

# MPH MEMOS

University of Tennessee | Department of Public Health

## Dates to Remember

November 30  
Study Day #1

December 1  
UT Classes End

December 2  
Study Day #2

December 5  
Intern Presentation  
11:00 - 11:30 am  
HPER Room 393

December 3 - 9  
Final Exams

December 8  
Graduate Hooding

December 9 -  
January 10  
Winter Break

January 11  
First day of Spring  
Semester

## Alumni Spotlight: Jennifer C. Brooks

Jennifer Brooks received her MPH program in Community Health Education. She first joined CDC as a Technical Information Specialist in the AIDS Program in 1988 after a brief internship at CDC. Currently, Ms. Brooks serves as



the Deputy Branch Chief for the Global Emergency Management Capacity Development Branch at CDC. She oversees a team of public health emergency management technical advisors, health scientists, public health advisors and emergency management specialists who are responsible for developing capacity in public health emergency management

through bilateral and multilateral partner engagements. These include providing technical support to countries that are developing “a global network of interconnected EOCs” under the Global Health Security Agenda Respond pillar. Ms. Brooks encourages current MPH students to enjoy their time in graduate school and cherish the friendships made during this time. She adds, “if you are interested in working at CDC, visit the website and apply for one of the many Fellowships or jobs posted there. Look also at the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) for opportunities as many staff at CDC began their careers in an ORISE position.”

## Department of Public Health Research Day 2017

**Calling all Public Health students!**  
Save the date to attend and present at the  
2017 Public Health Research Day.

**When: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday, February 3, 2017**

**Where: Black Cultural Center**

**Don't have current research?**  
**Don't worry. Talk to your faculty about getting involved TODAY!**

**Questions? Don't miss out. See Dr. Jabson.**



### What to Do in Knoxville: Winter Break Edition



**A Christmas Carol**

**November 23 -  
December 18**

**Clarence Brown Theatre**

**Jingle Bell Run**

**December 10**

**World's Fair Park**

**New Year's on the  
Square**

**December 31**

**Market Square**

**"Holidays on Ice"  
Ice Skating**

**November 25 -  
January 8**

**Market Square**

**WIVK Christmas  
Parade**

**December 2  
7:00pm**

**Gay Street**

**Market Square  
Holiday Market**

**December 3, 10, & 17**

**Market Square**

## Spring 2017 Course Offerings

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### Public Health 541

#### UT Student Outbreak Rapid Response Training

Instructors: Dr. Paul Erwin & Dr. Faith Critzer



This one-hour pass/no credit course uses a unique format to focus on disease outbreak investigation, prevention, and control. The course will begin with a full eight hours of instruction on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> (8 am – 5 pm) at the Knox County Health Department. This will be followed by four on-campus meetings which will take place on the fourth or last Friday of each month from 10 am – 12 pm. This course provides basic instruction on the steps involved in investigating a real disease outbreak, working in partnership with the Tennessee Department of Health, the Knox County Health Department, and the East Tennessee Regional Health Office. Following the initial full-day session, students will be available throughout the semester to assist these public health offices in response to call for expanded capacity to investigate and address a real disease outbreak. This is the service learning component of the course (maximum 4.5 hours). There are no prerequisites for the course. The four monthly, on-campus sessions will take place from 10 am - 12 pm on: January 27, February 24, March 31, and April 21.

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### Public Health 580: Special Topics (Management of Not-For-Profit Healthcare Organizations)

Instructor: Dr. Jim Decker, DHA, FACHE

This course focuses on the organization and management of not-for-profit healthcare organizations. The course will be delivered in a seminar format, meeting one evening a week for three hours. The course is intended to provide students with an understanding of some of the unique issues and challenges encountered in the not-for-profit sector of healthcare. Comparisons, including similarities and differences between non-profit and for-profit (investor owned) healthcare organizations will be explored. Specific topics of study will include organizational design and structure, governance, and day-to-day management issues; as well as strategic, operational, financial, and legal challenges. Guest presentations from a cross-section of non-profit organizations and agencies who deliver healthcare services will expose students to real-life examples.



## MPH Culminating Experience Intern Presentation Fall 2016

Faculty, preceptors, and students are invited

Monday, December 5, 11:00 - 11:30 am  
HPER Room 393



Field Site: Tennessee Department of  
Environment and Conservation and Oak  
Ridge Reservation Communities Alliance  
Projects: GIS mapping, interpretation of  
land-use regulations

Erin Guy, Health Policy & Management concentration

**Good luck to graduating MPH students  
and to all students taking final exams!!**

*goodluck.*

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