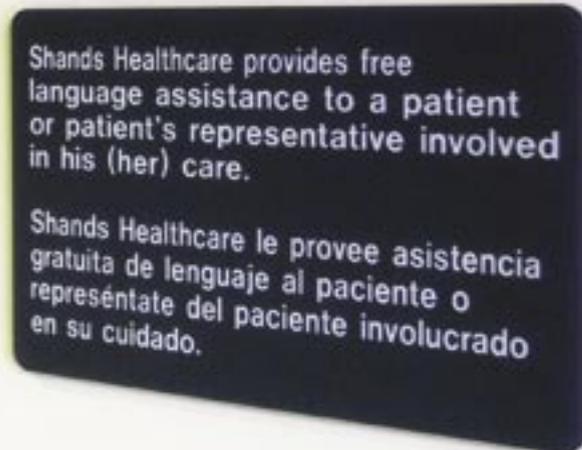


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New doctoral programs approved

The Florida Board of Governors approved new College of Public Health and Health Professions doctoral programs in epidemiology and biostatistics at its meeting on Dec. 6, 2007.

"This is an important achievement for the college and was especially significant given the fact that some members of the Board of Governors were concerned about going forward with new doctoral programs because of state budget issues," said Elena Andresen, Ph.D., chair of the college's department of epidemiology and biostatistics.

The two new programs, along with the college's Ph.D. in health services research, meet the Council on Education for Public Health's requirement that schools of public health offer three doctoral programs in public health disciplines, Andresen said. The college is in the process of seeking accreditation, which will culminate in a site visit by council accreditors in September.

The Ph.D. in epidemiology is a joint effort with the College of Medicine's department of epidemiology and health policy research.

"The approval of our Ph.D. programs in epidemiology and biostatistics represents an important milestone in the development of our college," said Michael G. Perri, Ph.D., interim dean of the college. "We now stand fully prepared to carry out the exciting opportunity of educating doctoral students in these important public health disciplines."

The new programs will begin admitting students for the fall 2008 academic year. For more information, contact the department of epidemiology and biostatistics at 352-273-5468. ●

Regional, language differences affect Hispanics' experiences with Medicare

Hispanics face multiple barriers to health care, but their experiences in the health care system can vary widely by language and geographical area, according to a new University of Florida study.

In the study of Hispanics/Latinos enrolled in Medicare-managed care programs, patients who speak Spanish reported more negative experiences with care than did Hispanic patients who speak English. However, Spanish speakers in Florida were more satisfied with their health care experiences than their peers in California and the New York/New Jersey region — a finding that could be attributed to the "Miami effect." The results appeared in the October issue of the journal *Health Services Research*.

"Eighty-six percent of the Spanish-speaking survey respondents from Florida live in the Miami area, the U.S. city with the highest proportion of Hispanic residents," said lead investigator Robert Weech-Maldonado, Ph.D., an associate professor in the department of health services research, management and policy at the College of Public Health and Health Professions. "Spanish is one of the primary languages in Miami and there is an excellent network of Spanish-speaking health providers."

The study is the first to examine health care experiences of Hispanics — a population vulnerable to health disparities — by regional and language differences. Results of the study were widely reported in news media outlets, such as U.S. News and World Report and CBS News Radio.

The Medicare-managed care program, known as Medicare Advantage, was designed to give beneficiaries the option of enrolling in a variety of private plans, including health maintenance organizations, or HMOs, and preferred provider organizations, or PPOs. Patients' out-of-pocket costs associated with the Medicare Advantage plans are relatively lower than those associated with traditional Medicare. Although most Medicare recipients use the traditional fee-for-service program, about 5 million Medicare beneficiaries were enrolled in the managed care program in 2004, according to the

Kaiser Family Foundation. More than 50 percent of enrollees were Hispanic.

UF researchers analyzed data from the Consumer Assessments of Healthcare Providers and Systems Medicare managed care survey, conducted in 2002. The survey focused on five aspects of care: timeliness of care, provider communication, office staff helpfulness, getting needed care and health plan customer service. Of the more than 125,000 Medicare-managed care recipients who completed the survey, 7 percent, or 8,463, identified themselves as Hispanic. The survey was available in English and Spanish.

Hispanic English speakers reported more negative experiences than whites for all aspects of care except provider communication. Hispanic Spanish speakers had more negative experiences than whites with timeliness of care, office staff helpfulness and provider communication, suggesting language barriers in the clinical setting.

However, the researchers were surprised to find that Hispanic Spanish speakers reported more positive experiences with getting needed care than their English-speaking counterparts.

"This was an unexpected result; we haven't found this in other studies," Weech-Maldonado said. "We speculate that Spanish-speaking Hispanics, who may be less acculturated, could be more tolerant of the managed care practices because they are less familiar with the U.S. health care system."

Overall, the UF study demonstrates that differences in Hispanics' health care experiences exist and there is room for improvement, especially given the regional differences, Weech-Maldonado said.

"Our study suggests that managed care companies should implement quality improvement programs to reduce disparities in patient experiences with care, and one area they can target is interpreter services," he said, adding that the Hispanic Spanish speakers in the survey were more likely than English speakers to rate their health as fair or poor. "Managed care health plans cover a well-diversified population, so it is important for them to look at disparities in care." ●



Dr. Michael G. Perri,
Interim Dean

2008 marks two important milestones in the evolution of the College of Public Health and Health Professions: the 50th anniversary of our college and our pursuit of accreditation as a college of public health, which culminates in a site visit by accreditors in September.

This year we recognize the administrators, faculty, students, staff and alumni who

have helped to shape the college over the past decades into a highly ranked health education institution. At the same time, we celebrate the transformation of our college into an organization that brings together the public health and health professions disciplines to collaborate in research, teaching and service.

In some ways the integration of public health into our college mirrors the innovative thinking by our college's founders 50 years ago. Traditionally, universities had scattered health professions programs across campuses in various colleges, such as education and liberal arts and sciences. The University of Florida was the first to unite these disciplines as one college and locate them within a health center.

Then-UF President J. Hillis Miller and our college's first dean, Darrel J. Mase, visualized a college that would bring together the health professions disciplines and create an environment where health professions students and students in the other Health Science Center colleges — Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, and later Dentistry and Veterinary Medicine — could learn from one another. The philosophy was that professionals who train alongside each other will work together better in the care of patients.

That same collaborative spirit drives our new educational model that brings together health professions and public health disciplines to improve the health of individuals and communities. We believe that what we learn in the care of individual patients by those in the health professions can better inform community programs in disease prevention and health promotion developed by public health practitioners. And public health's population perspective helps health care providers determine what health issues need to be addressed at the individual patient level.

2008 is truly an exciting year for the College of Public Health and Health Professions. We hope you will join us in commemorating these landmark events in the college's history (see page 4 for a schedule of activities), and we thank you for your continued support of the college. ●



Photo by Sarah Kiewel/UF Health Science Center News & Communications

New grant helps UF train scholars for career in rehabilitation research

The University of Florida and the University of Texas Medical Branch have received a \$5 million National Institutes of Health grant to train future rehabilitation scientists.

The Rehabilitation Research Career Development Program will recruit and train 12 occupational and physical therapy scholars from across the nation to become independent investigators and scientific leaders in rehabilitation.

"If you look at the field of rehabilitation, we don't have a strong history of research and there are not enough faculty with this kind of research experience," said the program's deputy director Krista Vandeborne, Ph.D., P.T., chair of the department of physical therapy at the UF College of Public Health and Health Professions. "This program will allow us to train the next generation of rehabilitation researchers."

The grant, the first of its kind devoted to scholar training in rehabilitation research, is funded by the National Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research in the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and by the National Institute for Neurological Disorders and Stroke. William Mann, Ph.D., O.T.R., chair of the department of occupational therapy, will serve as the program's associate director. UF and UTMB's grant is one of two awarded nationally, the other going to a consortium of Washington University in St. Louis, the University of Delaware and the University of Pittsburgh.

The career development program will provide five years of support for six scholars who will train at UF and six who will train at UTMB. Trainees will choose which mentor they want to work with in one of several areas: neurological and cognitive rehabilitation; neuromuscular disease; assistive technology;

respiratory physiology and rehabilitation; aging and geriatric rehabilitation; muscle biology and rehabilitation; and functional outcomes.

"The senior faculty members involved in this program come from all over campus," Vandeborne said. "We've invested a lot in transdisciplinary work at UF and we have a depth of resources and a great critical mass of faculty focused on rehabilitation, more than any other campus in the nation."

The rehabilitation scholars will also benefit from the training program's partnerships with national rehabilitation centers and the country's preeminent rehabilitation researchers who serve on the program's advisory board. The quality of training and networking opportunities created as part of this training program could place the scholars in an excellent position to move on to faculty positions at top universities, Vandeborne said.

"We want people who are well-positioned to succeed and will really benefit from the training and mentoring," she said. "We have the opportunity to bring in the best of the best and help them reach their potential." ●

Above: The Rehabilitation Research Career Development Program supports rehabilitation scholars who will train in labs like the one led by Dr. Krista Vandeborne, far right, and her husband Dr. Glenn Walter, second from right. Researchers in the Muscle Physiology Laboratory conduct basic science and clinical studies on muscle degeneration and regeneration. Research team members also include, from left, Nathan Bryant, Dr. Claudia Senesac, Raveet Vohra, Wendy Han, Dr. Sunita Mathur, Sean Germain and Dr. Donovan Lott.

College adopts new mission, goals and objectives

The College of Public Health and Health Professions has adopted a new mission statement, along with goals and objectives to guide the college's activities.

The mission of the College of Public Health and Health Professions is to preserve, promote and improve the health and well-being of populations, communities and individuals. To fulfill this mission, we foster collaborations among public health and the health professions in education, research and service.

The college has also established goal statements and a set of measurable objectives for achieving its goals in education, research and service. The three goals of the college and corresponding objectives are stated below. The college has also developed a set of outcome measures that will be used to track progress toward achievement of our objectives.

Goal I Provide excellent educational programs that prepare graduates to address the multifaceted health needs of populations, communities and individuals.

Objectives:

1. Enroll a strong and diverse student body
2. Recruit and retain outstanding faculty
3. Maintain and enhance excellent academic programs that emphasize current knowledge, discovery and

practice
4. Prepare students who, upon graduation, are competitive in the public health and health professions employment markets

Goal II Conduct quality research and disseminate findings that are responsive to priority health needs.

Objectives:

1. Compete successfully for research funding
2. Promote collaborative research within the college and across the university
3. Produce and disseminate new knowledge that contributes to the health of communities and individuals

Goal III Serve as active participants and leaders in university, public health, health practice and health services communities through collaborative approaches to intervention, professional practice and policy.

Objectives:

1. Develop and maintain partnerships with community organizations to promote health
2. Provide professional service to the community
3. Provide professional service to the college and the university
4. Provide educational programs that meet workforce development needs ●

Nami S. Yu, a rehabilitation science doctoral student, received the Annual Student Paper Award from the Foundation for Life Care Planning Research. Yu was awarded \$500 and free registration and travel expenses to present her paper at the 2007 International Symposium on Life Care Planning. Her article will be also published in the Journal of Life Care Planning.

Master of Public Health students won the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of HIV/AIDS Condom Art Competition in honor of World AIDS Day. The contest was open to all Florida colleges and universities. The creators of UF's winning art project, **Cuc Tran and Carmen Glotfelty**, traveled to Tallahassee to display their piece in conjunction with the health department's World AIDS Day activities on Dec. 1.

Students and faculty from the **department of occupational therapy** hosted CarFit, a free program that gives older adults the opportunity to check how their personal vehicles "fit" them. The occupational therapy group led senior drivers through a 12-point checklist with their vehicles, recommended personal vehicle adjustments and adaptations to enhance their safety, and offered community resources and activities. CarFit's national sponsors include the American Society on Aging, AAA, AARP and the American Occupational Therapy Association. ●

faculty NOTES & staff

Todd Fraser, coordinator of administrative services in the department of occupational therapy, was named the college's 2007 Employee of the Year at the annual faculty/staff appreciation dinner Oct. 26. Fraser was recognized for his problem-solving ability, dedication and willingness to assist employees and students, even in difficult situations.

The **department of clinical and health psychology** is one of two national recipients of the American Psychological Association's Departmental Award for Culture of Service in the Psychological Sciences. The award will be used to support student travel to conferences or meetings in which they perform service to scientific organizations.

The **master's in health administration program in the department of health services research, management and policy** is one of two recipients of the American College of Healthcare Executives Higher Education Network Awards, along with Army-Baylor University. ACHE established the awards to recognize those Higher Education Network participants whose programs have demonstrated a commitment to promoting advancement in ACHE. The UF program was honored for having the greatest percentage of graduates who have advanced to member or fellow status in ACHE. ●



Medical technology faculty member Jan Hornsby Parrish, left, provides instruction on blood cell morphology to a student in this circa 1980 photo. The medical technology program was one of the college's first academic programs, along with occupational therapy, physical therapy and rehabilitation counseling.

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College of Public Health and Health Professions at a
special 50th anniversary gala on Friday, Nov. 21. The
gala will also feature the outstanding alumni awards
and faculty and staff recognition. Gala weekend events
include:

FRIDAY, NOV. 21

In the afternoon:

Darrel J. Mase Leadership Award Lecture with reception to follow
PHHP Advisory Board meeting
Gator Healthcare Forum

In the evening:

50th Anniversary Gala at 6 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom, J. Wayne
Reitz Union

SATURDAY, NOV. 22

Alumni Reunion BBQ and UF football game against the Citadel

Visit the college's 50th anniversary Web site regularly for
updated information, www.phhp.ufl.edu/50th-Anniversary.

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

The College of Public Health and Health Professions 50th Anniversary Lecture Series

Friday, March 28

Donald M. Steinwachs, Ph.D., professor, department of health policy and management;
director, Health Services Research and Development Center, Johns Hopkins University

Friday, April 11

Gail R. Wilensky, Ph.D., senior fellow, Project HOPE

Friday, Sept. 19

Michael A. Morrissey, Ph.D., professor, department of health care organization and policy,
University of Alabama at Birmingham

Friday, Sept. 26

Thomas Rice, Ph.D., professor, department of health services; vice chancellor for
academic personnel, UCLA

Friday, Oct. 3

Karen Davis, Ph.D., president, The Commonwealth Fund

Monday, Oct. 20

Kenneth J. Ottenbacher, Ph.D., O.T.R., Russell Shearn Moody Distinguished Chair; professor
and director, division of rehabilitation sciences, University of Texas Medical Branch

Friday, Nov. 7

Lisa A. Cooper, M.D., M.P.H., professor, departments of epidemiology and health policy
and management, Johns Hopkins University

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Friday, Nov. 14

Deborah A. Freund, Ph.D., distinguished professor; senior research associate, Center for
Policy Research, Syracuse University

Friday, Nov. 21

Alan M. Jette, Ph.D., director of the Health and Disability Research Institute and a
professor in the departments of rehabilitation sciences and social and behavioral sciences,
Boston University

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A daughter's tribute

Rebecca Hayes establishes scholarship in honor of her father Bruce Thomason, founding chair of rehabilitation counseling

When Rebecca Hayes visited PHHP a few years ago and met the recipient of the award named for her father, Bruce Thomason, the student asked her "What did your father look like?" "I looked around and realized there weren't any pictures or reminders of him," said Hayes, who also learned that award funds had run dry and awardees no longer received scholarship support.

"I wanted to do something in my father's honor that would benefit someone else in the program," she said.

Hayes and her husband, Larry, recently made a \$20,000 gift to the college to establish the Thomason Family Memorial Scholarship Fund to benefit master's in rehabilitation counseling students.

"Making this gift is one of the things I've done that feels totally right," Hayes said.

Thomason served as chair of the UF department of rehabilitation counseling from its inception in 1954 until his retirement in 1974. He is credited with developing relationships with key federal, regional and state agencies that led to UF's program receiving substantial support. He held leadership positions in several organizations, including the American Rehabilitation Counseling Association and the Board of Directors of the National Rehabilitation Association, which awarded him their Presidential Citation for Distinguished Rehabilitation Services in 1974.

Thomason died from a stroke in 1979.

Hayes, who spent her adolescence in Gainesville and graduated from UF in 1961 with a bachelor's degree in early childhood education, has vivid memories of her father as rehabilitation counseling chair.

"My mother was quite an entertainer and there were always lots of students at our home, including the annual department party at our lake house," Hayes said, adding that she remembers one luau-themed party when a student organizer's neglect of the roast pig left it burnt to a crisp.

In the early years of his UF tenure, Thomason taught "Marriage and the Family," which, said Hayes with a laugh, was "famous among the students for its sex education."

Hayes believes her father's interest in psychology and counseling developed while he pursued degrees in sociology.

"He grew up in a really small town near Salisbury,



Rebecca Hayes and Patsy Nininger in front of a UF display on their father Bruce Thomason, Ph.D. Above: Bruce and Kathryn Thomason with their daughters Patsy, left, and Rebecca.

N.C., and probably didn't even know about counseling as a profession, but he had that kind of personality," she said. "He was very loving and sweet. His high school classmates called him 'Shug,' for sugar lump. He had a good sense of humor and enjoyed life to the fullest. I don't think I could have had a better father."

Thomason also had a major influence on his daughter's career, but that came a little bit later. Following her UF graduation, Hayes worked in Florida as an elementary school teacher for several years before moving to San Antonio, Texas, when her husband received a work transfer.

A friend and graduate of the UF rehabilitation counseling program encouraged Hayes to go back to school for a master's degree in vocational rehabilitation counseling from the University of Texas at San Antonio.

"She talked about how helpful my father had been and how much the program had meant to her," Hayes said. "I hadn't considered becoming a rehabilitation counselor before and my father never asked me to, but it was one of his students who inspired me to enter the field."

After completing her degree, Hayes worked for the Texas Rehabilitation Commission for 12 years before opening her own career and vocational counseling business, Career Action Associates, in 1985. Two years ago, Hayes and her husband retired to Ormond Beach, Fla.

"I worked in rehabilitation counseling a long time and I grew up around rehabilitation counselors who worked with my father," Hayes said. "My mother always said that rehabilitation counselors were the best people in the world and I really believe that." ●

Former department chair Nathan Perry dies

Nathan W. Perry, Ph.D., who served as chair of the department of clinical and health psychology at the UF College of Public Health and Health Professions for more than 20 years, died Dec. 1, 2007 in Tallahassee. He was 75.



"Nate Perry was a major force for the advancement of psychology at the University of Florida and throughout the nation," said Michael G. Perri, Ph.D., the college's interim dean. "His leadership blazed a trail that enabled others to make important clinical and research contributions in health psychology. The success of our department of clinical and health psychology stands as a lasting legacy of Nate Perry's pioneering efforts."

Perry received his doctorate in psychology from Florida State University in 1963 and joined the UF faculty that same year. He was chair of the department of clinical and health psychology from 1977 until his retirement in 1998. Perry was a leading advocate at the national level for the "scientist-practitioner" model, which called for psychologists to be trained in both the underlying science of the profession as well as in clinical practice.

In his own research, Perry focused on vision and cognition and he was considered an expert on measurement of brain function and cognition using visual evoked potentials to measure electrical activity in the brain in response to visual stimuli.

"Nate was truly a giant in the field of clinical psychology; he was not only a crackerjack administrator and department chair, but he was also a first-rate scientist, performing some key early work on brain electrophysiological responses to complex visual stimuli," said Russell M. Bauer, Ph.D., chair of the department of clinical and health psychology.

Perry served as president of the Florida Psychological Association, the Southeastern Psychological Association and the Society of Clinical Psychology, and was a member of the American Psychological Association's board of directors. He received the Florida Psychological Association's Lifetime Achievement Award in 1998.

"He was a visionary, and our department and college continue to benefit from that vision," Bauer said.

Perry is survived by his wife, Suzanne Bennett Johnson, of Tallahassee, Fla., his brother, Kenneth Eugene Perry, of Maryville, Tenn., six children and six grandchildren.

A scholarship fund has been established in Perry's honor. Please make checks payable to the UF Foundation, attention: Nate Perry Memorial Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 14425, Gainesville, FL 32604 or call Marie Emmerson at 352-273-6540 for more information. ●

Focus on veterinary public health

Alumna combines public health and veterinary medicine for career in infectious disease research

When Tara Anderson, D.V.M., graduated from the UF College of Veterinary Medicine in 2003, she decided to work at a small animal hospital first to hone her medical skills.

She liked working with patients, too, save the occasional biter and scratcher. But Anderson realized she wanted to focus her attention on helping animals and people in another way — through infectious disease research and public health.

She found an opportunity to do just that in the College of Public Health and Health Professions' master's in public health program and the College of Veterinary Medicine's doctoral program. As a doctoral student, Anderson is investigating the canine influenza virus, and as a public health student, she expanded her knowledge of epidemiological research methods.

Anderson, who received her master's degree in public health last year, believes that veterinary medicine and public health are natural partners.

"Public health is a traditional component of the veterinary profession and is an important focus of its future," Anderson said. "Although companion animal clinical practice and appreciation of the human-animal

bond are very important, we need to highlight the vital roles veterinarians also play in public practice."

Emerging infectious diseases such as SARS and H5N1 avian influenza are just two examples of zoonotic diseases — diseases that can spread from animals to humans — that have caused major public health crises. Veterinarians are instrumental in the research, prevention and control of these and many other public health threats, Anderson said.

Anderson is currently studying the canine influenza virus under the direction of veterinary researchers Paul Gibbs, B.V.Sc., Ph.D., and Cynda Crawford, D.V.M., Ph.D. The UF team, along with collaborators at Cornell University and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, announced the discovery of canine influenza three years ago when they confirmed that a form of equine influenza had jumped species to dogs. Cases have now been reported in dogs in 25 states, with preliminary data showing a 16 percent infection rate. At this point there is no evidence that canine influenza is a zoonotic disease.

"We are in the process of studying the epidemiology of canine influenza — trying to determine if there are any particular age groups or breeds of dogs that are more susceptible to the disease, and if there are hot

spots for outbreaks, such as boarding kennels, shelters and dog day care centers," Anderson said. "Hopefully as we learn more about canine influenza, we can contribute to the study of influenza viruses in other species as well."

Anderson has also been involved in the development of UF's new joint D.V.M./M.P.H. degree program, which launched last summer.

"Tara is an excellent role model for students pursuing veterinary and public health training," said Nabih Asal, Ph.D., a professor in the department of epidemiology and biostatistics. "She has all the qualities needed for a successful career combining veterinary medicine and public health: high intellect, knowledge, curiosity, organizational and communication skills, training in veterinary medicine and epidemiology, and motivation." ●



Dr. Tara Anderson

Sparrow named PPHP alumna of the year

Prominent child neuropsychologist Sara Sparrow, Ph.D., clinical and health psychology '68, has been named the UF College of Public Health and Health Professions' alumna of the year. She will be honored at the college's spring commencement ceremony in May.

Sparrow served as chief psychologist at the Child Study Center at Yale University for 30 years and is senior author of one of the most widely used psychological assessment tools, the *Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales*.

"Dr. Sparrow is a pioneer who has been a prolific contributor to the science and practice of developmental disabilities and child neuropsychology," said Russell M. Bauer, Ph.D., chair of the college's department of clinical and health psychology.

Now a professor emerita and senior research scientist at Yale, Sparrow is the author of more than 100 articles and chapters on psychological assessment and developmental disabilities. Her most significant contribution to the field of child psychology has been the development of the *Vineland Adaptive Behavior*

Scales, designed to measure personal and social skills used by an individual or child in daily situations. Originally published more than 20 years ago, the *Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales* is the most widely used tool of its kind.

The impetus for the *Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales* came from the passage of the federal Education for All Handicapped Children Act in 1975. In order to receive federal funding, institutions serving children with physical and developmental disabilities had to evaluate students and design plans for their education needs. But no standardized psychological tools existed, Sparrow said.

"We decided to develop the tools because everyone needed one," she said.

Sparrow and her husband and co-author Domenic



Dr. Sara Sparrow

Cicchetti, Ph.D., of Yale's School of Medicine, recently completed a revision of the *Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales*, called the *Vineland II*.

"We are able to identify developmental disabilities, such as autism, at a much younger age so we can begin treatment sooner," Sparrow said. "With early intervention we can make significant changes in children's lives."

Sparrow has served on the Committee on Disability Determination for Mental Retardation, a committee of the National Academy of Sciences. She is the co-founder and co-editor of the *Journal of Child Neuropsychology* and she received the prestigious Career Scientist Award from the American Academy of Mental Retardation.

"Dr. Sparrow's contributions and clinical work have enduringly portrayed her love and concern for the children she worked with and have clearly shown her dedication to improving diagnosis and treatment of the problems they face in their everyday lives," Bauer said. ●

Rebecca Bennett, master's in health administration '02, is the program director of Healthy Families Pasco-Hernando, a child abuse and neglect prevention program.

Gladys Bernett, master's in health administration/ master's in business administration '02, received the Hispanic Business Leadership award from Tampa Hispanic Heritage Inc. last October. She serves as the president of the Tampa Bay chapter of the National Society of Hispanic MBAs.

L. Caryl Patterson Fletcher, occupational therapy '91, and husband, Andrew, had a baby girl, Grace, on Nov. 25, 2007. They will be moving to Johnson City, Tenn., in June.

Michael Herman, master's in health administration '05, has been named vice president of operations for Summerville Medical Center in Summerville, S.C., a facility of Trident Medical Center and an HCA affiliated hospital. He will be responsible for operations in various ancillary and clinical departments within the hospital.

Katherine (Algeo) Holeman, master's in physical therapy '99, and her husband Jason welcomed their son, Gage Matthew, into the world on Feb. 27, 2007.

Roberta Isleib, doctorate in clinical and health psychology '85, has published *Preaching to the Corpse*, the second novel in her murder mystery series featuring Rebecca Butterman, a psychologist who writes an online advice column. For more information on her books, visit www.robertainisleib.com.

Doree Justiss, master's in health administration '04, and her husband John had their second child, Morgan Rebekah, on Nov. 6, 2007. She joins big brother Jaxon, 6. The family lives in Creve Coeur, Mo.

Major Robert Montz, master's of health science in occupational therapy (distance learning) '06, serves in the United States Army as an occupational therapist with the 75th Ranger Regiment at Fort Benning, Ga. To read more about Robert, visit our alumni spotlights at www.phhp.ufl.edu/alumni/meetthealumni.htm.

Sara Penfold, master's in health administration '03, and her husband recently welcomed "a wonderful Christmas present," their baby girl Ella. They live in Chula Vista, Calif.

Rhona Gorsky Reiss, master's in occupational therapy '75, retired last June after a 40-year career in occupational therapy. Last fall she traveled to Machu Picchu, Peru, and the Galapagos Islands. She volunteers at a nursing home, is on the board of Cinema Art Bethesda (Md.) and enjoys hiking.



We want your stories!

In recognition of the College of Public Health and Health Professions' 50th anniversary, we are looking for alumni memories to showcase in our college publications. Do you have classroom anecdotes, recollections of former professors or tales of student life? Send them to Jill Pease at jpease@phhp.ufl.edu or 352-273-5816. We look forward to hearing from you.

Matt Rosseli, master's in health administration '06, recently transferred to HCA Shared Services-Orange Park (Fla.) as a project coordinator.

Jeanne Street, doctorate in clinical and health psychology '78, is in private practice and is a clinical instructor at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center. She writes: "I've loved being a psychologist, but have also enjoyed cutting back my work hours. I would love to hear from grad student classmates." To get in touch with Jeanne, e-mail jpease@phhp.ufl.edu.

Jamie Woodruff, bachelor's in health science '05, is engaged to be married to New, a young man from Thailand. She recently became affiliated with an agency called New Mission Systems International and is preparing to move to Thailand as a full-time missionary. ●



WHAT'S NEW

Share your news with classmates!

Submissions will be published in the Alumni Updates section of a future issue of PPHP News.

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