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The University of Michigan School of Public Health (UM SPH) Office of Public Health Practice extends the University's resources to public health practitioners in governmental and community-based organizations and provides practice opportunities for UM SPH students and faculty.

SAVE THE DATE
Tuesday, January 24, 2006

Symposium

*Human Health and Animal Disease:
An Epidemiologic Collision?*

Featuring:

<p>Laurie Garrett, famed author of <i>"Betrayal of Trust: The Collapse of Global Public Health"</i> and <i>"The Coming Plague: Newly Emerging Diseases in a World Out of Balance"</i></p>		<p>Anthony Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the National Institutes of Health</p>	
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The Office of Public Health Practice is presenting a **major symposium** on January 24, 2006 at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre on the University of Michigan campus. The symposium will also be available via webcast. Other speakers include Lonnie King, DVM, James Hughes, MD and Arnold Monto, MD. More information will be forthcoming at <http://www.mipreparedness.org>.

Sponsors include the Michigan Center for Public Health Preparedness, the University of Michigan School of Public Health, the Michigan Public Health Training Center, the Life Sciences and Society Program, the Knight-Wallace Fellows, at Michigan and the Michigan Department of Community Health.

Public Health Training Activities

The Michigan Center for Public Health Preparedness (MI-CPHP) regularly offers a full complement of emergency preparedness training for public health students and professionals in venues across Michigan and online. During the last year, the MI-CPHP, in collaboration with its partners, developed 12 distinct competency-based courses on bioterrorism and emergency preparedness. The courses included topics such as pandemic influenza, epidemiology, chemical terrorism, and media training and were presented onsite 23 different times to over 2,000 participants. Local and state health department workers comprise the largest audience for the courses. Course registration and resources are available at <http://www.mipreparedness.org>. Upcoming courses include:

- **Bioterrorism Planning and Response: Epidemiology for Non-Epidemiologists:** December 1, 2005- Midland, MI
- **Field Surveillance for Disasters:** December 9, 2005- Livonia, MI

The Michigan Public Health Training Center (MPHTC) is committed to reinforcing the public health infrastructure by providing continuing education in foundational competencies. Courses are offered on-site in locations throughout Michigan, as well as courses mentored online, through blended learning, and self-paced distance learning.

Newly available, [Measuring Health Disparities](#), an interactive CD-ROM, focuses on the important public health issue of understanding, defining and

measuring health disparity. This CD-ROM is free of charge and offers continuing education credit for a variety of health professionals. For more information about the CD and other MPHTC courses, visit <http://www.mittrainingcenter.org>.

The Michigan Center for Genomics & Public Health (MCGPH), a joint program of the Office of Public Health Practice and Public Health Genetics program, seeks to integrate genomic discoveries into public health practice, with consideration of the ethical, legal, and social issues associated with the application of these discoveries, as well as the involvement of the community at large. MCGPH offers training modules including **Six Weeks to Genomic Awareness** and **Genomics for Public Health Practitioners**, which can be accessed at <http://www.sph.umich.edu/genomics/>.

Student Opportunities

The Office of Public Health Practice coordinates a limited number of **paid summer internships** at governmental and non-governmental public health agencies within the state of Michigan in all public health areas. Students are invited to apply online at http://www.sph.umich.edu/cbph/employment/interest_app.html. For further information, please contact Dana Thomas, Internship Coordinator at: danat@umich.edu.

Dr. JoLynn Montgomery is advising the **Public Health Action Support Team**, in which students will train and prepare for deployment to Michigan's state and local health departments in times of public health crisis. For more information, Dr. Montgomery can be contacted at: jpmont@umich.edu.

The Office of Public Health Practice houses one of the oldest **Preventive Medicine Residency** (PMR) programs in the country. In the two-year program, physicians earn a MPH in epidemiology and complete rotations at the Michigan Department of Community Health, Henry Ford Health System and Washtenaw County Public Health Department, along with elective rotations at Federal sites like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. Beginning in fall 2006, the PMR program will be offering two new training options; a MPH in health management and policy and a joint training opportunity with the adult infectious disease fellowship program at the University of Michigan Medical Center. Visit http://www.sph.umich.edu/epid/programs/preventive_med/ for more information.

Building the Practice of Public Health