Welcome to the Epidemiology & Population Health Section Newsletter!

Dear TOS Epidemiology & Population Health Section Members,

We hope you had an enjoyable and rewarding meeting experience this year in Los Angeles. With your support, we had a very successful Section meeting, including a showcase of outstanding student/trainee posters and a brief Section business meeting, and awards all within an hour!

Section Meeting and Poster Competition

This year, we recognized the following nine trainees for their outstanding posters:

- Melisa Celaya, MA, CCRC, Honor Health
- Gabrielle Jenkins, MSPH, UNC-Chapel Hill
- Melanie Kornides, MPH, NP, Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health
- Madison LeCroy, UNC-Chapel Hill
- Vanessa Oddo, MPH, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health
- Elyse Powell, Doctoral Candidate, UNC-Chapel Hill
- Kamika Reynolds, MS, UNC-Chapel Hill
- Zaixing Shi, PhD candidate, Columbia University
- Anthony Wang, MD, PhD, University of Illinois

We would like to thank our esteemed judges: Kate Bauer, PhD, Janne Boone-Heinonen, PhD, Patrick Bradshaw, PhD, and Shuwen Ng, PhD for making the...
poster showcase a success. We would also like to thank Stephanie Mazzucca, Doctoral Candidate, for coordinating the People's Choice Award. Based on the judges' scores, the winner of this year's Best Student Poster was Kamika Reynolds, MS, (UNC-Chapel Hill). The People's Choice award, voted on by all members in attendance, went to Vanessa Oddo, MPH (Johns Hopkins School of Public Health). Congratulations to all!

Epi Section Unsolved Mysteries

Despite having a successful and well-attended Section meeting, the Epidemiology & Population Health Section had to contend with its fair share of mysteries at this year's meeting.

1. One of the posters that was supposed to be included in the showcase went missing from the exhibit hall prior to the Section meeting.
2. One poster that was not supposed to be included in the showcase was mysteriously hung during the Section meeting, but no one in attendance claimed it.
3. ALL of the Epidemiology & Population Health ribbons hung on the student posters went missing during the meeting.

If this continues, we may need to add an Epidemiology & Population Health Section Detective to the board next year! If you happen to meet anyone who has a collection of 9 yellow Section ribbons, send them our way.

New Council Liaison Appointed
We are thrilled to welcome Kirsten Davison, PhD, FTOS, who has been appointed as the Council Liaison for the Epidemiology Section, to our leadership roster. We would also like to thank our outgoing liaison Shine Chang, PhD, FTOS, for her years of service and for her tireless dedication to our Section.

Mission and Goals of Epidemiology & Population Health Section

The mission of the Epidemiology & Population Health Section is to provide a forum to increase collaboration and networking among obesity epidemiology researchers, to support and promote research to understand etiology, prevention and management of obesity and to facilitate the dissemination of knowledge to the scientific community, public policy stakeholders, and the public.

Our goals are to:

1. Promote participation in TOS among young investigators conducting obesity epidemiology research
2. Promote networking and collaboration among TOS obesity epidemiology researchers
3. Provide mentoring for young investigators

2015-2016 Epidemiology Leadership Roster

Kendrin R. Sonneville, Chair
Shakira Suglia, Chair-Elect
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Jesse Jones-Smith, Early Career Representative
Pasquale Rummo, Student Fellow Representative
Kirsten Davison, Council Liaison
Y. Claire Wang, Past Chair
Shameeka Green, Volunteer Coordinator

Best Wishes,

The Epidemiology & Population Health Section Leadership