

# November SGA Newsletter

## Letter from the SGA

Dear faculty, staff, and students,

It's November, and that means the semester is soon coming to an end! This month is filled to the brim with so many events, just like our plates will be on Thanksgiving Day. It will also be our last SGA meeting of the semester, so make sure to join us for some delicious food and a good talk! If you are looking for community service, there are many great opportunities on campus and in the New Orleans area to get involved with. Remember SGA is here for you and with you, so please reach out with any questions, concerns, or feedback. Happy Thanksgiving in advance!

With warm regards,  
SGA Officers



Pelicans Basketball Event, October 2017

### Upcoming Events

#### November 4

Great Inflatable Race,  
NOLA Motorsports Park  
9:00 AM

#### November 7

AWIS Thanksgiving Potluck Lunch,  
AH Seminar Room 1  
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

#### November 8

TED Talks: How Racism Makes Us  
Sick  
LEC 303, 12:00 PM

#### November 11

Crescent City Yoga Festival,  
Cuccia-Byrnes Playground  
12:00 PM

#### November 13

Next SGA Meeting  
LEC 303, 12:00 PM

#### November 17

NORDC Volunteer Event  
7:00 PM

#### November 26

Pet Fest, Lafreniere Park  
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

## Monthly Organization: Propeller

Propeller is a nonprofit organization that grows and supports entrepreneurs to tackle social and environmental disparities. They work on creating a powerful community of diverse entrepreneurs and stakeholders working together for a more equitable future. Propeller is known for their accelerator programs, designed to support small businesses and nonprofits at every point of their growth—from idea, to pilot, to beta, to growth. Propeller will be coming to speak at the next SGA meeting to talk more about their organization and discuss ways to get involved. To learn more about Propeller visit: <http://gopropeller.org/>

Also remember to keep your volunteer hours accounted for by filling out this form: [Service Log Hours](#)

## Reminders



### **John A. Rock, MD Visiting Scholar 2017:**

This year LSUHSC is honored to present Dr. Stephen M. Weiss as the John A. Rock, MD Visiting Scholar between November 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. Join us for a thought-provoking conversation with Dr. Weiss on **Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** at noon in LEC 303 and **Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>** for his presentation on “Translating Effective Health Behavior Strategies into Practice: A Tale of Two Studies.”

### **Fall Giveaway:**

SGA is giving away a wonderful fall basket to the person who can guess the correct number of candy in the jar. It's free and fun to participate! Just place your guess on the sheet provided and find out if you were right at the next SGA meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **40-hour HAZWOPER Course:**

This course is specifically designed for workers who work with hazardous chemicals; and are involved in clean-up operations, emergency response operations, and storage, disposal, or treatment of hazardous substances or uncontrolled hazardous waste sites. The course will be taken at Dillard University with a \$75 fee. Please contact Dr. Adrienne Katner at [akatn1@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:akatn1@lsuhsc.edu) if you are interested.



### **End of the Year Shindig:**

Wear your “ugly” Christmas sweater and come hang out at Tchoup Yard to celebrate the end of the fall semester. Destress from finals with a drink or some delicious food truck treats. We will also have our 50/50 fundraiser that night, so get excited and you might even win some money. Open to anyone and everyone!

When: **Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** @ 6:00 PM

Where: The Tchoup Yard - 405 Third St, New Orleans, LA 70130

## SAINT-sational Spotlight



The spotlight section aims to introduce current and prospective students to faculty members, staff, students, and alumni who are out making a difference in the world! We encourage you to read about their experiences and contributions to the field of public health with the thought that one day, this can be you! Our November spotlight features Amelia Robert. Amelia graduated with an MPH in Behavioral and Community Health Sciences from LSUHSC-NO spring 2017. At LSUHSC-NO, Amelia was an active student, working in communications for the Louisiana Cancer Prevention and Control Program, as secretary for Students for Sustainability, and an Albert Schweitzer fellow. She is now the Ann Kolker Health Policy Fellow at the Ovarian Cancer

Research Fund Alliance in Washington D.C. “I came to public health through an interest in nutrition and a strong conviction that everyone deserves access to healthy food,” Amelia tells SGA.

### **Where’d you think you would end up at the end of your MPH journey?**

“When I first started my MPH, I assumed I'd go into program planning and implementation, and would most likely work on nutrition related programs. While working on my masters, I learned what a huge impact policy can have on population health, so I shifted my focus towards health policy and advocacy.”

### **Has being a public health professional changed the way you see the world? If so, then in what way?**

“People's health isn't just a result of their genetics and behavior; their access to education and transportation, their socioeconomic status, the environment they grew up in, the health of the people around them, and so many more factors play a role. From a policy perspective, this can be kind of overwhelming, because you realize that everything from tax policy to education policy is going to impact population health in some way. “

### **Any advice to current MPH students?**

“A. Public health is a huge field, so use your time in graduate school to learn as much about it as possible. You may discover that you're passionate about a type of public health work you didn't even know existed.” Amelia encourages students to explore classes and opportunities with local organizations and to talk to students, staff and professors with various interests!

B. Plan an educational or otherwise enriching event for you and your classmates. Event planning and organizing is a skill that many employers are looking for!

C. Do interdisciplinary work. Meet students from other LSUHSC schools by going to an Inter-Professional Student Alliance (IPSA) workshop or event, getting involved with an IPSA-backed student organization, or attending a campus-wide lecture. Interdisciplinary work is the future of healthcare, so take this time to learn how to work well with other health professionals.”

If you'd like to learn more about policy work and/or the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship, reach out to Amelia at [ameliafrobert@gmail.com](mailto:ameliafrobert@gmail.com). Also, you can catch her **Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>** at noon in LEC 303!



## The Future of Public Health



Michael Corrieri, a first-year Masters of Public Health in the Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences concentration, graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in Kinesiology in 2014. He chose to pursue an MPH because he views public health as a field that is broad and opens one up to many possibilities. He specifically chose this concentration because of his interest in health issues on work sites. Aside from wanting to leave his comfort zone, Michael attributes his enrolling at LSUHSC-NO SPH to the enthusiasm he felt from Dr. James Diaz and Isha Matta when he spoke to them about the program and school. Some of the challenges Michael has faced since moving to Louisiana is getting

back to school mode after being away for a couple of years and living in the city. He tells SGA that he plans to graduate from the program having a better understanding and perspective on various health issues and what he wants to do in the future!

Caitlin & Colten Creel are both in the MD/MPH program. Both received their undergraduate degrees from Louisiana College with a degree in Biology and Chemistry. Caitlin is in the Behavioral and Community Health Sciences program, and Colton is in the Epidemiology program. Caitlin completed her first two years of medical school, and Colton is currently in his 2<sup>nd</sup> year. Both are currently in their 3<sup>rd</sup> semester at the SPH. Caitlin tells us, "We both went into public health for similar reasons. I didn't decide to get my MPH until after my first year of medical school. I saw a huge need for physicians to not only look at the individual, but our population as a whole. Louisiana has numerous public health issues, and as a physician, I wanted to have as many skills as possible to have a broad and effective impact. My goals are to eventually work in an underserved area, and I hope to use my MPH to bring about meaning community change." Caitlin is currently working on researching prescribing practices of physicians and opioid use and is considering going into pediatrics or family medicine. Colton is currently an HIV counselor for NO/AIDS Task Force, and is considering going into the internal medicine/infectious disease field.



### NOLA CORNER

#### What's happening in NOLA this month?

New Orleans Book Festival, Big Lake at City Park: November 11<sup>th</sup>

Treme Creole Gumbo Festival, Congo Square Armstrong Park:  
November 18 – 19<sup>th</sup>

Thanksgiving Bash Gobble Then Wobble, City Park:  
November 23<sup>rd</sup>

Arts Market New Orleans in Palmer Park: November 25 – 26<sup>th</sup>

