

OEMR SYNAPSE 2009 Annual Report



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From the OEMR Program Director: Stefanos N. Kales MD, MPH, FACP, FACOEM (OEMR 1993)

Welcome to the second edition of the Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH) Occupational and Environmental Medicine Residency (OEMR) Annual Report, which features our 2009 graduates, current residents, recent resident achievements, "Alumni Spotlights" and highlights significant progress in a variety of areas and initiatives.

For 2009, we are proud to report several major achievements and advances. First, during the spring of 2009, we learned that our program was awarded another full, 5-year accreditation from the ACGME. Second, together with Cambridge Health Alliance, in late 2009, we received approval from the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Preventive Medicine for a combined Internal Medicine (IM) /Occupational Medicine (OM) Program. To our knowledge this is the only 4 year IM/OM residency in the US. Harvard's program allows medical students to enter the field of OEM directly from medical school. In just 4 years, graduates will be Board-Eligible in IM & OM and have earned an HSPH MPH. This significant advance keeps HSPH on the cutting edge and greatly increases the accessibility

and attractiveness of OEM as a career. Third, our Productivity and Health Management Initiative has become a reality. We have secured an initial financial gift from Novartis Pharmaceuticals and have an inaugural Executive Health Program planned for the fall of 2010. Inside the Annual Report you will find more details on all three of these major achievements.

Nonetheless, as I indicated last year, significant financial challenges remain ahead for the HSPH OEMR. As you know, we do not receive Federal Medicare funding and NIOSH funds have not kept pace with increasing tuition/stipend costs. This year, the Occupational Physicians Scholarship Fund (OPSF) decided not to offer any new 2-year awards across the nation, and only was able to make 2 practicum year awards at other schools and 2 renewals. Thus, while we are proud and fortunate to count two OPSF scholars among our current residents, it is obvious that in order to survive, OEM residencies must find additional sources of financial support.

As you read this Annual Report please consider joining me in making a tax-deductible gift to support the residency at HSPH. Contributions of any size can help support resident travel to scientific conferences, ACOEM member-

ships, and other expenses. Please visit us on the web at: (<http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/erc/oemr/index.htm>) and do not hesitate to contact me directly with feedback or just to touch base. I can be reached via our website and skales@hsph.harvard.edu or 617.665.1580.

Finally, please join us in May for another HSPH alumni gathering at the 2010 American Occupational Health Conference (AOHC) in Orlando, FL where the HSPH OEMR and Office of Alumni Programs will host a reception. I hope to see all of you there. (Read more details inside)

In closing, let me extend my best wishes for good health and continued success in 2010 to all of you and your families.

-Stefanos



CURRENT RESIDENT HIGHLIGHTS: Practicum Year

Chunbai Zhang (MPH 2009, OEMR 2010) is the *Chief Resident* for the 2009-2010 academic year. A graduate of Haverford College (PA) and Dartmouth Medical School (NH), he completed his clinical training in internal medicine at Tufts University School of Medicine - Baystate Medical Center. Chunbai has also been a two-year (2008-9, 2009-10) recipient of the OPSF Scholarship.

Chunbai completed the Summer Program in Clinical Effectiveness (CEP) at HSPH/HMS/Partners Healthcare and then, his MPH at Harvard School of Public Health in

June, 2009. His current research interests include occupational sleep medicine in the transportation industry, cancer epidemiology, and hypertension among emergency responders.

Chunbai is a resident tutor in medicine at Adams House, Harvard College, where he serves as an academic and concentration advisor to Harvard undergraduate pre-meds.

At leisure, he enjoys travel, tennis, photography, chamber music, learning languages, chess and good foods.



Eric Amster (MPH 2009, OEMR 2010) was born in San Diego, CA. He graduated from UC Berkeley in Biology and in Music followed by UC Davis Medical School where he was involved in advocating for environmental and occupational health legislation.

Throughout medical school he rotated through OEM clinics at UC Davis, George Washington University and Mt. Sinai Medical Center where he spent time working with the WTC clinic and Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Clinic. Eric has conducted research on IPF with Mexico's Institute for Respiratory Dis-

eases, pediatric exposure to pesticides with NIEHS, and has worked with the Epidemic Intelligence Service at the CDC.

After completing an Internal Medicine internship at Cedars Sinai Medical Center, Eric came to Harvard as a Zuckerman Fellow in Public Leadership through the Kennedy School of Government. He has published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* and *Environmental Health Perspectives*.

Eric enjoys cycling, hiking and playing the piano; most importantly he enjoys spending time with his wife Bracha and newborn son Noam.



Gerardo Durand (MPH 2009, OEMR 2010) is a medical graduate from Lima, Peru.

Before coming to the United States in 2005, Gerardo was already involved in the management of an Occupational Medicine and Safety Program in the largest brewery in Peru. He then completed internal medicine residency at a BU-affiliate and is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM).

Gerardo is the 2008 recipient of the HSPH Presidential Scholarship and is currently completing the practicum year of the Occupational and Environmental Resi-

dency Program. His current research involves an epidemiologic study of physical activity parameters as predictors of exercise tolerance and cardiovascular risk markers in firefighters. Gerardo is also interested in Community Based Participatory Research in OEH and safety management programs.

In his spare time, Gerardo likes to practice sports like swimming and soccer. He also enjoys traveling, surfing, watching the ocean, cooking and- as he used to do back in Peru- he never misses an opportunity to hike in the mountains.



CURRENT RESIDENT HIGHLIGHTS: Academic Year

Anne McDonough (OEMR class of 2011) is originally from Junction City, Oregon and is currently completing her MPH at HSPH as a US Naval Scholar.

Anne received her undergraduate degree in Medical Technology from Troy University where she completed training and certification as a Medical Technologist. She matriculated at the University of Alabama, Birmingham School of Medicine in 2000. There she developed her interests in policy and leadership with the American Medical Association, serving on the Membership Board,

and at the National level in the AMA Student Section.

In 2003, Anne was commissioned as Medical Officer in the United States Navy. After graduation, she completed internship training in Internal Medicine at the Naval Medical Center in San Diego and qualified as an Undersea Medical Officer in Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine.

Anne has a beautiful family with her husband Rob and two sons. Her personal interests include art, music, food, philosophy and almost anything done in good company.



Stasia B. Muhler (OEMR 2011) attended Dartmouth College where she majored in Biology and played Division-I varsity volleyball. Upon graduating, she worked as a journalist in Santiago, Chile, and continued her career in writing and editing as an editor at online drugstore PlanetRx.com and biotechnology reporter at Red Herring Magazine in San Francisco. She then pursued a medical degree at Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California and earned her MPH at Boston University, concentrating in environmental health. She completed an internal medicine internship at

Kaiser Permanente, an organization that evolved from industrial health care and is now a leader in preventive medicine and technology-supported care. Having worked at the intersections of business and medicine, Stasia sees occupational medicine as a way to impact the health of populations through the workplace.

Stasia and her husband Ted are enjoying living in Charlestown, MA. A California native, she is considering braving once again the icy north-eastern ski slopes and in the meantime is working on her tennis, golf, cycling and piano skills.



Yolanta V. Petrofsky (OEMR 2011) joins us a 2009-10 and 2010-11 OPSF Scholar and former US Air Force Aerospace Medicine Physician.

Originally from Colebrook, NH, she grew up on Southwestern Indian Reservations and in South-eastern Alaska. She is a *Magna Cum Laude* graduate of Boston University on an ROTC scholarship, majoring in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. She went on to earn her MD from Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine in 2000. After an internal medicine internship, Yolanta completed the Aerospace Medicine Primary course and became a Flight Sur-

geon. For over 8 years she played an integral role in the health of pilots while working in the high-altitude, U-2 community. She was responsible for not only hyperbaric treatments and overseeing the B-1 and F-16 fatigue management and travel medicine programs, but also planning medical response to mass casualty emergencies, pandemic influenza, aircraft mishap, and multinational NASA Shuttle Transatlantic Abort Landing Sites.

She recently moved to HSPH from Germany with her 19 month-old daughter Mikayla, husband Luke Simonet, and two dogs, Meadow and Sierra. In her spare time, she loves taking pictures, walking the dogs, and planning the next travel adventure.

2009 Graduates

Ted Chin, MD MPH

On graduation, Ted became the Chief of Occupational Medicine for the US Coast Guard and works at USCG Headquarters in Washington, DC. As an Occupational Medicine consultant for the USCG, his work includes upgrading the USCG's Occupational Medicine surveillance program and reviewing workers compensation costs for civilian workers regulated by FECA (Federal Employee Compensation Act), which is run by the Dept of Labor. Ted also receives and analyzes hearing loss disability claims



data from the VA and reviews medical waiver appeals for merchant mariners. He is part of a working group for the Dept of Defense which is creating a Hearing Loss Center of Excellence for the DoD. Ted is also working on compiling a registry of veterans with hearing loss (traumatic, noise induced, etc.) for all those who served after 9/11.

*Left:
Ted from a recent visit to the USCG ship yard at Baltimore MD.*

Peter Lee, MD MPH

Peter C. Lee (MPH 2005) currently resides in the Back Bay of Boston, MA and recently accepted the Corporate Medical Director position of Quadrant Health Strategies, Inc. on the North Shore. Peter loves his new role overseeing the clinical operations of Quadrant's flagship clinic, serving as project lead for numerous on-site and off-site consulting initiatives, and working with the Quadrant team to drive quality improvement processes and implement standard work practices throughout the organization. Peter continues to lend his expertise in employee vaccination

related topics by delivering lectures to corporate-based audiences and managing new pandemic and seasonal influenza combined vaccination initiatives in Miami, Washington DC, and New York City.

Away from work, Peter enjoys golf, traveling, running, cooking, dining, and hosting "Texas hold-em" poker games for close friends. Peter's affinity for golf has brought him to courses through out the world and rounds in the sun, rain, and even snow. In 2009, he played in Hammamet, Tunisia, in Northeast Africa among olive trees, roadside camels, and historic mosques.



Patrick Hennessey, MD PhD MPH

Pat is enjoying the practice of Occupational & Environmental Medicine as a Lt. Commander in the US Navy since completing the Harvard program in June 2009. He cares for a very diverse and complex occupational population that includes explosive and propellant researchers and manufacturers, two coal-fired power and steam plants, ionizing radiation, nuclear weapons handlers, anthrax, plague, high-energy physics and electromagnetic propulsion laboratories,

laser weapons researchers and a nitroglycerine manufacturing plant. Pat states that he is being well served by the Harvard education he obtained in environmental and industrial health.

An avid diver, Pat has completed the Navy's arduous dive training program at the Naval Diving & Salvage Training Center (NDSTC). He is also a renowned aficionado of fine Mexican food.

2009 Graduates

Saeher Muzaffar, MD MPH

After graduation in 2009 as an OPSF scholar, Saeher has continued her pulmonary and critical care fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania. She is Board certified in both Internal Medicine and Occupational Medicine.

The fellowship at Penn will include training towards a masters of science in clinical epidemiology. Her research interests include exposure-related lung disease and occupational health of contingent workers. She is currently studying the relationships between gender,

work arrangement, and occupational COPD. In addition, she is completing a collaborative study with NIOSH assessing fatal mining injuries among contractors and operators and is participating in an evaluation of community exposures to asbestos from an asbestos manufacturing plant in Ambler, PA.

When her pulmonary disease training is completed, Saeher hopes to continue research and clinical practice focusing on occupational lung disease both locally and internationally.



2009 HSPH Resident Publications

Durand G, Kales SN. Obstructive Sleep Apnea Screening during Commercial Driver Medical Examinations: a Survey of ACOEM Members. *J Occup Environ Med.* 2009;51:1220-1226.

Kales SN, Tsismenakis AJ, Zhang C, Soteriades ES. State of the Art. Blood Pressure in Firefighters, Police Officers, and other Emergency Responders. *Am J Hypertens.* 2009;22:11-20.

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Spaeth K, Tsismenakis AJ, Kales SN. Ed. Kales SN. Heavy Metals: A Rapid Clinical Guide to Neurotoxicity and Other Common Concerns. Nova Science Inc., New York (in press).

Thompson A, Zanobetti A, Silverman F, Schwartz J, Coull B, Urch B, Speck M, Brook J, Manno M, Gold DR. Baseline Repeated-Measures from Controlled Human Exposure Studies: Associations between Ambient Air Pollution Exposure and Systemic Inflammatory Biomarkers (IL-6, Fibrinogen). *Environ Health Perspect* 2009; doi:10.1289/ehp.0900550

Thompson A, Kales SN. Occupational Lung Disease in Police, Firefighters and the Military. In: Tarlo S, Cullinan P, ed. *Environmental and Occupational Lung Disease*. WILEY (in press).

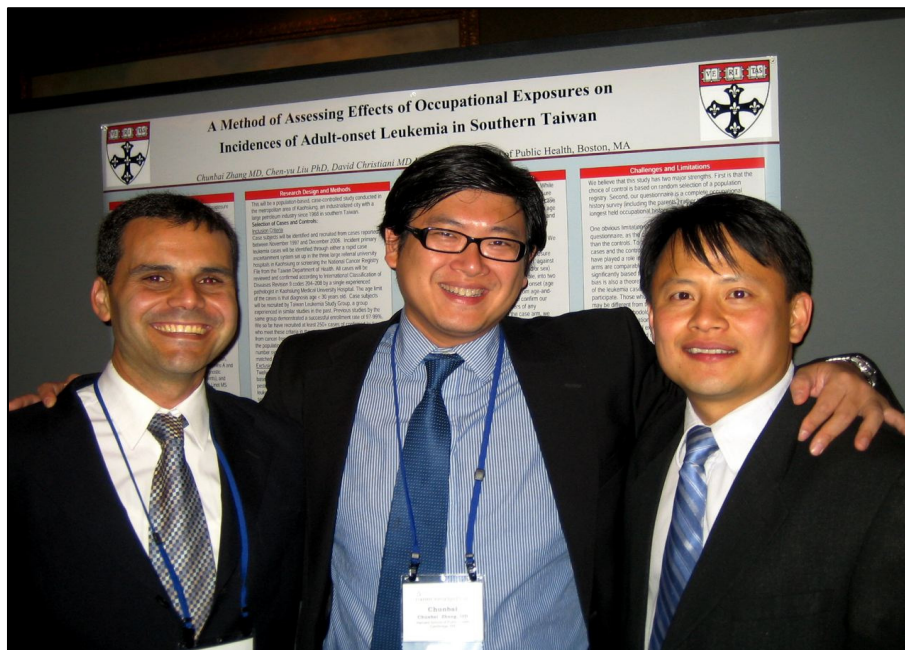
*OEMR Resident Authors are underlined. Listed publications reflect work initiated and/or completed while in the HSPH program.



Selected Resident Awards and Presentations

Every year, occupational medicine residents around the country compete for Resident Research Awards and invited Poster slots at the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM) annual American Occupational Occupational Health Conference (AOHC), the major annual meeting of the world's largest organization of occupational and environmental physicians.

In 2009, HSPH was represented by four residents. Saeher Muzaffar won a Resident Research Award and the other three Harvard residents were recognized for their research with Poster Presentations.



L-R: Drs. Gerardo Durand, Chunbai Zhang and Peter Lee in San Diego at the AOHC 2009 poster presentation session.



ACOEM Resident Research Award:

Saeher Muzaffar MD, MPH

Muzaffar, S.; Cummings, K.; Hobbs, G.; Kreiss, K. "Factors Associated with Fatal Mining Injuries Among Contractors and Operators."

Oral presentation at American Occupational Health Conference in Apr. 2009. (Saeher also presented a related poster on this resident research in Nov. 2009 at the American Public Health Association Annual Conference.)

Other ACOEM Invited Posters:

Zhang C, Liu C, Christiani DC. A Method of Assessing the Effects of Occupational Exposures in Incidences of Adult-onset Leukemia in Southern Taiwan. (AOHC Poster)

Durand G, Kales SN. Obstructive Sleep Apnea Screening during Commercial Driver Medical Examinations: a Survey of ACOEM Members. (AOHC Poster)

Lee PC, Laramie AK, Pun V, Davis L. Variations in Sharps Injuries among Hospital Physicians and Medical Trainees. (AOHC Poster)

*OEMR Resident Authors are underlined

Alumni Spotlight: Sachin Kapoor, DO MBA MPH FACOEM



Dr. Sachin Kapoor

*HSPH MPH '04, OEMR '05
Medical Director, Employee Health
Antioch Medical Center,
Antioch, California*

Prior to coming to HSPH Sachin completed Internal Medicine training at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Jersey. He attended medical school at the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine where he simultaneously earned an MBA with distinction. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and Occupational and Environmental Medicine.

After HSPH, Sachin joined Kaiser Permanente, an organization that serves as a national model for health-care delivery, in 2005 and practices in Northern California as the Medical Director of Employee Health at the Antioch Medical Center. There, he oversees the health of 1600 employees, and is the Lead Physician for the Occupational Health Clinic and Occupational Health Services, overseeing contracts with local and regional police, fire, transportation and hazmat workers for 4 clinics.

In addition to Sachin's Occupational Medicine positions, he serves as Kaiser's Associate Chief of Professional Education, overseeing the CME

activities for two hospitals with over 700 physicians. Last year they delivered 137 CME programs for a total of 183 credit hours. His program was recently surveyed and received a 4-year re-accreditation. Sachin also serves as the Northern California Occupational Health Director for KP Health Connect, Kaiser Permanente's state of the art electronic medical record system, where he oversees a multidisciplinary team whose goal is improving efficiency through leveraging IT systems. Additionally, he is the Northern California Coding Lead for Occupational Medicine and among his responsibilities are to educate providers on best practices in clinical documentation and coding.

Outside of Kaiser Permanente, Sachin is a board member of the Western Occupational and Environmental Medical Association (WOEMA), the Chair of the Website Committee and is on the Planning Committee for the 2010 Western Occupational Health Conference. In 2010, ACOEM will elevate Sachin to Fellowship status.

Save The Date: Harvard OEMR Reception at ACOEM/AOHC (Monday, May 3, 2010)

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In conjunction with HSPH Offices of Alumni Programs and Resource Development and with generous sponsorship support from Concentra, the Occupational and Environmental Medicine Residency Program will hold a reception for current and former OEMR and other HSPH alumni at the 2010 American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine AOHC conference. HSPH graduates and Florida residents, Drs. Stephen and Michael MacDonald (see page 8) will serve as local Chairs of the event. The Orlando conference starts on Sunday May 2nd and runs through Wednesday May 5th, 2010. The reception will take place on Monday May 3rd, 2010. Current plans are to have the reception at the official AOHC hotel in Orlando, Florida. More information on the conference is at: <http://acoem.org/aohc10.aspx> ACOEM has secured a block of sleeping rooms at the Rosen Shingle Creek, Orlando, FL, which includes high-speed internet access and complementary self-parking. Visit <http://www.rosenshinglecreek.com> for more details on this resort.

Alumni Spotlight:**Dr. Michael McDonald, DO MPH MBA OEMR '96**

Dr. Michael MacDonald is the Co-Medical Director of Health First Occupational Medicine in Melbourne, Florida and also serves as the Administrative Medical Director for Health First Corporate Partners, a multi specialty group of providers dedicated to the evaluation and treatment of work related injuries and illnesses.

He received his DO from NOVA Southeastern University of the Health Sciences - College of Osteopathic Medicine and interned in Family Practice at the Naval Hospital Jacksonville, Florida followed by Training at the Naval Aerospace Medicine Institute in Pensacola, Florida. After serving a tour as the Senior Medical Officer

and Head, Department of Aerospace Medicine, at the Naval Air Station, South Weymouth, MA, Dr. MacDonald then entered the OEMR at HSPH. He has been awarded a MPH from HSPH and an MBA from the Florida Institute of Technology.

Dr. MacDonald is Board Certified in Occupational Medicine by the American Board of Preventive Medicine; Occupational and Environmental Medicine, and Aerospace Medicine, by the American Osteopathic Board of Preventive Medicine. He also hold certificates in Health Care Quality and Management, Forensic Medicine, Managed Care Medicine, Pain Management, Healthcare Management and Medical Management. In addition, he is Certified

as an Independent Medical Examiner, Medical Review Officer and an FAA Senior Aviation Medical Examiner.

In addition to being a fellow of American College of Occupational & Environmental Medicine, Dr. MacDonald is currently President of the Florida Association of Occupational and Environmental Medicine and is a Captain in the United States Navy Reserve.

**Alumni Spotlight:****Dr. Steven McDonald, DO MPH MBA OEMR '96**

Dr. Stephen MacDonald is the Co-Medical Director of Health First Occupational Medicine in Melbourne, Florida and Clinical Medical Director for Health First Corporate Partners, a multi-specialty group dedicated to evaluating and treating work related injuries and illnesses.

He received his D.O. from The Nova-Southeastern University/ College of Osteopathic Medicine and served an Internship at the Naval Hospital Pensacola, Florida followed by training at the Naval Aerospace Medicine Institute in Pensacola, Florida. After serving as the Director of Clinical Services at the Branch Medical Clinic, Marine Corps Air Station, in Beaufort, SC, Dr. MacDonald then entered the HSPH OEMR. In addition to a Harvard MPH degree, he holds an MBA from The Florida Institute of Technology.

Dr. MacDonald is Board Certified in Occupational Medicine by the American Board of Preventive Medicine and Aerospace Medicine, by the American Osteopathic Board of Preventive Medicine. He also holds cer-



tifications in Health Care Quality and Management, Forensic Medicine, Managed Care Medicine, and Pain Management. In addition, he is Certified as an Independent Medical Examiner, Medical Review Officer and FAA Senior Aviation Medical Examiner. Dr. MacDonald has been elected to fellowship by ACOEM, ACPM; the American College of Healthcare Executives, the American College of Forensic Examiners; and the American Institute for Healthcare Quality.

Dr. MacDonald is the Past-President of the Florida Association of Occupational and Environmental Medicine and in addition, presently holds the Rank of Captain in the United States Navy Reserve.

Left: (L-R) Michael and Steven

OEMR Faculty Advances and Promotions

Professors Russ Hauser and David Christiani Both receive HSPH Endowed Chairs



On October 14, 2009, HSPH Professors, OEMR faculty and OEMR graduates, [Russ Hauser](#) (pictured left: center) and [David Christiani](#) (pictured right below) were honored at a reception recognizing each as a recipient of an endowed, named chair at HSPH.

Dr. Hauser is now the Frederick Lee Hisaw Professor of Reproductive Physiology. His research focuses on the impact of environmental and occupational chemicals on fertility and pregnancy. Dr. Hauser is currently conducting a NIH funded study on endocrine disruptors and male and female reproductive health endpoints and directs several studies in human populations on reproductive and other health effects of bisphenol A and phthalates used to soften polyvinyl plastics and used in a multitude of personal care products. He is an internationally recognized leader on the potential health effects of these chemicals whose research is helping to close the information gap and enable more soundly-based policy decisions.

Dr. Christiani is now the Elkan Blout Professor of Environmental Genetics. A former director of the OEMR, he is a world-renowned expert in occupational, environmental and molecular epidemiology with wide-ranging interests. His major focus is studying the impact of exposures to various pollutants on health and the interactions between host factors (genetic and acquired susceptibility), and environmental exposures in producing acute and chronic diseases. During Dr. Christiani's career, he has published over 350 scientific articles that have been cited nearly 10,000 times. He has served as editor and reviewer for many scientific journals and as a member to numerous Advisory Boards and Scientific Committees at the NIH, CDC, the NRC/NAS and WHO. One of his most remarkable achievements is the large number and network of his former trainees distributed throughout the United States and abroad who have been very successful in their fields with many in prominent leadership positions.



Dr. Stefanos Kales Promoted to Associate Professor at HMS and HSPH



On April 1, 2009, Dr. Kales was promoted to Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School in recognition of his significant regional, national and international contributions to research and teaching and as a clinical expert. Following the HMS promotion, HSPH also elevated him to the rank of Associate Professor in the Department of Environmental Health. Dr. Kales has participated in a wide range of research, advisory and teaching activities on four continents resulting in over 65 scientific publications and is on the editorial boards of *Environmental Health Perspectives* and the *Archives of Environmental and Occupational Health*. His research group has provided seminal contributions in the clinical epidemiology of cardiovascular events in firefighters; including the first definitive statistical association of strenuous job tasks and on-duty cardiovascular deaths, which was subsequently confirmed in a later *New England Journal of Medicine* publication. Given his focus on obesity and other cardiovascular risk factors, he is collaborating with others to examine various interfaces between environmental and workplace exposures and metabolic and cardiovascular health effects. These efforts include a cohort study of young adults funded by the Cypriot Research Promotion Foundation; hypertension in public safety workers and sleep apnea in transportation and public safety workers; as well as participation as a faculty member in Harvard's Cardiovascular Epidemiology Program and the HMS Division of Sleep Medicine.

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Dr. Gina Solomon '95
Dr. Belayneh Abejje '07
Dr. William Beckett AB' 73

THANK YOU!



New Developments and Program Advances at HSPH OEMR

OEMR Receives Full Five-Year Accreditation:

In August 2008, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) conducted a five-year site visit of the HSPH OEMR. In April 2009, following the meeting of the ACGME's Residency Review Committee for Preventive Medicine we received notice that we were awarded another full, 5-year cycle of re-accreditation. The Review Committee commended the HSPH program for "its demonstrated substantial compliance with the ACGME's Requirements for Graduate Medical Education." HSPH's next site visit will be in 2014. The ACGME is responsible for the accreditation of post-MD medical training programs within the United States. Accreditation is accomplished through a peer review process and is based upon national standards for graduate medical education established by ACGME, which approves and continually assesses educational programs under its aegis.

Combined IM/OM Training Approved:

The Cambridge Health Alliance (a Harvard Medical School affiliate) and the HSPH are pleased to offer a new combined training program, administered by HMS and HSPH faculty. Harvard's program allows medical students to enter the field of OEM directly from medical school. This significant advance keeps HSPH on the cutting edge and greatly increases the accessibility and attractiveness of OEM as a career.

In just 4 years, residents will become board-eligible in both specialties: internal medicine and occupational (preventive) medicine and receive a Masters of Public Health Degree (MPH) at HSPH. Throughout all 4-years, residents will have increasing OEM clinic, research and didactic training. While there are several combined IM/General Preventive Medicine programs around the country, to our knowledge this is the only 4-year IM/OM residency in the US.

Both the CHA Internal Medicine and HSPH Occupational & Environmental Medicine Residencies have full ACGME accreditation, and the combined program has already been approved by both the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) and the American Board of Preventive Medicine (ABPM). We hope to accept the first residents of the combined program this spring to start training in July 2010. You can learn more about the combined program via the OEMR website or at: [Combined Program](#).

Proctor & Gamble- Gillette Rotation:

In close collaboration with Richard Hammel MD, MPH, Proctor and Gamble's Associate Medical Director, we have begun a new practicum rotation at Gillette's South Boston facilities. Resident activities include: collaboration with safety teams and industrial hygiene, provision of occupational and preventive clinical services, ergonomics, disability management, as well as exposure to policy, administration and toxicology issues. The rotation has been approved by the ACGME's Residency Review Committee for Preventive Medicine, and our first resident has begun work at Gillette. HSPH OEMR would also like to thank Leslie Yee MD, MPH (HSPH '86), P&G's former Corporate Medical Director for his vision and assistance in bringing this educational opportunity to fruition.

Initiative for Productivity and Health Management (IPHM):

We have developed resident enrichment experiences in Productivity and Health Management (PHM), involving population based policies and health interventions on behalf of workers and their families via employment status. The new rotation at Procter & Gamble contains elements of PHM in a large corporate environment. During the summer, our Chief Resident attended the Tufts Healthcare Institute, and Dr. Carolyn Langer is developing resident opportunities within Harvard Pilgrim Health Plan's employment-based Chronic Disease Management program.

Drs. Forman and Kales have planned a major PHM conference 30 Sep to 1 Oct 2010. Novartis Pharmaceuticals has made a \$30,000 sponsorship gift towards this first-time HSPH executive leadership program for maximizing employment based health from policy, benefits, efficiency and health outcomes perspectives. Expected attendees include senior business managers; experts from the insurance, pharmaceutical, and consulting sectors; as well as leaders of health interventions. Several major headline speakers have already been confirmed. Stay tuned for more details on this innovative conference and visit the IPHM via the OEMR website or at: [IPHM](#).

We want to hear from you!

Did you relocate and accept a new position?

Have you been promoted?

Do you have family or other news that you would like to share?

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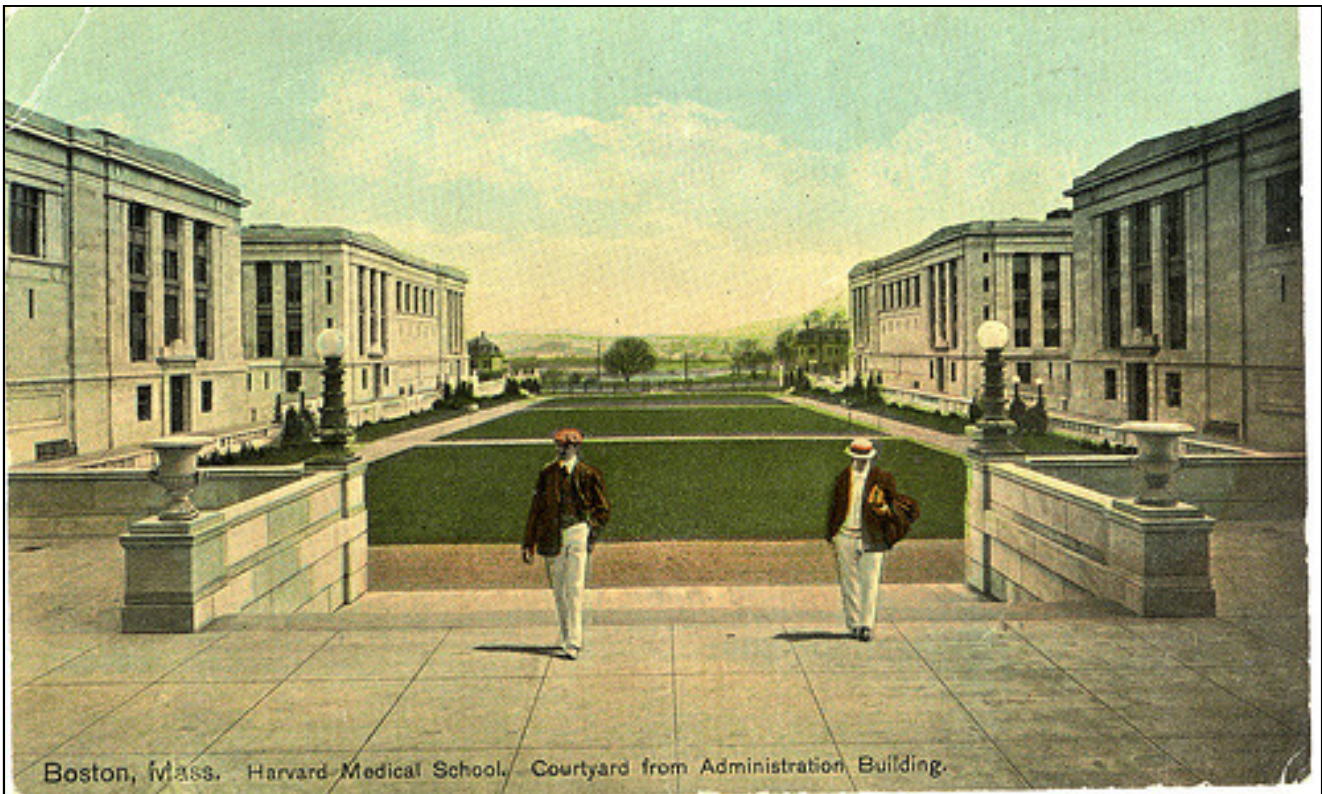
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