

## **School of Public Health Researchers Receive \$5,832,379 in Grants and Contracts**

- **Ross C. Brownson, Ph.D.**, Professor of Epidemiology, has received a new grant from the National Cancer Institute for the project titled, "Training Practitioners to Control Obesity and Cancer." The award is for \$1,272,261 for the time period 9/15/2006 to 6/30/2011. Read the SLU news release about this project [here](#).
- **Anjali Deshpande, Ph.D., MPH**, Assistant Professor of Epidemiology, has received a new grant from the Alvin J. Siteman Cancer Center for the project titled, "The Impact of Individual and Neighborhood Resources on Colorectal Cancer Screening Behaviors Among African Americans: A Multilevel Analysis." The grant is for time period 7/1/2006 to 6/30/2007.
- **Dr. Deshpande** has also received a new grant from the National Cancer Institute for the project, "Understanding the Context for Physical Activity in Urban African Americans." The grant totals \$140,063 for the time period 7/1/2006 to 6/30/2008.
- **Christine Hoehner, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Epidemiology, has received a new grant from The American Cancer Society for the project titled, "Examining Environmental Influences on Physical Activity." The grant totals \$522,658 for the time period 1/1/2007 to 12/31/2011.
- **Brianna Jegier**, Doctoral Student in the School of Public Health, has received a new grant from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality for the project titled, "The Economics of Mothers Milk Feedings in Neonatal Intensive Care Units." The grant totals \$27,834 for the time period 9/1/2006 to 6/30/2007.
- **Matthew W. Kreuter, Ph.D., MPH**, Professor of Behavioral Science and Health Education, has received a new grant from the National Cancer Institute for the project titled, "Sustainable Strategies for Increasing CIS Use Among African Americans and Hispanics." The grant totals \$387,484 for the time period 9/27/2006 to 8/31/2008.
- **Santosh Krishna, Ph.D., EDS, MBA**, Assistant Professor of Biostatistics, has received a new grant from Health Resources & Services Administration for the project titled, "Diabetes and Obesity: Is There a Rural-Urban Difference in the Burden?" The grant totals \$149,954 for the time period 9/1/2006 to 8/31/2007.
- **Roger Lewis, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Environmental and Occupational Health, has received a new grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the project titled, "A Field Study on the Growth and Removal of Microorganisms and Allergens on Carpet." The grant totals \$530,000 for the time period 11/1/2006 to 10/31/2009.
- **Dr. Lewis** also received a new grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the project titled, "Fluorogenic Methods for Detection of Lead on Surfaces." The grant totals \$495,732 for the time period 11/1/2006 to 10/31/2008.
- **Marjorie Sawicki, M.S., R.D.**, Assistant Professor of Community Health, has received a new subcontract from Washington University, funded by Robert Wood

Johnson Foundation, for the project titled, "Obesity Prevention in Children: Synergy Project With Diabetes Initiative (SPD)." The grant totals \$43,683 for the time period 10/1/2005 to 9/30/2006.

- **Fernando Serrano, M.A.**, Instructor of Environmental and Occupational Health, has received a new contract from the Grace Hill Neighborhood Health Centers, Inc. for the project titled, "Evaluation Grace Hill Prevention Project." The contract totals \$62,276 for the time period 8/1/2006 to 7/31/2007.
- **David A. Sterling, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Environmental and Occupational Health, has received a new subcontract from Washington University, funded by The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research for the project titled, "Workplace Exposures & Biomarkers of Parkinsonism in Welders." The subcontract totals \$24,000 for the time period 5/1/2006 to 4/30/2007.
- **Paula Stirnemann, MPH**, SPH doctoral student and research assistant in the SLUCOR division of the department of internal medicine, has received a new grant from the American Society of Transplantation for the project titled, "The Cost Effectiveness of Solid Organ Donation and Transplantation." The grant totals \$80,000 for the time period 7/1/2006 to 7/30/2008.
- **Michael W. Thomas, MPH**, Associate Director of the Heartland Center for Public Health Preparedness, has received a new subcontract from the University of Texas Health Science Center/Houston Medical School, funded by Health Resources & Services Administration, for the project titled, "BTCDD Supplemental National Training Strategy." The subcontract totals \$94,998 for the time period 9/1/2006 to 8/31/2007.
- **William True, Ph.D., MPH**, Professor of Epidemiology, has received a new grant from the VA Medical Center - St. Louis for the project titled, "Mentoring New Investigators Preparing Health Services Research & Development Grant Applications for the Department of Veteran Affairs." The grant totals \$263,697 for the time period 11/1/2006 to 6/30/2008.
- **Santosh Vijaykumar, MA**, SPH doctoral student and graduate assistant, has received a new grant from The Pact for the project titled, "Social Network Evaluation and Global Youth Online Discussion Forums." The grant totals \$1,750 for the time period 9/15/2006 to 11/30/2006.
- **Kathleen S. Wright, Ed.D., MPH**, Associate Professor of Health Management and Policy, has received a new grant from the Health Resources & Services Administration for the project titled, "Public Health Nursing Continuing Education Grant." The grant totals \$25,000 for the time period 9/1/2006 to 8/31/2007.
- **Dr. Wright** also received a new grant from the Health Resources & Services Administration for the project titled, "Heartland Public Health Education and Training Center." The grant totals \$1,710,989 for the time period 9/1/2006 to 8/31/2011.