COH Curriculum Committee Meets Wednesdays

The COH Curriculum Committee will hold its regular meeting on Wednesdays, 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm. The deadline for submission of materials for committee review is Monday at 9am, the week prior to the meeting. Submit electronic files in Word format to Harriet Paule (hrpaule@uaa.alaska.edu). To assist you in submitting materials to the curriculum committee, download the "COH Faculty Curriculum Submission Guide AY 14/15" (doc).

Dr. Randy Magen to Leave UAA

Randy Magen, Associate Dean for Curriculum, announced he will be leaving UAA after 17 years. Randy has accepted the position of Director of the School of Social Work at Boise State University. "While leaving UAA will be difficult, I'm looking forward to the challenges and opportunities of this new position." Look for an announcement about a going away party in a future newsletter.

Help Celebrate Dr. Laura Kelley's Retirement!

A celebration for Dr. Laura Kelley will take place Friday, February 13 from 11 am - 1 pm in PSB 212. Please RSVP at 786-6453.

LOI Due Date Extended for Research Pilot Project Grants

The Institute of Translational Health Sciences announced that the due date for Letters of Intent (LOI) for the Community Partners in Research pilot project grants has been extended to February 8, 2015. Up to six small pilot research grants of $13,000 each are
available to support community- and clinical practice-based research. For more information, download the informational flyer (pdf) or visit the ITHS web site.

CTR-IN RFA Announcement

The Mountain West Clinical Translational Research - Infrastructure Network (CTR-IN) Visiting Scholar Program will award 3-5 grants of approximately $9,000 each. In addition, the Mini-Sabbatical Program is back and seeks to award four grants up to $20,000 each. Participation is limited for both programs, so early application is highly recommended. For more information, visit the Mountain West CTR-IN web site (click on the RFA tab and select the funding mechanism from the dropdown menu).

Unit Updates

Center for Human Development

Now Accepting Applications for 2015-16 Alaska LEND Program!

The application deadline for Alaska LEND training is March 31, 2015. Alaska LEND Without Walls provides graduate-level interdisciplinary leadership training for individuals who have a commitment to providing family-centered coordinated systems of health care and related services. We invite the following individuals to apply: parents and family members of children with a developmental disability and graduate students and practicing professionals in the fields of nursing, public health, social work, psychology, special education, early childhood (0-5 years), education (K-12), speech language pathology, occupational therapy, or medicine. For more information, visit: http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/centerforhumandevelopment/lend/Apply/.

Department of Health Sciences

Inductees Announced for Delta Omega Honor Society

On January 26, the following outstanding alumni were inducted into the local chapter of the Delta Omega Public Health honor society: Amanda Cooper (class of 2012), Carol McCarty (2013), Marcy Rein (2012), Wendy Rainey (2008), and Marina Vinnakova (2014). Dr. Brian Saylor was also recognized with an Honorary
Delta Omega membership for his many years of passionate public health leadership. Each year, the Gamma Iota Chapter of the Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health at UAA elects new students, faculty, alumni, and honorary members based on high academic standards and outstanding performance. Visit the MPH web site for a list of previous Delta Omega inductees.

**MPH Alumni Newsletter Hot Off the Press!**

The Winter 2014-15 issue of the MPH Alumni newsletter was just published. This issue features affiliate faculty member Dr. Andrea Fenaughty, along with profiles for MPH alumni Sarah Grosshuesch, Kerry Pride, and Jami Warrick. The coordinator's corner, with Dr. Rhonda Johnson, describes the successful re-accreditation site visit in September 2014, along with the MPH program's recent leadership changes. Download your copy of the [MPH Alumni newsletter](http://uaajusticecenter.blogspot.com/2015/02/dr-rivera-awarded-competitive-grant.html).

**Justice Center**

**Dr. Rivera Awarded Grant to Evaluate Chronic Inebriate Anti-Recidivism Treatment Program**

Dr. Marny Rivera, Justice faculty, was recently awarded a competitive research grant from the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services to evaluate Assertive Community Treatment and Intensive Case Management programs that are part of an anti-recidivism pilot project for the chronically homeless population in the Anchorage area. The pilot project is unique in the provision of intensive community-based treatment services in addition to permanent and supportive housing. For more information, visit: [http://uaajusticecenter.blogspot.com/2015/02/dr-rivera-awarded-competitive-grant.html](http://uaajusticecenter.blogspot.com/2015/02/dr-rivera-awarded-competitive-grant.html).

**Dr. Blumenstein Attends Green Dot College Campus Training**

Dr. Lindsey Blumenstein, Justice faculty, attended a Green Dot College Campus Training at UAF, and has been invited to participate in the launch at UAF this spring. This program prepares individuals to be Green Dot trainers in bystander intervention. Dr. Blumenstein is now qualified to give bystander intervention training and overview presentations about Green Dot. Her areas of research include violence on college campuses, violence against women, and intimate partner violence. For more information, visit: [http://uaajusticecenter.blogspot.com/2015/02/dr-blumenstein-](http://uaajusticecenter.blogspot.com/2015/02/dr-blumenstein-).
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UAA Community Volunteers at "Project Homeless Connect 2015"

Members of the UAA community volunteered at the 13th Annual Anchorage Project Homeless Connect held on January 28. The Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness presented this day-long program with the help of community sponsors and volunteers. Volunteers for this event included Dr. Sharon Chamard and her students from JUST 490 Homelessness & Crime. For more information, visit: http://uaajusticecenter.blogspot.com/2015/02/uaa-community-volunteers-at-project.html.
Drs. Garcia and Rivera Publish Article in *Journal of Health Disparities Research and Practice*

Dr. Gabriel Garcia, Department of Health Sciences, and Dr. Marny Rivera, Justice Center, published the article "Is Race a Factor in Disparate Health Problems Associated with Violence Against Women?" in the current issue of the *Journal of Health Disparities Research and Practice* (Vol. 7, Issue 7). They noted that “This study found that victimization increased the odds of health problems for all women, but significantly more so for minority women.” For more information, visit: http://uaajusticecenter.blogspot.com/2015/01/drs-garcia-and-rivera-publish-article.html.

Fact Sheet Data on Firearm Use in Violent Crimes Noted in *Alaska Dispatch News*

Data from the Alaska Justice Statistical Analysis Center (AJSAC) Fact Sheet "Firearm Use in Violent Crime in the US and Alaska, 1985-2012" was noted in an *Alaska Dispatch News* article about recent shootings in Anchorage. The Fact Sheet presents national and statewide statistics from the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports program on the use of firearms in the commission of three violent crimes (homicide, robbery, and aggravated assault) in the US and Alaska from 1985 to 2012. Khristy Parker, Research Professional, is the Fact Sheet author. For more information, visit: http://uaajusticecenter.blogspot.com/2015/01/fact-sheet-data-on-firearm-use-in.html.

Dr. Blumenstein Publishes Article in *Criminal Justice Studies*

Dr. Lindsey Blumenstein, Justice faculty, and co-author Dr. Jana L. Jasinski, University of Central Florida, published the article "Intimate Partner Assault and Structural-Level Correlates of Crime: Exploring the Relationship between Contextual Factors and Intimate Partner Violence" in the recent online issue of *Criminal Justice Studies: A Critical Journal of Crime, Law and Society*. This study examined intimate partner aggravated assaults in 227 counties in Tennessee and Virginia. For more information, visit: http://uaajusticecenter.blogspot.com/2015/01/dr-blumenstein-publishes-article-in.html.

Dr. Payne Publishes Book Review in *Security Journal*

Dr. Troy Payne, Justice faculty, published a book review in the current issue of *Security Journal* (Vol. 28, Issue 1). In his review of "Policing Problem Places: Crime Hot Spots and Effective Prevention," Dr. Payne notes that this book is "best understood as a summary of the existing research regarding geographically
focused or 'hot spots' policing. While the book offers few new insights for readers familiar with the original research, this is the first time the research on hot spots has been collected and presented as one coherent whole." For more information, visit: http://uaajusticecenter.blogspot.com/2015/01/dr-payne-publishes-book-review-in.html.

Prof. Brandeis Provides Pro Bono Legal Assistance

Prof. Jason Brandeis, JD was one of the many volunteer attorneys who provided legal advice on January 19 to Alaskans at the 6th Annual Martin Luther King Day free legal clinic in Anchorage. Free legal clinics were also held in Fairbanks and Juneau. For the first time, a free 800 number was available for individuals outside of those three cities to speak to a volunteer attorney over the phone. For more information, visit: http://uaajusticecenter.blogspot.com/2015/01/prof-brandeis-provides-pro-bono-legal.html.

Calendar

Upcoming Events/Deadlines

- February 13 - Emeritus applications due to OAA
- March 3 - UNAC workloads due to unit director/chair
- March 9-13 - Spring break
- March 13 - Spring break holiday
- March 16 - Fall 2014 sabbatical reports due to OAA
- March 16 - Faculty development & research travel grants applications due to OAA*
- April 3 - UNAC workloads due to dean
- April 16 - UNAC term faculty’s AAR w/self-evaluation & CV due to director/chair w/cc to dean
- May 3 - Commencement
- May 4 - UNAC workloads due from dean to faculty
- May 8 - UNAC workloads due to OAA*
- May 9 - UNAC notification to dean from faculty planning to stand for P&T w/list of external reviewers
- May 25 - Memorial Day holiday

*Note: dates to be established for when these items are due to the dean’s office.