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MHA Alum Sworn in as U.S. Air Force Lieutenant

Longford Nguyen, MHA, '11 alumnus, was sworn in as a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force at a ceremony on February 2, 2012 by retired Air Force Brigadier General Ray Garman, MD, MPH, Associate Professor in the UK College of Public Health. Longford will be attending a four and a half week commissioned officer training program in Montgomery, AL at Maxwell AFB in the Medical Service Corps.

At the conclusion of his training at Maxwell, he will take part in a three year commissioned training program at Laughlin Air Force base in Del Rio, TX. His career aspirations are to work in the health care profession in the Air Force as a Health Services Administrator in a military hospital facility.

“I am excited to take this important step in moving forward in serving my country as an Air Force officer in the Medical Service Corps. In addition, I am extremely happy to be able to do what I love in health administration while serving a higher purpose,” Nguyen said.



FACULTY UPDATE



Congratulations to Dr. Glen Mays, Department of Health Services Management, on having his article entitled; [Evidence Links Increases In Public Health Spending To Declines In Preventable Deaths](#), nominated and selected to the “Final 5” – RWJ’s Most Influential Research for 2011. Each year, RWJF posts a list of the most influential research articles on our website. The top 20 articles nominated for 2011 were the most frequently viewed research articles on [rwjf.org](#) in the past year. Visitors to the RWJF website voted for the top five articles, based on their solid research performance and significance to the field, of which yours was one. The results will be announced tomorrow in the newest issue of *Evidence Matters*, the newsletter of R&E. You can view the newsletter (and subscribe to future issues) [here](#).

DATES TO REMEMBER.....

February 15, 2012 CPH Pilot Funding for a **maximum** of \$30,000 for a **ONE TIME** solicitation (this year). Applications are due February 15 by 5pm and should follow R21 guidelines.
Contact – Ann Coker ann.coker@uky.edu

March 20, 2012 17th Annual Environmental Health Symposium
Completing the Preventive Medicine Circle
Perkins Building EKV – Richmond Campus
8:00am – 5:15pm

Click on the link for [Registration Form](#)
[Environmental Health Symposium Brochure](#)

March 27-30, 2012 2012 Kentucky Public Health Association Annual Conference
www.kpha-ky.org

March 29, 2012 CCTS Spring Conference – Appalachian Health Summit
Neurological Disorders: Quality of Life and Potential for Recovery
Lexington Convention Center
http://www.ccts.uky.edu/Events/CCTSConference_ahs.aspx

April 16, 2012 Health Equity Summit II – Setting a Vision for Tangible Change:
Moving from Awareness to Action
7:30am – 3:00pm – Muhammad Ali Center
144 N. Sixth Street, Louisville, KY

For more information contact Keisha Dorsey ghap@nortonhealthcare.org

April 17-19, 2012 2012 PHSSR Keeneland Conference

<http://www.publichealthsystems.org/phssr/EventsConferences/KeenelandConference/2012KeenelandConference>

April 17, 2012

The 2012 CPH Research Day will be held on Tuesday afternoon, April 17, 2012 at the Lexington Convention Center. It will be part of the 2012 Keeneland Conference (April 17-19, 2012). Both master and doctor students in the College of Public Health will be given the opportunity to showcase original research projects using either poster or oral presentations. A panel of faculty judges will evaluate the projects. Three cash prizes will be awarded for best presentations in the master level research category and doctor level research category with an average \$500 each! **The detailed submission requirement and registration information will be announced soon.**

June 4-6, 2012 – 29th Annual Summer Series on Aging

<http://www.mc.uky.edu/aging/summerseries/summerseries.htm>

October 27-31, 2012 APHA 140th Annual Meeting and Exposition
San Francisco, CA

<http://www.apha.org/meetings/AnnualMeeting/>

NEWS FROM CDC



CDC Releases Its First iPad “App”

More and more people are using smart phones and tablets to find health information. To meet this need, we are announcing our first application (or “app”) for the Apple iPad platform.

The CDC App is free for anyone to download. If you have an iPad, tap directly on the icon for the iTunes App store. At the top right of the page, type CDC iPad App in the search box. You will be taken to a page where you can download the CDC App. (Look for the app with the CDC logo.) You can read more about it at CDC Mobile iPad Application on CDC’s web site.

The CDC iPad App serves up important information from CDC’s website tailored to meet the needs of iPad users. Users can use tabs to immediately access health articles, popular journals, fast-breaking health updates, blogs, and podcasts. There are also tabs that allow them to access social media channels (Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube) that can help people engage more with CDC, provide additional health information, and links back to CDC’s main website. Users can access CDC’s content through the following tabs:

- Health Articles are written by subject matter experts and health communicators from all CDC centers and programs. While most stories are topic- or event-driven, many capture the full scope of CDC's work on cross-cutting topics.
- Vital Signs offers recent data on important public health issues. Topics include: colorectal and breast cancer screening; obesity; alcohol and tobacco use; access to health care; HIV testing; seat belt use; cardiovascular disease and more.
- Preventing Chronic Disease (PCD) Journal is a peer-reviewed electronic journal established to address the interface between applied public health research, practice, and policy.
- Newsroom features the latest health news from the CDC Newsroom. From this tab you can access current and archived press releases, media advisories, and press briefing transcripts. • Public Health Matters Blog: Here CDC bloggers share their passion for public health, its evolution, and the continual strides that are being made to protect and save lives through education, awareness, research, and promoting healthy lifestyles.
- CDC podcasts : Listen to CDC podcasts on your iPad for reliable health and safety information when and where you want it. The tab links to CDC's vast library of audio and video podcasts.
- Stay Connected: Follow CDC by tapping on tabs for Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. By accessing CDC's social media through the iPad, users can view important information on health topics and events throughout the year.

Let us know what you think! Contact Curt Shannon at cshannon@cdc.gov to comment or get more information.

Something to REMEMBER



Daylight Saving Time begins, Sunday, March 11, 2012 at 2:00am.

Recycle Your Printer Cartridges

Printer Cartridge Recycling Fund-Raiser

The Science Department at Winburn Middle School would greatly appreciate your used printer cartridges, as they use this recycling effort as a much needed fund raiser. They accept any type of used cartridge—laser, inkjet, large, small! If you have any from work or home, would you kindly bring them to **Dr. Steve Browning** (a collection box will be located outside his office **(209B in CPH)**). As you may know, Winburn is a school with many needs and very few resources and the Science Department obtains a good portion of their funding from this recycling effort. Many thanks for your consideration and support.

Have anything you want to post in the Friday Letter? Send it to Sharon Keys, skeys@uky.edu or give her a call at 859-218-2043.