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American Public Health Association Annual Meeting

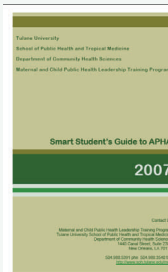
The American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual meeting represents the largest gathering of public health professionals in the United States. APHA is a great time to explore your field and make new connections with potential mentors from other programs.

Each year, the MCPHLT sends at least three students to APHA. Our students

are required to think carefully about their time at the conference and identify goals for conference attendance.

The sheer size of APHA can be overwhelming to a new public health professional. While there are hundreds of events, Section, SPIG, and Caucus events are a great way to get to know a smaller number of people with your same interests.

Be sure to attend the MCPHLT workshop



“The Smart Student’s Guide to APHA” to hear more about

conference attendance from your fellow students and the MCPHLT staff.

On the back of this newsletter, we have highlighted a few events not to miss.

Upcoming Events

- 10/25 Smart Student’s Guide to APHA
- 11/15 Fact Sheets Seminar
- 12/7 Business of Being Born Screening

Did you know?

- APHA was founded in 1872
- There are 52 state APHA affiliates
- APHA hosts 24 Sections and 8 Special Primary Interest Groups

Quick Tips for APHA

- **Don’t miss the general session on Sunday at Noon.** This is the only event at that time. It’s always an inspirational way to kick-off the conference.
- **Eat at off times of the day.** Lunch hour 11:30—1PM is very crowded and you will spend a long time in line.
- **Attend the business and social meetings sponsored by your section.** APHA is a great time to get involved with national

organizations (who are a great source of jobs!).

- **Attend and the Student Assembly meetings for APHA.** These are great ways to meet others in the same boat you are and to make contacts for the future.
- **Don’t pickup every free packet of literature you find.** Though tempting, you will end up with 25 lbs. of paper at the



end of the day. Only pickup what you think you will actually use.

- **Pack a few high protein snacks.** The day can be very exhausting, but buying snacks is costly.
- **Shuttles are very crowded at peak times!** If you plan to travel between 8 –9AM and 4—6PM, plane extra time to wait for the shuttle. Many shuttles fill up and pass by hotels later on the shuttle route.

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Organizations to Know

Maternal and Child Health Section

The Maternal & Child Health Section of the American Public Health Association was organized in 1921 with the mission of developing innovative and creative approaches to addressing the health needs of mothers, children, adolescents, and families. The membership is composed of professionals from diverse disciplines including nurses, physicians, midwives, social workers, psychologists, researchers, nutritionists, child care workers, and many others who are involved at every level of health care delivery and policy development.

Association of Teachers of Maternal and Child Health

The Association of Teachers of Maternal and Child Health (ATMCH) aims to provide leadership in education, research, and

service in the field of maternal and child health. ATMCH offers an interdisciplinary forum through which MCH faculty from schools of public health and other institutions of higher learning can share the knowledge, ideas, and skills essential to educating students, advancing MCH research, and applying research results to MCH policies, programs, and services.

Student Assembly

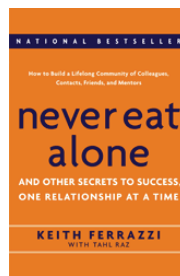
The APHA Student Assembly (APHA-SA) is the nation's largest student-led organization dedicated to furthering the development of students, the next generation of professionals in public health and health-related disciplines.



Never Eat Alone by Keith Ferrazzi

In *Never Eat Alone*, Keith Ferrazzi provide anecdotes of how simple human relationships propelled him into a successful career. A true believer in the power of networking, Mr. Ferrazzi may overstate his case a bit, but his enthusiastic emphasis on developing long term relationships .

Particularly useful for students attending APHA, Mr. Ferrazzi covers networking at a conference in depth and provides useable tips and anecdotes for overcoming the un-



comfortable nature of developing conference relationships. Mr. Ferrazzi also briefly includes his experience finding and establishing mentoring relationships, though he never uses the word mentoring.

Never Eat Alone is a quick and easy read. Most students could probably skim the chapters and only spend time on the sections of personal relevance. Overall, a good quick read.

Don't Miss Events

ATMCH Second Annual Student/Faculty Breakfast

Sunday, Nov 4, 2007
8:00 to 9:30 AM
Washington Convention Center Room 142

Opening General Session

The Opening General Session will take place on Sunday, Nov 4, 2007 from 12:00 pm noon to 2:00 pm at the Washington Convention Center. The Opening General Session is the official kick off of the Annual Meeting.

Keynote Speaker:
Laurie Garrett



ATMCH/MCH Section Co-Sponsored Showcase of Students Papers

Monday Nov 5th, 2007
4:30PM—6:00PM
Washington Convention Center Room 144B

Tulane University SPH Reception

Monday Nov 5th, 2007
6:30 to 8:00 PM in room 146C of the Washington Convention Center

Check our website for our guide with Community Health Sciences affiliated presentations!