Department of
Community Health and Health Behavior

2015 – 2016
Student Recognition Newsletter

CHHB award winners (from left): Melina Bowdwin, Caitlin Biddle, and Rachel Daws with CHHB Director of Graduate Studies Dr. Heather Orom (2nd from left)

May 2016
2016 Graduates

PhD Graduates

Megan L. Saddleson  
(Kozlowski, Giovino, Homish, Goniewicz, Mahoney)

Tobacco/nicotine use in adolescents and young adults: A focus on electronic cigarettes and measurement of non-daily tobacco cigarette use

MPH Graduates

Melina Bowdwin  
(Orom)

Treatment decision making in men diagnosed with prostate cancer

Cheri L. Cipriano  
(Orom)

Barriers to and facilitators of culturally competent care for refugee patients

Mazie Feenstra-Swensen  
(Temple)

Evaluation proposal of the UB-SAFER intervention

Alexandra Holland  
(Gage-Bouchard)

Narcotic abuse and current trends in illegal street drugs

Kelseanna Hollis-Hansen  
(Giovino)

PlanetFit Kids: Promoting lifestyle and nutrition education teaching families (through) interactive technology

Lucy Holmes  
(Orom)

The effect of spirometry testing on asthma disease classification in a pediatric primary care office

Lauren Kroening  
(Homish)

Reemergence of yellow fever in West Africa: A global health concern

Angelique Lynch-Jiles  
(Homish)

Qualitative evaluation of the western New York Center for Survivors of Torture: A pilot study

Carly Nichols  
(Gage-Bouchard)

Informal caregivers of hematopoietic stem cell transplantation patients

Paul Washburn  
(Collins)

An investigation of patient satisfaction and education quality improvement in an ambulatory care waiting room

Rachel Wilson  
(Homish)

Traumatic brain injury in community dwelling older adults from ground-level falls

Faculty advisors are listed in parenthesis
## 2016 Graduates

### MS Graduates

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### Awards & Recognitions

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Biddle C, Underwood W, Homish DL, Orom H. Active treatment decision making associated with better decisional outcomes, but more decisional difficulty. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine; Apr 2016, Washington DC.

Biddle C, Hay J, Kiviniemi M, Waters EA, Ellis E, Orom H. Uncertainty about perceived disease risk may be a valuable addition to measures of risk perception. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine; Apr 2016, Washington DC.

Biddle C, Orom H, Waters EA, Kiviniemi M, Ellis E, Hay J. Illness information avoidance is associated with lower need for cognition and intuitive risk beliefs. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine; Apr 2016, Washington DC and at the University at Buffalo Perry Poster Day, Apr 22, 2016, Buffalo, NY.

Crandall AK, Lindeman MIH. The impact of experimental manipulations on self-reported BMI. Poster presented at the 28th Annual Convention of the Association for Psychological Science; May 2016, Chicago, IL.

Crandall AK, Van der Kloet E, Atkins AM, Ziegler AM, Temple JL. The relationship of dietary restraint and relative reinforcing value of food among adolescents. Poster Presented at the 2016 University at Buffalo Perry Poster Day; Apr 2016, Buffalo, NY.


**Student Conference Presentations**


Lampkin S, **Holmes L**, Lehman H. Comparison of caregiver confidence and knowledge in asthma management by socioeconomic status. Poster presented at Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting, 2016.


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**Italicized names indicate alumni**
Student Conference Presentations


Holmes L. Are antibiotics necessary for skin abscesses after surgical drainage? Grand Rounds presented at the Department of Pediatrics, Women and Children’s Hospital of Buffalo; 2016, Buffalo, NY.

Klasko-Foster LB, Erwin DO, Jandorf LM, Kiviniemi MT. Decision-making constructs mediate the relation between socioeconomic status and colorectal screening uptake. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine; Apr 2016, Washington DC.

Kulak JA, Saddleson ML, Travers MJ, Mahoney MC, Giovino GA. Many college students are introduced to nicotine products through the use of hookah. Poster presented at the University at Buffalo Perry Poster Day. Apr 22, 2016, Buffalo, NY.


LaValley SA. Patient-centered versus caregiver-centered communication: negotiating end-of-life information needs. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Nov 1, 2015, Chicago, IL.


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LaValley SA, Gage-Bouchard EA, Mollica M, Beaupin L. Examining social media use among parents of children with cancer. ASIS&T Annual Meeting, Nov 6-10, 2015, St. Louis, MO.


Colón J, Clark N, Widman CA, Erwin DO, Underwood W. Building a diverse patient action team to facilitate institutional culture change. Poster presentation at the International Cancer Education Conference, Oct 21-24, 2015, Tucson, AZ.


LaValley SA, Kiviniemi MT, Gage-Bouchard EA. Where people are looking for online health information: results from a nationally representative survey in the U.S. Health Information and Libraries Journal. In press.


**Student Manuscripts Published**

**Community Health & Health Behavior GSA**

The GSA’s Screening of “Fed Up” and Expert Panel, an activity for National Public Health Week 2016

**2015 - 2016**

**President:** Kelseanna Hollis-Hansen  
**Vice President:** Rachel Daws  
**Secretary:** Alyssa Abrams  
**Treasurer:** Lynne Klasko  
**Senator:** Sandy Wilson

**GSA events for 2015-2016 included:**  
- Health assessments at UB on the Green  
- Baking cookies for and working at Buffalo City Mission  
- Volunteering at West Herr’s Christmas event  
- Cooking and nutrition workshop for the Junior League of Buffalo  
- Movie screening of “Fed Up,” with expert panel  
- Participation in the Multiple Sclerosis walk  
- Donations collected for Vive La Casa  
- Niagara region wine tour

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At this time of year we recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our many students. They have grown in numerous ways, with many (but certainly not all) of their achievements listed in this newsletter. I congratulate them and the faculty members who have supported them.

I also acknowledge with great sadness the passing of a member of the CHHB/SPHHP family. Dr. Paul Wietig has been an enormous supporter of our program. All of the faculty members and many of our students have been touched by his kindness, generosity, caring, and intellect. Paul would always take the time to advise me on matters that were relevant to teaching, interprofessional education, and my daughter. It was Paul’s idea to create a community service award for the Department in order to recognize and encourage the ways that CHHB students were contributing to the health of the local community.

He worked with WNED TV, our collaborator on some community-based health promotion projects, to arrange for them to sponsor the award when it was first given in 2011. Paul personally contributed as well. When our community-based efforts moved beyond those based on the WNED collaboration, the Department supported the Award. In Paul’s honor, it has been renamed the Paul T. Wietig Community Service Award.

In addition to his caring and kindness, Paul left us with many words of wisdom. One of his favorite quotes was from Gandhi, "Be the change you wish to see in the world." That’s especially relevant in a Department of Community Health and Health Behavior! Another quote that Paul shared most recently was from Pericles, “What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others." Along with many of our faculty, staff, and students, I feel blessed to have been part of Paul’s tapestry. May his legacy be an inspiration to us all.

To learn more about Paul’s legacy, share a reflection, or donate to the Paul T. Wietig Memorial Fund, please visit: http://sphhp.buffalo.edu/home/about-us/paul-wietig-dedication.html.

To the public’s health,
Gary Giovino
Professor and Chair, CHHB
Congratulations students and graduates!

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