College of Health Newsletter

College of Health Newsletter contains news and events from our schools, departments, and centers to keep you informed and engaged with the College. Health care and health promotion are crucial to the well-being of our state and nation, and Southern Miss is leading the way. Please continue to stay involved with the College of Health and your respective academic program in order to help take Southern Miss to the Top!

August 2014

Calder of Events:

Labor Day Holiday
September 1, 2014

Ogletree House
Grand Reopening and Celebration of the Landscape Restoration Project
10 a.m., Friday, Sept. 5
The District
Hattiesburg campus

DuBard School Speakeasy
October 3, 2014
Trent Lott National Center

Fall Break
October 16-17, 2014

Homecoming 2014
November 8, 2014
Golden Eagles take on Conference USA rival Marshall at M.M. Roberts Stadium

Thanksgiving Holidays
November 26-28

Southern Miss Graduate Students Present, Win Awards at International Conference

By Hanna Knowles

Graduate students and faculty from Southern Miss attended the 2014 Conference of the International Sports Engineering Association (ISEA), hosted by The Center for Sports Engineering Research at the City Campus of Sheffield Hallam University in Sheffield, England July 14-17.

Dave Krzeminski and Nadine Lippa, doctoral students in the Southern Miss Sports and High Performance Materials (SHPM) program, attended the 2014 Conference of the International Sports Engineering Association (ISEA) hosted by The Center for Sports Engineering Research at the City Campus of Sheffield Hallam University in Sheffield, England July 14-17.

Krzeminski presented on his refereed conference paper titled, “Effects of solvent exposure on the material properties and impact performance of an American Football helmet outer shell material.” Krzeminski is co-advised by Piland and Dr. James Rawlins, associate professor in the School of Polymers and High Performance Materials.

“To orally present the research we are conducting in Mississippi to an international audience was an exceptional opportunity. In the crowd were university researchers across North America, Europe, Asia and Australia, as well as lead scientists from companies such as Nike, Adidas and Speedo,” said Krzeminski.

Lippa presented on her refereed conference paper titled, “Mechanical ageing protocol selection affects macroscopic and molecular level properties of EVA running shoe midsole foam.” Lippa is co-advised by Rawlins and Dr. Trent Gould, associate dean of the College of Health and HPR professor.

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Alumni Spotlight

Clayton Kuklick, PhD, a graduate of the School of Human Performance and Recreation (2014), recently accepted a position at West Virginia University (WVU) as a full-time teaching assistant professor in the College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences. Kuklick successfully defended his dissertation titled “Reflective Practice in a Coach Education Practicum” in June. Kuklick said his dissertation provided him with a skill set to educate coaches and help develop coaching education as a field of study.

Kuklick will teach classes covering sport movement analysis, motor learning and performance, and principles of human movement. He looks forward to educating pre-service coaching students in the athletic coaching education program and working with the WVU faculty.

The College of Health is pleased to announce the association of these new faculty members

Kelly Metz, PhD
Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences

Bret Blackmon, PhD
Matthew Vasquez, PhD
School of Social Work

Daniel Credeur, PhD
Doug Manning, PhD
School of Human Performance and Recreation

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School of Social Work Providing Services, Education Through Mental Behavioral Health Grant

By Charmaine Williams Schomermund

Through an $8.3 million award that resulted from the medical settlement following the BP/Deepwater Horizon disaster, the School of Social Work at Southern Miss is helping to integrate mental and behavioral health into a primary care medical facility. These integrated health efforts are being provided through a partnership with Coastal Family Health Centers, a federally qualified health center. Coastal Family Health operates 13 clinics across the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The award has allowed the School of Social Work to employ seven licensed social workers and approximately 10 students in the master of social work (MSW) program at Southern Miss.

The staff and students support the delivery of integrated mental and behavioral health services in five Coastal Family Health Center clinics in Harrison and Hancock counties. As a result of this program, 300 – 400 patients per month receive mental and behavioral health services in their primary care clinics.

Each week, MSW students in their second year of practicum spend between two and three days in the clinic. These students will accumulate at least 600 hours in this unique clinical setting. For taking part in the program, students earn a scholarship and a stipend for their clinical placement.

“This model of patient care represents an opportunity to help Mississippi residents address their physical conditions, and at the same time on the same visit, begin to address what are often the mental and behavioral health issues that accompany physical illness,” said Dr. Tim Rehner, director and professor in behavioral health issues that accompany physical illness,” said Dr. Tim Rehner, director and professor in the School of Social Work at Southern Miss and principal investigator for the grant.

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The conference itself was simply an amazing learning experience,” said Lippa. “I was constantly learning not only about how research is conducted internationally, but also the unique struggles due to differing educational and government approaches in different countries and cultures.”

Representatives from engineering programs and sporting goods manufacturers showed a high level of interest in the accomplishments of the Southern Miss SHPM program. The effort presented by Lippa was selected for two awards: the Adidas Footwear Prize and the ISEA Student Investigator Prize. The Adidas Footwear Prize was awarded to the paper demonstrating engineering research in the area of sports footwear performance that best fits the vision of the Adidas Innovation Team. The ISEA Student Investigator Prize was awarded to the best oral presentation of a student’s original research.

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18th Annual DuBard Symposium Brings in Renowned Experts to Discuss Dyslexia, Related Disorders

By Catherine Lott

Keynote addresses by renowned experts and interactive breakout sessions will highlight the 18th Annual DuBard Symposium: “Dyslexia and Related Disorders” set for Sept. 17-18 at the Thad Cochran Center on The University of Southern Mississippi’s Hattiesburg campus.

Each year, educators, administrators, speech-language pathologists, dyslexia therapists, psychologists, social workers and parents from across the Southeast gather for the DuBard Symposium to gain information, review products and services, and network with peers. All of these factors combined make the DuBard Symposium a key element in assisting them in supporting and serving children with dyslexia and related disorders.

The two keynote speakers, Dr. Louisa C. Moats and Dr. Christopher Kaufman, have made major strides in understanding and educating others on the topics of dyslexia and related disorders.

In addition to these two notable speakers, the symposium will also host 10 other breakout sessions for participants to select from to best fit their educational needs.

Continuing education units are available. For more information and to register online visit [website link] or call 601.266.4186.

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