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University of Kentucky Public Health Research Center Names 2014 Class of Brown Scholars

Scholarships Awarded to Assist Scholars with Travel to the Annual PHSSR Conference

LEXINGTON, KY- The National Coordinating Center for Public Health Services and Systems Research (PHSSR) and Public Health Practice-Based Research Networks (PBRNs) has announced the three recipients of the Dr. E. Richard “Rick” Brown Keeneland Conference Scholarships.

The scholarships were established to recognize the many lasting contributions of Dr. Brown, distinguished leader, scholar and teacher in public health and the founding director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research. He passed away on April 20, 2012.

The recipients are:

- J’Aime Jennings, MPA: Jennings is toward a doctorate in health services administration with a focus on strategic management at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and is also working with her professors to establish a Public Health Practice-Based Research Network site in Alabama.
- Fabienne Ouapou-Lena, MD, MPH: Ouapou-Lena is working toward a doctorate in public health with a focus on leadership at the University of Illinois at Chicago and also serves as a program reviewer with the Department of Health and Human Services.
- Christian L. Williams, MPH: Williams is working toward a doctorate in public health with a focus on community and behavioral health at East Tennessee State University and also serves as the academic health department coordinator for the Sullivan County Regional Health Department in Blountville, Tn.

The annual scholarships are awarded to doctoral students or post-doctoral scholars in a discipline relevant to PHSSR, who are from historically underrepresented research communities. The scholarships enable recipients to fully participate as junior investigators in the Keeneland Conference, a premier national PHSSR conference to be held April 7-10 in Lexington, Ky.

PHSSR examines questions that relate to the financing, organization and delivery of public health services – and how those factors translate to population health. The scholarships provide conference participation support for the selected doctoral students and post-doctoral scholars who are interested in learning more about and engaging in PHSSR.

A true public health visionary, Dr. Brown touched the lives of tens of thousands of Americans with his unique blend of warmth, intelligence, tenacity and belief that public health data and information could be a powerful force for good.

For more information about the Keeneland Conference and the Brown Scholarships, visit www.keenelandconference.org

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About the University of Kentucky College of Public Health

The College of Public Health is committed to quality in all of its education, research and service efforts. Evidence of this commitment to quality is full accreditation by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH), full membership in the Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH), and Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME). The College of Public Health is committed to the practice community, as evidenced by its collaborations with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Institutes of Health, Kentucky Department for Public Health, Lexington-Fayette County Health Department, Kentucky Public Health Association, and the Kentucky Health Department Association. For more information, visit www.uky.edu/publichealth.