Jon consistently goes above and beyond to support the academic programs of EPH. With the last minute addition of scholars from ICTR to the clinical research track of the MS and the certificate, the program could not have functioned without Jon’s organization and follow up!
The Division of Gerontology would be lost without Lauren Schmand to support us and schedule all our meetings.
Thanks to Justine Golden for keeping the Gerontology Program running so smoothly.
Thanks to Joella Trenchard for all her support and help for the Gero Division. We’d be lost without her.
Thank you
A huge thank you to Lauren Schmand for all of her hard work during this very busy interview season! All went incredibly smoothly, even with snow days, unexpected e-mails about Skype interviews, an unsolicited delivery of organic grape juice, and interviewers with busy schedules and time conflicts. Your efforts are noticed and appreciated : )
Thanks to Jon Shinnick for the great care he gives the Epidemiology and Human Genetic Program students and faculty.

Jonathan Shinnick
Welcome to Sunita Shakya as an analyst in the Gero Division.
KUDOS CTRIC TEAM!!!
Thank you for your commitment to the team, supporting each other and working together to achieve CTRIC goals. Each of your unique perspective empowered the team for excellence.
Kudos to Lauren Schmand for her impressive scheduling talents! Your quick responses and organization are instrumental to the success of our projects.

Lauren Schmand
I would like to thank Susan, Monica and Laura for their wonderful administrative support! They have outdone themselves again!
Thanks for all of your hard work and for being the best right hand in the world! You especially earned your weight in gold for going the extra mile in your role as “social worker”. Maybe you should go for your degree?? A second career? You’d be great!

Tamar Pair
The students in our programs are an inspiration.
Congratulations to Gwen, Alison and Georgia for enrolling our first participant in the Diabetic Foot Ulcer Prevention trial!

Special thanks to Michael Terrin for all of his advice.

―Mary-Claire
Congratulations! Nice Going! Great! Way to Go! Yea! Felicitations! Take A Bow! Best Wishes!
Jon Shinnick for being the most helpful and responsive academic services specialist, and making life for course directors so easy!
Nancy Ellish has been an invaluable member of the MPH faculty for over a decade. She has always been willing to roll up her sleeves and do whatever is takes to meet the needs of the MPH program and the students. She has been a sounding board, providing wise counsel on matters related to curriculum development.
A special thank you to Kassy Santoni and Lauren Schmand for providing expert assistance to the Chairman while we are recruiting Hannah’s replacement. Both of you already have a heavy workload, yet both of you, without hesitation, stepped up to make sure operations continued seamlessly. Jay and I are lucky to have you on the EPH team!
A special shout-out to Tiffany Smith who has been phenomenal with the university’s new financial system. Not only did she learn the system, but she also provided many admins with hands-on assistance processing transactions, finding our transactions, and how to run reports. We are a lot further along with Quantum than some of our SOM colleagues because Tiffany was available in real-time for assistance. Tiffany, you rock!!
Thank you
Since befriending him and having him mentor me for almost a year now, I can definitively say that a better mentor could not have been found. Dr. Alan Rathbun is willing to not only help with data analysis and my research ideas but also be honest and blunt at times. I have found his style of mentoring refreshing, and due to his mentoring, I know what to work on for my success as a student and future scientist.

Additionally, mental health is a huge area of importance for me personally. I have a sibling diagnosed with schizophrenia, and I have struggled with anxiety, homelessness, and depression myself. So, it is important to me that I have found a mentor who openly discusses their own journey and prioritizes mental health, which is often stigmatized and goes unmentioned in the academic setting.
Gwen Robinson for her endless capacity to learn any possible trick and skill to make a project successful, she can handle anything from lab to database to participant enrollment to proposal and manuscript writing. Just amazing!
Kudos to the staff in HH suite 200 for helping one another with the new Quantum system.

Thanks, Justine
Kudos to Michael Terrin for riding his bicycle to work every day risking his personal safety to reduce traffic, pollution, and parking needs.
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The Baltimore Hip Studies would like to recognize Tina Kramer for her outstanding contributions. Tina has such a broad and diverse skill set that I don’t think there is anything we can give her that she will not master. She has tremendous dedication and motivation and she has never missed a deadline. She is the one of the most organized people and she is a pleasure to work with. The BHS would not be the reputable research program it is without the fabulous staff support from those like Tina. Thanks for all you do!

Tina Kramer-Merriken
The Baltimore Hip Studies would like to recognize Justine Golden for her 17 years of exceptional data management skills. Her knowledge of our 15 longitudinal datasets and attention to detail are invaluable. She is committed to our research and is always available to “run some quick frequencies” or create a “quick dataset.” Of course it is never as quick as we non data people like to believe! Justine’s efforts contribute enormously to the success of the BHS both nationally and internationally. Thank you so much!
The Baltimore Hip Studies would like to recognize Mary Louise Fine (Weasle) and her 20 years of exceptional recruitment of hip fracture patients. Weasle has screened thousands of patients for 12 longitudinal studies and conducted hundreds of study assessments. You can’t go anywhere with her without some knowing who she is or calling her the “hip fracture lady.” She is so engaging and the hip fracture patients and their families love her. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with her over the years and the BHS owes its reputation to her hard work!
Kudos to the Division of Gerontology Staff, Students and Faculty for the groups stellar efforts to address important issues about aging. Truly a pleasure working with all of you!!
Kudos to Anne Sullens who keeps our Pepper Center and Center for Research on Aging on task and always does so with enthusiasm, forethought, and a smile!
Kudos to Laura Seipp for doing an incredible job making sure every cent that we are due finds its way into our Divisions coiffures.

Laura Seipp
Aparna, Anthony, and DeeDee, You guys are awesome! Thanks for your hard work and for nominating me for mentoring awards!!!
the kudos wall
Joella is a savior for the Division of Gerontology. She’s available 24/7 and works hard to please everyone. A request to Joella is usually answered, “of course” or “let me know if I can help you.” Her caring is deep for students, staff and faculty.
I would like to give a shout-out to Lisa Pineles. She is a quintessential team player. Always willing to put in hard work for grant submissions. Excellent at problem solving. We are truly lucky to have her as part of the team.

Lisa Pineles
Leslie Norris for her endless supply of sweet treats, wit, and advice.
Michelle Newman for always being willing to take something on and working quietly and persistently in the background to get things done.
BEST IN SHOW!!
Jefferson County Fair

Dr. Colin Stine entered six Juliet tomatoes into the Roma tomato category and won first place, then out of the eleven winners in various tomato categories mine were selected as Best in Show, which comes with a prize of a fine cutting board.
Within the past 6 years, Lauren has been one of the kindest person with a stable character and kind. She has been always helpful and patient. She has been always welcoming and problem solving. I wish I could shout out more people among our administrative as all of them are great. The Department feels like home with them.

Lauren Schmand
Thank you Kara for your making sure that the work of the Delta Omega Public Health Honor Society runs smoothly. You are always on top of everything that needs to be done, including the annual lecture, the student poster competition, and the annual inductees. Your work for Delta Omega is very much appreciated!
Lisa Pineles—“the most over-talented and under-spoken person who makes our division run”
Joella Trenchard

Joella is the definition of a great leader. She carries herself with such poise and grace. She always lends her ears to listen, tries to understand your situation, and advocates for the division of gerontology staff. She is open and honest. She seems to really take initiative in creating a cohesive environment within the division. She works hard to drive and steer the division in the right direction. She is willing to do whatever she can to help the gerontology faculty and staff in any times of need. She always gets the job done. We are so very thankful, and grateful to have her in the division!
KUDOS!
Thank you for keeping meticulous track of the complicated budgets and expenditures for my many small grants, both parent and child, over the years.

Laura Seipp
Thanks for the help, the laughs, and the bananas!

Leslie Norris
Thank you Lauren for putting together a flawless application season, even with nearly twice as many interviews as usual this year, several last-minute applications and cancellations, and a Montgomery County school snow day. Lauren went above and beyond for our applicants, even walking one of them to a meeting on the other side of MLK Blvd. She is a wonderful source of support for our residency program.

Lauren Schmand
Kudos to Tina for elevating the brand of EPH with her sophisticated graphic design work. We started at Papyrus and now we’re here.

Tina Kramer-Merriken
Thanks for all your help and your wry sense of humor!
Kudos to Cindy and Laura – my accountabilibuddies. They keep me (somewhat) timely without all the shame and guilt which is a difficult job to do.
Many kudos to Gero faculty for being open-minded, flexible, and invested as we work so hard on the state of the division. Your feedback and accommodating several meetings, discussions, and surveys as been invaluable. I look forward to seeing where the next year takes us as a group.
Justine is so tenacious. She recently took on EHS to figure out why we have so many funky smells around the suite and it was discovered that super pricey filters were missing from their homes. Not only doing several jobs here at EPH, but doing EHS’ job, as well!
I must give kudos to Anne Sullens who always laughs at my jokes and sad stories to make me feel better after a long day at work. I admire her direct way of keeping everyone in line with the Pepper Center and for keeping me straight on who is doing what and when and where. We would be lost without her.
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Cindy Geppi
Debbie Stevens—“A super hard working and bright part of the team!”
Kassy Santoni. Always willing to help with so many random requests. She’s funny and supportive of everyone-staff, students and faculty. Her stories of growing up Italian are wonderful.
Anne Sullens. Very dedicated to the Pepper Center by supporting so many faculty and scientists. She’s the glue that holds everything together. Quietly doing her job while gently pushing faculty to do theirs. She has a great laugh.
People in the News

KUDOS!

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I would like to give Mary Louise Fine (aka Weasle) a “shout-out” for taking on the increased screening, consenting and enrolling tasks with the PROTEIN Study. She continues to work very hard on the STEP-HI Project as well.
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