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The school environment and sugar-sweetened beverage consumption among Guatemalan adolescents

Joaquin Barnoya, MD, MPH; et al.
Published in Public Health Nutrition
PubMed | Barnoya Profile

Estimating correlation between multivariate longitudinal data in the presence of heterogeneity

Feng Gao, MD, PhD, MPH; Rosy (Jingqin) Luo, PhD; et al.
Published in BMC Medical Research Methodology
PubMed | Gao Profile | Luo Profile

Rural-urban differences in cancer incidence and trends in the United States

Aimee James, PhD, MPH; Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH; et al.
Published in Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention
PubMed | James Profile | Colditz Profile

Division News Briefs

- The Division of Public Health Sciences congratulates Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH, Niess-Gain professor of surgery, on his appointment as chair of the National Academies of Sciences workgroup for improving health research in small populations. Read the news announcement.
- The Division welcomes new faculty member Kia Davis, ScD, MPH, as an assistant professor of surgery. Dr. Davis begins October 1. Her research interests include health disparities, health communication, and chronic disease prevention.
- Mary Politi, PhD, associate professor of surgery, will be presenting twice at the Society for Medical Decision Making annual conference October 22-25 in Pittsburgh. Dr. Politi
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presents on Oct. 22 with a short course on shared decision making, and again with a research poster during the opening reception.

- Join Drs. Graham Colditz and Aimee James at the 4th Rural Cancer Disparities Partnership Retreat October 27 from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the Simmons Cancer Institute in Springfield, Il.
- Congratulations to Jeff Gill, PhD, on his retirement from Washington University, and to Sarah Gehlert, PhD, for accepting a position as Dean of the College of Social Work at the University of South Carolina. Both Drs. Gill and Gehlert left their positions this past summer.
- Join us Thursday, November 9, at 4:30 p.m. for the Epidemiology and Clinical Outcomes Research Seminar Series. Jennifer Walker, PhD, MPH, Deputy Lead in the Cancer Prevention in the Primary Care Research Group at University of Melbourne, Australia, will present. See the upcoming seminar series presentations.
- The fall 2017 news bulletin of the Master of Population Sciences (MPHS) program is now available online.
- Don't forget your mandatory flu shot this fall. Upcoming dates and locations are available online.
- Media Notes: 1) Aimee James, PhD, MPH, wrote September's Gateway Region YMCA blog about tips to maintaining a healthy weight. 2) Adetunji Toriola, MD, PhD, was September's expert for The St. Louis Post-Dispatch section, In Good Taste. Dr. Toriola spoke to the health benefits of apples. 3) October's St. Louis Post-Dispatch In Good Taste featured Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH, who explained how squash are helpful additions to one's diet. 4) Colditz was also quoted in a WRAL news article linking high vegetable intake to lower breast cancer risk.

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