health Sciences, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler, 11937 U.S. Highway 271, Tyler, Texas 75708-3154, (903) 877-5900 Fax: (903) 877-7982 E-mail: [jeffrey.levin@uthct.edu](mailto:jeffrey.levin@uthct.edu)

### **Occupational and Environmental Medicine Residency Program Director, Saint Paul, MN**

We are actively recruiting a Residency Director (RD) for the HealthPartners/University of Minnesota Occupational Medicine Residency Program, one of the oldest and largest OEM programs in the country. Required qualifications: M.D. degree and current MN medical license. Residency Training and Board Certification in Occupational and Environmental Medicine; Effective teaching and communication skills and ability to work with all disciplines and levels of professionals within a large multi-specialty medical group. The ideal candidate would have at least five (5) years recent experience as a practicing OEM physician and three (3) years' experience in programmatic and managerial leadership, as well as OEM education and research

experience.

The Residency Director position could be part-time or full-time. Minimum time requirement is .6 FTE (.4 FTE for RD duties, and .2 FTE in clinic providing comprehensive OEM care). Another .4 FTE is available for clinical duties if desired. Academic and research affiliation with the University of Minnesota School of Public Health may also be possible. The RD will also assist the Occupational Medicine Department Head with HealthPartners system-wide occupational medicine processes, policies and business development (there are four full-time OEM clinics in the dynamic not-for-profit HealthPartners system.) A highly competitive compensation and benefits package is provided.

For further information, please contact Paula Geiger, Program Administrator at 651-293-8269 or via email at [Paula.a.geiger@healthpartners.com](mailto:Paula.a.geiger@healthpartners.com) or [www.healthpartners.com](http://www.healthpartners.com)

### **Occupational Health/Industrial Hygiene -Environmental Health Sciences UCLA Fielding**

School of Public Health Position as Assistant/Associate Professor in Residence (non-tenure track) in Environmental Health Sciences to create a research and teaching program in an occupational health related field such as industrial hygiene, ergonomics, occupational safety, and occupational or injury epidemiology. The candidate must have an earned Doctor of Philosophy degree or equivalent. Being a Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH), obtained at the latest by July 1, 2014, is also necessary. The Faculty member will work within the UCLA Industrial Hygiene Program of the NIOSH Southern California Education and Research Center. The candidate is expected to develop a strong extramurally funded research program that generates 50% of salary after the negotiated initial full-salary support period. A track record and focus in occupational health-related research and teaching are advantageous. The Department is interested in candidates who have experience working with students from diverse backgrounds and a demonstrated commitment to improving access to higher education for disadvantaged students. The Search Committee will begin its review on February 15, 2014. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. To be assured full consideration, applicants should submit a CV, a personal statement on their proposed research and teaching, a cover letter, and the name and contact information of 3 references at: <https://recruit.apo.ucla.edu/apply/JPF00129>. Informal Inquiries can be submitted to The Chair of the Search Committee, Professor Shane Que Hee, UCLA Industrial Hygiene Program Director, Department of Environmental Health Sciences, Jonathan and Karin Fielding School of Public Health, University of California at Los Angeles, 650 Charles Young Drive South, Los Angeles 90095-1772; Phone: (310)206-7388; Fax: (310)794-2106; [squehee@ucla.edu](mailto:squehee@ucla.edu) (preferred)

### **Director of the Northeastern IPM Center (Senior Extension Associate) College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY**

The director leads the Northeastern IPM Center to fulfill its mission of fostering integrated pest management in the region in ways that generate economic, environmental, and human health benefits. This full-time (40 hr/wk) professional works in partnership with stakeholders from agricultural, urban, and rural settings to help them identify and address priorities for research, education, and outreach in the Northeast (for a complete job description:

<http://www.northeastipm.org/neipm/assets/File/News/Position-Description-NEIPM-Center-Director.docx>).

**Qualifications:** A master's degree from an accredited institution in an IPM-related field; enthusiasm; an ability to effectively interact and communicate orally and in writing; talent in leading teams of staff and other ad hoc groups; willingness to travel; five years of relevant experience in education, entomology, plant pathology, IPM, or Cooperative Extension.

**Application:** Please apply by email to Nancy Cusumano ([nec2@cornell.edu](mailto:nec2@cornell.edu)) with:

1. a 2–3 page letter to the search committee with answers to the these questions:
  - Why do you think you are uniquely qualified to direct the Northeastern IPM Center?
  - What attributes do you have that would enable you to succeed in this position?
  - Looking to the future, what opportunities exist for IPM in the next five years?
  - How do you envision growing the IPM community or expanding its contribution?
2. a resume or CV;
3. contact information for three references and a brief description of how you know each.

Candidates who are asked for an interview should be prepared to provide transcripts from their educational institutions. Review of applications will begin January 6, 2014, and continue until a suitable candidates is found. The anticipated start date is April, 2014. Salary will be competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience. Attractive fringe benefits are included.

### **Industrial Hygienist King Abdullah University of Science & Technology**

The King Abdullah University of Science & Technology (KAUST <http://www.kaust.edu.sa>) in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has an opening for the position of Industrial Hygienist. KAUST is a young university (~4 years old) located in the town of Thuwal on the coast of the Red Sea. The university is a graduate-only research institution and is growing very fast. The university currently has about 75 laboratories and has plans to double the capacity over the next couple of years. Additionally, a research park is currently under construction on campus. You can find more information on the research park here:

[http://www.kaust.edu.sa/economic\\_development/park/intro.html](http://www.kaust.edu.sa/economic_development/park/intro.html)

You can see more details and apply online by pointing to:

<http://www.kaust.edu.sa/employment/employment.html> and search for job opening #2556BR - Industrial Hygienist. If you have any questions about what it is like living and working in Saudi Arabia, then feel free to email Jerry Gordon directly at [jpg29@cornell.edu](mailto:jpg29@cornell.edu) .

### **Assistant Professor University of New Mexico**

Position in the Internal Medicine Division: Division of Epidemiology, Biostatistics, and Preventive Medicine, The Center for Occupational and Environmental Health Promotion (COEHP). The University of New Mexico, Health Sciences Center, Department of Internal Medicine, seeks a faculty member to join The Center for Occupational and Environmental Health Promotion (COEHP) in the Division of Epidemiology, Biostatistics, and Preventive Medicine. This position is at the Assistant Professor rank and on the Clinician Educator track. The position includes the medical directorship of the UNM employee health clinical services and teaching in the UNM General Preventive Medicine Residency Program. Salary will be commensurate with experience and education. Minimum Requirements: 1) Must be board certified/board eligible in Preventive Medicine (Occupational Medicine or General Preventive

Medicine); 2) Preventive Medicine Residency Trained; and 3) Must be eligible to work in the U.S. (this is not a J1 Visa opportunity). Desirable Qualifications: 1) Current experience in occupational medicine clinical care; 2) Experience in administrative occupational medicine; 3) Experience in teaching occupational medicine and employee health; and 4) Current experience with employee health. This position may be subject to a criminal records screening in accordance with New Mexico law.

The position is open until filled. For complete description and application requirements for Posting #0822691. Please see the UNM jobs application system at: <https://unmjobs.unm.edu>. Notice: A complete application includes a CV and Cover Letter.

Inquiries may be directed to Denece Kesler, MD, MPH, Director, UNM Center for Occupational and Environmental Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine Residency Program, Department of Internal Medicine, University of New Mexico ([DKesler@salud.unm.edu](mailto:DKesler@salud.unm.edu)).

*UNM's confidential policy ("Disclosure of Information about Candidates for Employment," UNM Board of Regents' Policy Manual 6.7), which includes information about public disclosure of documents submitted by applicants, is located at <http://www.unm.edu/~brpm/r67.htm>.*

### **Center for Asbestos Related Disease-Physician**

The Center for Asbestos Related Disease (CARD) is recruiting a physician who is passionate about pulmonary occupational and environmental medicine for clinical patient care and asbestos disease research collaboration. In the northwest corner of Montana, CARD has emerged as a national center of excellence in addressing health care and health research associated with Libby amphibole asbestos. CARD is a non-profit clinic generated by community response to the nation's first and only Public Health Emergency.

Clinical care of the Libby amphibole cohort allows a unique depth of understanding of asbestos disease, over the course of individual progression and over generations. This unique perspective translates into informed research opportunities, increasing the chance of developing meaningful therapeutic intervention. To facilitate this research CARD maintains key relationships with established academic and institutional research partners within a globally comparative field of environmental fiber exposure. In addition to advancing the science of ARD, providers maintain a part-time clinical schedule managing advanced asbestos disease as well as supporting a national asbestos health screening program. Two medical providers and a team of twenty staff members provide holistic patient care, including counseling services, respiratory therapy and nurse case management.

CARD is an outpatient clinic, open Monday through Thursday, with no call requirements, serving an expanding patient population of 4,000. Our location on the beautiful Kootenai River, amongst mountainous wilderness, makes this opportunity a surprising combination of academic stimulation, rewarding patient care, and personal quality of life for those who enjoy outdoor recreational opportunities. For further information on this career opportunity: Michelle Boltz, NP-C 406.293.9274, ext 136 [Michelle@libbyasbestos.org](mailto:Michelle@libbyasbestos.org) or go to [www.libbyasbestos.org](http://www.libbyasbestos.org)

**Senior Safety and Health Specialist AFL-CIO Headquarters, Washington, DC**

The AFL-CIO Safety and Health Department advocates and work for stronger worker safety and health protections and worker rights primarily through federal and state regulatory and legislative activities. The department plays a leadership role in the safety and health community in the development of safety and health policies and initiatives. It has a small staff, broad responsibilities and is involved in a wide range of safety and health issues and initiatives.

The Senior Safety and Health Specialist works closely with affiliates, safety and health advocates and other AFL-CIO departments to coordinate the development of policy positions and strategies on key safety and health regulatory actions and other safety and health initiatives. The safety and health specialist also provides support and assistance to the federation's organizing program.

The Senior Safety and Health specialist also represents the AFL-CIO before government agencies, serves on federal advisory committees, prepares and presents testimony before government agencies, conducts research on and writes reports on safety and health issues and upon request participates in union safety and health training and education workshops and conferences. For additional information contact: AFL-CIO Human Resources Department 815 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20006 or apply at:

<http://aflcio.hirecentric.com/jobs/>

### **Associate Medical Director-California**

The California Division of Workers' Compensation is recruiting an Associate Medical Director. The successful physician candidate will work primarily on some of the innovative new changes that resulted from recent legislation, Senate Bill 863, to enhance medical decision making in the delivery of care to ill and injured workers, rapid resolution of billing disputes between medical providers and payers, and various other statewide issues. This is a great opportunity for an appropriately qualified physician who is interested in being part of significant workers' compensation reform, including ensuring rapid delivery of excellent medical care for work-related illnesses and injuries in an otherwise litigious system. Further details about anticipated job duties and information on how to apply for the position are available at:

[http://jobs.spb.ca.gov/wvpos/more\\_info.cfm?recno=525956](http://jobs.spb.ca.gov/wvpos/more_info.cfm?recno=525956)

### **Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work-Associate/Full Professor Chair Department of Environmental and Occupational Health**

Florida International University is a comprehensive university offering 340 majors in 188 degree programs in 23 colleges and schools. For more information about FIU, visit [www.fiu.edu](http://www.fiu.edu). The Department of Environmental and Occupational Health (EOH) in the RSCPHSW at Florida International University invites applications for a departmental Chair position with tenure. The focus of the Department of EOH is on training and research in environmental health and related issues, and both the Department and College have strong collaborations with other colleges and research centers, including the colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Engineering, and Arts and Sciences. The Department offers certificate, M.P.H. and Ph.D. degrees.

**Qualifications:** Candidates must possess an earned doctorate in environmental and occupational health or a related discipline. A successful candidate will have a broad knowledge and experience in issues related to environmental and occupational health, have administrative experience in an academic setting, have external research funding, and be prepared to engage in collaborative research in a multi-disciplinary public health setting. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. **Responsibilities:** The Chair of EOH will participate in the governance and

management of the College as a member of the Executive Committee. The Chair will provide active leadership in the Department, including periodic evaluation of the Department's curriculum and research activities. Responsibilities also include research, teaching, advising graduate students, serving on thesis and dissertation committees, and serving the university, professional, and public health practice communities. For questions regarding this position, please contact Dr. Wasim Maziak at [wmaziak@fiu.edu](mailto:wmaziak@fiu.edu). Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. The selection and review process will begin May 10, 2013 and will remain open until the position is filled. To apply please visit us on-line at [https://pslinks.fiu.edu/psp/jobs/CUSTOMER/HRMS/c/HRS\\_HRAM.HRS\\_CE.GBL?Page=HRS\\_CE\\_HM\\_PRE&Action=A&SiteId=1000](https://pslinks.fiu.edu/psp/jobs/CUSTOMER/HRMS/c/HRS_HRAM.HRS_CE.GBL?Page=HRS_CE_HM_PRE&Action=A&SiteId=1000) and refer to Job Opening #505728. It is recommended you submit all required documents (i.e., CV, letter of reference, etc.) in one pdf file. FIU is a member of the State University System of Florida.

### *Fellowships*

#### **Pediatric Environmental Health Fellowship – The University of Washington Division of General Pediatrics**

The fellowship is funded through the [University of Washington's NRSA Primary Care Fellowship](#) in conjunction with general internal medicine and family medicine. Grant funding is provided by the National Institute of Health and administered by the Public Health Service Health Resources and Services Administration. Fellows participating in this are eligible for the NIH loan repayment program. We provide two years training in research methods, research experience with an established investigator, and the opportunity to enroll concurrently in the Master of Public Health program. Fellows assume a precepting role in one of our pediatric residency clinics and provide consultations in our Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit (PEHSU).

The UW Division of General Pediatrics and the affiliated Center for Child Health, Behavior and Development of Seattle Children's Research Institute, the Child Health Institute of the University of Washington, the Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center, and the Northwest Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit provide rich and diverse mentoring opportunities for Pediatric NRSA fellows. Potential applicants can access further information and apply on the website: <http://nrsafellowship.weebly.com/>

#### **Fellowship Training Program in Pediatric Environmental Health – Mount Sinai School of Medicine**

The Mount Sinai School of Medicine invites qualified applicants (MD or PhD) to apply for a 3-year post-residency/postdoctoral fellowship training program in Pediatric Environmental Health sponsored by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD). This program provides training in epidemiology, biostatistics, toxicology, risk assessment and preventive medicine, and includes course work leading to a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree. The capstone of the fellowship is a mentored research experience that is intended to train fellows in the successful conduct of research and will lead to the production of publishable manuscripts. The mentored research project serves also as the basis for each fellow's MPH thesis. Fellows gain additional training in clinical research, policy development and evidence-based advocacy. Clinically trained fellows will gain clinical experience in environmental

pediatrics through the Agency Toxic Substance and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) supported Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit. The goal of the program is to produce future research leaders in the emerging field of pediatric environmental health who will be positioned to lead the National Children's Study and populate academic health centers across the United States. Up to two positions are available each academic year. Members of under-represented minorities are strongly encouraged to apply. For a brochure or other information, contact [Damiris.Perez@mssm.edu](mailto:Damiris.Perez@mssm.edu) or phone 212-824-7109.

### *Conferences and Meetings*

#### **34th Annual Occupational Safety and Health Winter Institute**

**January 26 – 31, 2014**

**Orlando, FL**

The Winter Institute is an integral and long established part of the Continuing Education Program at the North Carolina Occupational Safety and Health Education and Research Center (NC OSHERC) at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The Winter Institute offers a week-long interdisciplinary conference with over 30 courses varying in length from one to five days. Occupational Health Nurses and Physicians, Safety Professionals, Industrial Hygienists and others with an interest in community and occupational health are encouraged to attend. The annual Winter and Summer Institutes provide the opportunity to complete the requirements for three Technician Certificate Programs (IH, Safety, and Environmental).

<http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/continuing-education/institutes/winter14/index.html>

#### **Health and Safety in the Arts**

**January 26 - February 2, 2014**

**Cuba**

University of Illinois at Chicago and the Performing Arts Medicine Association announce "Health and Safety in the Arts in Cuba - research program". More on this program can be found at [www.artsmed.org/cubaprogram.html](http://www.artsmed.org/cubaprogram.html).

#### **Work, Health, and Well-Being:**

##### **Integrating Wellness and Occupational Health and Safety in the Workplace**

**January 27-29, 2014**

**Boston, MA**

This is a three day course at Harvard School of Public Health designed to help participants improve employee health outcomes through integrated occupational health, safety, and wellness initiatives. Information at <https://ecpe.sph.harvard.edu/WHW>

#### **The Basics, Emerging Issues and Other Occupational and Preventive Medicine Matters**

**January 31-February 1, 2014**

**Aurora, CO**

Co-sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Academy of Occupational and Environmental Medicine Conference and the Mountain and Plains Education and Research Center. Save the Date.

#### **2014 Good Jobs, Green Jobs National Conference**

**February 10-11, 2014**

**Washington, DC**

This Conference is the nation's leading forum for sharing ideas and strategies for building a clean economy that creates good jobs, addresses climate change and puts America back at the forefront of clean energy and clean economy innovation. <http://greenjobsconference.org/logistics>

**OSHA Respirator Essentials and fit Testing**

**February 10, 2014**

**Chapel Hill, NC**

This one day course is designed for every health and safety professional involved in respiratory protection. OSHA requirements for a respiratory protection program will be reviewed and hands-on workshops will provide practical experience in both quantitative and qualitative fit testing. At the satisfactory completion of this course, you will receive a Certificate of Completion for Respiratory Fit Testing.

<http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/continuing-education/courses/osha-resp-essentials.html>

**Supervising Asbestos Abatement Projects – Refresher Course**

**February 11, 2014**

**Chapel Hill, NC**

This is an EPA- and North Carolina-approved AHERA course that is required to maintain certification as a supervisor of asbestos products.

<http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/continuing-education/courses/supervising-asbestos-abatement-refresher.html>

**Building Inspection for Asbestos - Refresher Course**

**February 12, 2014**

**Chapel Hill, NC**

This is an EPA- and North Carolina-approved AHERA course that is required to maintain certification as a building inspector for asbestos.

<http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/continuing-education/courses/building-inspection-for-asbestos-refresher.html>

**Management Planning for Asbestos - Refresher Course**

**February 12, 2014**

**Chapel Hill, NC**

This is an EPA- and North Carolina-approved AHERA course that is required to maintain certification as a management planner for asbestos.

<http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/continuing-education/courses/management-planning-for-asbestos-refresher.html>

**Designing Asbestos Abatement - Refresher Course**

**February 13, 2014**

**Chapel Hill, NC**

This is an EPA- and North Carolina-approved AHERA course that is required to maintain certification as a project designer of asbestos abatement.

<http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/continuing-education/courses/designing-asbestos-abatement-refresher.html>

### **Managing Ambulatory Health Care**

**February 17-20, 2014**

**Austin, TX**

The course is an exciting collaboration between Migrant Clinicians Network and the National Association of Community Health Centers. Over one thousand clinicians have completed this continually updated program, consistently rating it excellent for its practicality in the clinical setting, sensitivity to the needs of community health center physicians, and timeliness. MCN will be augmenting the established content with our expertise in Global and Migration Health. Click here for registration information.

### **Occupational and Environmental Factors in Infectious Disease and Updates in Occupational Health**

**March 6-8, 2014**

**San Francisco, CA**

Sponsored by the Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Department of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco, and the Northern California Center for Occupational and Environmental Health (COEH).

<http://www.ucsfcmec.com/2014/MDM14N01/info.html#overview>.

Online registration [www.cme.ucsf.edu](http://www.cme.ucsf.edu), Course information: 415-476-4251

### **Supervising Asbestos Abatement Projects – Initial Course**

**March 10-14, 2014**

**Chapel Hill, NC**

This 4 1/2 day, EPA approved course provides a comprehensive discussion of the practices and procedures used in asbestos abatement projects. It is designed to meet the OSHA requirement for a "competent person" and the EPA requirement for an "accredited supervisor" to supervise asbestos abatement projects. Includes techniques on set-up, sampling, respiratory protection and other key aspects to assist in understanding the principles and practices of worker health and safety in asbestos-related work.

<http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/continuing-education/courses/supervising-asbestos-abatement.html>

### **Central States Occupational and Environmental Medicine Association Seminars**

**March 13-15, 2014**

**Lisle, IL**

Please join us for our 2014 Spring Seminars: "Occupational Medicine: Where Medicine Meets the Workplace" on Thursday, March 13, 2014 and the 90th annual spring seminar, "Transcending the Horizons" on Friday & Saturday, March 14-15, 2014. To register, please access [www.csoema.org/registration.asp](http://www.csoema.org/registration.asp) Final program will be posted later. Watch the [CSOEMA website](http://www.csoema.org) for updates on the brochure (upper left corner on home page-future seminars).

**Occupational Health Nursing: An Introduction and Review of Principles and Practice  
March 17-20, 2014**

**Chapel Hill, NC**

This course will provide the basic principles and concepts of occupational health nursing practice. Emphasis will be on the nurse's role as a member of the occupational health team, development of an occupational health service, prevention of injury and disease, health promotion of adults, and protection of worker populations. The content is designed for nurses who are new to occupational health nursing or those who have had a limited scope of practice but desire to expand that scope of environmental and occupational health nursing practice.

**Respiratory Protection for Nurses (Optional addition to Occupational Health Nursing: An Introduction and Review of Principles and Practice)**

**March 20, 2014**

**Chapel Hill, NC**

This course is an optional addition to the introductory course and provides an additional 3.5 contact hours (no partial credit can be awarded). This class will provide instruction in Qualitative Fit Testing and includes hands-on class participation.

**Comprehensive Industrial Hygiene (CIH) Review Course**

**March 24-28, 2014**

**Chapel Hill, NC**

This 4 1/2 day course is designed to provide a comprehensive review of the field of industrial hygiene through lectures by qualified faculty with extensive experience in industrial hygiene and related areas. This course is specifically designed to assist industrial hygienists in preparing to sit for the CIH examination. This course will provide you with an oversight of the areas that will be the focus of your exam preparation efforts and highlight any weak areas you may have. **Others needing a comprehensive review of the field of industrial hygiene are also encouraged to attend. This course is not intended for entry level industrial hygienists. Attendees must have a basic understanding of mathematics, statistics and chemistry.**

<http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/continuing-education/courses/comprehensive-industrial-hygiene-review.html>

**Respirator Selection & Development of Cartridge Change Out Schedules**

**March 26-27, 2014**

**Cincinnati, OH**

Registration and information at [www.DrMcKay.com](http://www.DrMcKay.com).

**Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM) Review Course**

**March 31 – April 3, 2014**

**Chapel Hill, NC**

The **4-day** Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM) Review Course is designed to provide a review of the major subject areas defined by the [Institute of Hazardous Materials Management](http://www.inh.gov/). Attendees are assumed to have a basic understanding of the fundamentals of each of these subject areas. <http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/continuing-education/courses/chmm-review.html>

**The National Healthy Homes Conference (NHHC)**

**May 28-30, 2014**

**Nashville, TN**

For more information, please contact us at: [info@healthyhomesconference.org](mailto:info@healthyhomesconference.org), 1-888-644-2586, or go to <http://www.healthyhomesconference.org>.

**AIHce 2014 + Stewardship Evolution & Journey to a Safer Tomorrow**

**May 31-June 5, 2014**

**San Antonio, TX**

[www.aihce2014.org](http://www.aihce2014.org)

**USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium**

**June 10-12, 2014**

**Raleigh, NC**

Visit <http://symposium.phscof.org> for all of the details on the Call for Abstracts

**Canadian Occupational Health Nurses Association Conference**

**September 30 – October 1, 2014**

**Saint John, New Brunswick**

Save the date!

**AIHA Fall Conference 2014**

**October 18-22, 2014**

**Washington, DC**

[www.aihafallconference.org](http://www.aihafallconference.org)

**2014 Asia Pacific OH Conference + Exhibition**

**November 4-6, 2014**

**Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

[www.aihaap.org](http://www.aihaap.org)

***Ongoing Educational Courses***

**Masters' and Doctoral Training Opportunities**

**Midwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety Education and Research Center**

**University Of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota**

The mission of the Midwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety (MCOHS) Education and Research Center (ERC) is to ensure a Center of Excellence that provides: 1) cutting-edge interdisciplinary academic and research training to prepare exceptional leaders who make significant contributions to the field of occupational health and safety and 2) continuing education to prepare occupational health and safety professionals to address current and emerging threats to the nation's workforce. This ERC, one of 18 nationwide, was designed in response to a mandate of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) -- to provide an adequate supply of qualified personnel to carry out the purposes of the Occupational Health and Safety Act and reduce the national burden of work-related injury and illness. The

MCOHS provides graduate degree programs, continuing education and outreach activities, and serves as a regional resource for industry, labor, federal, state, and local government agencies, agriculture, and other interested parties. Graduates are prepared to assume positions in various institutions including: academic institutions; corporate and industrial settings; health agencies; and health care facilities, among others. Visit the MCOHS ERC Homepage: <http://www.mcohs.umn.edu> or Call toll free: 1-877-36- MCOHS (1-877-366-2647). MCOHS ERC Director: Susan Goodwin Gerberich, PhD ([gerbe001@umn.edu](mailto:gerbe001@umn.edu)) .*Tuition and stipends are available to eligible applicants.*

***The degree programs and respective websites are:***

*Occupational Injury Prevention Research Training Program*

<http://www.mcohs.umn.edu/academics/oiprt/introduction.html>

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<http://www.mcohs.umn.edu/academics/oem/introduction.html>

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(Website in Progress)

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<http://www.mcohs.umn.edu/academics/oehn/introduction.html>

*Occupational Health Services Research and Policy*

<http://www.mcohs.umn.edu/academics/ohsrp/introduction.html>

**Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene Online**

**January 8-April 25, 2014**

**NC Occupational Safety and Health Research Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

This course closely follows the Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene course presented face-to-face at annual [Summer and Winter Institutes](#) presented by the NC OSHERC at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The online course is a self-paced course to be completed within the dates above. This course is an introduction to the basic concepts of Industrial Hygiene. If you have recently assumed Industrial Hygiene responsibilities or you have experience in other aspects of Safety, Health or Environmental areas and would like to learn more about Industrial Hygiene, then this is the course for you. The course participants will become familiar with the basic terminology, calculation methods, essential concepts and key principles involved in the practice of Industrial Hygiene.

<http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/continuing-education/courses/industrial-hygiene-fundamentals-online.html>

**Online Master's Degree: Occupational Health Nursing**

**North Carolina Occupation Safety and Health Education and Research Center**

**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

**Occupational Health Nursing**

Master's in Public Health in the Occupational Health Nursing concentration via distance education from The University of North Carolina @ Chapel Hill is only a click away. You can attend classes online anytime of the day or night. Tuition assistance is available. For more information contact Susan Randolph ([susan.randolph@unc.edu](mailto:susan.randolph@unc.edu)) or Bonnie Rogers

([rogersb@email.unc.edu](mailto:rogersb@email.unc.edu)) and visit our website:

[http://www.sph.unc.edu/phlp/distance\\_mph\\_in\\_occupational\\_health\\_nursing\\_2083\\_7115.html](http://www.sph.unc.edu/phlp/distance_mph_in_occupational_health_nursing_2083_7115.html)

Earn a Certificate in Occupational Health Nursing via distance education from The University of North Carolina @ Chapel Hill. Earn 11 – 12 academic credits in 12 months, which could be transferred into the MPH Program. You can attend classes online anytime of the day or night. For more information contact Kathleen Buckheit ([buckheit@email.unc.edu](mailto:buckheit@email.unc.edu)) or Bonnie Rogers ([rogersb@email.unc.edu](mailto:rogersb@email.unc.edu)) and visit our website:

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**Continuing education for occupational health nurses:** <http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/continuing-education/courses/occupational-health-nursing-courses.html>

### **Online Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene**

Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene is now being offered online. This course closely follows the Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene course presented face-to-face at annual [Summer and Winter Institutes](#) presented by the NC OSHERC at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The next session begins January 8, 2014. See website for details:

<http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/continuing-education/courses/industrial-hygiene-fundamentals-online.html>

### **California Department of Public Health Online Courses**

Nurses/physicians/industrial hygienists: CDPH is offering free continuing medical education courses online. Learn about work-related and childhood lead exposure, Coccidioidomycosis (Valley Fever) and mercury. You can get units through [these informative one-hour courses](#).

<http://us5.campaign-archive1.com/?u=4586a1ad0b7ecd671f7295e07&id=cb39e933f7&e=%5bUNIQID>

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**CIH Online- Register Now!**

The Mountain and Plains Education and Research Center is pleased to announce CIH Online. CIH Online exam review and maintenance courses offer practicing industrial hygienists studying for the Certified Industrial Hygiene Exam and safety professionals seeking ABIH and/or BCSP credits an advantage by providing you 24/7 access, peer-to-peer networking, community discussion boards and instructor-led online review sessions. Course are eligible for IH contact hours, IH Ethics contact hours and COC (Continuance of Certification) points through the BCSP. Visit [www.CIHonline.org](http://www.CIHonline.org) for more information and to register today!

**Nursing CNE Activities on Asthma Triggers**

In conjunction with Dr. Helen Miner, Director of AHEC and Dr. Barbara Huggins from “Dose of Health” CBS 19, the Southwest Center for Pediatric Environmental Health developed two continuing education courses targeted toward school nurses. Both courses discuss asthma triggers and asthma management techniques. The Asthma Primer course is designed to provide a medical knowledge base of the disease and provide resources and tools for management of the disease in the school setting. After this program the school nurse should be able to identify causes, signs, and symptoms of asthma and be able to identify asthma triggers and their impact on learning. The school nurse will also be able to identify how their school can become asthma-friendly environments, control asthma episodes, and manage asthma in students. The Asthma Triggers course goes into depth, describing different categories of asthma triggers and how they can be identified. Both courses stress the importance of utilizing an Asthma Management Plan that is personalized for each child. You can access the courses free of charge at [www.swcpeh.org/providers\\_ceupres.asp](http://www.swcpeh.org/providers_ceupres.asp)

So far over 80 continuing nursing education units have been awarded to over 40 school districts in Texas. However, the courses are eligible to be taken by any healthcare professional in the

United States. If you have any questions regarding the courses, you may contact the program administrator, Shannon Cox at 903-877-5045 or at [shannon.cox@uthct.edu](mailto:shannon.cox@uthct.edu).

### **The New England College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (NECOEM)**

NECOEM has uploaded several lectures given at the December 2011 Annual NECOEM Conference held in Boston, MA. These podcast lectures and handouts are free of charge and are available by going to the following link: [www.necoem.libsyn.com](http://www.necoem.libsyn.com). You may also find these lectures on the NECOEM page on Itunes.

1. Work Related Concussions: Evaluation, Management and Return to Work Success (Stuart Glassman, MD) 2. Doctor: Can I Work Despite My Heart Attack, Back Pain, Psychosis? (James Talmage, MD) 3. What Mind Body Medicine Can Do for You and Your Patients (Herbert Benson, MD) 4. Carpal Tunnel Syndrome: How Overdiagnosis and Flawed Causation Analysis Contribute to Poor Outcomes in Worker's Compensation (James Talmage, MD) 5. Prevention of Laboratory Animal Allergy (Gregg Stave, MD, JD) 6. The Challenges of Return to Work After Hip or Knee Replacement (panel: D.Ward, MD; J. Montana, PT; L. Sorafine, JD) 7. Fitness for Duty and ADA Issues in the Compromised Worker (Carolyn Langer, MD, JD) 8. Opportunities and Challenges of Onsite Clinics (panel: A. Rodgers, MD; R. Haugen, COHN-S; G. Salgueiro, RD) 9. Childhood Lead Poisoning (Paul Hunter) 10. Managing Workplace Safety and Medical Marijuana (panel: P.Lowe, JD; D. Ciullo)

### **Free Online CME Course for Health Care Providers – Adult Lead Poisoning**

The California Department of Public Health's Occupational Lead Poisoning Prevention Program is pleased to announce a new online course - *Overview of Adult/Occupational Lead Poisoning in California*. Based on the latest health information about lead poisoning, this course:

- Describes the problem of adult lead poisoning
- Uses a case to illustrate issues and challenges in diagnosing lead poisoning in adult patients
- Offers guidelines for providing state-of-the-art clinical management of adult lead poisoning
- Provides an overview of the medical responsibilities under OSHA Lead Standards

While developed for a California audience, the material in this course is applicable to anyone interested in the care of lead-exposed adults. Course available at:

<https://chtapps.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/servlet/QaStudy?tid=269>

### **US-Mexico Border Health Training Opportunity**

The South Texas Environmental Education and Research (STEER) Program of the University of Texas School of Medicine-San Antonio (UTSOMSA) provides in vivo training experiences at the US-Mexico Border for medical students, residents and other health professionals in an unique and informative setting. STEER engages nearly 100 instructors, most of them volunteers, including health department leaders, community healthcare workers, and professors, to teach the dozens of half to full-day segments that make up the 4-week program.

STEER program is offered monthly if there are at least three qualified applicants. Limit of 10 students per rotation. See the website <http://steer.uthscsa.edu> for information and a downloadable application, or contact directly: [steer@uthscsa.edu](mailto:steer@uthscsa.edu).

## **NIOSH Approved Spirometry Courses**

All the currently approved NIOSH spirometry courses which are available are listed at <http://www2a.cdc.gov/drds/spirometry/schedule.asp>

## **Education and Research Center (ERC) Courses**

By topic <http://niosh-erc.org/courses/topic.shtml>

## **Free Online Continuing Education Course for Health Professionals on Pediatric Environmental Health**

Now Available at: [http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/emes/health\\_professionals/pediatrics.html](http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/emes/health_professionals/pediatrics.html)

This course is based on the Pediatric Environmental Health Toolkit: An American Academy of Pediatrics endorsed clinical tool. This is an online course developed in conjunction with the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry's (ATSDR) Division of Toxicology and Environmental Medicine, the University of California San Francisco Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit, and Physicians for Social Responsibility, Greater Boston. Free 1.5 Credit Hours for: Physicians, Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, other health professionals (check the course site). Access this interactive online course in the comfort of your own home or office to increase your knowledge base of common pediatric environmental health issues. Users can log in and out to complete the course in several sessions.

Additional ATSDR Environmental Health and Medicine continuing education offerings can be found at <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/emes>

## **Massachusetts Nurses Association- Health and Safety Courses Online**

Available at <http://www.massnurses.org/nursing-resources/continuing-education/mna-ce-online>

*Course topics currently include:* Workplace Violence, Fragrance Free! Creating a Safe Healthcare Environment, Latex Allergy Program, Fatigue and Sleeplessness, and Work-related Asthma in Nurses and their Co-workers.

*Program requirements:* To successfully complete a program and receive contact hours, you must read the entire program, take and pass the Post-Test and complete the Program Evaluation. To pass the Post-Test, you must achieve a score of 80% or above.

*Accreditation:* The MNA is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

\*All programs are free to MNA members and others.

## **Lead Poisoning Awareness**

The LAMPP Project in partnership with the Healthy Environments for Children Initiative at UCONN is very pleased to announce the release of a new lead awareness training for educators, "Lead Poisoning: Limiting the Ability to Learn". This free training is now available on the LAMPP web site <http://www.connecticutchildrens.org/lampptraining> and LAMPP encourages anyone in education to take advantage of this excellent training.

The training has been designed to raise educators' awareness of lead poisoning and enhance their ability to respond to the needs of children harmed by lead. It's free, informative and easy to

follow. There are separate modules for Classroom Educators, Administrators, and personnel from Health Services, Family Resource Centers, Pupil Support Services, Private Schools and Child Daycare Facilities or anyone who might benefit from learning about the signs of lead poisoning, why educators need to be concerned and methods to prevent childhood lead poisoning.