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PRESENTATION OF 2016 DELTA OMEGA ALUMNI INITIATES

Andrew Althouse
Gwendolyn Haile Cattledge
Mary H. Huynh
Christina Louise Wilds

PRESENTATION OF ALUMNI AWARDS

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS
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For Research: Susan A. Slangenhaupt
For Teaching and Dissemination: Janice Scully Dorman
THE MARGARET F. GLONINGER SERVICE AWARD
Michael Blackwood
EARLY CAREER EXCELLENCE AWARD
Rashida R. Dorsey

ABOUT THE AWARDS

Recipients are alumni who have made a significant contribution to the field of public health, to the school, or to both. Each year, individual alumni are recognized with an award in one of the following categories:

THE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS FOR...

PRACTICE, presented annually to an alumnus/na who has made a significant contribution to public health practice

RESEARCH, presented annually to an alumnus/na who has made a significant contribution to research

TEACHING AND DISSEMINATION, presented annually to an alumnus/na who has made a significant contribution to education and dissemination, either in the classroom or in the field

THE MARGARET F. GLONINGER SERVICE AWARD, presented annually to an alumnus/na who has made a significant contribution to the school or community through volunteer service. This award was established in honor of the late Margaret Fitzgerald Gloninger, MSHyg '66, a Pitt Public Health graduate and former faculty member in maternal and child health.

THE EARLY CAREER EXCELLENCE AWARD, presented to an alumnus/na who has made significant achievements early in his or her career

DELTA OMEGA

The Omicron chapter of the Delta Omega Honorary Society at the Graduate School of Public Health recognizes merit and encourages further excellence in, and devotion to, public health work. Delta Omega members are found in key leadership positions and essential fieldwork positions throughout the public health community and include current and past U.S. surgeon generals, a former president of the American Public Health Association, deans of the schools of public health, researchers, and policymakers. Our alumni inductees' work in the practice of public health serves as inspiration for future graduates of Pitt Public Health.

THE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

FOR PRACTICE: MEHRAN S. MASSOUDI



Mehran Massoudi is a captain in the U.S. Public Health Service and is the branch chief for the Applied Research and Translation Branch (ARTB) and the director of the Prevention Research Centers (PRC) program at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). He has also served as the associate director for science in the Scientific Education and Professional Development Program Office, Office of Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services. Over the course of his professional career, he has served as a CDC

epidemic intelligence service officer, the science advisor to the smallpox team at the CDC's National Immunization Program, the SARS Surveillance Team lead in the CDC's National Center for Infectious Diseases, and the associate director for science in the Office of Workforce and Career Development.

From 2005 to 2007, he oversaw the development of the Afghan Public Health Institute (APHI) within the Afghanistan Ministry of Public Health. He trained and mentored the APHI staff and assisted with the ministry's response to the avian influenza outbreaks of 2005–06. Beyond his regularly assigned duties at CDC, Massoudi has also completed five international deployments for CDC and the World Health Organization as part of the Polio Eradication Initiative. He has also traveled to Haiti as part of the department's health and medical response, and most recently, deployed as lead for the epidemiology team in Grand Cape Mount, Liberia, for the Ebola response.

Massoudi is the recipient of three Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Distinguished Service Awards, the Charles C. Shepard Science Award (highest CDC award for a scientific manuscript), and six CDC honor awards.

Massoudi earned his MPH degree in 1992 and his PhD in 1993 in epidemiology from Pitt Public Health.

FOR RESEARCH: SUSAN A. SLAUGENHAUPT



Susan Slaughaupt first went to Massachusetts General Hospital as a postdoctoral fellow in 1991. She became a faculty member at Harvard Medical School in 1995 and was a founding faculty member in the Center for Human Genetic Research at Massachusetts General Hospital. Her research focuses on two neurological disorders, familial dysautonomia (FD) and mucopolidosis type IV (MLIV), as well as the common cardiac disorder mitral valve prolapse (MVP). Discoveries in Slaughaupt's laboratory have led to the successful implementation

of critical population screening for FD and MLIV, and to the identification of the genes responsible for all three disorders. As part of the National Institutes of Health Blueprint Neurotherapeutics Network, she has spent the past few years developing a new drug for FD that directly targets the mRNA splicing mechanism. This discovery program was recently licensed, bringing a new drug one step closer to FD patients.

Slaughaupt is the Elizabeth Riley and Dan E. Smith Jr. Massachusetts General Hospital Research Scholar and, in addition to her research, she spearheads several educational and research initiatives at Massachusetts General Hospital, including a thriving undergraduate summer internship program. In 2014 she was named the inaugural scientific director of the newly formed Mass General Research Institute, a strategic initiative created to support, promote, and guide the entire research enterprise at Mass General. She was recently named one of the 2016 Top Ten Women to Watch in Science and Technology by the *Boston Business Journal*.

Slaughaupt earned her MS degree in 1988 and her PhD in 1991 in human genetics from Pitt Public Health.

FOR TEACHING AND DISSEMINATION: JANICE SCULLY DORMAN



Janice Dorman is professor of health promotion and development at the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing and holds secondary appointments in epidemiology and human genetics at the Graduate School of Public Health. As a genetic epidemiologist, Dorman's research interests include the clustering of autoimmune diseases in families and use of family health history in primary care for the prevention of chronic disorders, with an emphasis on diabetes and cardiovascular disease. She has had significant impact on international approaches to

type 1 diabetes.

Dorman has taught courses at both the graduate and undergraduate level for 29 years, focusing primarily on molecular epidemiology and genetics. She teaches Introduction to Genetics and Molecular Therapeutics for undergraduate and graduate nursing students, as well as Microbiology for undergraduate students and Practicum for Nursing and Health Sciences Education in the School of Nursing. She has also taught Introduction to Molecular Epidemiology and Molecular Epidemiology Laboratory at Pitt Public Health, as well as genetic epidemiology courses at the University of Michigan, in Buenos Aires, and in Beijing. Additionally, for the past 10 years, Dorman has been codirector of an NIH-funded training program titled Targeted Research and Academic Training of Nurses in Genomics.

Dorman has served as associate dean for research at the School of Nursing, on Pitt's University Research Council, the Provost's Advisory Committee on Women's Concerns, and on many public health and epidemiological committees.

Dorman earned her MSHyg degree in human genetics in 1981 and her PhD in epidemiology in 1983 from Pitt Public Health.

THE MARGARET F. GLONINGER SERVICE AWARD

MICHAEL BLACKWOOD



Michael Blackwood served as president and CEO of Gateway Health Plan in Pittsburgh for nearly 14 years. He retired from Gateway in 2013 and immediately created Blackwood Healthcare Consulting, LLC, a firm primarily focused on accountable care organization formations, health insurance risk assumption, leadership development, negotiation strategies, and uses of medical/social models of care to reduce costs and increase quality. Blackwood has assisted local foundations, hospitals, and social service agencies to succeed under the

Affordable Care Act and unfolding Pennsylvania government health care initiatives.

He previously served as president and CEO of HealthAmerica PA, Inc. and as an assistant administrator of Montefiore Hospital. Blackwood also served as an officer in the Medical Service Corps of the U.S. Army for more than five years, both stateside and in Europe. His other professional affiliations have included: board of directors, Pittsburgh Regional Healthcare Initiative; president, board of directors, Catholic Charities Free Health Care Center; chair, audit committee, board of directors, Highmark Foundation; and policy board member, Pennsylvania Department of Health.

Blackwood has served Pitt Public Health as executive-in-residence for the Department of Health Policy and Management (HPM), as president of the HPM alumni association, and in numerous advisory and teaching roles over many years.

He is a member of Delta Omega, was recognized in 1992 with a Pitt Public Health Distinguished Alumni Award, and was selected in 1999 as one of 50 “significant contributors” to the field of public health since the school’s inception. Blackwood has received numerous awards including: an Health, Education and Welfare full grant traineeship; the Joseph F. Mulach Jr. Award from Life’s Work for assistance to people with disabilities and to the uninsured; Pennsylvania Rural Health Care Leader of the Year (1994); Meritorious Service Medal, Medical Service Corps, U.S. Army and Distinguished Military Graduate, Louisiana State University.

Blackwood earned his MPH degree in health administration in 1980 from Pitt Public Health.

THE EARLY CAREER EXCELLENCE AWARD

RASHIDA R. DORSEY



Rashida Dorsey is a leader in demographic data collection standards, data coordination and data collection strategy at the federal level, data development on racial and ethnic minorities and other vulnerable populations, minority health, and health disparities—including developing, monitoring and evaluating strategic plans for racial/ethnic populations. She serves as director of data policy within the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) in the U.S.

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and also serves as a senior advisor on minority health and health disparities. The Division of Data Policy is responsible for data and statistical policy development and coordination within HHS. As division director, she oversees a program of research, policy analysis, evaluation, and data development in data and statistical priority areas.

Previously, Dorsey served as the director of the Division of Policy and Data at the HHS Office of Minority Health. She led the development of minority health policy research and evaluation projects, data policy and collection initiatives aimed to improve the availability of data for racial and ethnic populations, evaluation methods for minority health initiatives, data briefs on minority health, and congressional reports on minority health. She led the division in supporting many key minority health priority areas, including the HHS Action Plan to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities, the implementation of provisions of the Affordable Care Act that address health disparities and health equity, and the White House Initiatives on Minority-Serving Institutions and Educational Excellence. She also served as the designated federal officer for the Advisory Committee on Minority Health.

Dorsey was a data and statistical policy analyst in ASPE, where she developed policy and evaluation studies related to disparities and HHS data collections, and served as an HHS population survey data system expert, as well as the executive secretary for the HHS Data Council. She also has served as an epidemic intelligence service officer at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics. As a principal investigator, she developed and conducted many analytic research projects and published manuscripts on several health disparities and chronic disease topics, such as chronic kidney disease, diabetes, and obesity.

Dorsey received her PhD in epidemiology in 2006 from Pitt Public Health.

THE DELTA OMEGA INITIATES

ANDREW ALTHOUSE



Andrew Althouse is an applied biostatistician, focusing primarily on clinical outcomes research in cardiovascular disease.

While at Pitt Public Health, Althouse worked in the Epidemiology Data Center under the advisement of Maria Mori Brooks, and in the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute-funded Cardiovascular Epidemiology Training Program. He coauthored a series of publications from the Bypass Angioplasty Revascularization 2 Diabetes (BARI 2D) trial on the incidence, progression, and risk factors for peripheral arterial disease and diabetic peripheral neuropathy in our clinical trial population, winning the Best Dissertation award for his graduating class.

Following his doctoral defense, Althouse worked as the lead biostatistician at Magee-Womens Research Institute, contributing to 21 published manuscripts spanning several disciplines including maternal and fetal medicine, oncology, gynecologic surgery, and bariatric surgery. In late 2014, he moved to the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center's Heart and Vascular Institute, where he is currently collaborating with UPMC cardiologists and cardiac surgeons on research into the optimal management of heart failure, cardiac arrhythmias, valvular disease, pulmonary hypertension, and coronary stenosis.

Althouse received his PhD in epidemiology in 2013 from Pitt Public Health.

GWENDOLYN HAILE CATTLEGE



During her 26-year tenure at the CDC, Gwendolyn Cattledge has been an injury epidemiologist, special assistant/senior epidemiologist to the deputy director of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), scientific review officer for NIOSH and the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC), national center deputy associate director for science, and a mentor to both staff and student interns. For the past 12 years, she has served as the deputy associate director for science at NCIPC, where she also is the

coordinator for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Healthy People 2020 Work Group for Injury and Violence Prevention, coordinator for the

NCIPC Research Portfolio Reviews, coordinator for the NCIPC Internship and Fellowship Program, designated federal official for the NCIPC Board of Scientific Counselors, faculty in the CDC's Project IMHOTEP summer internship program, representative for the CDC recruitment cadre, representative on the CDC Public Health Library Advisory Board, as well as other agency committees.

Prior to working in science administration, her research at the CDC was in the area of fall injuries in the construction industry. Her contributions led to changes in industry standards of working from elevated work surfaces of even six feet or less in the construction industry.

While at NIOSH, Cattledge was instrumental in the daily implementation of the CDC National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA), where she established 21 implementation teams of governmental, academia, industry, and organization representation. She also served as the national team leader for NORA Special Populations at Risk. This agenda is still in effect after 20 years.

Cattledge earned her PhD in epidemiology in 1989 from Pitt Public Health.

MARY H. HUYNH



Mary Huynh is currently director of the Office of Vital Statistics, Bureau of Vital Statistics, at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYC DOHMH). Prior to joining the NYC DOHMH, she was assistant professor at Lehman College, City University of New York and served as director for the MPH program.

Following graduation, Huynh completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the National Center for Health Statistics. Her research interests include the role of community level factors in adverse birth outcomes, the effect of gentrification on birth outcomes, and predictors of excessive gestational weight gain.

Huynh received her PhD in epidemiology in 2003 from Pitt Public Health.

CHRISTINA LOUISE WILDS



Christina Wilds has served as senior program officer at the Highmark Foundation since 2006. In her current role, she is responsible for grantmaking to nonprofit health-related organizations and hospitals. She has also authored numerous white papers related to public issues such as chronic disease, service delivery systems, and family health.

Prior to joining the foundation, Wilds served as program evaluator in Highmark Inc.'s Division of Community Affairs, where she was responsible for all phases of program evaluation. In addition, she served as the corporation's director of the former Health Education Center, a Highmark nonprofit affiliate. Before joining Highmark, she worked in fundraising for UPMC Health System.

A native of Western Pennsylvania, Wilds has been recognized for volunteerism in the Pittsburgh community and serves on the boards of directors of Ebenezer Development Corporation and Family Services of Western Pennsylvania.

Wilds earned her MPH in 1997 and her DrPH in behavioral and community health sciences in 2006 from Pitt Public Health.

2016 STUDENT AND FACULTY DELTA OMEGA INDUCTEES

In addition to these four alumni Delta Omega inductees, 18 Pitt Public Health students were inducted into Delta Omega at the April 30 Celebration of Students Awards. Two faculty members have been selected to be similarly honored at the fall faculty meeting.

Read more about Delta Omega at www.publichealth.pitt.edu/deltaomega.

PREVIOUS AWARDEES

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2015

Yvette Conley, PhD '99
Megan Kavanaugh, DrPH '08
Patricia Maryland, DrPH '82
Nancy Obuchowski, PhD '91

2014

Chung-Chou "Joyce" H. Chang, PhD '98
James Clise, MPH '63
Karen Cruickshanks, PhD '87
Susan Ott, MPH '76

2013

Coleen Boyle, PhD '81
Anita Caufield, MHA '84
William Holman, MHA '79

2012

Edward W. Gregg, PhD '96
James B. Pieffer, MHA '86
Joel Weissfeld, MPH '82

2010

Madalon O'Rawe Amenta, MPH '68,
DrPH '78
Clareann Bunker, PhD '84
Richard Lugg, MPH '66

2009

Kenneth Miller, MS '70
David Reed, MS '61
Jeanne Zborowski, PhD '00

2008

Gerald M. Barron, MPH '71
James C. Helmkamp, PhD '83
Paul M. Winkler, MPH '81

2007

Agnes Bouldin, DrPH '88
Anthony Lubiniecki, ScD '72
Dietrich Stephan, PhD '96

2006

Robert Geddis, MSHyg '73
Marlene Lugg, MPH '66, DrPH '81
Thomas White, MSHyg '72

2005

Joseph Costantino, MPH '74, DrPH '76
Constance Husman, MSHyg '74
Gerald Katz, MSHyg '63

2004

Allen Brodsky, ScD '66
Jane Cauley, MPH '80, DrPH '83
David Savitz, PhD '82

2003

Galen E. Cole, MPH '87
James M. Klingensmith, MPH '77, ScD '87
Patricia W. Potrzebowski, PhD '74

2002

Judith Badner, MSHyg '85, PhD '88
Glenn Schneider, MPH '91

2001

Brian Jacob, MHA '86
Diane Peterson, MPH '74
Beth Elaine Quill, MPH '82

2000

Victor J. Catullo, MPH '98
William T. Godshall, MPH '85
Michael C. Waters, MS '67

1999

GSPH 50th Anniversary
50 at 50 Awards given

1998

Marie C. Baker, MSHyg '84
Tood Schryer, MHA '92
Carol Synkewecz, MPH '75

1997

Mark A. Vojtecky, MPH '86

1996

George Board, DrPH '83
Harold E. Kennah, MS '85
Daniel J. Schaid, MS '81, PhD '86
Joyce E. White, DrPH '93

1995

Lucile L. Adams-Campbell, PhD '83
Ronette R. Briefel, MPH '76, DrPH '82
Lawrence W. Keller, MSHyg '71
Michael R. Peterson, DrPH '85

1994

Jan R. Jennings, MPH '76
Mohamed Sabet Mahdy, MPH '60,
ScDHyg '63
Grace E. Ware, MPH '73

1993
Janine Jagger, MPH '74
Akira Koizumi, MS '66
L. Jon Schurmeier, MSHyg '70
1992
Michael Blackwood, MPH '80
John M. Lachin III, ScDHyg '72
Carol K. Redmond, ScDHyg '66
1991
Joanne Marie Andiorio, DrPH '84
David Gur, ScDHyg '77

1989
Mark H. Barnett, MPH '61
Mary Ann Scialabba, MSHyg '63
1986
Sydney J. Cutler, ScDHyg '61
Mostafa A. El Batawi, MPH '57,
ScDHyg '59
1983
Lois G. Michaels, MSHyg '63

PREVIOUS MARGARET F. GLONINGER ALUMNI AWARDEES

2015
Nancy W. Glynn, PhD '94
2014
Mary Herbert, MPH '05
2013
Mary Patricia Nowalk, PhD '93
2012
John J. Zanardelli, MPH '79
2010
Patsy Heslen Haslam, MPH '69
2008
Constance S. McCormick, MPH '85
Shirley McIlvried, MPH '83
2007
Laura Rosato, PhD '90
Charles Vargo, MHA '84
2006
Diego Chaves-Gnecco, MMPH '00
2005
Marc Hiller, MPH '74, DrPH '78
Samuel Koilpillai, MSHyg '76
2004
Marlene Lugg, MPH '66, DrPH '81
2003
Kimberlee Evert, MPH '88

2002
Gerald C. Colvin, MA '86, DrPH '93
Joan M. Mavrinac, MPH '88
2000
Lynn Marie Weber, MPH '97
1998
Scott Becker, MPH '80
James Collins, MHA '87
Anne R. Medsger, MSHyg '81
Russell Rychek, MPH '59, DrPH '65
1997
John A. Armstrong, ScDHyg '67
Maurice A. Shapiro
Robert B. Yee, MS '52 [FAS], PhD '57 [FAS]
1996
William F. Gauss, MPH '83
1995
Mary K. Conner, PhD '78
Joanne F. McVay, MPH '75, DrPH '84
1994
Kenneth L. Garver, PhD '75
1993
Theresa A. Chalich, MPH '89
Karen S. Peterson, MPH '70

DELTA OMEGA OMICRON CHAPTER MEMBERS

For a list of all Delta Omega Omicron Chapter members, please visit
www.publichealth.pitt.edu/deltaomega.

ALUMNI AWARDS COMMITTEE

Special thanks to the Alumni Awards committee
for their service in selecting this year's honorees.

Eleanor Feingold, chair
Yvette Conley*
Nancy W. Glynn*
Robin Grubs*
Diane Howard*
Megan Kavanaugh*
Jeremy Martinson
Nancy Obuchowski*
Tom Songer
Swetha Thambireddy

*The Alumni Awards Committee,
including faculty, former alumni award honorees,
and student leaders, selects annual awardees via a
competitive nomination and review process.*

** Pitt Public Health alumni*

STAY INVOLVED WITH PITT PUBLIC HEALTH

Pitt Public Health alumni have many ways to get involved with their alma mater and stay connected to the school and fellow grads.

PITT PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE WORLD

Help show all the great things Pitt Public Health alumni are doing! Share your professional news, awards, accomplishments, and photos from around the world in the Pitt Public Health alumni magazine and/or on the school and departmental Web sites. Pictures of alumni are especially welcome, whether teaching, conducting service work or research, on the job, speaking at a conference, or attending a public health event anywhere in the world. To submit your photo for consideration, send a hi-resolution (300 dpi) file to gsphalum@pitt.edu. Include your name, affiliation to Pitt Public Health, and a few sentences about the scene.

GET SOCIAL!

Connect with Pitt Public Health on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Flickr. Visit www.publichealth.pitt.edu/socialmedia for links.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Serve as a lecturer, mentor current students, help at a recruiting event, or find a unique opportunity suited to your skills and experiences. Contact Sarah McMullen at 412-647-5307 or skm45@pitt.edu for more information.

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

Pitt Public Health communicates with its alumni in a variety of ways: postal mail, e-mail, and phone. It is important that you update your contact information to receive invitations to events as well as the latest Pitt Public Health news. Contact Sarah McMullen at 412-647-5307 or skm45@pitt.edu with your update.

FIND CLASSMATES

Visit Pitt's online directory at www.alumnionline.pitt.edu to locate your classmates.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit www.publichealth.pitt.edu/calendar for a list of upcoming events.

ABOUT PITT PUBLIC HEALTH

Since our founding in 1948, the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health has successfully implemented a three-component mission of research, education, and service. We create, transmit, and apply new knowledge—all for the benefit of human health. As we see it, the most important driver for the entire school is to ensure that our work—and the work of our graduates—is used to develop products and enact policies that make a difference in people's lives. And the fruits of our labors are all around us, every day, in longer, happier, and healthier lives.

At Pitt Public Health, we are first and foremost problem-solvers. Our faculty are thought-leaders who embrace problem-solving in every aspect of their work, whether in their research or classroom instruction, and who cultivate those skills in students through their mentorship. Through rigorous programs in theoretical and applied learning, Pitt Public Health students acquire the knowledge and skills needed to assume leadership roles in public health. They are prepared to apply what they have learned to real-world problem-solving. And, through our research centers and programs, students don't have to wait until they get out into the field to make a difference—they can begin to contribute immediately.

New public health challenges face us every day. Like the innovative vaccine work done here by Jonas Salk, Pitt Public Health responds to today's health threats by preparing the next generation of public health leaders to use innovation as the catalyst for problem-solving.

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