



## Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health Reaches Milestones

The Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health at Georgia Southern University has reached two major milestones toward becoming what is called a “sustainable and accredited College of Public Health,” announced Charles Hardy, Founding Dean of the College.

The first milestone is the College’s acceptance as an applicant for accreditation by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH), the national accrediting body of public health schools and programs. According to Dr. Hardy, “The College is now on target to meet our goal of earning full accreditation by the year 2011.” There are currently only 40 accredited schools or colleges of public health in North America.

The other major milestone reached by the College is receiving an invitation to become an associate member of the Association of Schools of Public Health. Membership in this organization is only offered to Schools or Colleges that are accepted as applicants for or are accredited by CEPH. “Reaching these milestones is a significant achievement in our growth as a college of public health and reflects most positively on our students, faculty and administration, but would not have been possible without the leadership of Dean Hardy and Associate Dean Lynn Woodhouse,” says Dr. Karl E. Peace.

Dean Hardy describes the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health as an educational institution that is committed to increasing the capacity of the public health workforce. He says, “We are focused on enhancing health equity through improving public health practice. Our mission is to enhance health and eliminate health disparities of rural communities and underserved populations in Georgia and the southeastern region, the nation and the world through excellence in public health education, workforce development, research, professional service and community engagement.”

Located in rural Southeast Georgia, the College is partnering with an expanding array of rural communities through its Public Health Practice Advisory Board. They have 28 talented faculty members who are engaging with multiple community and public health agencies to document best practices and increase health equity in rural

communities. Their research and service efforts emphasize applied, collaborative projects that engage stakeholders and provide students with real-world experiences.

An important goal of the rapidly-growing College is to increase the diversity of the faculty, graduates and students because increasing health equity and rural public health will require a diverse workforce – a workforce that is comfortable working in underserved, rural settings. This fall the College implemented a new, practice-focused curriculum designed to build strong skills in core public health disciplines while emphasizing competencies for improving health equity and rural public health.

The Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health grew from two Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) programs developed by Dr. Hardy and Dr. Peace and approved in 1998 and 2000 – community health education and biostatistics. The College was first established as a School in 2004 by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. At that time it was the first School of Public Health in the state system.

The establishment of the School was made possible by a generous gift from Dr. Karl E. Peace. Dr. Peace is an alumnus of Georgia Southern College, a Georgia Cancer Coalition Distinguished Cancer Scholar, the architect of the M.P.H. in Biostatistics, and the founder of the Karl E. Peace Center for Biostatistics at Georgia Southern University. He endowed the school in honor and memory of his wife, Dr. Jiann-Ping Hsu, as an enduring celebration of her life.

The School was supported by the University System of Georgia to address the important and increasingly severe public health concerns in Georgia. Justification for selection of a School of Public Health at Georgia Southern University was directly related to the potential impact this institution will have on health equity among rural and underserved residents of the state and region. On January 1, 2006, the School transitioned to the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health.



## Dean's Message...



*Charles J. Hardy, Ph.D.  
Professor and Founding Dean*

Greetings from JPHCOPH! As the fall 2008 semester comes to an end I am very proud of the progress that we have made as a college. In this issue of Public Health Matters you will see

a sample of the many great things that are happening in JPHCOPH. First, I am proud to report that our application to begin the Council on Education for Public Health's accreditation process was approved. Our self-study is due no later than October 2010, with a site visit to occur in spring 2011. Thus, we are on target to meet our goal of earning full accreditation by the year 2011. In addition, we have accepted an invitation to become an associate member of the Association of Schools of Public Health. Membership in this organization is only offered to Schools or Colleges that are accepted as applicants for or are accredited by CEPH. Reaching these milestones is a significant achievement in the development of a sustainable college of public health. Thanks to everyone for all your efforts to help us achieve these milestones!

At the December commencement JPHCOPH graduated eight students. Congratulations to the following students: MPH Biostatistics – Wilson Koech; MPH Community Health – Angela Peden and Sriharsha Kanuri; MPH Environmental Health Sciences – Lauren Baker and Tiffany Jackson; MPH Epidemiology – Amber Erickson; MPH Health Policy and Management – Lauren Milmine; and MHAS – Eric Lewis. This marks another milestone – with this commencement we now have graduates from all of the MPH program concentrations. This is an important accomplishment in regards to the CEPH accreditation criteria.

Our faculty continue to excell. In early December, Dr. Karl E. Peace was honored with the Tito Migares Lifetime Achievement Award from the Philippine Statistical Association, Inc. In addition, this semester has also been a very active one for our faculty in terms of grants and contracts. Congratulations to Dr. Simone Charles, Evans Afryie-Gwayu and Dr. Kari Fitzmorris who received Catalyst Awards from the Office of Research Service and Sponsored Programs at Georgia Southern University for two projects. In addition the following faculty received grants and contracts from external agencies this semester: Dr. Karl Peace, Dr. Stuart Tedders and Dr. Kari Fitzmorris – Evans County C.A.R.E.S., Inc.; Dr. Cassandra Arroyo and Dr. Swati Raychowdhury – Georgia Department of Human Resources, Division of Public Health, Injury Prevention Section; Dr. Cassandra Arroyo and Dr.P.H. student Raymona Lawrence –

Medical University of South Carolina; Dr. Kari Fitzmorris – BCR Environmental; Dr. Swati Raychowdhury and Dr. Mondri Mason – Southeast Georgia Communities Project; and Dr. Stuart Tedders - Southeast Georgia Communities Project and Southeast Health District 9.2. Finally, congratulations to the following faculty who submitted grants this semester: Dr. Jacob Warren, Health Resources and Services Administration; Dr. Hani Samawi and Dr. Karl Peace – Health and Human Services; Dr. Hani Samawi, Dr. Robert Vogel, Dr. Laura Gunn, and Dr. Lili Yu – National Science Foundation; and Dr. Lili Yu – Georgia Cancer Coalition.

Under the leadership of Kristen Harper, the Center for Addiction Recovery continues to develop its services and research agenda. In October of this year a group of Georgia Southern University administrators and faculty visited the Center for the Study of Addiction Recovery at Texas Tech University. Thanks to Dean of Students, Dr. Georj Lewis, Associate Dean of the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health, Dr. Carolyn Woodhouse, and Dr. Swati Raychowdhury for joining Kristen on this trip. The group learned a lot from the Texas Tech program faculty as well as established the basis for collaborative efforts between the two institutions.

Our fall 2008 Seminar Series was a huge success. Thanks to all of our presenters: Dr. Richard Ackerman, Director of Geriatrics Fellowship Program, Medical Center of Central Georgia; Dr. Douglas Skelton, 9.1 District Health Director; Ben Robinson, M.A., Executive Director, Center for Health Workforce Planning and Analysis, University System of Georgia Board of Regents; Dr. Dominique Broccoli, Associate Professor Department of Surgery, Curtis and Elizabeth Anderson Cancer, Memorial Health and University Hospital; and Dwain Butler, 9.2 District Director of Environmental Health. Thanks to Dr. Robert Vogel, Director of the Office of Public Health Research, and Dr.P.H. student, Mathew Walker for their work in setting up the seminar series. Watch for our spring 09 Seminar Series listing to be distributed soon.

We are currently moving ahead with our searches – this year we are seeking to fill seven faculty positions across all areas of the college. In addition, faculty and students participated in the annual meetings of the Georgia Rural Health Association and the American Public Health Association. We continue to draw great crowds at our JPHCOPH booth at both of these professional meetings. I was also pleased to have the opportunity to attend the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual BASS Keynote address given by Donald A. Berry, Ph.D. Head, Division of Quantitative Sciences, Professor and Frank T. McGraw Memorial Chair for Cancer Research, Chairman, Department of Biostatistics, University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas.

As we continue our journey of developing the JPHCOPH I am mindful that we need your support to be successful in building a sustainable college of public health. I thank you for all that you do to help advance JPHCOPH. Please continue to invest yourself in helping us help rural and underserved communities improve their health outcomes. Wishing you a happy and healthy holiday season!

Yours in Health,



Charles J. Hardy, Ph.D.  
Professor and Founding Dean

## Dr. Karl E Peace receives Lifetime Achievement Award



**Dr. Karl E. Peace**

Dr. Karl E. Peace, Georgia Cancer Coalition Distinguished Cancer Scholar (GCCDCS), Senior Research Scientist and Professor of Biostatistics in the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health (JPHCOPH) at Georgia Southern University received the Tito Mijares Lifetime Achievement Award from the Philippine Statistical Association, Inc. December 5, 2008. Dr. Peace received the award “for his research, scholarship, teaching and philanthropy to education and public health, and for his efforts in research, development, technical support and management in the pharmaceutical industry. During his long career, he has made contributions in the development and approval of drugs to treat Alzheimer’s, cardiovascular, ulcer and infectious diseases, and mental disorders. His inspiring achievements in the field of applied statistics serve as an exemplary model for many statisticians.”

The Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health is endowed by Dr. Karl E. Peace, in memory and honor of his wife, Dr. Jiann-Ping Hsu. Dr. Peace is the architect of the MPH in

Biostatistics and Founding Director of the Karl E. Peace Center for Biostatistics in the JPHCOPH. Dr. Peace holds the Ph.D. in Biostatistics from the Medical College of Virginia, the M.S. in Mathematics from Clemson University, the B.S. in Chemistry from Georgia Southern College, and a Health Science Certificate from Vanderbilt University. Dr. Peace’s first career was that of teaching and research at the University level. He previously taught Mathematics at Georgia Southern College, Clemson University, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Randolph-Macon College, where he was a tenured professor. He holds or has held numerous adjunct professorships: at the Medical College of Virginia, the University of Michigan, Temple University, the University of North Carolina, and Duke University.

Dr. Peace’s second career was in research, technical support and management in the pharmaceutical industry. He held the positions of Senior Statistician at Burroughs-Wellcome, Manager of Clinical Statistics at A.H. Robins, Director of Research Statistics at SmithKline and French Labs, Senior Director of GI Clinical Studies, Data Management and Analysis, at G.D. Searle, and Vice President of World-Wide Technical Operations at Warner Lambert/Parke-Davis. He then founded Biopharmaceutical Research Consultants, Inc. (BRCI), a contract research organization providing research and clinical development services to the biopharmaceutical industry, where he held the positions of President, Chief Executive Officer, and Chief Scientific Officer.

Dr. Peace is or has been a member of several professional and honorary societies, including the Drug Information Association (DIA), the Regulatory Affairs Professional Society (RAPS), the Biometric Society, Technometrics, the American Society for Quality Control (ASQC), Biometrika, the American Statistical Association (ASA), and Kappa Phi Kappa (KPK). He is a past member of the Committee on Applied and Theoretical Statistics, National Research Council, National Academy of Science. He is or has been Chair of: the Biostatistics Subsection of the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association (PMA), the Biopharmaceutical Section of the ASA, the Training Committee of the PMA Biostatistics Subsection, and is Founder of the Biopharmaceutical Applied Statistics Symposium (BASS) – now in its 16<sup>th</sup> year.

Dr. Peace founded BASS in 1994, to provide an opportunity for biopharmaceutical professionals to share insight to common biopharmaceutical problems in a timely manner, and to provide a source of funding to support graduate work in Biostatistics. Attendees and presenters at BASS derive from academia, the pharmaceutical industry and the US government, particularly the Food and Drug Administration. BASS is one to the premier conferences in the world and represents a first-rate educational opportunity. Funds raised through BASS have been used to create endowments at the Medical College of Virginia and Georgia

Southern University. These endowments have supported more than 30 students in attaining the Ph.D. in Biostatistics, the MPH in Biostatistics, or the MD.

Dr. Peace has published extensively, including 122 articles, 7 books, 14 book chapters and 22 book reviews. He has given 121 invited presentations and organized, chaired or moderated 175 sessions or conferences.

Dr. Peace is the recipient of 41 citations and awards: (1) Georgia Cancer Coalition Distinguished Cancer Scholar, (2) Fellow of the American Statistical Association, (3) the Distinguished Service Award of the DIA, (4) Star and Featured Alumnus, School of Basic Sciences, and Founder's Society Medal from the Medical College of Virginia, (5) College of Science and Technology Alumnus of the year, Alumnus of the year in private enterprise, Presidential Fellowship Award, JPHCOPH Researcher of the year award, GSU Researcher of the year award, and the First Recipient of the prestigious President's Medal for outstanding service and extraordinary contributions, all from Georgia Southern University, (6) 2007 APHA Statistics Section Award, (7) the 2008 Deen Day Smith Humanitarian Award, (8) 2008 Shining Star recognition by GA House of Representatives, (9) the subject of the 2008 GA HR Resolution #2118, and (10) several meritorious service awards from the ASQC, BASS, the Georgia Cancer Coalition, and the Southwest Georgia Cancer Coalition.

Dr. Peace is a renowned philanthropist, having created 21 endowments at Georgia Southern University, the Medical College of Virginia, the University of California at Berkeley, Randolph-Macon College and the International Chinese Statistical Association. The endowments have established the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health, 3 Eminent Scholar Chairs, 1 Professorship, and 16 student scholarship funds, including 5 for students from his native Baker County, GA.

## Faculty Spotlight...



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Alison Scott comes to Georgia Southern from Baltimore, Maryland, where she recently completed her PhD at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health in the Department of International Health. At Johns Hopkins she was involved

with multiple research studies concerning young women with HIV from four large U.S. cities. Her work explored the intersections of HIV, poverty, gender, and abuse, using a mixture of qualitative and quantitative approaches. Prior to receiving her PhD, she received a Master of Health Science (MHS) degree from Johns Hopkins. During her MHS, she coordinated lab work for an international vaccine field trial with field sites in Guatemala and Mexico. She also received an MS from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she studied Medical Microbiology and Immunology. At UW she worked with a fungal pathogen that poses a threat to those with HIV. She received her undergraduate degree in Microbiology from Miami University. She has also gained industry experience working for a biotechnology firm in San Diego, and for Procter and Gamble/ UK.

Dr. Scott has teaching experience in a range of disciplines spanning the social and natural sciences. She has been involved in teaching undergraduates, graduates, medical students, and international fellows, in topics ranging from qualitative research to infectious disease epidemiology. Her research interests reflect the breadth of her training. She is interested in HIV and other infectious diseases, as well as the social experience of living with illness, especially amongst those who are marginalized. She strives to conduct community-based research, and specializes in the use of qualitative and ethnographic approaches. She also hopes to convey to her students the importance of health advocacy and political participation.

## BASS 15 A Huge Success...

The Biopharmaceutical Applied Statistics Symposium (BASS) founded in 1994, by Dr. Karl E. Peace, held its fifteenth annual conference November 3-7 at the Mulberry Inn, which is located in Savannah's Historic District. The objectives of BASS are: (1) educational, in the sense of providing a forum for pharmaceutical and medical researchers and regulators to share timely and pertinent information concerning the application of biostatistics in pharmaceutical environments, and (2) provide revenues to support graduate fellowships in biostatistics. Toward this latter goal, BASS revenues have enabled several Ph.D. students to complete their degree from the Department of Biostatistics, School of Medicine, Medical College of Virginia Campus, Virginia Commonwealth University, from which Dr. Peace holds the Ph.D. and some students at Georgia Southern University, from which Dr. Peace holds the BS in Chemistry, to complete the MPH in Biostatistics.

BASS I (1994) was held at the Hyatt Regency in Orlando, FL; BASS II-III were held at the Hilton Beach Resort, Inner Harbor, in San Diego, CA; BASS IV-VII, were held at the Hilton Oceanfront Resort Hotel, Palmetto Dunes, in Hilton Head Island, SC; BASS VIII-XII were held at the Desoto

Hilton, and **BASS XIII-XV** were held at the Mulberry Inn, both located in the Historic District of Savannah, GA. More than 135 tutorials and more than 34 1-day or 2-day short courses have been presented at **BASS**, by the worlds leading authorities on applications of biostatistical methods attendant to the research, development and regulation of biopharmaceutical products. Presenters represent the biopharmaceutical industry, academia and government, particularly the NIH and FDA. **BASS** is regarded as one of the premier conferences in the world.

This year's keynote address was presented by Dr. Donald A. Berry who is Head of the Division of Quantitative Sciences, Professor and Frank T. McGraw Memorial Chair for Cancer Research, and Chairman of the Department of Biostatistics at the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. His address focused on "New Developments in Bayesian Clinical Trials." Don Berry is one of the leading Bayesian biostatisticians in the world, and his primary research interests focus on the prevention and treatment of breast cancer. Dr. Laura H. Gunn, Assistant Professor of Biostatistics at Georgia Southern University, served as BASS Chair; Dr. R.K. Elswick, Jr., Associate Professor of Biostatistics at Virginia Commonwealth University, served as BASS Co-Chair. This year's Conference was attended by over 120 participants among the symposium and short courses.



*Dr. Peace, Dr. Berry and Dr. Gunn - Dr. Berry accepts plaque for being the Keynote Speaker at BASS 15*



*JPHCOPH students and faculty enjoy the BASS 15 Keynote presentation*

## Fall 2008 Student Research Symposium...

The Fall 2008 Student Research Symposium for the MPH students in the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health was held on December 3, 2008 in the Cone Hall Lobby. The JPHCOPH Student Research Symposium was created in 2008 to provide a college wide forum for graduating MPH students to present their Capstone Research Projects. All MPH students are required to participate in the symposium as part of the Culminating Experience for the MPH. Faculty, students and community members attending are provided an opportunity to evaluate the graduates. Participants at the Fall 2008 Symposium were as follows:

### The Challenges of Indoor Air Quality

#### **Lauren Baker: MPH-Environmental Health Sciences**

Research Advisor: Dr. Kari Fitzmorris  
Practicum Site: Chatham County Health Department  
Practicum Site Supervisor: Chris Rustin  
Hometown: Savannah, GA

### Factors Affecting Possible Rabies Exposures in Effingham County, Georgia

#### **Tiffany M. Jackson: MPH-Environmental Health Sciences**

Research Advisor: Dr. Kari Fitzmorris  
Practicum Site: Effingham County Health Department, Environmental Health Division  
Practicum Site Supervisor: Darrell M. O'Neal  
Hometown: Savannah, GA

## Maternal Risk Factors and Birth Outcomes Focusing on Urban/Rural Differences in Georgia

**Sriharsha Kanuri: MPH-Community Health**

Research Advisor: Dr. Stuart Tedders

Practicum Site: Georgia Southern University Health Services Center

Practicum Site Supervisor: Paul Ferguson

Hometown: Vijayawada, India

## Comparison of Child Insurance Disparity in Georgia with Other States Using Tests of Homogeneity for Partially Match-Paired Data

**Wilson Koech: MPH-Biostatistics**

Research Advisor: Dr. Hani Samawi

Practicum Site: Kane County Health Department, Illinois

Practicum Site Supervisor: Uchu Omwuta

Hometown: Kapsabet, Kenya

## The Chatham County Safety Net: An Analysis of Healthcare Utilization by Uninsured and Underinsured Residents of Chatham County, Georgia

**Lauren Milmine: MPH-Health Policy and Management**

Research Advisor: Dr. Renee Hotchkiss

Practicum Site: Memorial Health University Medical Center

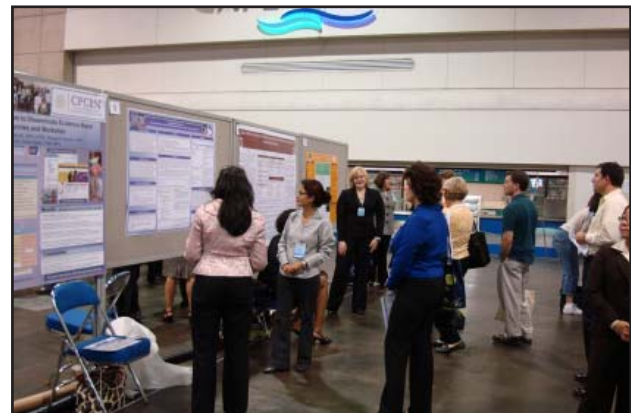
Practicum Site Supervisor: Tracy Thompson

Hometown: Savannah, GA



*Faculty join Provost Bleicken and Dean Hardy in reviewing and evaluating the MPH Research Posters*

## JPHCOPH Participates in 136th APHA Meeting...



*Faculty and Students Engage at the 136th American Public Health Association Meeting, San Diego, CA*

The 136<sup>th</sup> meeting of the American Public Health Association was held October 25-29, 2008 in San Diego, California. The theme of this year's meeting was Public Health Without Borders emphasizing the importance of the "flattening of the world" and the importance of public health practitioners to remain connected in our increasingly complex environment. In addition to hosting the JPHCOPH booth in the Exhibit Hall, JPHCOPH faculty and students participated in many aspects of the conference including attending the Association of Schools of Public Health meetings, where the JPHCOPH was welcomed as the newest Associate Member. The following is a listing of the formal presentations delivered by JPHCOPH faculty and students:

**Arroyo C, Liu Y, Mincey KD, Davis SK.** (October, 2008). Somos Diferentes/We're All Different: Breaking Down the Hispanic Paradox, NHIS 1997-2003. 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Diego, CA.

**Gunn, L.H., Sturges, D., Shroff, S., and Shankar, P.** (October, 2008). Targeting Healthy People's 2010 Goals: Where Do Georgia Infants Stand American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, American Public Health Association, San Diego, CA.

**Jackson Q.M., Arroyo C., Adu-Oppong A., and Raychowdhury S.** (October, 2008). Factors Associated with High-Risk Sexual Behavior among Sexually Active Adolescent Females: YRBS 2005. 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association Meeting, San Diego, CA.

**Scott, A.J., Cramer, T., Isley, P., Hill, J., and Regmi, E.** (October, 2008). Taekwondo at Wellness Works: A Community-Campus Initiative to Reduce Childhood Obesity in Rural Georgia. 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Exposition of the American Public Health Association, San Diego, CA.

**Woodhouse, C. D.** (October, 2008). Crosswalking ASPH and CUP Competencies. 136<sup>th</sup> American Public Health Association, PHEHP, San Diego, CA.

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## Pathway to Health...

The Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health would like to extend an invitation to you to secure your permanent place on the Georgia Southern University campus. The *Pathway to Health* is a commemorative brick promenade to honor outstanding faculty, staff, students and friends of Georgia Southern University and the JPHCOPH. The *Pathway to Health* represents a wonderful opportunity for you to show your support to JPHCOPH as well as to support graduate scholarships in public health.

We invite you to engrave your name, a special message or date, or the name of a special friend or loved one on a 4" x 8" brick along the *Pathway*. Your commemorative brick includes an engraved brick installed in the *Pathway to Health* as well as a mini replica as an acknowledgement of your gift. The cost for your personalized brick is \$100.00. Your gift is 100% tax deductible.

The *Pathway to Health* will serve as a permanent reminder to future generations that you care about the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health and Georgia Southern University. The *Pathway* will serve as the official welcome to our college in the newly renovated Cone Hall. For more information or to talk about options for contributing to the *Pathway*, To make your contribution and to place your engraved brick along the *Pathway* or to receive more information about the *Pathway*, please contact the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health at 912.478.2674 or email [jphcoph@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:jphcoph@georgiasouthern.edu).

## Give to JPHCOPH...

Public health touches every aspect of our life. Our nation's economy, security, environment and the quality of our daily lives depend on the strength of the public's health and on the systems that support it. You can do your part to prevent disease, protect the public from harm, and promote the health of communities throughout the state, the nation, and the world by making a gift to the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health (JPHCOPH).

Every gift to the JPHCOPH plays a vital role in improving the public's health by supporting:

***Excellence in Public Health Education.*** Provides scholarships and fellowships to highly qualified, committed, and diverse students, many of whom cannot attend the JPHCOPH without financial help. Gifts will also support curriculum development, innovations, and linkages with public health practice.

***Excellence in Public Health Research.*** Supports distinguished faculty in their work to find answers and solutions to public health problems.

***Excellence in Public Health Service and Outreach.*** Supports programs that focus upon the development of community-based participatory programs and research.

Gifts to the JPHCOPH are critical to our development. Private financial support provides the margin of excellence that distinguishes good universities from great ones. As a Doctoral Research University, Georgia Southern University is proud to be a public university. But direct public support accounts for less than half of Georgia Southern University's annual operating budget. We rely on the generous support of our alumni, friends, and the research grant support of our faculty to make up the difference.

Please consider making a gift to JPHCOPH today. For more information contact Charles J. Hardy, Founding Dean, JPHCOPH at 912-681-5653 or check out our website at <http://jphcoph.georgiasouthern.edu>

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