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I. CARAH NEWS!

A. Helen Black, Ph.D New Publication “Is Pain Suffering? A Case Study”

Description: In this article, the case study of an elderly woman shows how bodily pain and suffering meld in her narrative, not as the subjective and objective sides of the same event, but as distinct experiences in which both constructs emerge separately or come together based on the meaning she imputes to the event. The case study shows the clear methodological fit of qualitative narrative research with the lived experiences of pain and suffering. The narrator recalled the "tremendous" pain she experienced almost 60 years previously as both suffering and not-suffering, depending on the outcome of the circumstances that surrounded her pain. This case shows how a significant aspect of the aging experience—suffering—is medicalized, yet remains resistant to both categorization and medicine.

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Link:

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II. Conferences and Programs of Interest

A. The IOA Visiting Scholars 2006-2007 Series presents: Tamara B. Harris, MD, MS-Senior Investigator and Chief, Geriatric Epidemiology Section Laboratory of Epidemiology, Demography, and Biometry at the National Institute on Aging “Novel body composition and biochemical markers of obesity-related risk in older persons”

Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2007

Location: BRB II/III Auditorium

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Info: To register for this lecture, contact the IOA at 215-898-3163 or email aging@mail.med.upenn.edu. Directions available online. Free and open to

the public.

Description: SEE ATTACHMENT

B. PA's Direct Care Workforce: the Next Horizon

Date: February 23, 2007 9-4:30 p.m.

Location: Nittany Lion Inn- State College, PA

Description: **Audience:** Those working to strengthen PA's direct care workforce in long-term care

Purpose: Reflect on what we've all learned & renew our agenda

Keynotes: **Dr. Robyn Stone**, National Director of Better Jobs Better Care (BJBC) will highlight the learning from all of its projects.

Drs. Peter Kemper and Diane Brannon, Penn State University, will update us on the national evaluation of the BJBC initiative.

Deputy Secretary Sandi Vito will report on efforts of the PA Dept. of Labor to grow the direct care workforce.

All: Facilitated discussions to distill our collective learning and project next steps to advance PA's direct care workforce

Reception: Join us at a reception on Thursday evening 5:00 – 6:30pm at the Faculty Club, Nittany Lion Inn.

Register: Click at the site below and complete the registration form. *Note: seating is limited so register early.* Deadline: February 16, 2007.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=892663143166>

Rooms: Meeting rate: \$89 single, \$98 double occupancy at Nittany Lion Inn (www.pshs.psu.edu)

Contact: Karen Reeve, 215-545-5728 x259

C. Eastern Pennsylvania Geriatrics Society- Educational Dinner Meeting “ The Role of Complementary Medicine in Managing the Healthcare of the Elderly”

Panel Discussion- Elizabeth Mackenzie, PhD and Birgit Rakel, MD

Date: Thursday March, 22, 2007

Location: Marriot Philadelphia West

11. Crawford Ave.

West Conshohocken, PA 19428 (610)941-5600

Register: Dinner and Program \$ 50.00 (non-members \$60)

Student/Resident/Fellow- \$40.00 (non-members \$50)

Contact: Barbara Mark- (610)715-2887

D.THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF PHILADELPHIA -The Humanism in Medicine Initiative and Section on Medicine and the Arts present: *THE POETRY OF HEALING: A Doctor's Personal Journey of Identity and Empathy*

Date: February 15, 2007 **6:15 PM**

Location: The College of Physicians of Philadelphia
19 South 22nd Street, Philadelphia

Fee: This presentation is free and open to the public.

To register, please call 215.563.3737, ext. 304 or e-mail

lectures@collphyphil.org

Visit the College's website at www.collphyphil.org for a listing of all programs offered.

Rafael Campo, MA, MD, DLitt (Hon) Visiting Scholar, Humanism in Medicine Initiative-Assistant Physician in Medicine, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center-Associate Professor of Medicine, Harvard University Medical School. In this presentation, noted physician-poet, Rafael Campo, will explore the world that has shaped him as a physician and as a Cuban American gay man. **(see attachments)**

III. Resources

A. Health Insurance Coverage and Costs at Older Ages Evidence From the Health and Retirement Study

Link: <http://www.urban.org/publications/1001048.html>

B. The American Public Health Association is announcing the Call for Abstracts

The American Public Health Association is announcing the Call for Abstracts for the 2007 Annual Meeting to be held November 3-7, in Washington, DC. The theme of the meeting is "*Politics, Policy & Public Health.*"

Link: All abstracts must be submitted online. An easy to use online form will walk you through the process step-by-step. The site is now opened so you may link directly to the abstract submission form through the APHA website at <http://www.apha.org/meetings> or <http://apha.confex.com/apha/135am/oasys.epl> . The deadline for submission of abstracts range from February 5 to February 9, 2007

C. Family Caregiver Alliance- A Population at Risk

Link:http://caregiver.org/caregiver/jsp/content_node.jsp?nodeid=1822

D. Profile of Pennsylvania: A Model for Assessing a State Long-Term Care System

Link:

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NewFreedomInitiative/Downloads/PA_Profile.pdf

VI. Job Opportunities

A. CARIE LINE COORDINATOR

This full time position coordinating the CARIE LINE program reports to CARIE's Director of Advocacy Initiatives. It requires a highly organized individual who can prioritize well, and handle a wide range of responsibilities. Supervising staff and providing direct service to older adults; managing data collection and evaluation; developing educational presentations and literature; coordinating outreach efforts; and providing representation at conferences, media events, networking opportunities and committees are a part of this multi-faceted position.

Description: SEE ATTACHMENTS