Greetings and welcome to our Fall 2017 issue of the MPH VOICE! We invite you to journey with us through activities and events at LIU Brooklyn, through Belgrade and Novi Sad Serbia and now meet our collaborators from ECPD – European Center for Peace and Development, and Institute for Public Health of Serbia “Dr. Milan Jovanovic Batut”. Happy reading!

“HEALTH FOR ALL”
Keynote speaker Larry Cohen, Faculty and Students, LIU MPH Program

By: Melissa De Santo, MPH

The first annual public health symposium “Health for All”, took place at Kumble Theater, LIU Brooklyn on October 10th 2017, with Larry Cohen as the keynote speaker. Mr. Cohen is the director of Prevention Institute and author of Prevention Diaries: The Practice And Pursuit of Health for All. He discussed preventative strategies and measures for health, as well as health promotion in our healthcare. Our Dean Barry S. Eckert greeted
everyone including faculty and students, in addition to him he talked about the value of the MPH program. Dr. Beric saluted the GA and GEA’s who worked hard to put together the event. In addition, she thanked student life and LIU for supporting the “Health for All” event, which eventually will become an annual symposium at LIU Brooklyn Campus.

After the excellent presentation and interactive discussion, MPH faculty and students with guests went for a lovely dinner, with the opportunity to further connect and discuss the event. It was a pleasure to be there and talk to my fellow professors and students along with the guest speaker Larry Cohen.

It was a nice way to give thanks and be happy for the blessings we have in life, together with our fellow students and faculty in the program. We all enjoyed this event, and it was a wonderful way to celebrate Thanksgiving Day with our MPH family.

Interview with Sudha Santhi Adusumill, MPH student.

By: Melissa De Santo, MPH

M: Hello Sudha, what do you like most about our Masters of Public Health Program at LIU Brooklyn?

S: I enjoy being in courses where we all get to work together, where the most of the assignments consist of group work. This allows me to speak with people of all different backgrounds, as well as to get to know everyone. I could form friendships that will last throughout my study at LIU, and I might even have close friendships and bonds with students that live near me that will last a lifetime. I’m content in knowing that our professors are always there to meet with you and help when it comes to asking them about projects, jobs, tests, or internships.
There are never any stupid questions!

**M:** What job position would you like to pursue when you graduate with your MPH at LIU Brooklyn?

**S:** My main goal in this program is to graduate by May 2019 and afterwards in the field of epidemiology at NYC Department of Health.

**M:** What can you tell me about the MPH that most people do not know about?

**S:** The MPH couples a strong foundation in general management principles with specialized knowledge in healthcare.

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**Divya’s Internship in Novi Sad, Serbia.**

By: Divya Muppichetty

As we all know not all those who wander are lost, I was wandering in search of myself to realize my dreams and pin my destination. My education consisted of me earning degrees such as biomedical engineer, bachelor’s degree in journalism and an MPH degree. I have done my internship in Serbia and I feel like all my dreams are finally coming true. Dr. Bojana Beric is the woman whom I am thankful for, because she is very understanding when it comes to my goal and she has guided me towards one of my dreams which is graduating with an MPH degree. My practicum experience, which is a course I have taken at Long Island University, is the most fascinating trip and experience I have had so far. I was in Novi Sad, the city in Serbia where I met the most interesting people all over the world in various conferences and youth forums. I am currently doing my internship in the school “Milan Petrovic”, which is a school for children with special needs, and working with supervisors and teachers was very rewarding.

I went there alone, and I made friends for a lifetime. Life is so exciting, adventurous and divulging in Novi Sad, Serbia.

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**Divya’s participation in the 5th global Youth forum**

By: Divya Muppichetty

A 5th global Youth Forum was organized by ECPD in cooperation with VAMK University (Finland), Long Island University-LIU (USA), University of Kragujevac, International Center for Local and Regional Development -ICLRD and the Danubian Center for Cross-Border Cooperation–DCCB (Serbia). In 2014, ECPD, VAMK University and Long Island University-LIU established an official global partnership to strengthen and expand the mission of promoting global peace set forth by the United Nations. Students and young professionals representing countries from all over the world gather in Belgrade to share with, learn from, teach and inspire each other on their paths to global peace.
The participants were students, postgraduate students, and young professionals specializing in one of the following fields: peace and conflict resolution, law, public health, sociology, philosophy, political science and diplomacy, culture and media, economics and tourism, theology, anthropology, cross-border cooperation, as well as young activists from non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

In the forum, the participants along with me, were young leaders who are working at the heart of social innovation and bringing change in their communities to share experiences, views, and

 FACULTY IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Interview with Joyce Hall, Director of Practicum & Career Development, Adjunct Assistant Professor at MPH LIU Brooklyn.

The American Public Health Association (APHA) 2017 Annual Meeting and Expo was held in Atlanta, Georgia, November 4 -8, 2017. The theme, “Creating the Healthiest Nation: Climate Changes Health” emphasized climate change as a significant threat to health. However, there were many exciting sessions that focused on many other public health issues which included hundreds of oral presentations and poster sessions. In addition, Public Health Expo included agencies and organizations that covered all aspects of public health, research, public health practice, publications, public health schools and programs, data analysis, emergency preparedness, etc. There were 12,000 public health professionals who attended the meeting.

The Long Island University Department of Public Health was well represented at the APHA conference. Professor Joyce Y. Hall had two oral presentations which focused on her work in the LIU MPH Program. The presentations are entitled, “Developing University Partnerships for Practical Experiences for Graduate Public Health Students: Lessons from the Field” and “Implementing a Comprehensive Evaluation Process for Public Health Practicum Experiences: Preceptors/Supervisors and Students Perceptions.” In the first presentation on developing university partnerships, Professor Hall discussed the methodology that our program uses for developing MPH practicum sites locally and globally, the assessment of students, the assessment for practicum sites,
the matching and referral process for students to practicum sites, and the establishment of partnerships and development of agreements. For the second presentation on comprehensive evaluation, Professor Hall discussed: the practicum matching process, practicum internships, and the evaluation process developed which includes, mid-semester site visits, a midpoint evaluation completed by supervisor and student, a student practicum evaluation form, and a preceptor/supervisor practicum evaluation form. She also presented preliminary evaluation results for 2014-2017.

In addition, three MPH graduates, David Thomas, Cherubin Dorcent, and Adewale Adesanmi, gave presentations about the projects that they completed as a part of the Study Abroad course in our program. David gave a roundtable presentation and discussion of research that he had done on a comparative analysis of health issues in New York City and Serbian young people. Cherubin presented a poster that he, Nikia Joseph, Fatu Massalee conducted about “Using the Health Belief Model to investigate the correlates of condom use behaviors among Caribbean men”. Adewale presented, "I don't know anything about it: LGBT youths' of color perceptions about HIV and Hepatitis risk factors" on work that he has been doing at Diaspora Community Services.

Overall, the 2017 APHA Annual Meeting and Expo were overwhelming, enriching and successful for faculty and students of our MPH program.

### WHY SHOULD YOU GET YOUR C.H.E.S CERTIFICATION?

By: David Thomas, MPH

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### KEEPING UP WITH ALUMNI

**Vinessa Gordon:** Recently got married and moved to Colonial Beach, Virginia. After graduating from LIU, she worked for the Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health as the Education and Community Outreach Coordinator since 2016, where she implemented the Institute’s summer internship program for high school students and coordinated community outreach efforts.

**Divya Shah:** Since graduating from LIU in 2015, she got married and moved to San Jose, California. She is currently working as a Health Educator for Santa Clara Family Health plan, a Medicaid-Medicare Plan.
Natalia Louis: Has worked at the Global Trauma Research Inc. as the Community Outreach Liaison, and served as Outreach Specialist at Haitian-American Community Coalition. Most recently she accepted a position as a PrEP specialist at The PATH Center at The Brooklyn Hospital Center.

We would like to receive more news about our alumni - send us an email with information of your whereabouts and share any news in your life – [click here!]

INTERNSHIPS

Global Health Fellow Program II
Internships available all year around.
Washington, DC

HRTP: A Public Health Research Training Program.
Fall term: Deadline August 15, 2018
NYC Health Department

SOPHE Internship Program
Fall: Deadline May 15, 2018
Washington, DC

FELLOWSHIPS

CDC Fellowships
Fellowships available all year around at different locations.

ASPPH/NHTSA Public Health Fellowship
August 2018-July 2019: Deadline: February 9, 2018
Washington, DC

CSTE Fellowships
Fellowships available all year around at different locations
Our global partner is European Center for Peace and Development (ECPD), established by United Nations University for Peace in Belgrade, Serbia. To learn more about what they do, click here.

Partnership with ECPD has allowed us to establish collaboration and working relationship with the Institute for Public Health “Milan Jovanovic Batut” in Belgrade. To learn more click here.

START is one of New York State’s largest non-hospital providers of health and human services. For more than 40 years, START has offered treatment to over 40,000 self-referred patients throughout Brooklyn, Manhattan, and The Bronx. To learn more, click here.

Diaspora Community Services is a Brooklyn-based multi-service and multi-cultural nonprofit organization, providing comprehensive support to low-income residents, immigrants, and the chronically ill. To learn more, click here.

Brooklyn Historical Society is a nationally recognized urban history center dedicated to preserving and encouraging the study of Brooklyn’s extraordinary 400-year history. Today’s BHS is a cultural hub for civic dialogue, thoughtful engagement and community outreach. To learn more, click here.
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