

# Department of Work Environment Alumni Newsletter

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## SHE Scholarship Fund

A scholarship fund is being established in Dr. David Wegman's honor, to be launched at the December Celebration (see related article). These scholarships will be awarded to SHE students to help prepare professionals committed to an integrated vision of health & environment. Please honor David and provide opportunities for students with a donation to the scholarship fund.

To contribute, please make your check payable to

**"UMass Lowell SHE - David H. Wegman Scholarship"**

and send to:

UMass Lowell  
School of Health & Environment  
Dean's Office  
3 Solomont Way, Suite 1  
Lowell, MA 01854

## Dear Alumni,

The Department of Work Environment has graduated more than 300 Masters and Doctors, working around the globe in the health, safety and environment fields. We are awed by the breadth and depth of the lives being led by our graduates!

We are dedicated to maintaining long-term relationships with the graduates of our department. One step towards advancing and strengthening our alumni communications effort is our Newsletter.

**We love to hear from you!** On behalf of the faculty, students and staff of the Work Environment Department, I hope you will continue to be in touch and keep us apprised of your milestones, memories and updated contact information. Please visit our website at <http://www.uml.edu/college/she/WE/> or contact our department administrator Ms. Sokny Long ([Sokny\\_Long@uml.edu](mailto:Sokny_Long@uml.edu)).

**Wishing you happy holidays,**

**Margaret Quinn**

Chair, Alumni Outreach

## December 12 Celebration for Dr. David Wegman

The past five years have brought many positive changes to the Department of Work Environment, most notably in early 2004 when Work Environment became part of UMass Lowell's newly-launched School of Health and Environment (SHE). The new school allied the departments of Work Environment, Clinical Laboratory and Nutritional Sciences, Community Health and Sustainability, Nursing and Physical Therapy to advance a bold new vision of human health that links individual well-being to healthy communities and balanced ecosystems.

At the helm was Dr. David Wegman, who as SHE's first Dean led the fledgling school through its early years of advancing the mission of promoting human health and development that enables people to live in safe and productive communities and environmentally sustainable economies. Under David's leadership, SHE has achieved a large research program and vibrant community engagement that enrich and support the educational programs.



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## Alumni Spotlight: Dr. Hyun Kim



2008 graduate Hyun Kim, shown with committee members David Kriebel, Tish Davis (MA DPH) and Margaret Quinn, is now at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine in New York City. Hyun is an Instructor in the Dept. of Community & Preventive Medicine, where he is the epidemiologist on the World Trade Center Medical Monitoring Program.

With SHE successfully launched, David is taking a well-earned sabbatical and plans to return to research and teaching in the Department of Work Environment. On December 12, 2008, the 5th anniversary celebration of the School of Health and Environment will be held in honor of David's contributions as founding Dean. We hope that you will be able to attend and join in the celebration.

A scholarship fund is being established in Dr. Wegman's honor and will be launched at the event. (See sidebar for how to contribute to the fund.)

## Our Graduates!



Congratulations to our graduates:

**Doctoral Graduates:** Anila Bello, Hee Kyoung Chun, Hyun Kim, Jason Perry Marshall, Nurhayati Prihartono, Susheetha Reddy, Gary Schneider, Grace Sembajwe, Joanne Sordillo, Su-Jung Tsai

**Masters Graduates:** William Collins, Joshua Decktor, Elizabeth Henry, Xiaolu Jing, John Kaser, Jack McPartlen, Kendra Lin Richardson, Brad Schugardt, Fredrick Wanami Wafula

*Congratulations to the recipients of the Department's recognition:*

### Publication of the Month

**Feb 2008:** Tak SW, Punnett L, Paquet V, Woskie S, Buchholz B. Estimation of compressive force on the lumbar spine from categorical posture data. *Ergonomics* 2007; 50(12): 2082-2094.

**Mar 2008:** Massawe E, Geiser K, Ellenbecker M, Marshall J. Health, safety, and ecological implications of using biobased floor-stripping products. *J Env Health.* 2007 May;69(9):45-52,76-7.

**Apr 2008:** Brunette M, Rayman P, Bond M, Yuan L. A Delphi Study to Structure a Working Conference on Women's Success in STEM. *ASEE Annual Conference, # AC 2007-3049, 2007.*

**May 2008:** Cora Roelofs, Lenore S. Azaroff, Christina Holcroft, Huong

Nguyen, Tam Doan. Results from a Community-based Occupational Health Survey of Vietnamese-American Nail Salon Workers. J Immigrant Minority Health DOI 10.1007/s10903-007-9084-4

**June-Aug 2008:** Kriebel D, Checkoway H, Pearce N. Exposure and dose modelling in occupational epidemiology. Occup Envir Med 2007; 64: 492-498.

**Sept 2008:** Choi BK, Kawakami N, Chang SJ, Koh SB, Bjorner J, Punnett L, Karasek R. A cross-national study on the multidimensional characteristics of the five-item psychological demands scale of the Job Content Questionnaire. International Journal of Behavioral Medicine 15: 120-132, 2008.

**Oct 2008:** Quinn M, Sembajwe G, Stoddard A, Kriebel D, Krieger N, Sorensen G, Hartman C, Naishadham D, Barbeau E. Social disparities in the burden of occupational exposures: Results of a cross-sectional study. Amer J Industr Med 2007; 50: 861-875.

**Nov 2008:** Velázquez L, Bello D, Munguia N, Zavala A, Marin A, Moure-Eraso R. A survey of environmental and occupational work practices in the automotive refinishing industry of a developing country: Sonora, Mexico. Int J Occup Environ Health 2008 Apr-Jun; 14(2):104-11.

**Dec 2008:** Tsai SJ, Ada E, Isaacs JA, Ellenbecker Mj. Airborne nanoparticle exposures associated with the manual handling of nanoalumina and nanosilver in fume hoods. J Nanopart Res 2008. (July)

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