

## Alumni Notes

### 1950s

**George P. Highland, B.S. '50** "Owned and operated, as a clinical laboratory bioanalyst, a clinical laboratory in Atascadero, Calif., from 1962 to 1984, and then in Templeton, Calif., from 1984 to 1993."

**William F. Taylor, Ph.D. '51** "Professor of biostatistics, Mayo Clinic, medical research statistics, retired 1985."

**Gordon E. Seck, M.D., B.S. '53** "Practice limited to an Alzheimer's day care center as a volunteer."

**Carmel A. McKay, M.P.H. '57** "I have had a wonderful life working as both a professional and a community volunteer in the field of preventive illness and community health."

**Chhaganbhai B. Bhakta, B.S. '58** "My wife Sarojben and members of my family had a vacation Dec. 2004–Jan. 2005 in India. Visited school for the deaf, mentally deficient, rehabilitation-handicraft, etc., at Manav Kalyan Trust in Navsari, Gujarat, and met Dr. Manish C. Bhakta at Shree Sardar Smarak Hospital, where he did over 7000 eye operations, and social visits to rural area in District Surat-Gujarat, India."

### 1960s

**Gordon E. Robbins, B.S. '53, M.P.H. '60** "Retired in 2003 after 37 years of service with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention."

**O. Lynn Deniston, M.P.H. '62** "Happily retired for 10 years; gardening, fishing, square dancing."

**John E. Brockert, M.P.H. '65**, and his wife Mary B. have moved into a retirement community at Christus St. Joseph's Villa in Salt Lake City. He recently helped the Utah Dept. of Health celebrate 100 years of vital records in Utah. He was the leader of that program for nearly 30 years.

**Mildred F. Patterson, M.P.H. '65** "In Nov. '04 issue of *Quilter's Newsletter Magazine* is an article about my quilting; am enjoying activities in retirement home."

**Hazelle Junker Walker, M.P.H. '66** "Retired from the Indian Health Services, Southwest Area Office in 1982."

**Noel Chrisman, Ph.D., M.P.H. '67** "Immediate past president of the Society for Applied Anthropology. Three grandchildren enlivening my life. Still fully engaged in community-based participatory research at the University of Washington School of Nursing."

**Robert C. Harrell, M.P.H. '67** "U.S. Navy retired 8/41."

**Lawrence W. Green, Dr.P.H. '68, M.P.H. '66, B.S. '62**, visiting professor at the UC Berkeley School of Public Health, was recognized by the Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE) at its awards banquet in November 2004. In honor of Green's contributions as former editor of SOPHE's journal, the organization has named the award given to the best paper of the year the **Lawrence W. Green Award**.

**J.C. Montgomery, Jr., M.P.H. '68** "Celebrated 30th year at Texas Scottish-Rite Hospital for Children and 33 years of marriage to a UCSB graduate."

### 1970s

**Edwin P. Merwin, Ph.D., M.P.H. '70**, was listed in the 5th edition of *Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare*. "I owe much of my progress in this world to Berkeley," he writes. "This edition of *Who's Who* marks the 26th time I have been so honored. Many thanks to the faculty."

**Maida Taylor, M.D., M.P.H. '70**, was appointed clinical director of medical affairs in women's health products for Novo Nordisk. In this role, she designs clinical trials for women's health products and supports and oversees approval and marketing of those products.

**Victoria Clevenger, M.P.H. '72**, leads Heart2Heart, a program at the Clark County YWCA in Vancouver, Wash., which brings parents together with their 9- to 11-year-old daughters to foster communication, increase bonding, and help them understand each other about difficult, potentially thorny issues of puberty and sexuality. Clevenger is also case manager for Clark County's YW Housing, which provides affordable housing for homeless women.

**Frances F. Saunders, M.P.H. '72** "Do volunteer work with local congregation in community health and part-time acting. Have small business in interior redecorating; practice and still

committed to personal/group empowerment; organizing; social support."

**Kathie Westpheling, M.P.H. '72**, is executive director of the Association of the Clinicians of the Underserved ([www.clinicians.org](http://www.clinicians.org)), a non-profit, transdisciplinary organization of clinicians, advocates, and health care organizations united to improve the health of America's underserved populations and enhance the development and support of the health care clinicians serving these populations.

**Claude H. B. Brown, M.D., M.P.H. '73** "Fly fish with wife (Satyra) and cheer for 'Golden Bears' UCB."

**Martin Strosberg, M.P.H. '73**, is professor of health care policy and management and director of the M.B.A. program in health systems administration at the Graduate College of Union University, Schenectady, N.Y.

**Stanley A. Edlavitch, Ph.D. '74**, recently became senior adviser to the Scientific Advisory Team at MetaWorks Inc., a healthcare consulting company. He is also professor of epidemiology and director of epidemiology research at the University of Missouri School of Medicine, Kansas City. Edlavitch founded the International Society for Pharmacoepidemiology and served as its executive director for 15 years.

**Terry P. Bayer, M.P.H. '75**, has joined Molina Healthcare, Inc., as executive vice president of health plan operations with responsibility for operational oversight of the company's health plans.



**Arnold Milstein, M.D., M.P.H. '75**, received the Award for Excellence and Innovation in Value Purchasing from the National Business Group on Health this past March.

Milstein is medical director of the Pacific Business Group on Health, the largest health care purchaser's coalition in the United States. The award recognized his accomplishments over 20 years which have led to improvements in the health system, including more transparency and accountability for all purchasers and patients.

**David R. Reese, M.P.H. '75**, serves as regional epidemiologist for the seven-county Kentucky River District Health Department, where he participates in local and statewide activities to plan and deploy new electronic disease and health surveillance systems to improve the community's responsiveness to infectious disease outbreaks and prepare for possible bioterrorist threats. He teaches and mentors students as a community-based faculty member of the University of Kentucky's College of Medicine, Department of Family Practice and Community Medicine. Prior to moving to Kentucky in 2000, he served for more than 10 years as chief executive officer for local health departments and federally qualified health centers in the states of Idaho, Missouri, and Washington.

**Margot Smith, Dr.P.H. '77**, leads the local Gray Panthers to work for universal health care, peace, housing, and transportation. She continues to produce video documentaries and writes that she is having fun in retirement.

**Rebecca Landau, M.P.H. '78** "I've been doing consulting work for three years and also am on the faculty of the School of Medicine at Oregon Health & Science University."



**Dawn Liberi, M.P.H. '79**, recently became new mission director for Iraq at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Liberi is a

member of the senior foreign service and holds the rank of minister counselor. She has served for more than 20 years at USAID in five overseas posts and in Washington, DC. From 1998 to 2002, she served as the USAID Uganda mission director.

**Ginger Smyly, M.P.H. '79**, has been awarded the 2004 Dorothy B. Nyswander Award for Leadership in Health Education by the Northern California Chapter of the Society for Public Health Education. Smyly is deputy director, community health promotion and prevention, at the San Francisco Department of Public Health. The award recognizes health educators who demonstrate the qualities and performance standards of Dorothy B. Nyswander, long-

time UC Berkeley School of Public Health professor and health education pioneer.

### 1980s

**Jim Carpenter, M.D., M.P.H. '80** "Forensic pediatrician and hospitalist at Contra Costa Regional Medical Center. Coordinate child maltreatment program including SART [Sexual Assault Response Team], Child Interview Center medical evaluations, and Drug-Endangered Children Program. Teach family practice residents."

**Katharine Go Ang, M.P.H. '81**, has been working as a renal dietitian at DaVita Inc. dialysis centers in Yuba City and Marysville, Calif., for the past three years. She writes, "This was a big switch after working in the WIC program for 18 years. I really enjoy the clinical challenge working with dialysis patients." She lives in Yuba City with her husband, David, and daughter, Chris, age 15. Her son, Brian, attends UC Davis.

**David Hoskinson, M.P.H. '82, M.B.A.**, joined Pediatrix Medical Group in 1998 as vice president. He leads Pediatrix's managed care operations, including payor contracting, reimbursement analysis, and relations with health plans, insurance companies, and physician organizations. He is also responsible for state Medicaid public policy, advocacy, and government relations. "Grad school at Cal is the key to my professional success," he writes.

**Alan McKay, M.P.H. '83**, is executive director of a Central Coast Alliance for Health, a public, nonprofit health plan serving 85,000 MediCal, Healthy Families, and Healthy Kids members in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties, California.

**Susan K. Eckhardt, M.P.H. '85**, is an industrial hygienist in Cal/OSHA's enforcement office in Fremont, Calif. She has worked for Cal/OSHA since 1989. She lives with her husband Michael and 12-year-old son Stefan in Los Gatos, Calif.

**Joseph Engelman, M.D., M.P.H. '86**, has worked for the San Francisco Department of Public Health, Division of STD Prevention and Control, for nearly 20 years.

**Merry Grasska, M.P.H. '86**, has been named National School Nurse of the Year. She is lead nurse for the Newport-Mesa Unified School District in Southern California, where she has worked for 16 years.

**Richard Hirsh, M.P.H. '86** "Recently promoted to 'Distinguished Scientist' in the Global EHS Department of Rohm and Haas Company."

**Jean M. Stoll, M.P.H. '86** "I am once again in California. After receiving my M.P.H. in 1986, I held positions in Maryland, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Now I am the director of health promotion and public information for the Kern County Department of Public Health, here in Bakersfield. It is wonderful not to be dealing with a long, miserable winter and it's great to be close to family and friends again."

**James Spira, Ph.D., M.P.H. '87**, has been awarded two grants from the Office of Naval Research to study the benefits of virtual reality assisted graded exposure therapy in the treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder. He is conducting the studies at the Naval Medical Center and Camp Pendleton Marine Corps base in San Diego.



**Martha A. Ryan, R.N., M.P.H. '89**, who founded San Francisco's Homeless Prenatal Clinic in 1989, recently received a Bay Area Jefferson Award from CBS-5

for guiding countless mothers-to-be from homelessness to self-reliance. The clinic, which received an organizational Public Health Hero award from the UC Berkeley School of Public Health in 2003, serves nearly 2,400 families a year.

### 1990s

**Marcos Espinal, M.D., Dr.P.H. '95, M.P.H. '90**, is executive secretary of the World Health Organization's Stop TB Partnership. At a meeting last fall at UCLA, he discussed the correlation between HIV/AIDS and TB worldwide and the need to coordinate TB and HIV/AIDS programs. He noted that both HIV/AIDS and TB have become diseases of poverty.

**Leesa Linck, M.D., M.S. '90, M.P.H. '90** "Married to **Chris Hogness, M.P.H. '84, M.S. '86**, with seven-year-old daughter and five-year-old son. I'm working part-time as chief of the Department of Genetics, Kaiser Northwest. We love living in Portland, Ore."

**Daniel R. Merians, M.B.A., M.P.H. '90**, and his wife Elizabeth are enjoying Santa Fe, N.M., with their three boys, Griffin, 10, Drake, 6, and Wyatt, 4. Last year they designed and built a home four miles from Santa Fe's historic downtown plaza.

**Charles M. Crane, M.P.H. '92**, is president of the California TB Controllers Association for 2004–05.

**Julie Fishman, M.P.H. '92**, is working as a deputy branch chief in CDC's National Center for Environmental Health, Division of Laboratory Sciences. She is married and has a son.

**Ilana Addis, M.D., M.P.H. '96**, is an assistant professor at the University of Arizona in her hometown of Tucson. She is very excited about the university's plans to start a pelvic surgery department and women's continence center. She writes, "As the population ages (with many in Arizona), the needs of elderly women have to be addressed, and this department will be dedicated to advancing the research and clinical practice into the problems that elderly women face."

**Robert S. Brown, Jr., M.P.H. '96** "I serve as medical director of the Liver Transplant Program at New York Presbyterian and I am the happy father of three kids: Jacqueline (7), Dylan (5), and Jake (1). Susan and I also have a cat, Samantha."



Wanda J. Jones, M.P.H. '67, received the Distinguished Leadership Award from the Berkeley Graduate Program in Health Management Alumni Association on February 2, 2005, in recognition of her many contributions to the health care industry. Left to right: Dean Stephen Shortell, Wanda Jones, Professor Emeritus Ruth Stimson, Professor Tom Rundall, and award presenter Paul B. Hofmann, Dr.P.H. '94.

**Col. Barbara Famularo, M.P.H. '96** "With reserve assignment to U.S.A.F. National Security Emergency Preparedness Agency, one of two state of California emergency preparedness liaison officers for U.S.A.F."

**Daniel Gentry, Ph.D. '96**, has just returned to St. Louis University from a six month sabbatical which included HIV prevention work in Florida and Hawaii, taking advanced evaluation courses in D.C. and San Francisco, and immersion Spanish in Costa Rica.

**John F. Hough, Dr.P.H. '97**, serves as an epidemiologist at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md.

**Laura Amsden, M.D., M.S.W., M.P.H. '99** "I work at Northwestern University and manage the Illinois Families Study (IFS). The IFS is a six-year panel study of welfare reform in Illinois...One of the primary goals of IFS is to inform state legislators, Illinois Department of Human Services administrators, and other state and local policy makers about the experiences of families and children in the Illinois welfare program."

2000s

**Jerome Adams, M.D., M.P.H. '00** returned to Indiana to complete his M.D. training after graduating from SPH. "I always thought I would end up in a primary care residency but found that I enjoyed my anesthesia rotation quite a bit," he writes. "I decided on anesthesia but did a preliminary medicine year instead of a surgery internship as a kind of last test...During my medicine year, I took a foray into public health through the South Texas Environmental Education Research program...I'm moonlighting in an ER to keep my general medicine skills from deteriorating, and I'm hoping to eventually get a job in an academic anesthesia department, do some research, and volunteer my medical services." He and his wife, Lacey, are the parents of a son, Caden. 🐾

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**Kevin Urayama, M.P.H. '02**, was one of six young researchers to receive a Paul O’Gorman poster prize in September 2004 from Children with Leukaemia, a nonprofit organization in the U.K. The prize was for his poster, “Influence of cytochrome P450 1A1 genetic polymorphisms on the association between residential exposure to traffic and childhood leukemia.”

**Rose Hoban, M.Jour, M.P.H. '03**, has joined WUNC-FM, a public radio station in Chapel Hill, N.C., as health care beat reporter. Hoban, who earned her journalism degree at Berkeley, practiced nursing for 13 years and served as medical project coordinator for Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières program in Indonesia.

**Nitika Pai, M.D., M.P.H. '03** “Having served on student committees and also as student representative of the Alumni Association, I can say for sure that all the donations were useful

in conducting student activities, career cafés, pizza socials—activities that promoted all around academic enhancement and networking and enriched our learning in SPH.”

**Marilyn Kwan, Ph.D. '04**, was one of six young researchers to receive a Paul O’Gorman poster prize in September 2004 from Children with Leukaemia, a nonprofit organization in the U.K. The prize was for her poster, “Food consumption of children and risk of childhood leukemia.”

### Friends

**Christine D. Glogow** “Your alumnus Dr. Eli Glogow, who passed away 9-12-02, and was a professor of health administration at the University of Southern California, was my beloved husband. Your alumnus and former associate dean Nicholas Parlette (and Carol Holland Parlette) were two of our dearest friends. Eli took Nick as an intern while at the SPH at the SF. or Oakland Health Dept. and became great pals.”

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**1 Richard J. Jackson, M.D., M.P.H. '79** (right), was honored as the School of Public Health’s Alumnus of the Year at commencement ceremonies held May 14, 2005. Jackson was appointed California state public health officer by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in March 2004. His previous positions include director of the National Center for Environmental Health and senior adviser to the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Pictured with Jackson is Public Health Alumni Association president John Eastman, Ph.D., M.P.H. '80.

**2 Julie L. Gerberding, M.D., M.P.H. '90** (center), director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, received the Excellence in Achievement Award from the California Alumni Association at the Charter Banquet Gala on April 16, 2005, for her contributions to public health and her exceptional career accomplishments. Before becoming the first woman to lead the CDC in 2002, Gerberding was acting deputy director of the National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID), where she played a major role in leading CDC’s response to the anthrax bioterrorism events of 2001. She was elected to membership in the Institute of Medicine in fall 2004.

**3 Barbara C. Staggars, M.D., M.P.H. '80** (right), received the 2004 Peter E. Haas Public Service Award from Chancellor Robert J. Birgeneau (left) at his State of the Campus Address on April 16, 2005. She is the sixth recipient of this award, which honors the work of an individual who has made a significant impact on public service at the grassroots level. A board-certified pediatrician and adolescent medicine specialist, Staggars is director of the Adolescent Medicine Division at Children’s Hospital & Research Center in Oakland. She is a leader in adolescent medicine and a national authority on high-risk health behaviors of youth, urban and minority youth, youth violence, and health care issues of multicultural societies.