

Alumni Notes

1940s

Maurine B. Lightwood, B.S. '47, Nursing Cert. '49, is a retired school nurse. She worked for 31 years with Ceres Unified School District in California. Previously she was a civil service staff nurse with the U.S. Army during the Korean War and also worked with the San Francisco Public Health Department.

1950s

Dan Funderburk, M.D., B.A. '50 "Much appreciation to Dorothy Nyswander and Bill Griffiths."

Henry P. Anderson, M.P.H. '56 "Celebrated 80th birthday with all five children and nine grandchildren."

John Brockert, M.P.H. '56 "My wife died in August 2005. I'm living alone in an independent apartment at St. Joseph Villa (Salt Lake City). It is a

long-term care facility with independent apartments, assisted living, semi-assisted, and dependent care."

Jovine Hankins, B.S. '56 "Just love traveling and enjoying visiting 2-year-old premie grandsons in Georgia. Volunteering when I'm home."

Glenn Hildebrand, M.P.H. '57, has been named vice chairman of the Access to Cancer Care Team for the California Dialogue on Cancer.

Chhaganbhai B. Bhakta, B.S. '58 "I am still looking for 1958 yearbook (B.S. degree holders). If any one has one, I want to buy and will pay up to \$251. After my prostate radiation therapy, my wife Sarojben and I went to England and Paris May to June 2007."

Beverly Collier Hilleary, M.P.H. '58 "Being retired is busy!—with three children in Colorado and California. Being a grandmother to one four-year-old is really fun. I'm health chairman in our

local AARP, church circle, home economics club, and Arapahoe County Council on Aging."

Barry Karlin, Dr.P.H., M.P.H. '59 "After serving in Thailand (1959–66), Pakistan (1966–69), Papua New Guinea (1988–92), and elsewhere, I am now 'retired,' meaning that I am tired all over again! I teach global health at the University of Colorado at Boulder, which includes taking students on study-tours abroad (Thailand in January '07 and Venezuela in January '08). Many of my students are engineers affiliated with Engineers Without Borders who wish to serve in developing countries."

1960s

Mildred F. Patterson, M.P.H. '65 "Celebrated 95th birthday on October 15, 2007. Still active."

Robert C. Harrell, M.P.H. '67 "Now reside in O'Connor Woods [Stockton, Calif.] with my wife of 62 years, Martha."

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Twin Alumnae Write of Triumph Over Cystic Fibrosis



The Power of Two (University of Missouri Press, 2007) is the first book to portray the symbiotic relationship of twins who share this life-threatening disease through adulthood. **Isabel Stenzel Byrnes, M.S.W., M.P.H. '98**, and **Anabel Stenzel, M.S. '97**, tell of their lifelong struggle to pursue normal lives with cystic fibrosis while grappling with the realization that they will die young. Their story reflects the physical and emotional challenges of a particularly aggressive form of CF and tells how the twins' bicultural

For most people, a diagnosis of cystic fibrosis (CF) means the certainty of a life ended too soon. But for twin girls with the disease, what began as a family's stubborn determination grew into a miracle.

heritage—Japanese and German—influenced the way they coped with these challenges.

Born in 1972, seventeen years before scientists discovered the genetic mutation that causes CF, Isabel and Anabel endured the daily regimen of chest percussion, frequent doctor visits, and lengthy hospitalizations. But they tell how, in the face of innumerable setbacks, their deep-seated dependence on each other allowed them to survive long enough to reap the benefits of the miraculous lung transplants that marked a crossroads in

their lives: "We have an old life—one of growing up with chronic illness—and a new life—one of opportunities and gifts we have never imagined before." In this memoir, they pay tribute to the people who shaped their experience.

Isabel Stenzel Byrnes works as a community outreach coordinator, and Anabel Stenzel works as a genetic counselor in pediatric genetics, both at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford in Palo Alto, California. 🍷

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Public Health Institute
Appoints Pittman
President and CEO

Mary Pittman, Dr.P.H. '87, M.C.P., now serves as president and chief executive officer of the Public Health Institute (PHI), one of the nation's largest nonprofit public health

organizations. Previously Pittman was president of the Chicago-based Health Research & Educational Trust (HRET).

From 1993 through 2007, Pittman led HRET's growth and development, synchronized the efforts of board members and research and educational professionals, and served on the executive staff of the American Hospital Association. Before assuming leadership of HRET, she was president and chief executive officer of the California Association of Public Hospitals.

"Mary Pittman has been a major contributor and leader of community health improvement efforts across the country, including founding the Coalition for Healthier Cities and Communities," said the Public Health Institute's board chair Robert Otto Valdez. "We are thrilled to have Dr. Pittman leading PHI."

In addition, over the course of her 25-year public health career, Pittman has authored several books and numerous peer-reviewed scientific journal articles, and developed public policy and legislative proposals to reduce health disparities and expand access and quality of health care to underserved populations.

Public Health Institute is an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting health, well-being and quality of life for people throughout California, across the nation and around the world. The institute now manages more than \$80 million in annual revenues and oversees more than 200 programs that are funded by grants and contracts from national and state government agencies and private foundations. 📍

1970s

David Werdegar, M.D., M.P.H. '70, is currently serving as president and CEO of the Institute on Aging (formerly the Goldman Institute on Aging) in San Francisco.

Leonard Doberne, M.D., M.S. '72 "After graduating from UCLA Medical School, I did internship and residency at Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle, followed by fellowship in endocrinology at Stanford. I have been in the private practice of endocrinology in Mountain View, California, for 26 years. I am recently active in health care policy issues, trying to preserve choice while promoting affordable health care."

David B. Dornan, M.P.H. '72 "Retired four years ago as director of Michigan's family planning program."

Deborah Stebbins, M.P.H. '73, was named chief executive officer of the Alameda Hospital in Alameda, California. She has served in a variety of leadership roles in health care management for more than 34 years, including president and chief executive officer of Alta Bates Ambulatory Health Services, president and chief executive officer of Seton Medical Center, and executive vice president of Masonic Homes of California.

Thomas M. Vogt, M.D., M.P.H. '74, presented the fall lecture of the 2007–08 Buffalo Center for Social Research Distinguished Scholars Series sponsored by the University at Buffalo School of Social Work. Vogt, who is senior investigator for the Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Research in Hawaii, discussed "Quality, Costs, and Special Interests: Can We Change Our Behavior in Time to Save U.S. Health Care?" His research focuses on improving preventive care, particularly long-term weight management, health care quality, and reducing health care costs. He is the author of more than 125 peer-reviewed publications and three books.

Winnie Chu, M.P.H. '76, is executive director of Survivors International, which provides services to survivors of torture and gender-based violence and advocacy against torture.

Daniel S. Janik, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H. '76, author of *A Neurobiological Theory and Method of Language Acquisition* (Lincom Europa, 2005), has published a second book on the neurobiology of learning titled *Unlock the Genius Within: Neurobiological Trauma, Teaching and Transformative Learning* (Rowman & Littlefield Education, 2006), which received both 2007 Eric Hoffer and Neurobiological Learning Society Choice Awards. Janik also produces environmental education documentary films. His latest, *Clean Water, Common Ground*, received two 2007 Telly Awards, for nature/wildlife documentary and for documentary.

Lisa Berkman, Dr.P.H. '77, has been appointed director of the Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies. Berkman is the Thomas Cabot Professor of Public Policy and of Epidemiology at the Harvard School of Public Health and currently chairs the Department of Society, Human Development and Health. Recognized for her groundbreaking work in the field of social epidemiology, she is noted for identifying the effects of social networks on mortality risks that helped define the field in the late 1970s. Harvard Provost Steven E. Hyman said, "She brings both expertise in population-based research and a long history of collaborative activities that will serve to reinvigorate the center, expand the breadth of its work, and involve faculty and students from across the university."

Gloria Grace, M.S.W., M.P.H. '77 "I happily retired at the end of June 2007 as the coordinator of the Women's Trauma Recovery Program at the National Center for PTSD at the VA in Menlo Park, California. I was not only a senior clinician but participated in teaching and research."

Marc Fine, M.P.H. '79, was named director of MissionWise™, a division of Comprehensive Health Education Foundation that mentors, trains, and consults with organizations on entrepreneurial strategies for the social sector. He is responsible for overseeing, planning, and implementation of all activities for the division and will initially lead a team of 10 professionals.

1980s

Jean Marie Naples, M.P.H. '80 "I am presently on disability as I recover from severe injuries sustained in a car accident when my car hydroplaned off a wet, rainy road and hit a tree."

M. Bridget Ahrens, M.P.H. '81, was elected to the board of directors of the American Immunization Registry Association.

Annette Goggio, M.P.H. '82, has launched a weekly radio program titled *A Quantum Moment*, which is currently broadcast from her website: www.aquantummoment.com.

Mary Rodrick, Ph.D. '82 "Retired after 23 years at Harvard Medical School doing research on regulation of immune response following thermal injury."

Cathy J. Tashiro, Ph.D., M.P.H. '83, received her Ph.D. in sociology from UCSF in 1998 and is currently on the faculty of the Nursing Program at the University of Washington Tacoma. She teaches classes in diversity, community, and population health. Her research and publications have focused on the meaning of race, mixed race identity, and issues of public housing residents.

Nina E. Grove, M.A., M.P.H. '84, was named vice president for commercial planning and strategy at OneWorld Health, the first nonprofit pharmaceutical company in the United States. She was promoted from senior program director, malaria, a role in which she led the product development and commercialization planning for OneWorld Health's malaria project and spearheaded a partnership selection process and due diligence review for OneWorld Health's semisynthetic artemisinin grant. During 20 years at Genentech, she held positions in product development, quality control, product operations, and most recently as director of commercial regulatory affairs.

Anna-Lisa Silvestre, M.P.H. '85, vice president for online services at Kaiser Permanente, was named to Google's newly formed Health Advisory Council in June 2007. Council members offer

Google feedback on ideas for new products and services that will empower consumers in their health care decisions. She has led Kaiser Permanente's efforts in the area of online health services for more than 10 years.

Victor Alterescu, M.P.H. '87 "I'm still alive!"

1990s

Jonathan Frisch, Ph.D., '90, M.P.H. '87, is the principal risk manager for PG&E Corporation's Enterprise Risk Management program. This past summer, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed him to the Cal/OSHA Standards Board.

Cate Teuten Bohn, M.P.H. '91 "I am moving on from the New York Assessment Initiative program to a new position with the New York State Council on Children and Families as the project director for the Kids' Well-being Indicators Clearinghouse (KWIC). KWIC is a council initiative aiming to advance the use of children's health, education, and well-being indicators as a toll for policy development, planning, and accountability. The Council on Children and Families is authorized to coordinate the state health, education, and human services systems as a means to provide more effective systems of care for children and families. I will be involved in different areas of the council's work, which has stayed true to its original intent—to be a neutral body within state government capable of negotiating solutions to interagency issues. This is an exciting career move for me and I am looking forward to it. Familywise, we're thriving in upstate New York with the boys in second grade (Evan) and kindergarten (Connor)."

Grayson Marshall, D.D.S., Ph.D., M.P.H. '92, is a professor at the UCSF School of Dentistry. He recently received the 2007 Wilmer Souder Distinguished Scientist Award from the International Association for Dental Research and was also elected vice president of the American Association for Dental Research.

Monica L. Villalta, M.P.H. '97, has joined Kaiser Permanente of the Mid-Atlantic States as director of diversity programs. She brings more than

15 years of experience in health care, cultural competency, and diversity. In 2003, she was selected by the Annie E. Casey Foundation as a Children and Family Fellow, and she also served as director of programs for Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care from 1999 to 2002. Most recently, she spent three years with the District of Columbia government in a number of critical roles.

2000s



Arnab Mukherjea, M.P.H. '02, is a third-year student in the Dr.P.H. program at the UC Berkeley School of Public Health. This past fall, he presented a lecture for the Asian Pacific

American Medical Students Association national conference at Stanford and UCSF medical schools on the subject of South Asian health, which is also his dissertation topic. He received a Cornelius Hopper Diversity Fellowship Award from the Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program of the University of California for his research investigating the role of the tobacco industry in using South Asian products for tobacco promotion. He spoke on a panel alongside Alameda County health director **Tony Iton, M.D., J.D., M.P.H. '97**, for the Association of Health Care Journalists about the role of media in covering multicultural health in the Bay Area. In addition, he recently completed his term as chair of the Asian Pacific Islander Caucus for Public Health, in official relations with the American Public Health Association (APHA), and was recognized at this past November's APHA Annual Meeting and Exposition in Washington, D.C.

Michael P. Wilson, Ph.D. '03, M.P.H. '98,



was among two dozen of the nation's top scientists and engineers tapped to join the California Green Chemistry Scientific Advisory Panel. The panel of experts will guide California's Department of Toxic Substances Control on

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scientific matters and provide the technical basis for the new California Green Chemistry Initiative, a new program to cut toxic chemicals in consumer products.

Krisztina Szabo, M.P.H. '05 "The Salvador School Project, our school rebuilding effort in Pau da Lima, in the community of Baixa Fria, started in the summer of 2004. Nearly three years ago we wanted to rebuild an *escolinha* (small school), which housed approximately 50 children before it collapsed due to floods and rain. We made big progress over the last year due to the dedication, hard work, compassion, and belief of many in the United States, Brazil, and Hungary. As a Fulbright Fellow, I spent 15 months in Salvador and just returned recently after participating with a tuberculosis project at a local pulmonary hospital. These months also allowed me to participate with the building of the school and to engage

in grassroots organizing by utilizing elements of participatory action work through the empowerment of children and adults. This year, we established a legal Brazilian nonprofit organization called



Clube das Mães (The Mother's Club) in Salvador with eight board members who live in the community. In 2007, we were fortunate to receive nearly \$3,000 in donations. Also, Westlake Elementary School in Michigan initiated a school drive among elementary school students, which led to the collec-

tion of a large suitcase of school items. We also held a Children's Beauty Day with a Salvadorian salon, Jacque & Janine. Currently the school functions daily with literacy and art classes, providing food and a safe environment for the children of Baixa Fria. Visit us at www.brazilreads.com."

Sang-ick Chang, M.D., M.P.H. '06, was appointed CEO of San Mateo Medical Center after serving as interim CEO since May 2007. San Mateo Medical Center is a department of San Mateo County, California, and a fully accredited public hospital and clinic system. The medical center operates 11 clinics throughout the county, an acute-care hospital, and long-term care facilities in San Mateo and Burlingame. 📍



Spring 2008 Calendar

Dean's Colloquium Overcoming Poverty and Improving Global Health: Strategies That Work

March 14 (Friday), 3–4:30 p.m.

150 University Hall, UC Berkeley campus

Speaker: **Helene Gayle**, president and CEO of CARE; former director of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's HIV, TB and Reproductive Health program; and former director of the CDC's National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention

12th Annual Public Health Heroes Awards Ceremony

April 2 (Wednesday), 6:30 p.m.

Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco

The Public Health Heroes honor recognizes individuals and organizations for their significant contributions and exceptional commitment to promoting and protecting the health of the human population. 2008 awardees: International Hero, **Donald P. Francis**; National Hero, **David A. Kessler**; Regional Hero, **Barbara Stagers**; Organizational Hero, **International Medical Corps**
www.publichealthheroes.org

Cal Day

April 12 (Saturday), 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Take in all that Berkeley has to offer at the campus's annual open house and see why Cal is the world's premier public university. The schedule will feature numerous public health events. calday.berkeley.edu

Spring Alumni Brunch and Silent Auction

April 27 (Sunday), silent auction 9 a.m.; program and brunch, 11:30 a.m.
Garden Room, Clark Kerr campus, 2601 Waring Street, Berkeley

The Public Health Alumni Association board of directors cordially invites faculty and alumni to attend the 2008 Spring Brunch, Annual Meeting and Silent Auction. Gather with colleagues for food, camaraderie, and an opportunity to support the alumni association's work. Watch sph.berkeley.edu for details.



Annual Edward E. Penhoet Lecture on Biology, Behavior, and Environment

April 29 (Tuesday), 4–5:30 p.m.

Location TBA, UC Berkeley campus

Speaker: **R. Alta Charo**, Warren P. Knowles Professor of Law & Bioethics at the University of Wisconsin

For a complete calendar of events at the School, visit sph.berkeley.edu/calendar.html