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OBJECTIVE

To obtain admittance into the Gubernatorial Fellows Program where I may gain experience in state government while applying my research and leadership skills to bridge science and action on issues that affect the health and wellbeing of Florida residents.

PROFESSIONAL INTEREST

The impact of policy on public health and wellbeing.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Health and Human Performance

University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

Anticipated May, 2011

Specialization: Health Behavior

Grade Point Average: 4.0/4.0

Dissertation: *Effects of Drink Discounting on Bar Patron Intoxication*

Committee Members: Dr. Robert M. Weiler (chair), Dr. Steven B. Pokorny (co-chair), Dr. Virginia J. Dodd, and Dr. Dennis L. Thombs

Master of Science in Health Education and Behavior

University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

Clear prior May, 2009

Specialization: Community Health Education

Grade Point Average: 4.0/4.0

Project in Lieu of Thesis: *A Field Study of Alcohol Price Responsiveness And Intoxication Among Patrons of a College Bar District*

Committee Members: Dr. Steven B. Pokorny (chair), Dr. Dennis L. Thombs, Dr. Virginia J. Dodd, and Dr. Robert M. Weiler

Bachelor of Science in Health Science Education (Summa Cum Laude)

University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

Graduated May, 2006

Minor: Chemistry

Grade Point Average: 4.0/4.0

Honors Thesis: *Sexual Behavior and Selected Health Measures of Undergraduate Students at a Large Southern University*

Committee Members: Dr. Sadie B. Sanders (chair) and Dr. Virginia J. Dodd

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Fellow, Department of Health Education and Behavior, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, August, 2007 - present.

- Assisted Dr. Dennis L. Thombs, Dr. Steven B. Pokorny, Dr. Robert M. Weiler, and Dr. Virginia J. Dodd with nighttime field research of college bar districts (e.g., proposal development, survey design, project implementation, poster and manuscript development, grant writing).
- Developed and taught an introductory health course of approximately 80 students.

Graduate Assistant, Department of Health Education and Behavior, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, August, 2006 - August, 2007

- Assisted Dr. Steven B. Pokorny with tobacco policy research (e.g., proposal development, survey design, project implementation, poster and manuscript development, grant writing).
- Developed and taught an introductory health course of approximately 60 students.

Surgical Assistant, Poser Plastic Surgery Center and Medical Spa, Gainesville, Florida, November, 2004 - August, 2006.

- Assisted nurse anesthetist and other staff with pre- and post-operative patient care.
- Maintained sterile operating room, instruments and supplies.
- Assisted surgeon during major procedures (e.g., breast augmentation, abdominoplasty, rhytidectomy) and minor procedures (e.g., blepharoplasty, scar revisions, laser treatment).
- Performed minor surgical procedures (e.g., removing moles, debriding wounds, suturing).

Team Advisor, National Student Leadership Conference (Medicine and Health Care), Washington, D.C., June, 2003 - August, 2004.

- Mentored teams of 10-20 high school students interested in pursuing a career in health care.
- Lectured on public speaking, medical ethics, and life experiences.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Co-Investigator and Project Coordinator, A Field Assessment of Patrons Exiting Bars in Ybor City, Principal Investigator: Dr. Virginia J. Dodd, Department of Health Education and Behavior, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, November, 2008 - present.

Co-Investigator and Project Coordinator, A Gene-Environment Investigation of Nighttime Drinking at College Bars, Principal Investigator: Dr. Dennis L. Thombs, Department of Behavioral Science and Community Health, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, January, 2008 - present.

Co-Investigator and Project Coordinator, A Field Assessment of Patrons Exiting College Bars, Principal Investigator: Dr. Dennis L. Thombs, Department of Behavioral Science and Community Health, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, May, 2007 - present.

Co-Investigator and Project Coordinator, Intoxication of College Students at an Organized Drinking Event, Principal Investigator: Dr. Virginia J. Dodd, Department of Health Education and Behavior, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, November, 2007 - May, 2008.

Co-Investigator and Project Coordinator, A Field Assessment of Campus Tobacco Policy Violations, Principal Investigator: Dr. Steven B. Pokorny, Department of Health Education and Behavior, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, September, 2007 - May, 2008.

Principal Investigator, Feasibility of Incorporating Biological Measures in Distance-Based Smoking Cessation Interventions, Supervisor: Dr. Hyojin Kim, Department of Advertising, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, September, 2007 - December, 2007.

Project Coordinator, Effects of a Women's Heart Health Fair on Perceptions of Personal Cardiovascular Risk, Principal Investigator: Dr. Steven B. Pokorny, Florida Center for Health Promotion, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, February, 2007 - February, 2008.

Principal Investigator, College Tobacco Survey, Supervisor: Dr. Steven B. Pokorny, Department of Health Education and Behavior, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, September, 2006 - November, 2007.

Focus Group Moderator, Using Social Marketing Principals to Change Social Norms, Principal Investigator: Dr. Virginia J. Dodd, Department of Health Education and Behavior, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, September, 2006 - November, 2007.

Project Coordinator, An Evaluation of a Hospitality Industry Program Designed to Promote Responsible Alcohol Service, Principal Investigator: Dr. Dennis L. Thombs, Department of Health Education and Behavior, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, September, 2006 - May, 2007.

Principal Investigator, Sexual Behavior and Selected Health Measures of Male and Female Undergraduate Students, Supervisor: Sadie B. Sanders, Department of Health Education and Behavior, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, August, 2005 - April, 2006.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Supervised Research (HSC 4910). Instructor: Dr. Dennis L. Thombs, Department of Health Education and Behavior (Spring 2008 - Fall 2008) and Department of Behavioral Science and Community Health (Spring 2009), University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, January 7, 2009 - April 30, May 12, 2008 - August 8, 2008, August 25, 2008 - December 10, 2008, January 5, 2009 - present.

Workshop Instructor, Nighttime Field Research Training. Tampa Alcohol Coalition and University of Tampa, Tampa, Florida, February 12, 2009.

Guest Lecturer, Examining College Student Drinking Through a Different Lens. Assessment and Surveillance in Public Health (PHC 6251), Department of Behavioral Science and Community Health, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, January 7, 2009.

Guest Lecturer, Health Care in America. Community and Environmental Health (HSC 3201), Department of Health Education and Behavior, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, November 11-13, 2008.

Guest Lecturer, Externalities of Tobacco Use. Personal and Family Health (HSC 3102), Department of Health Education and Behavior, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, October 17, 2008.

Guest Lecturer, Preventing Alcohol Misuse. Personal and Family Health (HSC 3102), Department of Health Education and Behavior, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, October 15, 2008.

Workshop Instructor, Navigating the UF eLibrary, Community and Environmental Health (HSC 3201), Department of Health Education and Behavior, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, September 16, 2008.

Course Instructor, Personal and Family Health (HSC 3102/2100). Supervisor: Ms. Holly Moses, Department of Health Education and Behavior, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, July 2, 2008 - August 10, 2007, June 30, 2008 - August 8, 2008.

Workshop Instructor, Collecting Biological Samples From Patrons Exiting Bars. Student Safety Research Colloquium, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, July 18-20, 2007.

Workshop Instructor, Survey Design Using TeleForm. College of Health and Human Performance, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, February 19, 2007.

HONORS AND AWARDS

University of Florida Hall of Fame, 2009

Honor conferred annually by the Division of Student Affairs at the University of Florida to select seniors and graduate students who have shown superior leadership and achievement through their activities and scholarship while members of the university community. The Hall of Fame is the highest recognition given to student leaders at the University of Florida.

HHMI Graduate Student Award, 2009

Honor conferred annually by the University of Florida and the Science for Life program with support from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute to select graduate students who participate in research and publication opportunities in collaboration with undergraduates. Recipients receive a one-year \$500 scholarship and are recognized at commencement.

Tylenol Scholarship, 2007

National scholarship awarded annually by McNeil Consumer Healthcare, the maker of Tylenol®, to twenty collegiate students pursuing careers in healthcare. Recipients receive a one-year \$5,000 scholarship.

Harness Tracks of America Scholarship, 2007, 2005

National scholarship awarded annually by Harness Tracks of America to three collegiate students actively involved with harness horse racing. Recipients receive a one-year \$10,000 scholarship.

Alumni Graduate Award, 2007

Fellowship conferred annually by the University of Florida Alumni Association to select prospective doctoral students. Recipients receive an annual \$21,000 stipend for four years and tuition for fall, spring and summer semesters.

Four-Year Outstanding Scholar, 2006

Honor conferred annually by the University of Florida Alumni Association to select seniors who graduate summa cum laude (with highest honors). The Four-Year Outstanding Scholar is the highest scholastic recognition given to undergraduates at the University of Florida. Recipients are invited to speak at commencement.

Florida Academic Scholars Award, 2002

State scholarship awarded annually to graduating seniors who exceed minimum grade point average and entrance exam requirements. Recipients receive full tuition and fees for four years at a Florida university of their choice.

Venice High School Valedictorian, 2002

Honor conferred annually by Venice High School to one graduating senior with the highest cumulative grade point average (out of 563 students in 2002). Recipient is invited to speak at commencement.

Academic All-American, 2002

Honor conferred annually by the National High School Coaches Association to select place-winners at the National High School Seniors Wrestling Championship. This honor was awarded to three wrestlers from the state of Florida in 2002.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Manuscripts

Thombs, D.L., **O'Mara, R.J.**, Tobler, A.L., Wagenaar, A.C., & Clapp, J.D. (under review) Relationships between Chronic Drinking and Nighttime Risk Behaviors in a College Bar District. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*.

O'Mara, R.J., Thombs, D.L., Wagenaar, A.C., Rossheim, M.E., Merves, M.L., Wei, H., Dodd, V., Pokorny, S.B., Weiler, R.M., & Goldberger, B.A. (under review). Alcohol Price and Intoxication in College Bars. *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*.

Thombs, D.L., **O'Mara, R.**, Dodd, V., Merves, M., Weiler, R., Goldberger, B.A., Pokorny, S.B., Moore, C., Reingle, J., & Gullet, S. (in press). Event-Specific Analyses of Poly-Drug Abuse and Concomitant Risk Behaviors in a College Bar District in Florida. *Journal of American College Health*.

Reingle, J., Thombs, D.L., Weiler, R.M., Dodd, V.J., **O'Mara, R.**, & Pokorny, S.B. (in press). An Exploratory Study of Bar and Nightclub Expectancies. *Journal of American College Health*.

Thombs, D.L., **O'Mara, R.**, Dodd, V.J., Hou, W., Merves, M.L., Weiler, R.M., Pokorny, S.B., Goldberger, B.A., Reingle, J., & Werch, C. (2009). A Field Study of Bar-Sponsored Drink Specials and Their Associations with Patron Intoxication. *Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs*, 70(2), 206-214.

Thombs, D.L., Dodd, V., Pokorny, S.B., Omli, M.R., **O'Mara, R.**, Webb, M.C., & Lacaci, D.M. (2008). Drink Specials and the Intoxication Levels of Patrons Exiting College Bars. *American Journal of Health Behavior*, 32(4), 411-419.

Other Professional Publications

Pokorny, S.B., & **O'Mara, R.** (2008). A Case For Comprehensive Smoking Bans: Empowering Nonsmokers To Reclaim More Than Clean Air. *The Community Psychologist*, 41(2), 26-28.

Pokorny, S.B., **O'Mara, R.**, & Sneed, S. (2007). Community Psychology Can Engage in Public Health Problems. *The Community Psychologist*, 40(3), 19-22.

PRESENTATIONS

International and National Presentations

Thombs, D.L., & **O'Mara, R.** (2009). Findings from Nighttime Field Studies of College Drinking Behavior. Invited oral presentation by Dr. Dennis Thombs at American Counseling Association Annual Conference and Exposition, March 22, Charlotte, North Carolina.

O'Mara, R.J., Thombs, D.L., Wagenaar, A.C., Rossheim, M.E., Merves, M.L., Wei, H., Dodd, V., Pokorny, S.B., Weiler, R.M., & Goldberger, B.A. (2009). A Field Study of Alcohol Price Responsiveness And Intoxication Among Patrons of a College Bar District. Poster presentation by Mr. Ryan O'Mara, Mr. Matthew Rossheim, and Mr. Devon Grimmé at the 9th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Academy of Health Behavior, March 11, Hilton Head, South Carolina.

Pokorny, S.B., & **O'Mara, R.** (2009). Assessing Compliance With Outdoor Smoke-free Policies. Poster presentation by Dr. Steven Pokorny at the 9th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Academy of Health Behavior, March 9, Hilton Head, South Carolina.

Weiler, R.M., Reingle, J.M., **O'Mara, R.**, Haderxhanaj, L.T, Merves, M.L., Goldberger, B.A., Dodd, V.J., & Thombs, D.L. (2009). Prescription Drug Abuse, Alcohol Intoxication, and Alcohol Use Disorders Among College Students: Results from a Field Study. Poster presentation by Dr. Robert Weiler at the 9th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Academy of Health Behavior, March 9, Hilton Head, South Carolina.

Reingle, J., Merves, M.L., Goldberger, B.A., Weiler, R.M., **O'Mara, R.**, Haderxhanaj, L.T., & Thombs, D.L. (2009). Energy Drinks and Alcohol Intoxication in a College Bar District. Poster presentation by Ms. Jennifer Reingle at the 9th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Academy of Health Behavior, March 8, Hilton Head, South Carolina.

Weiler, R.M., **O'Mara, R.**, Reingle, J., & Thombs, D.L. (2008). Prescription Drug and Alcohol Co- Ingestion in a Sample of Patrons in a College Bar District: Results from a Nighttime Field Study. Invited poster presentation by Dr. Robert M. Weiler at the Conference on Co-Ingestion of Alcohol with Prescription Opioids, Tufts Health Care Institute, Tufts University School of Medicine, November 20, Boston, Massachusetts.

Dodd, V.J., **O'Mara, R.**, & Thombs, D.L. (2008). A Field Methodology for Assessing Late-Night Drinking, Drug Use, and Related Risk Behaviors in College Bar Districts. Poster presentation by Mr. Ryan O'Mara, Ms. Miranda Tsukamoto, Mr. Peter Bingham, and Ms. Kelly Sims at the U.S. Department of Education's 22nd Annual National Meeting on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention in Higher Education, November 18, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dodd, V.J., **O'Mara, R.**, & Thombs, D.L. (2008). Security, Service and Safety: Identifying risk and reducing harm in hospitality establishments. Invited oral presentation by Dr. Virginia J. Dodd at the Responsible Hospitality Institute Networking Conference, November 14, San Francisco, California.

Pokorny, S.B., **O'Mara, R.**, & Gullet, S. (2008). A Field Methodology for Evaluating Compliance with Outdoor Smoking Policies. Poster presentation by Mr. Ryan O'Mara and Ms. Sara Gullet at the American College Health Association Annual Meeting, June 5, Orlando, Florida.

Thombs, D.L., **O'Mara, R.**, Dodd, V.J., Weiler, R.M., Merves, M., Goldberger, B.A., Pokorny, S.B., Werch, C., & Feldman, G. (2008). Characterizing Impaired Driving Among Patrons of a College Bar District. Poster presentation by Mr. Gregory Feldman and Mr. Peter Bingham at the American College Health Association Annual Meeting, June 5, Orlando, Florida.

Dodd, V.J., **O'Mara, R.**, Hovermale, L., Haderxhanaj, L., Thombs, D.L., Weiler, R.M., & Pokorny, S.B. (2008). Does Gator Stompin'® promote high levels of intoxication among its participants? Poster presentation by Ms. Lindsay Hovermale and Ms. Laura Haderxhanaj at the American College Health Association Annual Meeting, June 5, Orlando, Florida.

Reingle, J., Thombs, D.L., Dodd, V.J., Weiler, R.M., **O'Mara, R.**, & Pokorny, S.B. (2008). Bar and Nightclub Expectancies of College Students. Poster presentation by Ms. Jennifer Reingle at the American College Health Association Annual Meeting, June 5, Orlando, Florida.

Thombs, D.L., **O'Mara, R.**, Dodd, V.J., Weiler, R.M., Pokorny, S.B., Merves, M., Goldberger, B.A., Hou, W., Werch, C., & Tobler, A. (2008). Feasibility of collecting biological specimens from college students exiting bars. Poster presentation by Ms. Amy Tobler at the 16th Annual Meeting of the Society for Prevention Research, May 28, San Francisco, California.

Thombs, D.L., **O'Mara, R.**, Dodd, V.J., Pokorny, S.B., Olds, R.S., Weiler, R.M., Hou, W., Merves, M, & Goldberger, B.A. (2008). Examining Undergraduate Alcohol Use Through a Different Lens: Findings From Nighttime Field Studies. Invited oral presentation by Dr. Dennis Thombs, Dr. R. Scott Olds, Dr.

Steven Pokorny, and Dr. Virginia Dodd at the 8th Scientific Meeting of the American Academy of Health Behavior, March 11, Oxnard, California.

Thombs, D.L., **O'Mara, R.**, Dodd, V.J., Merves, M., Weiler, R.M., Pokorny, S.B., Goldberger, B.A., & Werch, C. (2008). Evidence for Regulating Drink Specials in Campus Communities. Poster presentation by Mr. Ryan O'Mara at the 8th Scientific Meeting of the American Academy of Health Behavior, March 11, Oxnard, California.

Thombs, D.L., **O'Mara, R.**, Dodd, V.J., Merves, M., Weiler, R.M., Goldberger, B.A., Pokorny, S.B., Moore, C., Reingle, J., & Gullet, S. (2008). Event-Specific Analyses of Drinking and Poly-Drug Abuse. Poster presentation by Mr. Ryan O'Mara and Mr. Devon Grimmé at the 8th Scientific Meeting of the American Academy of Health Behavior, March 11, Oxnard, California.

Goldberger, B.A., Merves, M.L., Thombs, D.L., **O'Mara, R.**, Dodd, V.J., Weiler, R.M., & Pokorny, S.B. (2007). Stop Drugged Driving. Invited oral presentation by Dr. Bruce Goldberger at the John. P. McGovern Lecture Series on Leadership in Drug Abuse Prevention, November 2, Washington, D.C.

Thombs, D.L., Dodd, V.J., Pokorny, S.B., Omli, M., **O'Mara, R.**, Webb, M., Lacaci, D., & Werch, C. (2007). Preliminary Evidence for Eliminating Drink Specials in Campus Communities. Poster presentation by Mr. Ryan O'Mara and Ms. Diana Lacaci at the 3rd Symposium on Addictive & Health Behaviors Research, September 24, Amelia Island, Florida.

Regional and State Presentations

Dodd, V.J., **O'Mara, R.**, Thombs, D.L., Weiler, R.M., Pokorny, S.B., Hou, W., Merves, M., & Goldberger, B.A. (2008). Examining College Student Drinking Through a Different Lens: Findings From Nighttime Field Studies. Invited oral presentation by Dr. Virginia Dodd at the Orange County Task Force Meeting, July 18, Orlando, Florida.

Dodd, V.J., **O'Mara, R.**, Thombs, D.L., Weiler, R.M., Pokorny, S.B., Merves, M.L., Goldberger, B.A., Hou, W., & Werch, C. (2007). Effects of Drink Specials on Patron Exiting College Bars. Invited oral presentation by Dr. Virginia Dodd at the 21st Annual Florida Statewide Prevention Conference, October 4, Gainesville, Florida.

Local Presentations

O'Mara, R., Thombs, D., Wagenaar, A., Rossheim, M., Hou, W., Dodd, V., Pokorny, S.B., & Weiler, R. (2009). Examining the Association Between Price of Alcohol and Intoxication Among Patrons of a College Bar District. Oral presentation by Mr. Matthew Rossheim and Ms. Yeside Olayinka at the University Scholars Research Symposium, February 28, Gainesville, Florida.

Dodd, V., **O'Mara, R.**, & Thombs, D. (2009). Field Methodology for Assessing Late-Night Drinking, Drug Use and Related Risk Behaviors in College Bar Districts. Poster presentation by Ms. Miranda Tsukamoto at the University Scholars Research Symposium, February 28, Gainesville, Florida.

Thombs, D., Dodd, V., Weiler, R., Goldberger, B., Merves, M., Pokorny, S., Werch, C., **O'Mara, R.**, Haderxhanaj, L., & Reingle, J. (2009). Transportation Practices of Patrons Leaving College Bars. Poster presentation by Ms. Benita Chilampath at the University Scholars Research Symposium, February 28, Gainesville, Florida.

Reingle, J., Thombs, D., Weiler, R., **O'Mara, R.**, & Haderxhanaj, L. (2009). Energy Drinks and Alcohol Intoxication in a College Bar District. Poster presentation by Ms. Jennifer Reingle and Ms. Kathryn Bello

at the 5th Annual Graduate Student Council Interdisciplinary Research Conference, February 12, Gainesville, Florida.

Thombs, D., Dodd, V., Weiler, R., Goldberger, B., Merves, M., Pokorny, S., Werch, C., **O'Mara, R.**, Haderxhanaj, L., & Reingle, J. (2009). Transportation Practices of Patrons Leaving College Bars. Poster presentation by Ms. Laura Haderxhanaj, Ms. Nina Dawson, and Ms. Joseph Everette at the 5th Annual Graduate Student Council Interdisciplinary Research Conference, February 12, Gainesville, Florida.

Weiler, R., **O'Mara, R.**, Reingle, J., Haderxnahanj, L., Merves, M., Goldberger, B., Dodd, V., & Thombs, D. (2009). Prescription Drug Abuse, Alcohol Intoxication, and Alcohol Use Disorders Among College Students: Results from a Field Study. Poster presentation by Mr. Justin Alfonso at the 5th Annual Graduate Student Council Interdisciplinary Research Conference, February 12, Gainesville, Florida.

Pokorny, S., **O'Mara, R.**, & Carino, S. (2009). Assessing Compliance with Outdoor Smoke-Free Policies. Oral presentation by Ms. Samantha Carino and Mr. Peter Bingham at the 5th Annual Graduate Student Council Interdisciplinary Research Conference, February 12, Gainesville, Florida.

Dodd, V., **O'Mara, R.**, Thombs, D., & Gullet, S. (2009). Field Methodology for Assessing Late-Night Drinking, Drug Use and Related Risk Behaviors in College Bar Districts. Oral presentation by Ms. Sara Gullet, Ms. Miranda Tsukamoto, and Mr. Henry Lewis at the 5th Annual Graduate Student Council Interdisciplinary Research Conference, February 12, Gainesville, Florida.

O'Mara, R., Thombs, D., Wagenaar, A., Rossheim, M., Hou, W., Dodd, V., Pokorny, S.B., & Weiler, R. (2009). Examining the Association Between Price of Alcohol and Intoxication Among Patrons of a College Bar District. Oral presentation by Mr. Ryan O'Mara, Mr. Matthew Rossheim, and Mr. Brian Cruddas at the 5th Annual Graduate Student Council Interdisciplinary Research Conference, February 12, Gainesville, Florida.

O'Mara, R., Thombs, D., Wagenaar, A., Rossheim, M., Hou, W., Dodd, V., Pokorny, S.B., Weiler, R., & Grimmé, D. (2009). The Cost of Lowering Drink Prices. Invited poster presentation by Mr. Devon Grimmé at the University of Florida and Morehouse College Howard Hughes Medical Institute Celebration of Undergraduate Creativity in the Arts and Sciences, January 11, Gainesville, Florida.

O'Mara, R. (2008). Using Empirical Data to Guide Initiatives of the Student Safety Committee. Invited oral presentation by Mr. Ryan O'Mara at the weekly meeting of the University of Florida Student Senate, November 14, 2009, Gainesville, Florida.

Pokorny, S.B., **O'Mara, R.**, Bello, K., & Pringle, A. (2008). Assessing Compliance with Campus Smoking Policies. Oral presentation by Ms. Katie Bello and Mr. Andrew Pringle at the 4th Annual Conference of the Social Sciences, October 18, Gainesville, Florida.

Thombs, D.L., **O'Mara, R.**, Dodd, V.J., Hou, W., Merves, M.L., Weiler, R.M., Pokorny, S.B., Goldberger, B.A., Reingle, J., Werch, C., Sweet, J., Huang, F., & Lewis, H. (2008). Association between Bar-Sponsored Drink Specials and Patron Intoxication. Oral presentation by Ms. Jillian Sweet, Mr. Fu-Jan Huang, and Mr. Henry Lewis at the 4th Annual Conference of the Social Sciences, October 18, Gainesville, Florida.

Thombs, D.L., **O'Mara, R.**, Dodd, V.J., Merves, M.L., Weiler, R.M., Goldberger, B.A., Pokorny, S.B., Moore, C., Reingle, J., Tsukamoto, M., Gullet, S., & Martinovich, A. (2008). Assessing Poly-Drug Abuse and Other Risk Behaviors in a College Bar District. Oral presentation by Ms. Miranda Tsukamoto, Ms. Sara Gullet, and Ms. Ashley Martinovich at the 4th Annual Conference of the Social Sciences, October 18, Gainesville, Florida.

- Dodd, V.J., **O'Mara, R.**, Hovermale, L., Haderxhanaj, L., Thombs, D.L., Pokorny, S.B., Weiler, R.M., & Cruddas, B. (2008). A Field Assessment of Patron Intoxication at a Charity Pub Crawl. Oral presentation by Ms. Lindsay Hovermale, Ms. Laura Haderxhanaj, and Mr. Brian Cruddas at the 4th Annual Conference of the Social Sciences, October 18, Gainesville, Florida.
- Dodd, V.J., **O'Mara, R.**, Thombs, D.L., Weiler, R.M., Pokorny, S.B., Hou, W., Merves, M., & Goldberger, B.A. (2008). Examining College Student Drinking. Invited oral presentation by Dr. Virginia Dodd and Mr. Devon Grimmé at the Gainesville Town Hall Meeting, March 26, Gainesville, Florida.
- Martingano, N. J., **O'Mara, R.**, Thombs, D.L., Dodd, V.J., Hou, W., Merves, M., Weiler, R.M., Pokorny, S.B., Goldberger, B.A., & Werch, C. (2008). How to Save a Life. Invited oral presentation by Ms. Nicole Martingano and Mr. Ryan O'Mara at the Interfraternity Council Freshman Orientation, March 3, Gainesville, Florida.
- Thombs, D.L., **O'Mara, R.**, Dodd, V.J., Merves, M.L., Weiler, R.M., Goldberger, B.A., Pokorny, S.B., Moore, C., Reingle, J., & Gullet, S. (2008). Event-Specific Analyses of Drinking and Poly-Drug Abuse. Oral presentation by Ms. Sara Gullet and Mr. Gregory Feldman at the 4th Annual Graduate Student Council Spring Research Forum, April 14, Gainesville, Florida.
- Thombs, D.L., **O'Mara, R.**, Dodd, V.J., Merves, M., Weiler, R.M., Pokorny, S.B., Goldberger, B.A., & Werch, C. (2008). Evidence for Regulating Drink Specials in Campus Communities. Oral presentation by Mr. Ryan O'Mara, Ms. Altina Fenelon, and Ms. Kathryn Bello at the 4th Annual Graduate Student Council Spring Research Forum, April 14, Gainesville, Florida.
- Dodd, V.J., **O'Mara, R.**, Hovermale, L., Haderxhanaj, L., Thombs, D.L., Weiler, R.M., & Pokorny, S.B. (2008). Gator Stompin'® promote high levels of intoxication among its participants? Poster presentation by Mr. David Mendoza at the 4th Annual Graduate Student Council Spring Research Forum, April 14, Gainesville, Florida.
- Pokorny, S.B., & **O'Mara, R.** (2008). Got butts? Oral presentation by Mr. Ryan O'Mara, Mr. Peter Bingham, and Ms. Benita Chilampath at the 4th Annual Graduate Student Council Spring Research Forum, April 14, Gainesville, Florida.
- Thombs, D.L., **O'Mara, R.**, Dodd, V.J., Weiler, R.M., Pokorny, S.B., Merves, M.L., Goldberger, B.A., Hou, W., & Werch, C. (2008). Feasibility of Collecting Biological Samples from College Students Exiting Bars. Poster presentation by Ms. Chelsea Kim at the 4th Annual Graduate Student Council Spring Research Forum, April 14, Gainesville, Florida.
- Thombs, D.L., **O'Mara, R.**, Dodd, V.J., Merves, M.L., Weiler, R.M., Goldberger, B.A., Pokorny, S.B., Moore, C., Reingle, J., & Tsukamoto, M. (2008). Event-Specific Analyses of Drinking and Poly-Drug Abuse in a College Bar District. Oral presentation by Ms. Miranda Tsukamoto, Mr. Gregory Feldman, and Ms. Samantha Carino at the University Scholars Research Symposium, March 1, Gainesville, Florida.
- Thombs, D.L., **O'Mara, R.**, Dodd, V.J., Merves, M.L., Weiler, R.M., Pokorny, S.B., Goldberger, B.A., Werch, C., & Gullet, S. (2008). A Field Study of Bar-Sponsored Drink Specials and their Association with Patron Expenditures, Drinking Behavior, and Intoxication. Oral presentation by Ms. Sara Gullet, Ms. Jillian Sweet, and Mr. Fu-Jan Huang at the University Scholars Research Symposium, March 1, Gainesville, Florida.
- Pokorny, S.B., & **O'Mara, R.** (2008). A Field Methodology for Evaluating Outdoor Smoking Policies. Oral presentation by Ms. Altina Fenelon and Mr. Peter Bingham at the University Scholars Research Symposium, March 1, Gainesville, Florida.

Dodd, V.J., **O'Mara, R.**, Hovermale, L., Haderxhanaj, L., Thombs, D.L., Weiler, R.M., & Pokorny, S.B. (2008). Does Gator Stompin'® promote high levels of intoxication among its participants? Poster presentation by Mr. Ryan O'Mara and Mr. Peter Bingham at the University Scholars Research Symposium, March 1, Gainesville, Florida.

Thombs, D.L., **O'Mara, R.**, Dodd, V.J., Weiler, R.M., Merves, M., Goldberger, B.A., Pokorny, S.B., Werch, C., & Feldman, G. (2008). Sharing the Road with Impaired Drivers. Poster presentation by Mr. Ryan O'Mara and Mr. Gregory Feldman at the University Scholars Research Symposium, March 1, Gainesville, Florida.

Thombs, D.L., **O'Mara, R.**, Dodd, V.J., Weiler, R.M., Pokorny, S.B., Merves, M., Goldberger, B.A., Hou, W., & Werch, C. (2008). Examining College Student Drinking Through a Different Lens. Invited oral presentation by Dr. Dennis L. Thombs, Mr. Ryan O'Mara, Mr. Henry Lewis, Mr. Devon Grimmé, Mr. Peter Bingham, Ms. Sara Gullet, Ms. Miranda Tsukamoto, Ms. Altina Fenelon, and Ms. Samantha Carino at the monthly meeting of the Community Alcohol Coalition, February 27, Gainesville, Florida.

Thombs, D.L., **O'Mara, R.**, Dodd, V.J., Weiler, R.M., Pokorny, S.B., Merves, M., Goldberger, B.A., Hou, W., Werch, C., Olds, R.S., Osborn, C.J., Bondy, S.J., & Rehm, J. (2008). Examining College Student Drinking Through a Different Lens. Invited oral presentaiton by Dr. Dennis L. Thombs, Mr. Ryan O'Mara, Mr. Tommy Huang, Ms. Katie Bello, Mr. Devon Grimmé, Mr. Samuel Darr, Mr. Peter Bingham, Ms. Sara Gullet, Mr. Sebastian Estades, Ms. Altina Fenelon, Mr. Matthew Friedan, Ms. Samantha Carino, and Ms. Sofia Urria at the Florida Center for Health Promotion Lecture Series, January 24, Gainesville, Florida.

Thombs, D.L., **O'Mara, R.**, Dodd, V.J., Merves, M.L., Weiler, R.M., Pokorny, S.B., Goldberger, B.A., & Werch, C. (2007). Which Drink Specials Cause the Most Harm? Invited poster presentation by Mr. Ryan O'Mara, Ms. Jennifer Reingle, and Mr. Devon Grimmé at the University of Florida Board of Trustees Fall Reception, November 29, Gainesville, Florida.

Thombs, D.L., **O'Mara, R.**, Dodd, V.J., Weiler, R.M., Pokorny, S.B., Merves, M., Goldberger, B.A., Hou, W., & Werch, C. (2007). Feasibility of Collecting Biological Samples From College Students Exiting Bars. Invited poster presentation by Mr. Ryan O'Mara, Ms. Sara Gullet, and Ms. Altina Fenelon at the University of Florida Board of Trustees Fall Reception, November 29, Gainesville, Florida.

Pokorny, S.B., & **O'Mara, R.** (2007). Got Butts? Invited poster presentation by Dr. Steven Pokorny and Mr. Ryan O'Mara at the University of Florida Board of Trustees Fall Reception, November 29, Gainesville, Florida.

Dodd, V.J., **O'Mara, R.**, Thombs, D.L., Weiler, R.M., Pokorny, S.B., Merves, M.L., Goldberger, B.A., Hou, W., & Werch, C. (2007). Epidemiology of a College Bar District. Invited oral presentation by Dr. Virginia Dodd at the monthly meeting of the University of Florida Alcohol and Drug Educational Policy Committee, November 21, Gainesville, Florida.

Pokorny, S.B., & **O'Mara, R.** (2007). Assessing Campus Smoking Policy. Invited oral presentation by Dr. Steven Pokorny, Mr. Ryan O'Mara, and Mr. Chung-Bang Weng at the monthly meeting of the University of Florida Smoking Prevention and Cessation Task Force, November 7, Gainesville, Florida.

Thombs, D.L., **O'Mara, R.**, Dodd, V.J., Weiler, R.M., Pokorny, S.B., Merves, M.L., Goldberger, B.A., Hou, W., & Werch, C. (2007). Feasibility of Collecting Biological Samples from College Students Exiting Bars. Poster presentation by Mr. Ryan O'Mara, Ms. Sara Gullet, Ms. Altina Fenelon, Mr. Peter Bingham, and Mr. Devon Grimmé at the 3rd Annual Conference of the Social Sciences, November 2, Gainesville, Florida

Pokorny, S.B., & **O'Mara, R.** (2007). Up in Smoke—The Dying Breed. Invited oral presentation by Dr. Steven Pokorny and Mr. Ryan O'Mara at the University Galleries Exhibition, October 12, Gainesville, Florida.

Thombs, D.L., **O'Mara, R.**, Dodd, V.J., Weiler, R.M., Pokorny, S.B., Merves, M.L., Goldberger, B.A., Hou, W., & Werch, C. (2007). Collecting Biological Samples from Patrons Exiting College Bars: A Feasibility Study. Poster presentation by Mr. Ryan O'Mara, Ms. Sara Gullet, and Ms. Nikki Farides at the College of Health and Human Performance Research Symposium, September 28, Gainesville, Florida.

Thombs, D.L., Dodd, V.J., Pokorny, S.B., Omli, M., **O'Mara, R.**, Webb, M., Lacaci, D., & Werch, C. (2007). Effects of Drink Specials on Patrons Exiting College Bars. Poster presentation by Mr. Ryan O'Mara and Ms. Diana Lacaci at the 3rd Annual Graduate Student Council Spring Research Forum, March 14, Gainesville, Florida.

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SERVICE

Task Force on Campus Accident and Injury Prevention, Healthy Gators 2010 Coalition, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, Member, March, 2009 - present.

Graduate Student Council, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, Department Representative, August, 2007 - present.

President, April, 2008 - present

Treasurer, April, 2007 - April, 2008

Student Safety Research Colloquium, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, Founding Member, July, 2007 - present.

President, July, 2007 - present

Alcohol and Drug Education Policy Committee, Office of the Vice President, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, Member, January, 2008 - present.

Community Alcohol Coalition, Gainesville, Florida, Member, January, 2008 - present.

Student Senate, Student Government, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, Graduate Senator, February, 2008 - March, 2009.

Safety Committee Chairman, April, 2008 - March, 2009
Budget and Appropriations Committee Member, June, 2008 - November, 2008

Doctoral Dissertation Advisor/Mentoring Award Committee, Graduate School, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, Member, January, 2009 - February, 2009.

Smoking Prevention and Cessation Task Force, Healthy Gators 2010 Coalition, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, Member, September, 2007 - July, 2008.

Research and Scholarship Council, Faculty Senate, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, Student Representative, September, 2007 - April, 2008.

Campus Edge Board of Directors, Florida Community Management, Gainesville, Florida, Member, September, 2007 - April, 2008.

Camp Boggy Creek, Eustis, Florida, Volunteer, March, 2007 - April, 2007.

Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, Faculty Advisor, September, 2006 - April, 2007.

Eta Sigma Gamma National Health Education Honorary, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, Member, September, 2006 - April, 2007.

Wednesday Night Live, Catholic Worker House, Gainesville, Florida, Volunteer, March, 2005 - November, 2008.

Hospice of North Central Florida, Gainesville, Florida, Volunteer, November, 2004 - April, 2006.

Florida Alternative Breaks, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, Member, November, 2004 - February, 2005

Baby Gator Child Development and Research Center, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, Volunteer, April, 2003 - November, 2004.

CERTIFICATIONS

National Registry Certified Emergency Medical Technician (R-EMT), June, 2006 - present

Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES), May, 2006 - present

SKILLS

Computer: Microsoft PowerPoint; SPSS; Verity TeleForm

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