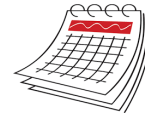


March 2018

Events This Month:



**MaPHSA & GSG Present-
Addressing Health Equity:
Women In Public Health**

Wednesday, March 21st, 2018

6:30-8:30pm @ SSB 115/116



**MaPHSA Rollerblading
Social**

March 23rd

Time TBA @Moonlight Rollerway
Skating Rink in Alhambra



MPH Hot Topics Webinar:

Dr. Ricky Bluthenthal

March 20th @ 12pm

Learn about his research on opiate pain
relievers/the new drug injection epidemic

RSVP Online!



See next Page for Details about The Career Fair and our Ongoing Drives!

The Annual Public Health Career Fair

Friday, March 23rd, 2018

10am-4pm @ SSB Courtyard

Network with Alumni, Students,
and Employers!

Register Today @

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-public-health-career-fair-student-registration-tickets-41484625632>



The Ladybugs Movement Drive & Kit Assembly Day

April 14th, 9-11am--Volunteers Needed! (Sign Up Below)

Donation Box outside SSB 115/116 and Student Affairs
Office



<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1GSSSrWONXQOAZekfZOJPMxFy37j8obqC2aWBfzjBOsk/prefill>

Ray United FC Clothing Drive

Donate Clothing & More to help Youth in Uganda!

Drop Off Donations in front of MPH Office or Soto
318K

Thanks for a Great February!



Marijuana Policy Talk

Fight On Trojans!!



Spring Practicum Panel

MPH Practicum SPOTLIGHT



Name: Cary Krug

Track: Epidemiology & Biostatistics

**Practicum Site: LACDPH Acute
Communicable Disease Control
Program (ACDC)**

1. How did you find your Practicum Site?

I was put in contact with a former USC student while taking Infectious Disease Epidemiology with Dr. Cozen. I reached out to this student, who then referred me to a few of her colleagues at ACDC (a few of which were guest lecturers in Dr. Cozen's class). From there, I did a quick phone interview and was offered a volunteer position in the Healthcare Outreach Unit within ACDC, which turned into my practicum. As the offerings at USC are somewhat limited for students interested in infectious disease epidemiology as opposed to non-communicable diseases, I would highly recommend taking this course and taking full advantage of getting to know Dr. Cozen and the guests she brings in.

2. What were some Projects you worked on?

The work done at ACDC encompasses many aspects of preparing for and responding to infectious disease outbreaks, and the following are just a few of the projects on which I have assisted:

- Developing a database to track novel multi-drug resistant organisms
- Assisting in outbreak investigation at a healthcare facility with a high incidence of antibiotic resistant infections
- Going door-to-door in the community to assess the effectiveness of a vector-borne disease education campaign
- Creating a report on increased antibiotic resistance of Group B Strep to clindamycin using data gathered by ACDC

3. What was the Biggest Takeaway?

The most important thing I have gained in working at LA County has been seeing the day-to-day responsibilities of an epidemiologist. It was great to learn about outbreak investigations and creating epi curves in our MPH classes, but it is much more exciting to see these things in real time when responding to an outbreak somewhere in Los Angeles. In addition to these skills, the network I have developed at ACDC has been invaluable- I am sure that I can rely on the contacts I have made here for career advice and references in the future.

4. How will this experience help shape your future plans?

After graduation from USC, I will be moving to Washington D.C. for a research internship with the Global Health Fellows program at USAID. I would say that my experience at ACDC, in addition to the work I have done as a clinical research assistant in the radiology department at Keck, were essential in helping me secure this position. Additionally, I think going to Uganda with Dr. Wipfli was the exact type of experience that an organization like USAID is looking for, so I am thankful to have obtained such a well-rounded foundation in public health at USC. This position at USAID seems to be a perfect mix of my interests in infectious disease epidemiology, research, and global health, and I am excited to see what opportunities I can pursue in the D.C. area.

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