



September 2017

Events This Month:



Trojan Family MPH Online Meet & Greet Social Hour

September 7th--6:30pm Adobe Connect
(Link will be provided)



GSG Back to School Happy Hour

September 7th--5:30pm @ The Edison in DTLA



**GRADUATE
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GOVERNMENT**

University of Southern California

MaPHSA Swag Blowout Sale

September 11th--12pm-1pm @ Soto Street Building
All MPH Merchandise starting as low as \$5!!!



***** See Next Page for the rest of our packed September Calendar!!**

September Events Continued:

MaPHSA USC Football vs Texas Tailgate

September 16th--1pm @ UPC (Tailgate Spot TBA)

BYOB-Game starts @ 5:30pm

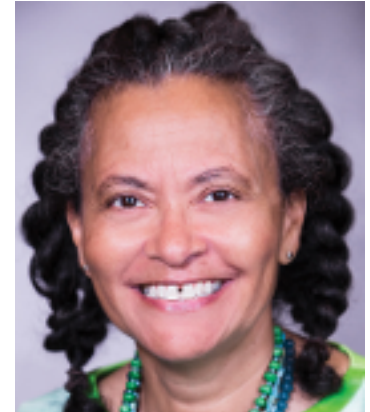


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Race and Health in America Talk by Camara Jones, President of the APHA

September 18th--1pm @ Mayer Auditorium, HSC



MaPHSA XLanes Bowling Social

September 21st--7pm @ XLanes LA

First 24 students bowl for free!



Policy Talk on Opioids: Speaker TBA

September 27th--6pm @ Soto Street Building

Dinner will be provided!



Los Angeles Team Mentoring Backpack Drive

Ongoing until September 30th

(Tax Write Off Provided) Boxes in Soto Street Building



*****Look out for Flyers and Emails for Further Details on our Events !!**

MPH STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



- 1. Name/Track:** Caren Caputo-MPH in Global Health Leadership
- 2. Why are you pursuing an MPH?** I chose to pursue a master's degree in public health to seek a better understanding of how to help others achieve a healthier life...including having access to health care no matter where they live.
- 3. Your favorite part of the program:** My favorite part of the MPH program was being challenged by my peers and instructors to think about health and well-being from a different perspective than my own. Not surprisingly, one of my favorite classes was Introduction to Global Health, which broadened my awareness of the multitude factors that contribute to an individual's ability to live to their full potential.
- 4. Future career goal:** As an optometrist for many years, my aspiration is to reduce the burden of vision loss through increasing awareness and access to timely, affordable, acceptable and quality eye care to vulnerable populations both locally and globally.
- 5. What you are doing for practicum or any interesting work experience you've had in public health:** I was privileged to be an intern at Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian in Newport Beach, CA during my MPH practicum. Here I combined my optometric background to assess risk perceptions to diabetes complications in a low-income Latino population of Orange County. My primary focus was to evaluate their understanding of the ocular complication, diabetic retinopathy (DR), and their perception of the risk of developing this sight-threatening condition. The results of surveys at two community clinics revealed that personal disease risk for DR was lacking in 50% of participants. As a result, I developed an educational pamphlet to raise awareness to their risk of developing DR that will be used for future diabetes education seminars and in the participating clinics. Furthermore, I volunteer my professional services at one of the clinics to help increase access to eye care in the underserved population of Orange County.
- 6. A quote or motto you live by:** Leave things better than you may have found them...

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