Professor Gray gave a health policy lecture at the University of Texas Medical Branch according to the Galveston Daily News on Wednesday, March 2, 2011.

Volunteers sought for nutrition research

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Volunteers are needed for nutrition research on protein metabolism in response to dietary protein intake.

The study is seeking healthy men and women, 25 to 55, for the nine-day study in the general clinical research center at the University of Texas Medical Branch. Volunteers will be reimbursed for their time.

For information, contact Joni Mettler at jomettle@UTMB.edu or 409-772-8126.

Social Networks

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Summer Camp Counselors

The UTMB STEM Quest Summer Camp is looking for undergraduate science, math, engineering and education majors to instruct participants during summer camps.

These camps allow middle and high school students to experience hands-on science, math and engineering. The deadline for applications is March 31.

For information, contact Michele Marquette at mlmarque@utmb.edu or 409-772-9118.

UTMB Eye Specialists, Public Speakers

Eye specialists at UTMB Health’s ophthalmology and visual sciences are available to speak to groups in Galveston County on a wide range of eye health topics, including glaucoma, macular degeneration and diseases of the retina.

For information on scheduling a speaker, contact Irene Dillon at icdillon@utmb.edu or 409-747-
Health Policy Lecture

“I want you to be my friend — Practicing medicine in the age of Facebook” was the topic for discussion by Patricia Gray, director of research at the health law and policy institute at the University of Houston.

Gray served five terms in the Texas Legislature where she served as chair of the Texas House committee on public health.

Grant To Address Teen Drinking, Driving

“Using our brains to reduce the tragedy of impaired driving in teens,” an initiative by Jeff Temple and Kathryn Cunningham, director of the center for addiction research, received funding from the American College on Neuropsychopharmacology Educational Initiatives.

The project will use an impaired driving simulator to highlight the dangers of drinking and driving from a first-person perspective, coupled with information on the impact of alcohol on the developing brain.

Visiting Campus

“TB in Africa” was the topic of a global health lecture by Dr. Loice Achieng, medical education director at Kijabe Hospital in Kenya, and Dr. Marybeth Maritim, of Kenyatta National Hospital, at the University of Nairobi, Kenya.

The Infectious Diseases and Immunity Colloquium welcomed Gwong-Jen Chang, chief of the molecular epidemiology and immunochemistry lab in the division of vector-born disease in Fort Collins, Colo., for a presentation on dengue virus DNA and vaccine safety.

Presentations

“Network visualization and analysis of biomedical data,” a lecture on ways to visually explore large amounts of complex data, was presented by Suresh K. Bhavnani, associate professor of biomedical informatics at UTMB.

“The pathologist-patient relationship: Ethical questions” was presented by E. Bernadette McKinney, an assistant professor in the Institute for the Medical Humanities.
“Non-invasive imaging of stem cells in the brain” was presented by Maria-Adelaide Micci, an assistant professor in the department of anesthesiology.