

# Pre-Conference Sessions

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# Main Conference Overview



## Navigating the Winds of Change

Welcome to the 2009 Utah Public Health Association Conference. Since its inception, the focus and mission of the UPHA has been to promote quality public health programming, advocate for sound public health policy, and collaborate with community partners to protect the health of the citizens and the environment.

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In these turbulent times, we hope this conference and its exceptional presenters can help you Navigate the Winds of Change in your personal and professional lives, as we all work to strengthen our already outstanding public health community. Over fifty health educators, clinicians, environmental health scientists, epidemiologists, and public safety personnel have come together to share their knowledge and energize the conversation about public health.

We hope you enjoy your time with us in Midway!

*Conference Planning Committee*

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## Continuing Education

The Health Education Association of Utah (HEAU) is approved by the National Commission of Health Education Credentialing as a multi-event provider of certified health education specialists (CHES) continuing education. HEAU has the designation of MEP UT 0036. This conference provides several Category I CHECH's.

**A sign up sheet for CECH's will be at the registration desk with a listing of sessions approved for credits.**

Certificates of Conference Attendance are available upon request for members of the Utah Environmental Health Association and other professionals (i.e., nurses) who may need them. **Please contact Banning Leonard at [banningleonard@utah.gov](mailto:banningleonard@utah.gov) or Lynne Nilson at [lpnilson@utah.gov](mailto:lpnilson@utah.gov) for more information.**



# Pre-Conference Master Schedule

**Monday, May 18**

## SESSION 1

- 8:30 AM AM Session Geneve  
Core competencies for CBE ~ Early Detection is the Best Protection  
Nancy Dunn, RNC, MS, CMS (Session 111)
- 8:30AM AM Session Davos  
BeWise  
Kalynn Fillion (Session 112)
- 9:45AM AM Session Davos  
The Effects of Radiation on the Skin - What you don't know could kill you! (Session 113)  
Thalia Swinyer, RN
- 11:00AM AM Session Davos  
Molecular Targets in Cancer (Session 114)  
Judith DeGroot, RN, MSN, AOCN
- 12:00PM LUNCH St. Moritz  
(UCCP Cancer Screeners Only)
- 1:00PM PM Session Geneve  
Core competencies for CBE ~ Early Detection is the Best Protection (Session 116)  
Nancy Dunn, RNC, MS, CMS
- 1:00PM PM Session Davos  
Molecular Targets in Cancer (Session 117)  
Judith DeGroot, RN, MSN, AOCN
- 2:15PM PM Session Davos  
BeWise (Session 118)  
Kalynn Fillion
- 3:30PM PM Session Davos  
Tips for Recognizing Skin Cancer in your Clinical Practice  
Glen Bowen, MD (Session 119)

## SESSION 2

- 8:00AM AM Session Neuchatel  
Depression: Restoring and Promoting Emotional, Physical, and Mental Wellness - Part I (Session 121)  
Ed Fila, DDS 121
- 1:00PM PM Session Neuchatel  
Depression: Restoring and Promoting Emotional, Physical, and Mental Wellness - Part II (Session 122)  
Ed Fila, DDS

## SESSION 3

- 8:00AM AM Session Uri  
Public Health Informatics at the Front Line: Navigating Information Resources and Tools (Session 131)  
William Hersh, MD  
Wu Xu, PhD  
David Jackson, MPH  
Laverne A. Snow, MPA, PhD(C)

## SESSION 4

- 1:00PM PM Session Basel  
Blown Over by Web 2.0? Navigating the Changes for Public Health Professionals (Session 141)  
Nancy Lombardo, MLS  
Sally Patrick, MLS

**5:00PM ADJOURN**



# Pre-Conference Session Descriptions

**111** 5/18 8:30 AM Geneve

## Core competencies for CBE ~ Early Detection is the Best Protection

Enhance clinician confidence for performing thorough CBE and the appropriate referral/follow-up of women with suspicious findings.

**Nancy Dunn, RNC, MS, CMS**

**112** 5/18 8:30AM Davos

## BeWise

Utah's BeWise program offers an integrated office visit where women receive breast and cervical cancer screening, screening for blood pressure, cholesterol, and glucose; personal and family medical history assessment; referrals for women with abnormal screening values to healthcare providers for diagnostic services; and links to free or low cost community-based nutrition, physical activity, and tobacco cessation resources. This session will discuss the BeWise program's implementation, screening processes, available resources, and future plans.

**Kalynn Fillion**

**113** 5/18 9:45AM Davos

## The Effects of Radiation on the Skin - What you don't know could kill you!

The main goal of this presentation is to educate professionals about the cause of skin cancers and methods of prevention. Participants will be able to differentiate skin cancers from the more common benign lesions on the skin, as well be familiar with various treatment methods used to combat these cancers.

**Thalia Swinyer, RN**

**114** 5/18 11:00AM Davos

## Molecular Targets in Cancer

The overall purpose of the Molecular Targets in Cancer Therapy is to provide an overview of cell mutations that lead to the development of cancer. The program will also discuss potential targets for the future treatment of cancer.

**Judith DeGroot, RN, MSN, AOCN**

**116** 5/18 1:00PM Geneve

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**118** 5/18 2:15PM Davos

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**Kalynn Fillion**

**119** 5/18 3:30PM Davos

## Tips for Recognizing Skin Cancer in your Clinical Practice

The goal of this presentation is to give the clinician simple and practical tools to use to diagnose skin cancer in their patients. Varying types of skin biopsy techniques will be reviewed.

**Glen Bowen, MD**

**121** 5/18 8:00AM Neuchatel

## Depression: Restoring and Promoting Emotional, Physical, and Mental Wellness - Part I

This is a two-part presentation: In each of the two sessions, Ed will give an overview and explain all of the 10 vulnerabilities associated for depression (1-Genetic, 2-Developmental, 3-Nutrition, 4-Social, 5-Toxic, 6-Circadian Rhythm, 7-Addiction, 8-Lifestyle, 9-Medical Conditions and 10-Brain Frontal Lobe). However, in Part I, the first five vulnerabilities will be covered in more detail and in Part II; the second five vulnerabilities will be covered in more detail. Attendees may attend one or the other or attend both sessions, to get details about successfully overcoming depression and optimizing emotional and mental well being.

Ed brought Dr. Neal Nedley's, workshop, "Depression the Way Out" , to Utah several years ago; a 10-week program taught at BYU, Weber State, faith based communities, public high schools (Davis School District), etc. Co-presenters of this program have included MDs, clinical Psychologists, and other health care providers. This session is a comprehensive summary of the 10-week course about depression and includes new breakthroughs and scientifically proven information related to successfully overcoming it. Dr. Fila will be covering sci-

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**Ed Fila, DDS**

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**122 5/18 1:00PM Neuchatel**

## **Depression: Restoring and Promoting Emotional, Physical, and Mental Wellness - Part II**

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**Ed Fila, DDS**

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**131 5/18 8:00AM Uri**

## **Public Health Informatics at the Front Line: Navigating Information Resources and Tools**

The overall goal of this presentation is to provide a big-picture understanding of health informatics and the role it plays in individual health, health care, public health, and biomedical research. Attendees will learn the distinction between informatics and information technology. They will also learn about the major applications of health informatics, including electronic health records, health information exchange, and information retrieval systems.

**William Hersh, MD**

**Wu Xu, PhD**

**David Jackson, MPH**

**Laverne A. Snow, MPA, PhD(C)**

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**141 5/18 1:00PM Basel**

## **Blown Over by Web 2.0? Navigating the Changes for Public Health Professionals**

The purpose of this informative preconference workshop includes the following:

- Participants will be able to define "Web 2.0" technologies and describe their characteristics
- Learn how to apply relevant Web 2.0 technologies
- Practice using some of the technologies
- Discuss ways to incorporate Web 2.0 into your professional life
- Have fun!

**Nancy Lombardo, MLS**

**Sally Patrick, MLS**



# Pre-Conference Presenter Bios

## Glen Bowen, MD

*Co-Director of the Multidisciplinary Melanoma Program; Director of the Multidisciplinary Cutaneous Lymphoma Program; Director of the Mohs Microscopic Surgery*  
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Dr. Bowen is the Co-Director of the Multidisciplinary Melanoma Program, Director of the Multidisciplinary Cutaneous Lymphoma Program, and Director of the Mohs Microscopic Surgery at the Huntsman Cancer Institute.  
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### Session 119

*Tips for Recognizing Skin Cancer in your Clinical Practice*  
5/18 3:30PM Davos

## Judith DeGroot, RN, MSN, AOCN

*Genentech, Inc*  
Ms. DeGroot received her BSN in 1974 from the University of Wisconsin — Eau Claire and MSN with a clinical emphasis in oncology in 1985 from the University of Wisconsin — Madison. She has held both clinical and management positions with oncology being a common thread throughout her career and is currently Oncology Clinical Coordinator with Genentech BioOncology.  
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### Session 114

*Breast Cancer Genetics*  
5/18 11:00AM Davos

### Session 117

*Breast Cancer Genetics*  
5/18 1:00PM Davos

## Nancy Dunn, RNC, MS, CMS

*PRO-Health Inc.*  
Ms. Dunn is President of PRO-Health Inc. in Salem, Oregon. For over 13 years, she has specialized in breast cancer early detection. Her consulting is primarily targeted for primary care clinicians who want to improve the quality of the clinical breast examinations (CBE) and the timely and appropriate follow-up of abnormal findings. Ms. Dunn has a decade of experience with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Breast and Cervical

Cancer Early Detection (NBCCEDP) program as a clinical consultant for professional development and clinical case management. She is a certified MammaCare Specialist and Director of Training for MammaCare ~ West which located at in Salem, OR. Nancy is an experienced presenter and professional writer and does volunteer work in her home community on breast health awareness and early detection. Her preferred title is "Peer Coach" for early detection.  
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### Session 111

*Core competencies for CBE ~ Early Detection is the Best Protection*  
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### Session 116

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5/18 1:00PM Geneve

## Ed Fila, DDS

*Executive Director, Innovations in Population Health Management, LLC*  
*Innovations in Population Health Management, LLC*  
Dr. Ed Fila, DDS, is the founder of Innovations in Population Health Management, LLC; co-founder of Sonometric LLC (software developed to identify sub-clinical atherosclerosis); co-founder. Cardio-Risk Ultrasound, LLC; and is trained in and a facilitator of the Coronary Heart Improvement Program. He is a health management consultant and is on the board of Innovations in Education, a not-for-profit company, which has for 16 years helped public education and trained over 750 teachers on new improvements in education. Dr. Fila served as co-chair on a committee to create a new program to reach the most difficult addicted juveniles in the juvenile court system. He loves hiking and has done the Queen Charlotte (NZ), Glacier National Park (MT), Teton Crest Trail (WY), Olympic National Park (WA) and more. His mom died of cancer at age 46 and his dad had coronary by-pass surgery. These events motivated him to research cancer and heart disease prevention. Dr. Fila has become very familiar with the latest scientific evidence related to depression and mechanisms of restoring physical, mental and emotion-

al wellness. In addition, Dr. Fila is knowledgeable in ways of effectively addressing risk factors associated with cancer, stroke and heart disease.  
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### Session 121

*Depression: Restoring and Promoting Emotional, Physical, and Mental Wellness - Part I*  
5/18 8:00AM Neuchatel

### Session 122

*Depression: Restoring and Promoting Emotional, Physical, and Mental Wellness - Part II*  
5/18 1:00PM Neuchatel

## Kalynn Filion

*Utah Department of Health*  
Kalynn Filion is the Program Coordinator for Utah's WISEWOMAN Program, known as UCCP BeWise. Ms. Filion has a Bachelor's degree from Utah State University as a Health Education Specialist with a minor in Sociology. Ms. Filion has presented at local, regional, and national conferences on program outcomes and evaluation. Her area of expertise is social marketing, behavior changes, program planning, and program evaluation.  
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### Session 112

*BeWise*  
5/18 8:30AM Davos

### Session 118

*BeWise*  
5/18 2:15PM Davos

## William Hersh, MD

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(OHSU) in Portland, Oregon. He is a leader and innovator in research and education in biomedical and health informatics. Dr. Hersh serves as Director of OHSU's Graduate Program in Biomedical Informatics, which offers certificates, masters, and PhD programs available both on-campus and via distance learning. He also is an accomplished researcher, studying and publishing in areas such as information retrieval, evidence-based medicine, and health information technology workforce assessment.  
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*Public Health Informatics at the Front Line: Navigating Information Resources and Tools*

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## David Jackson, MPH

*Product Manager*

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David Jackson is the Product Manager for the Utah Department of Health Division of Epidemiology and Laboratory Services and is responsible for overseeing the development of a new disease tracking and management system, called TriSano, to support Utah public health business needs. David has been with the state health department for more than 10 years during which time he has served as the Communicable Disease Surveillance Program Manager and an epidemiologist. David earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Physiology and a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Utah.

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## Nancy Lombardo, MLS

*Information Technology Librarian*

*Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library - University of Utah Health Sciences Center*

Nancy Lombardo is the Information Technology Librarian at the Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library at the University of Utah. Her responsibilities

include overseeing the Eccles Library IT department, managing the digital video studio, coordinating the library's digital collection services, developing and teaching classes and contributing to the development of the library's technology education programs. Nancy is Project Director of NOVEL, the Neuro-Ophthalmology Virtual Education Library which is a digital library and collaborative work space for the discipline.

Nancy has been with the Eccles Library since 1994. She has a BA in Anthropology from the University of New Mexico and a Masters of Library Science from Emporia State University.  
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## Sally Patrick, MLS

*Outreach Librarian*

*Eccles Health Sciences Library - University of Utah*

Sally Patrick is currently the Outreach Librarian for the Eccles Health Sciences Library. Her focus is dissemination of relevant health information to diverse populations throughout Utah. She manages the library's consumer health portal entitled UtaHealthNet (<http://utahealthnet.org/>), as well as goLocalUtah (glu) a portal to health and human services statewide. Sally represents the Eccles Library on several community/University of Utah Health Sciences Center collaborations including: The Center of Excellence in Women's Health, Region VIII, the Utah Women's Health Information Network (UWIN) and the Utah Women's Health Coalition.

Sally received a BA in Sociology and Social Work from Baylor University and a Masters of Library Science from Syracuse University. Her professional experiences and teaching have focused on consumer health information, needs assessment and the tailoring of library services and resources for all patrons.  
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## Laverne A. Snow, MPA, PhD(C)

*PhD Candidate, Biomedical Informatics Adjunct Instructor, U of U Department of Family and Consumer Studies*

*University of Utah Department of Biomedical Informatics*

Laverne Snow is a PhD Candidate in Biomedical Informatics at the University of Utah and is currently consulting with the AHRQ funded ACCESS Unified Health Resource project studying enhancements to doctor-patient communication and patient empowerment through an integrated web based clinic electronic medical record and patient controlled personal health record. She teaches a class for the University of Utah's Department of Family and Consumer Studies entitled, "Families, Consumers and Health."

As a Public Health Informatics Fellow, supported by the National Library of Medicine and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, she benefited from many opportunities to expand her knowledge of informatics focusing on informatics contribution in practice settings, focusing improving decision support through community health information exchange and public health information system tools. Her dissertation is on decision making for front-line communicable disease case investigation and control, working with the Utah Center of Excellence in Public Health Informatics Decision Support for Infectious Disease Epidemiology (DSIDE) project. Before starting her PhD program, Laverne was senior director of The Exchange project at the Public Health Informatics Institute. She served for many years in leadership positions at the Utah Department of Health including Director of the Bureau of Management Audit, Director of the Office of Organizational Development and Evaluation, and the Office of Strategic Planning and Evaluation, and as an Information Analysts in the Utah Medicaid program. She was the first director of the informatics program at ASHTO as the Senior Director of Public Health Information and Infrastructure Policy. She led the planning efforts of the Environmental and Public Health Alliance for the Salt Lake City 2002 Winter Olympics. Other consulting engagements include working with the Utah Health Information Network, the Ogden City Council and Ogden City Department of Community Development, Governor Leavitt's Office of Planning and

Budget, the Utah Aids Foundation, the Utah Food Bank, and the Utah Department of Human Services.

Appointed by the Mayor of Murray, she currently serves as a Commissioner on the South Salt Lake Valley Mosquito Abatement District. She is active in AMIA and the Public Health Informatics Workgroup, has served as the President of the Utah Public Health Association, on the American Public Health Association's Governing Council, on the Board of the Great Basin Public Health Leadership Institute, and as President of the Utah Women's Lobby.  
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## **Thalia Swinyer, RN**

*Dermatology Research Center*

Thalia Swinyer is an RN and Clinical Research Coordinator in Dermatology. She has worked alongside her husband, Dr. Len Swinyer, a Salt Lake Dermatologist, for the past 36 years. She is passionate about educating everyone about the hazards of UV light and prevention, early recognition and treatment options for skin cancers. Both Dr. Swinyer and Thalia each received 2009 Golden Triangle Award to Outstanding Achievement in Public Education and Skin Cancer Screening Organization from the American Academy of Dermatology. To date, 29 people have informed Thalia that they were diagnosed with Malignant Melanomas that were recognized thanks to her lectures. She was also the Chairman of the UCAN Skin Cancer Committee from 2007-2009.

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### **Session 113**

*The Effects of Radiation on the Skin - What you don't know could kill you!*

5/18 9:45AM Davos

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## **Wu Xu, PhD**

*Director for the Office of Public Health Informatics*

*Utah Department of Health*

Wu Xu, Ph.D. is the Director for the Office of Public Health Informatics in the Utah Department of Health. From 2001 to 2007, Dr. Xu has directed the Utah Office of Health Care Statistics. Dr. Xu has publications in peer-reviewed journals and also serves on various national advisory panels. She has received several competitive research grants from AHRQ, HRSA, CDC, and CMS in the last decade. Currently she is an investigator for the CDC-funded Utah Center for Excellences in Public Health Informatics. Dr. Wu Xu received her Ph.D. with an emphasis of health and demography in sociology from Utah State University in 1996.

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