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Dear Colleagues:

Normally our OEH alumni letter comes to you in the winter and summer, but I wanted to send you this "special edition" to highlight an individual whose recent (and overall) achievements are worthy of special note. This fall, Dr. Corinne Peek-Asa, professor of occupational and environmental health, was selected by the College of Public Health to deliver the 2006 Distinguished Faculty Lecture. This singular honor recognizes the accomplishments and high profile of a faculty member in his or her area of special expertise. Corrie is the first member of our department to be awarded this recognition.

On August 24, Corrie spoke to a large, diverse audience of students and public health and medical researchers on "Traumatic Injury: Reducing the Global Burden." She described four trends that are contributing to injuries around the world:

- increased motorized transport without associated regulation and infrastructure
- the tendency to address violence only by responding to victims or perpetrators
- uneven and inequitable trauma response, particularly in the field
- inadequate information infrastructures that prevent problems from being quantified and solutions evaluated

Following the lecture, Dr. Jim Merchant, CPH dean, presented her with a framed copy of the event poster (at left) before hosting a reception for her.



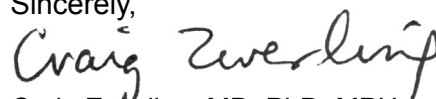
Corrie is outstanding in every role she plays, whether she is involved in research, mentoring, or promoting the field of injury prevention. At this time, she is the Principal Investigator on a NIOSH-funded project to examine security programs in Emergency Departments and Psychiatric Facilities. She has also

recently received grants to study teen driving safety, using a parent-focused program, and to evaluate a domestic violence intervention in a women's health clinic.

In addition to her scientific contributions, Corrie devotes time to classroom instruction and mentoring of students. The latter broadened considerably in scope after she received a grant from the NIH Fogarty International Center in 2005 to help build infrastructure for violence and injury prevention in Croatia, Serbia, Macedonia, Bosnia and Romania. That program establishes partnerships in those countries and provides training opportunities at the UI for their public health professionals.

Corrie is clearly one of the leading injury epidemiologists of her generation, and I am hard-pressed to think of another who has made major contributions in so many areas.

Sincerely,



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