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Dr. Melissa L. Grim Named Deputy Editor of *Health Promotion Practice*

Washington, DC -- The Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE) Board of Trustees today announces the appointment of Melissa L. Grim, PhD, CHES, as Deputy Editor of the Society's peer-reviewed bimonthly journal *Health Promotion Practice (HPP)*. Her three-year term will extend January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013.

Dr. Grim is an Associate Professor of Health Education in the Department of Exercise, Sport, and Health Education at Radford University in Radford, Virginia. She received her doctorate and master's of arts degrees in exercise science (with emphasis in Health Education) at The Ohio State University. Grim has served as a *HPP* reviewer for the last four years and recently co-authored a chapter in SOPHE's textbook, *Health Promotion Programs: From Theory to Practice*. Dr. Grim also co-edited *The Health Education Specialist: A Study Guide for Professional Competence, 6th edition*, published by The National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc. Her expertise and interests include planning and evaluating public health interventions to increase physical activity, and investigating differences in health behavior in urban, rural, and suburban settings.

As Deputy Editor, Dr. Grim will be responsible for reviewing all department submissions submitted to *HPP*; oversee journal supplement processes; and collaborate with the Editor-in-Chief, SOPHE office, and Sage Publications on strategic and business issues involving the journal, as needed.

"We are delighted to welcome Dr. Grim to this leadership role," states Leonard Jack, Jr., PhD, MSc, Editor-in-Chief of *HPP* and Director for the Center for Minority Health, Health Disparities, Research and Education; Endowed Chair of Minority Health Disparities Research; and Professor, Division of Clinical and Administrative Services, College of Pharmacy, at Xavier University of Louisiana. "Dr. Grim will provide a seasoned perspective in advancing the development of applied practice in health promotion and health education."

HPP publishes authoritative, peer-reviewed articles devoted to the practical application of health promotion and education and is one of two-peer reviewed SOPHE journals. To learn more about *HPP*, visit <http://hpp.sagepub.com/>.

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