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As the UMed Bus Tour rolled through the streets of Chicago, on August 25 and September 1, 2007, many UMed members learned new facts about the city.

Participants were amazed at the rich history, diverse background and socio-economic factors that influenced this urban community.

Dr. James Barrett, Professor of History, at the University of Illinois in Champaign/Urbana served as the tour guide. Professor Barrett specializes in U.S. and comparative working-class history and class, race, and ethnicity in twentieth-century U.S. social history. His current research in racial and ethnic identity and relations in working class communities helped raise students' awareness to the needs of the various community members they will encounter during their professional education and medical careers. Both tours traveled through

the community areas of Bronzeville, Bridgeport, Canaryville, the Union Stockyards, Chinatown, and Pilsen within Chicago. Stopping along the way attendees had the opportunity to fill their senses with the uniqueness of each community. By the time travelers reached St. Joseph's Catholic Church the aroma of fresh made tortillas filled the area. They gazed at the beauty of the church and the craftsmanship of the Polish immigrants who built it in the 1800's. They listened as the current guardians of this holy place welcomed the newest members to community in their native language of Spanish.

It was difficult to decide on where to stop for a true taste of the neighborhoods, but part of Chicago history since 1909 and well known to the Near West Side and Italian descendants of this area is Pompei's Bakery. The staff at Pompei's did an outstanding job of accommodating a large

group of people with a roving schedule.

Overall 72% of the participants felt the UMed Bus Tour met or exceeded their expectations. And though the participants may not agree on the length of the trip, the neighborhoods visited or the information delivered, one thing is true, "Communities of underserved populations are all around us, several of them are currently being gentrified (and people are being displaced), and underserved communities are not dynamic (they relocate according to the system forces that impact them.)"



Our Culture Our Health

On Friday, September 28, 2007, a group from the Centro San Bonifacio presented their program Nuestra Cultura Nuestra Salud (Our Culture Our Health) to the UMed students and guests.

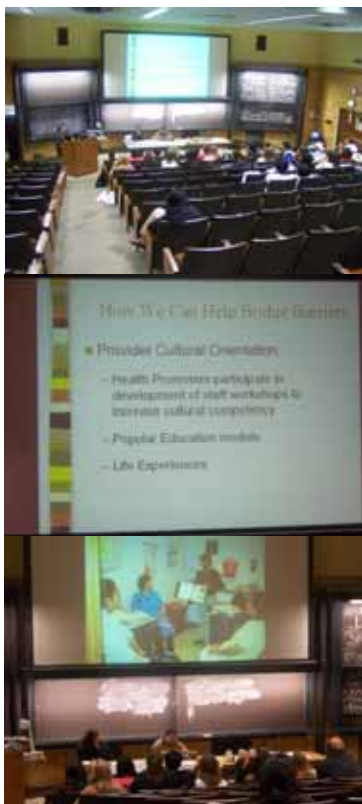
During the event, Dr. Joanna Michel, PhD presented and interpreted for two community health promoters from Centro San Bonifacios. Together, these three women gave a frank discussion on some of the cultural barriers that could hinder the healthcare of members in Hispanic communities. Discussions took place on the

appropriateness of sharing medical information with parents and the role family members play in healthcare concerns. The presenters also shared the beliefs and practices of self-care techniques that have been passed down for generations within the Hispanic community.

Students attending the event found that they learned a lot about cultural differences and subjects they need to be sensitive to as future practitioners. Besides very relevant and culturally sensitive information on general views of medicine in the Latino community, students were

also made aware of the challenges that face them while trying to communicate with individuals with language barriers and interpreters. Many students were glad that the session was bi-lingual as it gave them an opportunity to practice their own Spanish listening skills.

Overall, 86% of the students responding to the on-line evaluation found the session very informative and an essential part of the UMed experience.



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2008-09

Schweitzer Fellowships

Applications will be accepted until Feb. 1, 2008.

For application guidelines and further information, contact Ray Wang, rwang@hmprg.org or see http://www.schweitzerfellowship.org/features/us/chi/chi_app.aspx

The CDC Experience!

The CDC Experience Applied Epidemiology Fellowship is a one-year fellowship tailored for rising 3rd and 4th year medical students, designed to increase the pool of physicians with a population health perspective.

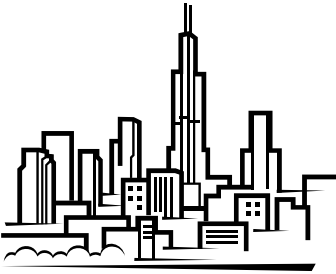
To learn more about the CDC Experience visit us online at www.cdcfoundation.org/thecdcexperience. Applications for next year's fellowship class must be postmarked by December 3, 2007.

AMA Foundation Research Opportunities

The AMA Foundation is announcing a call for proposals for the Seed Grant Research Program for medical students, physician residents and fellows. Grants of \$2,500 will help young scientists conduct basic science, applied, or clinical research projects. Applications are due by December 3, 2007.

To apply for these opportunities, visit www.amafoundation.org.

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**New Titles
at the
Special Curricular
Programs Library**

**Better: A Surgeon's
Notes on Performance**

by Atul Gawande

**Complications: A
Surgeon's Notes on an
Imperfect Science** by

Atul Gawande

How Doctors Think by

Jerome Groopman

**Nuestra Cultura
Nuestra Salud: A hand
book on Latino
American Health
Beliefs and
Practices** by Centro San

Bonifacio and Erie Family
Health Center

**Training Physicians
For Public Health
Careers** by Institute of

Medicine of the National
Academies

ENRICHMENT

As the Special Curricular Programs staff works to develop the UMed program students' ideas and suggestions will play a significant role in the improvements. Here are two recent suggestions that have been incorporated.

Suggestion - "I saw a recent book review in a recent New England Journal for a book that seems ideal for the Urban Medicine program. I'm not suggesting everyone in the program get it, but I think ordering a copy for the UMed office as a reference text and using excerpts from it for discussion sections would be great."

The book is entitled "Medical Management of Vulnerable And Underserved Patients :

Principles, Practice, and Populations" Edited by : Talmadge E. King, Jr., Margaret B. Wheeler, Andrew B. Bindman, et al. 454pp., New York, McGraw-Hill, 2007. \$41.95. ISBN 978-0-07-144331-9."

Action - The "Medical Management of Vulnerable And Underserved Patients: Principles, Practices, and Populations" has been ordered and will be available at the UMed Library shortly. (Okay, it is only a shelf right now). See a list of other books available later in this newsletter.

Suggestion -
"Unfortunately we can't enroll in this course, but I think that Dr. Zenk would be

a great speaker for us and possibly a future resource. Her research and classes seem to correlate very well with our goals in UMed.

As we can't take her course, I would love to have her come in and speak to us about some of the topics that she goes over in the class--and we could use that as one of our events."

Action - You will be happy to know that Dr. Zenk has agreed to be our guest speaker at the April 11, 2008 UMed event.

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**AMA Foundation Seeks
Leaders in Medicine**

Medical students, resident/fellow physicians, early career physicians and established physicians are encouraged to apply for the 2008 AMA Foundation Leadership Awards. As a program of the AMA Foundation Excellence in Medicine Awards, the Leadership Awards are presented in association with the Pfizer

Medical Humanities Initiative.

The Leadership Award program aims to: Reward outstanding non-clinical leadership skills in community service, education, public health and/or advocacy. Encourage involvement in organized medicine and public service. Provide leadership development for the country's brightest and most energetic leaders in the medical field.

Award recipients receive travel expenses to the AMA Foundation Leadership Award Program and the AMA's National Advocacy Conference from March 30 to April 2, 2008, in Washington, D.C. Visit www.amafoundation.org/go/excellence to learn more about the awards and apply. Applications are due December 7, 2007.

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"Never doubt that a small, group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead

2007

October 26th:
Joint UMed Meeting
Maureen Damitz, Senior
Director of Programs,
Respiratory Health
Association of Metropolitan
Chicago
Time: 4:30 – 6:30 pm

November 16th:
M3 Meeting
Time: 1:00 – 3:00

December 19th:
Joint UMed
End of Semester Gathering
Guest Speaker: Maurice OUR
Website at
"Ethical Issues in Providing
Care to the Underserved"

2008

January 3rd: M3 ECP&P II
Time: TBA

February 6th :
Research Day

February 29th:
M3 Meeting

***March 13th:**
UMed – Preparing for the
Next Year
Carol Estwing Ferrans, PhD,
RN, FAAN
Deputy Director, UIC Center
for Population Health and
Health Disparities

March 30th:
**Deadline for submitting
applications for UMed
Class of 2012**

April 11th:
UMed – Community
Differences
Guest Speaker Dr. Zenk
"Neighborhoods and Health"

April 29th:
UMed – M3 Meeting

May 13th*:
UMed – End of Year
Gathering

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