

Department of Work Environment Alumni Newsletter

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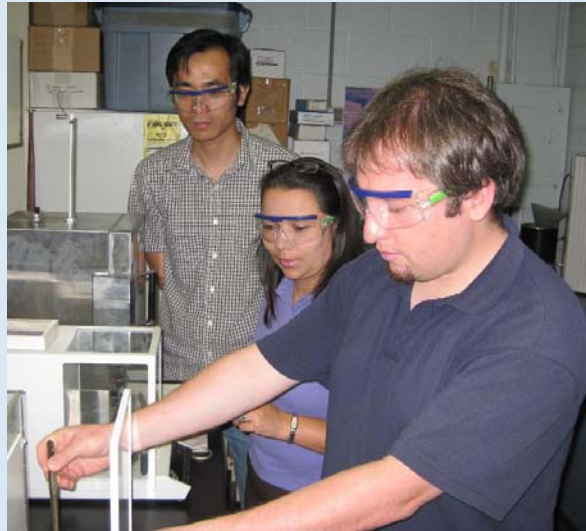
April 2011

Partipate in Department of Work Environment Survey

In the next month, the Department will be conducting a zoomerang survey of our alumni to evaluate our current academic programs, get input for recommended changes and identify important topics for Continuing Education.

Your feedback will be used to improve our programs and will also be included in our upcoming accreditation review by the *Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET)*.

Please watch your email box for arrival of the link to the survey. *Thank you in advance for your support!*



DWE Graduate students Xiaolu Jing, Luz Marin, Homero Harari (left to right)

Graduation Reception on May 28

If you will be in the area on May 28, join our graduation celebration for the new graduates!

Time - 12:30 PM
Location - Cobblestone's

If you plan to attend, please email our department administrator, Ms. Sokny Long at Sokny_Long@uml.edu

WED Student News

Please join the department in congratulating award recipients:

Greater Boston Chapter Leadership Award

Recipient:

Amanda Landers, Master's student in Cleaner Production & Pollution Prevention

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Thank you to the many graduates who have reconnected to the Department of Work Environment in response to our newsletter. It is wonderful to learn about your professional and personal lives! If you are in the Lowell area, please contact us to arrange a visit and perhaps be a guest speaker at a Department seminar. For the students, alumni visits are a wonderful opportunity to learn about career options and applying their skills in the real world. For faculty and staff, it's enjoyable to catch up with old friends and colleagues. Your input also provides valuable insights into how our program can be tuned to better support the changing world.

As you may have heard in the news, our university continues to grow and receive acclaim. The University of Massachusetts system and the UMass Lowell campus are receiving very favorable reviews and the campus is in the midst of rapid growth in student population, campus expansion, and funded research. These all serve to link the North, South and East campuses and revitalize the Lowell community.

The Department of Work Environment, too, continues to refine and expand its scope. The world has changed greatly in the quarter century since the department was formed and programs are continually refined to reflect current needs.

**Rixio Medina & Associates
Hispanics in Safety Scholarship**

Recipient:
Luz Marin-Ramirez,
Doctoral candidate in Occupational
Ergonomics & Safety

Congratulations to the recipients of
the Department's recognition

Publication of the Month:

January 2011

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February 2011

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April 2011

Nobrega S, Champagne NJ, Azaroff LS, Shetty K, Punnett L. Barriers to Workplace Stress Interventions in Employee Assistance Practice: EAP Perspectives. *Journal of Workplace Behavioral Health.* 25: 4, 282-295, 2010

May 2011

Sordillo JE, Alwis UK, Hoffman E, Gold DR, Milton DK. Home Characteristics as Predictors of Bacterial and Fungal Microbial Biomarkers in House Dust. *Environmental Health Perspectives.* Vol. 119, No. 2. February 2011.

Our new Professional Science Master's (PSM) combines advanced scientific training with practical career-building experience through internships and workplace projects. Several alumni have stepped forward to facilitate internships for our students. Thank you! We would greatly appreciate if additional alumni could assist us in setting up internship opportunities in your industry, government or non-profit organizations.

Last but not least, please be sure to provide feedback about the DWE programs via the DWE survey that will be arriving by email shortly.

Please be in touch with us through our administrator Ms. Sokny Long (Sokny_Long@uml.edu).

Best wishes to all,

Margaret Quinn
Professor and Alumni Committee Chair



Work Environment Student Association (WESA) Seminar features Anthony Campana

Alumnus Anthony Campana recently visited and presented "The Industrial Practice of Environment, Health and Safety", describing his work as a Health and Safety Programs Manager for Massachusetts, at EMD Millipore in Bedford, MA. Anthony's enthusiasm for EHS was evident and he challenged the audience to strive to be business partners and problem solvers, employing both technical and tactical skills to bring projects to completion.

Anthony also pointed out that Environmental Health Specialist was ranked #22 in the list of the "100 Best Jobs in America" in the Money/Payscale.com 2010 list of great careers. The job growth (10-year forecast) for EHS is projected at 28%.

http://money.cnn.com/magazines/moneymag/bestjobs/2010/full_list/index.html

Stay in touch with the Department of Work Environment!

Please be sure to send us new contact information and tell us about your professional & academic accomplishments and any interesting activities.

Email our Department Administrator Ms. Sokny Long at Sokny_Long@uml.edu

Joanne Sordillo Describes Life After Graduation

Joanne Sordillo was a panelist at the *Life After Graduation* seminar organized by RESD, CSP and WESA. Students from the 3 graduate programs learn firsthand from a panel of alumni from Community Social Psychology, Work Environment, and Economic and Social Development of Regions. Joanne is a Research Fellow in Medicine at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, MA. She is also currently an adjunct faculty in Work Environment teaching Toxicology and Health.



In Memoriam - Paul Edward Becker

Paul Becker received his doctoral degree in Work Environment in 2000. Paul came to us from West Virginia University, where he was already teaching industrial hygiene. In the couple of years that he spent with us, he contributed greatly to the Department. He was an enthusiastic participant in seminars, classes and informal gatherings. As an experienced teacher and health and safety activist, the Department may have benefited more from him than he from us. Paul returned to West Virginia and taught for another decade before his untimely death in February 2011. We mourn his passing and send our condolences to his family and friends.

Milestones & News

Hyun Kim has been appointed a Contributing Editor to the leading U.S. journal of occupational health, the *American Journal of Industrial Medicine*. He is one of the youngest members of this august body.