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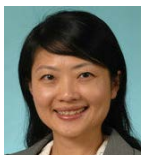


Research Digest

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From the Division of Public Health Sciences, Department of Surgery
Graham A. Colditz, MD, DrPH, *Chief*

Obesity-related diseases shorten a person's life by .2 to 11.7 years depending on gender, race, BMI and age



| **Obesity Research** |
Su-Hsin Chang, PhD, et al.
Published in *PLOS ONE*
[Full Text](#) | [Chang Profile](#)

Protocol published for study that brings colon cancer screening interventions to community health centers



| **Cancer Prevention Research** |
Aimee James, PhD, MPH, et al.
Published in *Implementation Science*
[Full Text](#) | [James Profile](#)

The power of words: Politi teams with oncologists to discuss shared decision making and cancer care



| **Health Communication Research** |
Mary Politi, PhD, et al.
Published in *ASCO 2013 Educational Book*
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Division News Briefs

- [Adetunji Toriola, MD, PhD](#), assistant professor, is among a select group of School of Medicine faculty who received a 2013 Faculty Diversity Scholar Award. This program honors and provides financial support for faculty of racial and ethnic backgrounds that are underrepresented in medicine.
- The Division of Public Health Sciences congratulates faculty members [Aimee James, PhD, MPH](#), [Kim Kaphingst, ScD](#), and [Siobhan Sutcliffe, PhD](#), on their promotions to associate professor of surgery.
- Master's students working in the [Goodman Lab](#) have several awards to report. **Lucy D'Agostino McGowan** won a SAS Student Ambassador award and Best Contributed Paper at the 2013 SAS Global Forum. She is also a finalist in the Applied Public Health Statistics Section of the American Public Health Association (APHA) student paper competition and will be giving an oral presentation at the APHA annual meeting in November. Master of Biostatistics students **Renee Gennarelli** and **Sarah Lyons**, in addition to McGowan, had abstracts accepted and received student scholarships to attend the NorthEast SAS User Group conference in September. Gennarelli and Lyons will also present posters at the APHA annual meeting.



ABOUT US

This newsletter provides a select summary of research news from the Division of Public Health Sciences.

We are a team of researchers and clinicians dedicated to preventing disease, improving health outcomes, and promoting quality and access to health care.

The Division of Public Health Sciences is part of the [Department of Surgery](#).

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- There are several medical and undergraduate students working on research projects in the division this summer. The faculty mentoring these students include: **Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH**; **Joaquin Barnoya, MD, MPH**; **Allison King, MD, MPH**; **Melody Goodman, PhD, MS**; and **Kim Kaphingst, ScD**. All students are welcome to attend the division's Brown Bag Talk Series on developing an academic career in clinical and public health research. The next talk, on global health, is Wednesday, July 10, from noon to 12:45 p.m. in The Julius B. Richmond Teaching Room (2132) in the Taylor Avenue Building.

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