



Dear ISCE Public/Community Health Special Interest Group Members and Interested Virginia Tech Public Health Colleagues:

Now that the Fall Semester is upon us, we are planning the next Conversations in Community Health Gathering for **Tuesday September 22nd from 12-2** (Lunch will be provided). The lunch meeting will take place in the **Graduate Life Center Meeting Room C**. The purpose of these quarterly gatherings is to have regular conversations amongst Virginia Tech faculty about community and public health research and shared interests. At the end of this email you will find the statement of purpose for this Special Interest Group supported by the Institute for Society, Culture & Environment (ISCE). Each meeting will include 1-2 featured presentations, a brief update on the new MPH program, networking between faculty, and discussions of possible shared projects and funding opportunities.

If you are not yet a member of the ISCE Special Interest Group, and would like to be added to the list, please let me know.

Meeting Agenda

12:00 Welcome and Review Purpose of Conversations in Community Health (see below)
Karen A. Roberto, PhD and Susan West Marmagas, MPH

12:10 Participant Introductions and Brief Updates on Public Health Interests (Please come prepared to say a few words about your areas of interest and any timely updates; you are also welcome to bring handouts)

12:30 Featured Presentation: Paul Estabrooks, PhD -- Associate Professor Presentation on Virginia Tech's Translational Obesity Research Program

1:00 Featured Presentation: Jody Hershey, MD, MPH Director, New River Health District, Virginia Department of Health Presentation on Local Public Health Implications of the H1N1 Virus

1:30 Brief Update on VT's new MPH Program Francois Elvinger, Dr.vet.med, PhD; Kerry Redican, PhD, MPH; Susan West Marmagas, MPH

1:45 Discussion of Possible Shared Interest/Funding Opportunities I will be bringing a few funding opportunities; Please feel free to bring opportunities for discussion

2:00 Adjourn

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Please RSVP directly to me by September 17, 2009 if you are able to join us so that we can plan for lunch (ISCE will provide a light lunch) and give our speakers an idea of who will be in attendance. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, or if there are other faculty members we should invite to this meeting. We look forward to seeing you in September!

Warm regards, Susan

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