

# Network

## 2004 Commencement Spotlight

SPHHS students, their families and friends, packed the Lisner Auditorium May 15 to celebrate achievements and kick off the future. Following are some of the recognition highlights of Commencement 2004:



### Faculty Teaching Awards

- *Public Health Undergraduate*—Richard Skolnik, MPH
- *Public Health Graduate*—William Waters, PhD
- *Exercise Science Undergraduate*—Patricia Sullivan, EdD
- *Exercise Science Graduate*—Ellen Schulken, PhD

### Student Awards

- *The GW Alumni Award*—Neely A. Dahl
- *Chair's Award in Health Policy*—Tracy A. Harris
- *Academic Excellence Award for Pre-Health Professionals*—Ruth A. Lazzari
- *Academic Excellence Award of Athletic Training*—Dara R. Barnett
- *Academic Excellence Award for Exercise and Sport*—Evan Johnson
- *Academic Excellence Award for Health and Fitness*—Lindsay Dickman
- *Distinguished Scholar for the Undergraduate Exercise Science Programs*—Kristen Paulos
- *Distinguished Scholar for the Graduate Exercise Science Program*—Eleanor Amos
- *School of Public Health and Health Services Student Council Award*—Sonbol A. Shahid-Salles, Emily K. Dale
- *Summa Cum Laude*—Lauren Dunning; Kristin M. Paulos

- *Magna Cum Laude*—Lindsay A. Dickman, Ruth A. Lazzari, Julie L. Macht
- *Cum Laude*—Jennifer L. Anthony

### Excellence in Special Project Awards

- *Community Oriented Primary Care*—Jessica Schroeder, MD; Cara Lichenstein, MD
- *Epidemiology and Biostatistics*—Larissa Korde
- *Environmental and Occupational Health*—Brettenia Walker
- *Global Health*—Elenora Genovesse, Mark D. Stewart
- *Health Policy*—Satvinder Vandana K. Chawla
- *Health Promotion*—Karin M. Werner
- *Maternal and Child Health*—Sona P. Patel

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The **Delta Omega Honor Society** for Public Health 2004 Inductees:

*Students:* Bridget Ambrose, Neely Dahl, Sally Elsamanoudi, Kristen Facciolo, Heather Jordan, Catherine Lai, Ann Martin, Jennifer Olsen, Pinar Polat, Laura Rabb, Sarika Rane, Sarah Rosquist, Brettania Walker, Cil-Maria York  
*Alumni:* Dr. Rathavuth Hong, Anish Ranpuria, Dr. Heather Young, Dr. Michael Zeilinger  
*Faculty:* Dr. Tee Guidotti, Dean Ruth Katz, Professor Sara Rosenbaum, Dr. William Waters



As I enter into my professional life as a servant of public health, I pledge to fulfill this oath founded on integrity, ethics and honor. I promise to serve without discrimination, by promoting, maintaining, and improving health and wellness for individuals, communities, and populations. I will advocate for the voiceless by promoting public policy that aims to improve health services. I affirm that I will use my skills to contribute to the foundation of public health knowledge by gathering, assessing, evaluating and disseminating accurate data to address population needs and concerns. As a public health professional in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, I pledge, on this day, to commit to achieving the highest goals in public health, health services, research and policy-making for a more equitable and healthy global community. —Excerpts from the 2004 Commencement Oath of the School of Public Health and Health Services

## Did you know ...

☞ That SPHHS has an informational interviewing program? What's that? It's connecting with alums to discuss the world of work. The program runs all summer. For further information call (202)-994-2632.

☞ The Office of Student Academic and Career Development Services (Room 221) will review resumes and cover letters as well as conduct mock interviews. Summer hours:

M: 8:30a.m.-5 p.m.  
T: 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.  
W: 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Th: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.  
F: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

☞ Stephanie Leen and Gale Gibbs, undergraduate students in the Department of Exercise Science, will be taking blood pressure and working with the homeless at Miriam's Kitchen

☞ Visit [www.hivforum.org](http://www.hivforum.org) for reports on:

- QA/QC of DC4 and Viral Load Assays in the Resource-Limited Setting
- Sex and Gender Issues in HIV Disease

## ★ Student and Faculty Spotlight—kudos to:

- Caroline H. Sparks, PhD, associate professor of Prevention and Community Health has been appointed to the Institute of Medicine's Committee on Reducing Tobacco Use.
- Dr. Amita Vyas is a new assistant professor in the Department of Prevention and Community Health in the Maternal and Child Health track.
- Health Policy faculty have been invited to give panel, individual and poster presentations at the AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting in San Diego.
- Student Celeste Monforton was a panelist discussing the Bush Administration and dismantling of public safeguards for a recent Center for American Progress conference.
- Bridget Ambrose received a DHHS Emerging Leaders Fellowship and will be working at the CDC.
- Carmella Peoples has been selected for a Presidential Management Internship.
- Kristen Facciolo, Jordana DeLeon and Yadira Almodovar-Diaz were awarded Columbian Women's Scholarships.
- Dr. Fitzhugh Mullan, Community Oriented Primary Care, was mentioned on the front page of *The New York Times* June 1 regarding a story about cancer survivors.

## 📣 Coming Up!

### June 2004

**Tuesday, June 8; 8a.m.-5p.om:** UMBC Maryland's First Annual Statewide Health Disparities Conference

For more details visit: [www.mdhealthdisparities.org](http://www.mdhealthdisparities.org)

**Thursday, June 17; 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Riderwood Village, Silver Spring**

Chesapeake Area Biological Safety Association annual scientific symposium; register at [www.chabsa.org](http://www.chabsa.org).

### July 2004

**Monday, July 12; 8:30-5:30 p.m., International Trade Center, 1300 Penn. Ave., NW**

Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI) second annual conference to address the corporate and political manipulation of science and scientists to influence public opinion and public policy on health and the environment. EOH Research Professor Dr. David Michaels is a featured speaker. Register online at [http://cspinet.org/integrity/conflictedscience\\_conf.html](http://cspinet.org/integrity/conflictedscience_conf.html)

## 🇺🇸 Opportunities

- The Center for Health and Health Care in Schools, a GW grant-funded initiative located at Dupont Circle, is seeking two part-time researcher assistant/program assistants. This is an excellent opportunity for graduate students interested in issues surrounding children's health and children's health in schools. For more information visit: [www.healthinschools.org](http://www.healthinschools.org) or contact Theresa Chapman, executive coordinator, CHHCS, [chapman@gwu.edu](mailto:chapman@gwu.edu) or (202)466-3396
- The latest edition of Public Health Jobs Worldwide has arrived in Ross 221. The newsletter features openings throughout the United States and abroad.
- SPHHS Department of Health Policy provides a listing of internships, research positions and job opportunities for current and former students; click *new job opportunities* at [www.gwhealthpolicy.org](http://www.gwhealthpolicy.org).
- Australian-American Health Policy Fellowship Program 2005-2006 Packer Policy Fellowships are available. Fellowships provide up to \$50,000 mid-career U.S. health policy researchers and practitioners a unique opportunity to spend 6-10 months in Australia conducting original research and working with leading Australian health policy experts. Application deadline: **August 16**. For more information and to obtain an application, visit [www.cmwf.org/fellowships/](http://www.cmwf.org/fellowships/).
- Find all job and internship announcements posted to the SPHHS listserv on GWork, at [gwired.gwu.edu/cms/index.php?site=career&id=2669](http://gwired.gwu.edu/cms/index.php?site=career&id=2669)

## Notice

APHA's Annual Meeting, November 6-10; Washington, DC; Erin Brochovich is the featured speaker. Early registration **on or before August 27**. Visit [www.apha.org/meetings](http://www.apha.org/meetings) for details.



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