

Vipan Nikore ~ Schweitzer Fellow



Vikpan Nikore -2007 Schweitzer Fellow

Of Special Interest

Historical Look of Chicago's Underserved Communities.

Logo Contest Continues

Physical Day is a great success.

(April 10, 2007) The Schweitzer Fellowship, a service learning program for health professions students committed to helping Chicago's underserved communities, announced the names of its new class of Fellows. **Vipan Nikore**, Class of 2010 and Urban Medicine student is among the thirty students representing 18 different university health-related programs including medicine, nursing, public health, occupational therapy, pharmacy, art therapy and acupuncture selected for Schweitzer Fellowships.

Each Fellow will direct an innovative project to improve health and access to health care for populations that are recognized as medically underserved, including the uninsured, immigrants, incarcerated youth, the homeless, minorities, and the working poor.

Named in honor of Nobel Peace Laureate Dr. Albert Schweitzer, the Chicago Area Schweitzer Fellows Program encourages health professions students to "make their lives their argument" by serving the most vulnerable members of society. Now in its twelfth year, the Chicago Area Schweitzer Fellowship addresses the serious and life-threatening needs of Chicagoans without sufficient access to health care services while encouraging aspiring professionals to honor their idealism. The new Fellows' projects will address such needs as violence prevention for adolescents, tutoring programs to help inner city students do well in school, health education for senior citizens, and prenatal education. The Fellows will also work together to organize public symposia and community service days.

Dr. Quentin Young, MD, chair

of the program, stated "These young people are in the most demanding and highly regarded academic programs in the country, yet they have embraced an additional responsibility -- to help those who are 'beneath the radar' of our failing health care system.

In so doing, they are strengthening not only their minds, but their hearts. In return, they will learn much about leadership, problem solving, the powerful difference that individuals with a conscience can make. We believe that these marvelous young people are embarking on a lifelong commitment to making a difference, and we are very proud of them."

To learn more about Schweitzer Follows see, <http://www.schweitzerfellowship.org/>

UMed Students Get Creative

As the Urban Medicine program enters its third year at the University of Illinois College of Medicine, UMed students tried capturing the essences of the program through unique logos. Located throughout the newsletter there are submitted UMed logos.

UMed Students from all three years will be asked to

pick the winning design. Students will have until August 1, 2007 to submit their graphical vision of the Urban Medicine program.

U Med is a longitudinal, four-year curriculum that takes advantage of UIC's location and breadth of clinical opportunities to prepare physician-leaders for urban communities. Its mission is

"To admit, prepare and graduate physicians who will - after completing residency training - practice in urban communities in any specialty deemed as needed for those communities" U Med students take the same required courses as their classmates, with some of the components of required courses tailored to specific

Physical Day Continues to Grow



"Preparing the physicians of tomorrow's underserved urban communities"



The April 14, 2007, UMed student sponsored Physical Day at Chavez School in Chicago, Illinois is considered to be the most successful yet. Over sixty students participated from a numbers of schools in the Back of the Yard neighborhoods of Chicago.

"Akhlil and I felt that this was the most successful of the four physical days. We want to thank every one who put time and energy into this project. Hopefully future UMed physical days can be even more successful," stated Santina Grant

The cooperation of both M1 and M2 UMed students along with the other volunteers and

the school administration contributed to the success of the project. Dr. Christou and Dr. Clavier and many M3s and M4s volunteered their time to perform the required school physicals for the elementary school students.

Part of UMed's mission is to address the healthcare needs of urban populations. Physicals are required for all new students as well as for



students entering 5th and 9th grades in the City of Chicago. The vast majority of families in this area do not have health insurance and in order to enable their children to attend school, UMed students provided the physicals at no cost. This initiative will be able to help many students in this neighborhood so that they are able to attend school in the 2007-2008 academic year.

Physical Day also received grant funding from the AMA Foundation to provide the necessary equipment to perform the physicals.

To find out more about the next Physical Day contact Santina Grant, sgrant3@uic.edu.

A Historical Look at Chicago's Underserved Communities

The Urban Medicine Program is excited to announce our first Tour of Chicago on Saturday, August 25, 2007. **James R. Barrett**, a professor of history at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, will be our tour guide as we travel throughout the city focusing on three neighborhoods, UIC area, Back of the Yards, and Bridgeport. The tour is expected to last six – eight hours including lunch.

Professor Barrett specializes in U.S. and comparative working-class history and class, race, and ethnicity in twentieth-century U.S. social history. He is the author of *William Z. Foster and the Tragedy of American Radicalism* (University of Illinois Press, 2000, paper, 2001); *Work and Community in The Jungle: Chicago's*

Packinghouse Workers, 1894-1922 (University of Illinois Press, 1987, paper 1990); "The Blessed Virgin Made Me a Socialist Historian: An Experiment in Autobiography and the Historiography of Race and Class," in *Faith in History*, Nick Salvatore, Ed. (University of Illinois Press, 2006); and (with David Roediger) "The Irish and the 'Americanization' of the 'New Immigrants' in the Streets and Churches of the Urban United States, 1900-1930," *Journal of American Ethnic History* 24:3 (Summer 2005): 3-33. His current research interests focus on racial and ethnic identity and relations in working class communities and the relationship between personal and historical experience.

information of the tour, UMed is looking for a few students that would like to contribute more contemporary stories of each neighborhood. Maybe you grew-up in one of the focused communities or your LPC is there now or maybe you just like to find out more about the neighborhood. Please contact us if you are interested in taking an active part of the tour.

Please note this is a change from the original date. Further, information will be provided regarding the tour at a later date.



To add to the historical

UMed Diversity: The Class of 2011

When the school year starts again on August 13, 2007, the College of Medicine will celebrate their 125th school year and Special Curricular Programs will be welcoming the third group of students to enter the UMed program.

UMed 11 presents a diverse group of individuals dedicated to the needs of the

underserved communities in urban areas. Though the final class roster has not been completed, 58% of the students indicated that their racial heritage is other than white. Sixty-eight percent are females. The average age of the students is 23.

Plus, this year's UMed is becoming a family tradition.

Akhil Narang and David Nayak are proud to welcome their younger brothers Nikhil Narang and Zachary Nayak into the UMed Program.

Continue to watch the UMed news for additional information regarding all of the UMed students.



Pastoral (II)

BY

William Carlos Williams

When I was younger
it was plain to me
I must make something of
myself.

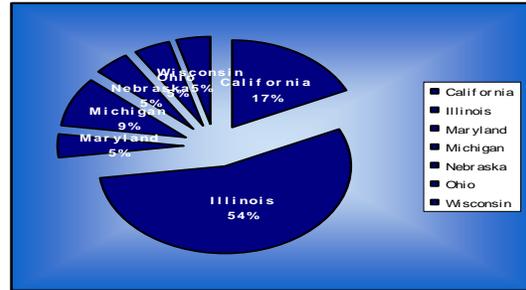
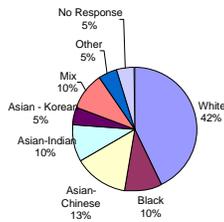
Older now

I walk back streets
admiring the houses
of the very poor:
roof out of line with sides
the yards cluttered
with old chicken wire,
ashes,
furniture gone wrong;
the fences and outhouses
built of barrel staves
and parts of boxes, all,
if I am fortunate,
smeared a bluish green
that properly weathered
pleases me best of all
colors.

No one

will believe this
of vast import to the nation

UMed Diversity Class of 2011



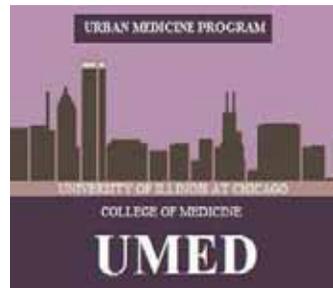
Creativity

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issues of importance to future urban physicians. This includes Longitudinal Primary Care preceptorships, Special Topics mini-courses, clinical case studies, service-learning opportunities, etc. that are

ideal in addressing the needs of future urban physicians.

If you think you have a winning idea, please submit it in GIF or JPEG format to sokeefe@uic.edu.



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UMed Continues to Grow

Not only is the Urban Medicine growing by increasing its student body, UMed has two new graduate assistants, Chris Cho and Liqiong Guo. They will help to support the ongoing developmental needs and growing interest in two primary programs within the Special Curricular Programs

department, Guaranteed Professional Program (GPPA) and Urban Medicine Program (UMed).

UMed would also like to thank Dean Sandlow, Dr. David Mayer, Dr. Janet Riddle, and Dr. Gary Loy for their continuous support. All of them took time out of

their busy schedules to review UMed applications. And finally thanks to Dr. Joseph Espat and Dr. Girotti for working with the UMed students during ECM this last year.

Enjoy the Summer!

UMed Dates

June 18 – 20: M3 ECP&P I

June 25: 1st Day of M3 Year

August 13 – 18: M1
Orientation

August 25: UMed Bus Tour
–A Historical Look at
Chicago's Underserved
Communities.

August 20: 1st Day of Class

September *: UMed Event

November *: UMed Event

December *: UMed Event

December 31–January 5:
M3 ECP&P II

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