Learn about upcoming dates and hear about current projects that PUBH students are involved in within the department!

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world"
-Nelson Mendela
A research team led by DrPH student Aubrey Ray recently presented their research findings regarding male participation in peer health education programs on college campuses at TPHA.

Doctoral student Pragya Poudel and Associate Professor Dr. Cristiana Barraso recently published an article regarding anti-child trafficking programs in South and Southeast Asia.
Congratulations!

There are many great things happening right now in our department. Here are some of the things we have to be proud of:

Just before Thanksgiving, UTK Department of Public Health submitted documentation of compliance for the new accreditation standards outlined by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). Congratulations! And thank you to all who helped make this happen!

The College of Social Work Program for Pet Equity was recently awarded a $2.8 million grant in collaboration with Public Health, Veterinary Medicine, and the Boyd Center. The grant will help fund AlignCare, which will address access to veterinary care for our pets, taking a One Health approach. Dr. Kathy Brown and Dr. Barroso will be spearheading this project from PUBH!
During May-December, Aly interned with the Metro Drug Coalition (MDC) where she developed a policy brief and visual tools to propose a “Hub and Spoke model” of substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery in East Tennessee. The “hub” in the model is the centralized place of services—the MDC, and the spokes are the myriad partners to refer and serve the community. Aly’s preceptor, Karen Pershing, Executive Director of the MDC and UT MPH alumna, acknowledged the value of Aly’s work, as MDC is already moving towards implementing this innovative model. The Kathy Darnell Ebener intern award is given to MPH interns who demonstrate leadership in working with communities and promoting health equity through projects that improve the health among underserved, vulnerable, or high-risk population in a culturally appropriate and evidenced based way. This award is a $500 gift, made possible by a generous donor, Kathy Ebener. Kathy is an educator, and UT alumna. Her service on the College’s Dean’s Board of Advisor’s inspired her to establish an intern award. Aly is the fifth student to receive this award. See prior award winners here - https://publichealth.utk.edu/funding-opportunities-1/ebener_award/
CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE STUDENTS WHO RECENTLY COMPLETED THEIR COMPREHENSIVE EXAMS! GREAT JOB!

AND, CONGRATS TO THOSE GRADUATING IN DECEMBER! YOU DID IT!
Congratulations on a successful Fall 2018 semester! We hope everyone has a great end of the semester, and we hope that you each have a relaxing holiday break!

PHGSA Announcements:

Be on the lookout for Spring 2019 announcements, meeting times, and events!
IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

December 13th - Hooding
December 14th - Commencement
December 15th - Graduation Day

Good luck on Finals! Don't forget to stay well hydrated, get plenty of sleep and eat healthy during these stressful times! #SelfCare
Hello! My name is Megan Butler, and I will be the editor for MPH Memos this year. A little bit about me: I am a second-year MPH student with a concentration in Health Policy and Management. I am also pursuing an epi minor and a Health Policy Certificate. After graduation in May, I plan on continuing on to Medical School or PA school. Ideally I would like to work with underserved populations and use my MPH degree to connect people to care!

MPH Memos are created and sent out multiple times throughout the semester. If you would like to be featured in future MPH memos or if you know of anyone that should be recognized, please reach out to Megan Butler at mbutle13@vols.utk.edu. You can also send any ideas/stories to publichealth@utk.edu.

GO VOLS!