FEEDBACK FROM THE FIELD

Former CPR grad student, Neddy Matshalaga (Sociology, 2002) currently resides in Zimbabwe as the Deputy Director (Programmes) of the Southern Africa HIV/AIDS Information Dissemination Service Organisation (SAF AIDS). She’s working with the Nigerian AIDS Action Committee (NACA), as an international consultant to assist with mainstreaming gender into their National Strategic Framework (NSF) for HIV and AIDS. She returns to Nigeria in January to complete this assignment, which will be the first of its type in Africa. In February, Neddy plans to leave SAF AIDS to become the Executive Director of ‘Tricon’ consult Pvt Ltd, her own consulting firm.

The University of South Carolina’s Arnold School of Public Health boasts two former CPR grads; Sarah Laditka (Public Administration, 1995) (Master of Health Administration (MHA) Program Director) and husband, James Laditka (Public Administration, 2002) (Director of Research, Office for the Study of Aging). They are collaborating on a number of projects and have research papers under development.

CPR alum, Jonathan Schwabish (Economics), Senior Director at Partnership for New York City, married long-time girlfriend, Lauren Schmidt, in October at the New York Botanical Garden. Congratulations to them!

FOOTNOTES

CPR hosted a number of conferences this fall including the sixteenth annual “Herbert Lourie Memorial Lecture on Health Policy” which was held in September at the Sheraton University Hotel and Conference Center. Milton Weinstein, Ph.D. of Harvard University, spoke on “Spending Health Care Dollars Wisely: Can Cost-Effectiveness Analysis Help?” In October, Stuart Rosenthal hosted “The Impact of Subsidized Rental Housing on Households and Neighborhoods” conference. View the website for details at: http://www-cpr.maxwell.syr.edu/housingconf/index.htm.

Madonna Harrington Meyer will host a campus-wide Gerontology Conference on Wednesday, May 4, 2005. The goal of the conference is to bring together faculty and grad students who do gerontology research from all over campus. It should be an interesting session.

CPR said good-bye and good luck to Mindy Tanner, who moved home to Utah, to be with her husband, James, as he finishes his Masters of Law degree. Emily Napier also left the staff of CPR but remains in the center as a Research Assistant for Madonna Harrington Meyer as she works toward earning her doctorate in Sociology. It’s been a baby boom year for CPR. Stacy Dickert-Conlin and Janet Wilmoth both had beautiful baby girls, Molly Campbell Conlin and Catherine Jean Durkin respectively; this October, and Bryce Bastable Lambright joined grad student, Kristina Lambright’s family just before the spring semester started. The next CPR Generation is in full bloom!

*An Alumni Thought*

“The goal of education is the advancement of knowledge and the dissemination of truth.” - John F. Kennedy

The Pulse Editors: Karen Cimilluca and Mary Santy
Welcome to the Winter 2004 edition of the CPR newsletter. As Associate Director of Budget and Administration (Peggy Austin), my responsibility is carrying out the goals and visions of the Center, School, and University. With a new Dean, Mitchell Wallerstein, and a new Chancellor, Nancy Cantor, our focus is to increase our outside research funding and integrate our programs, research, and seminars into the Chancellor’s yearend conversation on Exploring the Soul of Syracuse. The Chancellor’s vision is to bring “the Hill” and “the city” together in a new variety of initiatives. We look forward to the new challenges that lie ahead under their leadership.

We celebrated our 10th anniversary as the Center for Policy Research and as residents in Eggers Hall. We have done so much over the past 10 years in the research arena, teaching arena, and last but not least the social arena. This past December we went back to the old Metro tradition of having our holiday party as a potluck dinner. Everyone brought delicious dishes to share. It was nice to remember all the good times in Maxwell Hall, walking, roofs, ramped hallways, the glass room, the attic, the softball team, parties in the hallways, birthday celebrations. We have come a long way. Oh, okay, maybe the roof has leaked here in the new building.

We started a community calendar this year (check out the pictures on the website at: http://www-cpr.maxwell.syr.edu/Community_Events/index.htm). It is our way of coming together as a Center to socialize and give back to the community. We have donated food, books, and clothes, played volleyball, and will attend an SU basketball game together. As Tim would say, “work hard, play hard.”

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