

## Editor's Corner

### **Graduate Student Publishing**

I am delighted that so many graduate students have submitted papers for publication in the Californian Journal of Health Promotion. Graduate students rarely publish their work. Perhaps graduate programs should include a requirement that their students submit their scholarly works for publication.

I was pleased to meet two of the graduate students in this issue at a recent conference on health disparities and social justice at MD Anderson Cancer Center. One of the graduate students, Ms. Nia Davis, submitted a paper for this issue, and is currently a Visiting Doctoral Student at Texas A & M University. In her article, "Driving Under the Influence Laws, Party Culture and College Students: Results from a New Orleans University," she describes a study she conducted at the University of New Orleans. What I found interesting was that only 6.5% of the college students surveyed had blood alcohol concentration knowledge. What was not surprising was that nearly two thirds of the students drove a vehicle while intoxicated. This was a job well done.

### **CJHP Special Issue on Health Disparities and Social Justice**

The Californian Journal of Health Promotion is planning to co-publish a Special Issue on Health Disparities and Social Justice this winter with the Center for Research on Minority Health, MD Anderson Cancer Center. Manuscripts are by invitation only. The issue will be published on CD-ROM.

### **Upcoming Professional Conferences: AAHE and SOPHE**

AAHE's Mid-Year Meeting, "Promoting Health Together," will be held August 28 – 31, 2006, in Nashville, TN. The SOPHE 57th Annual Meeting will be held November 2-4, 2006, in Boston, MA. The theme is, "Health as a Human Right: Health Education, Equality, and Social Justice for All." See the news columns for details.

As a related note, there was a lively and very interesting discussion on the Health Education Directory (HEDIR) discussion list about addressing the issue of professional associations holding conferences only in smoke-free cities. APHA adopted a resolution the other year that they will hold their conferences in smoke-free cities. I hope other professional associations will follow APHA's lead. Conference and hotel space were often cited as major concerns when scheduling national conferences, but these concerns should not be an issue because there are enough large cities that are smoke-free. We should not financially support smoke-promoting cities. California is smoke-free. Come to California for a smoke-free experience.

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