

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

Have you returned your 2005 records survey form recently mailed to alumni? The preferences that you submit on the records survey form will help the Public Health Alumni Association (PHAA) board of directors develop its goals and objectives for the next few years. To assure that PHAA is on target, we need your input. (If you did not receive a form, contact Trinidad Bidar at [trini@berkeley.edu](mailto:trini@berkeley.edu).)

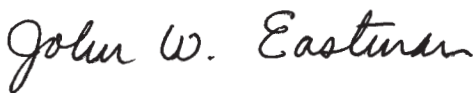
The top three preferences expressed by alumni in the previous 2001 survey were an **alumni directory**, **job listings**, and **professional development**. All three have been addressed by the School and the alumni association since then. The directory and job listings (subscribe to "sph-jobs") are provided at the UC website @cal (<http://sphalum.berkeley.edu>).

For professional development, the School provides a number of options. Alumni are now permitted to audit courses in the regular School curricula. The Faculty Council approved the auditing policy in September 2004. A formal academic grade is not issued to an auditor, but a certificate of successful completion may be awarded to document the auditor's professional development. An auditor must contact the individual faculty member to determine if space is available, and pay for course materials. To identify courses of interest, log onto [sph.berkeley.edu](http://sph.berkeley.edu), choose "Degrees & Programs," "Areas of Study," and follow the links to the curriculum of interest. Other options for professional development are listed in the column on the right.

I would like to express my appreciation to the PHAA board members for their very energetic and creative work on the board during my tenure as president of the Public Health Alumni Association. Parting members **George McCray** and **April Watson** deserve special thanks for the leadership they have provided for the past several years. **Leslie Louie** (M.P.H., BioMed '85; and Ph.D., Epi '90) has been elected the new president. She has long been active in the support of the School's programs. Her past commitment to the School and alumni affairs leads me to predict that the alumni can expect many achievements during her tenure.

As always, we encourage you to share your comments and suggestions. Please contact Eileen Pearl, associate director, external relations, (510) 643-6382, [phaa@berkeley.edu](mailto:phaa@berkeley.edu), and let us know how we are doing.

Sincerely,



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President, Public Health Alumni Association



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### Professional Development Resources for Alumni

#### SPH Faculty/School Curriculum

Alumni may subscribe to audit courses.  
<http://sph.berkeley.edu>

#### SPH e-News

Includes monthly list of symposia, conferences, lectures.  
E-mail [trini@berkeley.edu](mailto:trini@berkeley.edu)

#### Center for Occupational & Environmental Health

Offers continuing education series.  
<http://socrates.berkeley.edu/~coehce>

#### Center for Public Health Practice

Offers seminars, workshops.  
<http://sph.berkeley.edu/resources/cphp.htm>

#### Center for Infectious Disease Preparedness

Offers courses, workshops.  
<http://idready.org>

#### California Public Health Association-North

Holds conferences, meetings with continuing education credit.  
<http://www.cphan.org>

#### UC Extension

Offers distance learning classes with continuing education credit  
<http://www.unex.berkeley.edu>