Hello CHP students,

As the summer winds down, I am writing to welcome you back to campus and give you a few updates about the start of the semester. This letter is my first of many updates during the academic year.

**A Big Welcome:** First, we are so pleased to welcome our new CHP director, Professor Jennifer Allen. Jennifer Allen comes to us from the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Harvard Medical School. She has a master's degree in community health nursing from Boston College and a doctorate in public health from the Harvard School of Public Health.

Dr. Allen's research focuses on community-based interventions to promote cancer prevention and control in underserved populations with the intent to reduce health disparities. Her goal is to generate an in-depth understanding of the individual, socio-cultural, institutional and environmental factors that influence health behaviors and decisions.

Dr. Allen's work emphasizes community-based participatory approaches to identify community needs and build capacity to implement community-driven solutions. More recently, she has focused on designing strategies for ensuring sustainability and wide-scale dissemination of evidence-based interventions to address health disparities.

**Join us on Wednesday, September 4 during Open Block (12-1:30 p.m.) for a reception to welcome Prof. Allen. Please come by (to the CHP Conference Room) to say hello!**

**Updating your information:** Please contact us with any NEW information (address, phone, email) by responding to chp@tufts.edu. As you may recall, email is a very important form of communication here at CHP, and we like to have the contact information updated correctly each year. Also, if you will be away this semester, please let us know, and include your forwarding address should we need to reach you. Please note: do not hit “reply” with this information, but email it to chp@tufts.edu.

**Newsletter:** The first meeting for the Newsletter will be Monday, September 9 at noon, here at 112 Packard Avenue. The CHP Newsletter comes out twice during the year and is sent to alums, faculty, staff, current students, and university administrators. It is written by students who choose a particular topic of interest. The articles include a variety of topics and types of writing: from research papers to highlights of community issues to student activity groups at Tufts to CH news and alumnae updates. We hold two-three meetings at the start of the semester, and the time required is fairly minimal. Writing for the Newsletter gives you an opportunity to have a short piece of written work published. You are welcome to revise a class paper for publication, highlight a Tufts community organization, explore a topic of interest, interview an alum, etc. If you would like to write for this upcoming issue, please email me (pschoenberg.reider@tufts.edu).

**Mandatory Internship Orientation:** On Wednesday, September 18 at noon, we will hold the mandatory Internship Orientation for JUNIORS AND select SENIORS in Barnum 104. At this meeting you will confirm your spot in the internship, and hear about critical details related to finding a successful internship experience. You will hear from current CHP students who will talk about how they found their sites and the interesting work they did while interning. This meeting will give you a lot of ideas and direction and will help tremendously in finding an internship site that is a good fit. This meeting is mandatory for seniors who are doing their internships in the spring and for all juniors. However, if you attended this meeting last year, or already completed your internship, you do not need to attend again. Contact me if you have questions.
Panel: This year we will again offer our panel series “Careers in Public Health” which will give an overview of the field of public health including education options and possible career paths. We will feature several CH alums who will discuss their experiences/paths post Tufts. Stay tuned for details.

CHP Requirements: Please carefully review your course requirements especially if you plan to be away from Tufts this year. Remember you must have completed CH 1 and 2 before you can do your internship. If you will be away from Tufts the semester before your internship begins, contact Pamela (pschoenberg.reider@tufts.edu) to discuss planning.

Contacting Faculty: We will soon post fall office hours for faculty. You can reach your advisor via email or by calling the CH office (x73233). We encourage you to periodically check in with your advisor about course requirements and any other questions you may have.

New instructor: We are pleased to welcome Professor Keren Ladin who will teach CH 106 (Health, Ethics and Policy) this fall. Prof. Ladin teaches courses in health policy, research methods, public health ethics, health disparities, and medical ethics. She incorporates quantitative, qualitative, and normative approaches to study how systemic disadvantage affects health and the ability of individuals to make and pursue lifeplans. Specifically, her research examines socioeconomic and racial disparities in transplantation, mental health treatment, aging, and immigrant health. She comes to us from Harvard University. Prof. Ladin is also the Director of the Lab for Research on Ethics, Aging, and Community Health (REACH Lab) at Tufts University.

Stay tuned for more updates. I hope you all have a smooth transition back to campus. Let me know if you have any questions/concerns as the semester begins.

-Pamela

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