

Tom Oliver Receives WUN Funding Award for Public Health



The Worldwide Universities Network (WUN) announced a funding award to UW–Madison’s School of Medicine and Public Health faculty member Dr. Tom Oliver and his collaborators, Dr. Ken Zakariassen of the University of Alberta School of Public Health and Dr. Darren Shickle of the Leeds

Institutes for Health Sciences at the University of Leeds. Oliver is a professor in the Department of Population Health Sciences and the director of the UW Master of Public Health Program. His research examines critical issues in health policy, politics, and system reform. The award, which totals £15,000, is matched by funding from the University of Wisconsin European Union Center of Excellence, the UW–Madison Global Health Initiative, The University of Leeds, and the University of Alberta.

Oliver and his collaborators expect to shine new light on how policies outside the healthcare domain affect

the health of populations around the world, with special comparative focus on North America and Europe. The award will support a conference series, “Putting New Paradigms Into Practice: Transatlantic Lessons in Population Health Improvement.” The series will convene experts from academia, the press, business, government, and the non-profit sector to address the fundamental question, “Why are some people and places healthier than others?” UW-Madison will host two conferences. The first, scheduled for early spring, will bring a small group of international contributors who will help frame the agenda and key questions to be addressed in the second, larger fall conference.

WUN is a consortium of leading public research universities. UW–Madison faculty and academic staff use the WUN framework to strengthen the university’s global engagement in various ways. To support research and collaboration activities, UW-Madison awards WUN grants twice annually, and small travel grants are also available.

