

President's Message

Dear Alumni and Friends:

Warm greetings on behalf of the Public Health Alumni Association (PHAA) board of directors! Over the past year, our very dedicated board has been busy working on a variety of activities, some of which I will describe here in my first message to you. I am truly honored to serve as president of the PHAA board of directors and look forward to a long and fruitful collaborative partnership with our alumni, current students (future alumni!), and the School and its friends.

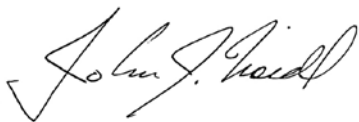
First, please join me in welcoming our five new directors: **Shahram Ahari, M.P.H., '05**; **R. Berna Atik Watson, M.D., M.P.H. '99**; **Timothy M. Sankary, M.D., M.P.H. '80**; **Rosa Vivian Fernandez, M.P.H. '91**; and **Michael L. Fischman, M.P.H. '82**. Each has joined us for a three-year term beginning in July 2009. I would also like to thank our five outgoing members of the board. **Laurel Davis, M.P.H. '94, C.I.H.**, has worked on the Alumni Network/Outreach Committee as well as the Continuing Education and Professional Development Committee. **Joan Lam, B.S. '62**, has worked on the Scholarship Committee, the Fund Development Committee, and the Alumni Network/Outreach Committee. Joan has also contributed to the Communications Advisory Board and the Reshetko Scholarship Committee. **Julie Brown, M.B.A., M.P.H. '85**, served as chair of the inaugural Fund Development Committee, successfully raising funds for student scholarships. **P. Robert Beatty, Ph.D. '94**, served on the Scholarship Committee for three years, awarding scholarships to deserving students, and he also contributed to helping recruit outstanding new board members by his participation on the Nominations Committee, chaired by outgoing board member, **Harvey Bichkoff, M.P.H. '85**. In addition, Harvey has volunteered on the Alumni Network/Outreach Committee. We sincerely thank each member for enriching our board these past years.

We are pleased to announce that this year, thanks to the commitment of our alumni and friends, we were able to offer 65 PHAA scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 each for the 2009–2010 academic year. Scholarship recipients and donors who made the awards possible will be honored during our Scholarship Tea, traditionally held in the fall. Alumni have identified student scholarships as a priority for PHAA, and we are delighted to make progress on this front. We believe that offering these kinds of scholarships is part of what has attracted almost 800 applications for our various master's programs—up significantly over last year!

Finally, we held our fourth annual Silent Auction on April 30, and it was wildly successful, raising almost \$9,000 for student scholarships. The Silent Auction continues to be an effective vehicle in helping us raise funds to support student scholarships and other priorities identified through our alumni surveys.

We will continue to focus on our priority areas (scholarships, professional development, and diversity in public health) and increase active participation in our membership. We will be conducting new alumni surveys over the coming year to make sure we are in touch with you. Meanwhile, if you are already interested in partnering with us in one way or the other, please contact me through Eileen Pearl, director of external relations programs, at phaa@berkeley.edu.

Sincerely,



John Troidl, Ph.D. '01, M.B.A.
President, Public Health Alumni Association



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Alumni Notes

1950s

Bernice Robertson, M.P.H. '55, received a 2008 Jefferson Award—which honors outstanding community volunteers—in a ceremony at the Steinbeck Center in Salinas, California. A tireless fundraiser, she has donated her time for the past 15 years to Camp Opportunity, which provides a summer respite for children involved with Santa Cruz County Child Protective Services. Her other volunteer activities include working at Second Harvest food distribution centers, organizing the Santa Cruz County's annual Adopt-A-Family holiday gift program, working as an on-site nurse for an

annual Rotary bicycle ride fundraiser, giving flu shots to seniors, and collecting socks for Romanian children. The Jefferson Award was created by the American Institute for Public Service and is sponsored by KSBW-TV8, HSBC Card Services, and Salinas Valley Healthcare System.

David C. Gan, B.S. '56 "Post-retirement from the California State Health Department activities: Center for Learning in Retirement, Alumni Association scholarship evaluations and interviews, published a paper 'Liquid Water on Mars' on mission to Mars, campus projects. The Phoenix confirmed our idea that liquid water is possible on Mars."

Glenn Hildebrand, M.P.H. '57, was recently named chairman of the California Dialogue on Cancer, which is implementing the state plan for cancer control.

Chhanganbhai B. Bhakta, B.S. '58 "I am so happy that I made it to 50 years since I left UC in 1958. (I joined in 1956 for one year for the M.P.H. program, and then got a B.S. in 1958 in environmental sanitation, and an R.S. Certificate from the State of California Health Department in 1958 also.) As a foreign student from India, I could not accept employment. I had to leave the country in 1959. There was no job for me in India. Luckily, I worked in England from 1959 to 1964, for the Leeds Hospital Board, as a scientific officer in the Ministry of Health, and as a food technologist-microbiologist with Marsh & Baxter Ltd., Birmingham, England. I came to study health education at San Diego State University in 1965, qualified with a civil service examination, and joined the Los Angeles County Health Department as a public health microbiologist. I retired from the County of Los Angeles in 1995. My wife Sarojben and I became U.S. citizens in 1972. We have one son, Sanjay, who is working with Kaiser Permanente in internal medicine as a physician, and three granddaughters. Love and happiness prevail 50 years after my graduation from the University of California. I am satisfied and enjoying my family life in this adopted country, U.S.A."

Marmot honored for health services research



Sir Michael Marmot Ph.D. '75, M.P.H. '72, a professor at the University College London, was selected as the 2008

recipient of the William B. Graham Prize for Health Services Research in recognition of his lifelong achievements and contributions to the field of health services research. The prize, sponsored by the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA) and The Baxter International Foundation, was awarded on June 7, 2008, at the AUPHA annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

"Professor Marmot's research has revolutionized our thinking about the causes of heart disease and other illnesses," said Thomas Rundall, executive associate dean of the UC Berkeley School of Public Health and chair of the award selection committee. "He documented that one's socioeconomic position, and in particular the mental benefits of being in control of one's life, are important determinants of health."

As director of the International Institute for Society and Health at the University College London, Marmot has led a research group on health inequities for the last 30 years, which investigates

explanations for the inverse social gradient in morbidity and mortality, such as the link between low control at work and increased risk of cardiovascular disease. In addition, he is the principal investigator of the Whitehall Studies of British civil servants and leads the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing.

"[Marmot's] work has transformed our understanding of the causes of health inequities, inspired new approaches to human resource management, and motivated many innovative community-based programs to strengthen social capital," said Rundall.

The William B. Graham Prize, established in 2005, is the most prestigious and highly regarded recognition an individual researcher can receive in a career of health services research. The individual receives \$25,000 and a designated institution supportive of the winner's work also receives \$25,000, ensuring that the prize builds support for health services research within higher education, government, and research communities.

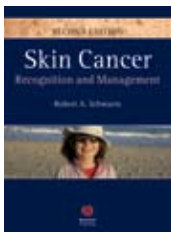
"Improving the health of those who are socially disadvantaged is a reward in itself," said Marmot. "To receive a prestigious award for this work is a way of highlighting this whole field of endeavor, in which many of us have been involved. I am delighted."

1960s

James Lee Dallas, M.P.H. '66, taught public health education to nursing students at a vocational school in Xinyang, China, for four months in 2008.

Snehendu Kar, Dr.P.H. '66, M.P.H. '64, retired on March 1, 2009, after three decades of teaching at UCLA. He has accepted an invitation to join the Public Health Foundation of India as Distinguished Professor and academic adviser. Kar served in many leadership positions at UCLA, including associate dean and chair of the then-single-department School of Public Health; founding director of the Executive Style M.P.H. program (Community Health Sciences); founding director of the Public Health Practice Office; head of the Behavioral Sciences and Health Education Division; and chair of Asian American Studies.

1970s



Robert A. Schwartz, M.D., M.P.H. '70, is completing his 25th year as professor and head of dermatology at the New Jersey Medical School. The second edition of his book,

Skin Cancer: Recognition and Management, was recently published (Blackwell, 2008).

Marsha Epstein, M.D., M.P.H. '71 "After 25 years as medical director of various public health clinics in L.A. County, I transferred in Sept. '07 to chronic disease and injury prevention. I'm working on physician education about tobacco."

Daniel Lindheim, Ph.D., M.C.P., M.P.H. '72, was appointed Oakland city administrator by Mayor Ron Dellums, after serving as acting city administrator for seven months. He was unanimously confirmed by the Oakland City Council on February 5, 2009. Before that, he served as interim director of Oakland's Community and Economic Development Agency.



Alice L. Royal, M.P.H. '72, authored the book *Allensworth, the Freedom Colony: A California African American Township*. Released to coincide with

Allensworth's centennial celebration, the book tells the story of how, from 1908 to 1918, some 300 families relocated to California's Central Valley to establish a town African Americans could call their own. Allensworth now exists as Col. Allensworth State Historic Park. Royal, a descendant of the town's first settlers, has volunteered for the park for the past 30 years.

Betty Olson, Ph.D. '74, has been appointed to the Western States Water Council. She has served at UC Irvine for more than 30 years, currently as professor of civil and environmental engineering at the Henry Samueli School of Engineering. She is also founding director of the Urban Water Research Center, where she has served as associate director since 2006 and was interim director from 2001 to 2003.

George Cernada, Dr.P.H. '75, M.P.H. '65 "Still editing *International Quarterly of Community Health Education*—now in 27th volume/year."

Jared Fine, D.D.S., M.P.H. '75, dental health administrator for the Alameda County Department of Public Health in Oakland, received the Myron Allukian Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award for Outstanding Achievements in Community Dental Programs during the American Association of Community Dental Program's Annual Meeting in April 2008. He was honored for his exemplary service to communities, distinguished leadership, creativity in promoting essential public health services, achieving results through collaborative efforts with other health professionals and organizations, and demonstrating sensitivity to addressing the needs of special populations.

Michael Williams, M.S. '75, was recently elected a fellow of the American Industrial Hygiene Association.

Daniel S. Janik, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H. '77, has published a book, *Footprints, Smiles and Little White Lies*, a compendium of his award-winning poems from the 1960s and 1970s, including the poem "Ministry of Peace." In the work, Janik touches on a number of social issues of the 1960s that he believes have begun to resurface. A retired physician, he currently teaches English and writing at Intercultural Communications College in Honolulu, where he is also director of American academic programs.

Atwood D. Gaines, Ph.D., C.Phil., M.A., M.P.H. '78, was named editor-in-chief of *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry: An International Journal of Cross-Cultural Health Research*. He is also professor of anthropology, bioethics, nursing, and psychiatry at Case Western Reserve University and its schools of nursing and medicine in Cleveland.

Margaret Stahler, Ph.D., N.D., M.P.H. '78, has opened Madrona Naturopathic Clinic in Philomath, Oregon. She studied naturopathic medicine at Bastyr University in Seattle. Her specialty is in cranial sacral therapy—a light-touch osteopathic therapy—practiced as energy medicine.

Patrick Sweeney, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H. '78, received the Women & Infants Medical Staff Association Distinguished Service Award at Women & Infants Hospital's 125th Annual Meeting in December 2008. He has served the Providence, R.I., hospital for more than two decades and currently directs the Division of Ambulatory Care. He has also been associate dean of medicine for continuing medical education at Brown University since 1992 and a professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

1980s

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

Merle Lustig, M.P.H. '81, is director of partnerships, policy, research, and evaluation at the UC Santa Cruz Educational Partnership Center. She lives in Santa Cruz with her husband Ron and son Ben.

Linda Rudolph, M.D., M.P.H. '81, was appointed deputy director for the Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion in the California Department of Public Health by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger in July 2008. From 2005 to 2008, she was health officer and director of public health for the city of Berkeley. From 2001 to 2005, she served as chief medical officer for the California Department of Health Services and as a medical consultant in Medi-Cal Managed Care.

Angela Browne-Miller, Ph.D., D.S.W., M.P.H. '83, had two books come out in Spring 2009: *Raising Thinking Children and Teens: Guiding Mental and Moral Development* (ABC-Clio), and the *Praeger International Collection on Addictions* (Praeger-Greenwood). She has written some 20 books, including *To Have and to Hurt: Recognizing and Changing, or Escaping, Patterns of Abuse in Intimate Relationships* (Praeger-Greenwood, 2007), and hundreds of articles, and has lectured at UC Berkeley for more than a decade. She is director of the Metaxis Institute based in Corte Madera, California.

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Alumni Notes, continued

Marilyn Silva, Ph.D. '84 "I work for the Department of Pesticide Regulation at Cal EPA and every day I use information I learned in my Ph.D. program at Cal!"

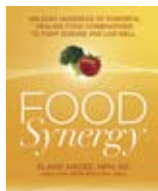
Ann-Marie Askew, M.P.H. '85 "Retired and living in Eugene, Oregon. I volunteer on the hotline of a domestic violence agency, usher at a performing arts center, hike and snowshoe with an outdoors club, and work on my memoir."



Harvey D. Bichkoff, M.P.H. '85, coauthored a chapter, "Job Application and Contract Negotiation in Community Practice," in a book titled, *Achieving*

Career Success in Oncology, A Practice Guide.

A publication of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, the book is designed as a guide for early career decisions for fellows and physicians beginning their job search in both academia and private practice.



Elaine (Moquette) Magee, M.P.H. '85, R.D.

"Just wanted to let you all know about my latest book, *Food Synergy* (Rodale). There's more and more evidence that

certain components in the foods and beverages we consume interact with each other to give our bodies extra disease protection and a higher level of health. It's when 1 + 1 = 4! To find out more about the book, visit amazon.com or www.recipedoctor.com."

Robert L. Wiebe, M.D., M.B.A.,

M.P.H. '85, joined Catholic Healthcare West, the nation's eighth largest hospital system, as senior vice president/chief medical officer. He leads all clinical and patient care services throughout the organization's 41 hospitals across California, Arizona, and Nevada, including quality, patient safety, patient satisfaction, risk services, and physician leadership development. Most recently, he was director of the Veterans Integrated Service Network 21 in San Francisco.

Ken Bogen, Dr.P.H. '86, M.P.H. '82, has joined the Oakland office of Exponent, Inc., as a

managing scientist for environmental exposure, toxicity, and risk analysis projects, after 21 years as a UC environmental scientist at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Since his doctoral work at the School of Public Health, he has served in the following capacities: Member of the National Research Council (NRC) committees that issued *Science and Judgment in Risk Assessment* (1994) and *Review of the Army's Technical Guides on Assessing and Managing Chemical Hazards to Deployed Personnel* (2004); president of the Northern California Chapter of the Society for Risk Analysis (1995); chair of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's Chronic Hazards Advisory Panel on Diisononyl Phthalate (2000–2001); chair of the 2006 Naphthalene State of the Science Symposium Metabolism and Mode of Action Panel; and expert panelist at the 2007 Workshop on Uncertainty in Cancer Risk Based on Bioassay Data, held by the NRC Standing Committee on Risk Analysis Issues and Reviews.



Bruce S. Steir, M.D., M.P.H. '86 has published a new memoir, *Jailhouse Journal of an OB/GYN* (www.jailhousejournal.com). Written during his six-month

incarceration, Steir's book traces his career as an OB/GYN and a full-time abortion provider. In 1996, a patient died following complications from a second trimester abortion in Riverside County, California. Ten months later, Steir was arrested and charged with second-degree murder. In a much-publicized case, Steir surrendered his medical license and pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter. The memoir gives insights into his motivations to study medicine, become an OB/GYN and provide abortions, his experiences as an intern, resident, and medical officer in the U.S. military, and his anecdotal experiences in the jailhouse environment while incarcerated. Steir writes, "Riverside County Court has expunged my conviction. I have been reelected for a third term as senior senator in the California Senior Legislature."

Jean (Droney) Stoll, M.P.H. '86 "I have been working at Beale Air Force Base for the past year and a half. After spending many years working

in university and community health, I find working in a military setting very challenging and exciting! It would be great to hear from old friends. Drop me a line at jean.stoll.ctr@us.af.mil."



Marilyn Winkleby, Ph.D., '86, M.P.H. '83, was selected to win the 2008 Athena award from the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce in recognition of her work with the Stanford Medical

Youth Science Program. Founded by Winkleby in 1988, the program recruits low-income high school students to attend a five-week summer biomedical program led by undergraduates at Stanford. The national Athena honor, awarded by local organizations, honors women who have demonstrated excellence, creativity, and initiative, who have devoted time to improving the lives of others and who help other women leaders.

Gary Pasternak, M.D., M.P.H. '87,

was named medical director for Hospice of the Valley—a provider in advancing palliative end-of-life care and community grief education in Santa Clara County—in Dec. 2008. Since 1989, he has been associate chief for primary care internal medicine at Santa Clara County Health and Hospital System, where he practices and teaches in the internal medicine residency program, and he is currently attending on Palliative Care Consult Service. He is board-certified in internal medicine and in hospice and palliative medicine.

Lucky Ehigiator, Dr.P.H. '89, M.P.H. '83,

is the pioneer dean of the College of Health Sciences at Tubman University in Liberia, where he is working to build the regional institution from scratch. The college will offer seven degree programs in public health.

Gopal Sankaran, M.D., Dr.P.H. '89,

M.P.H. '83, won the 2008 Mid-Career Award in International Health from the American Public Health Association and was elected to a second two-year term as governing councilor of the American Public Health Association, representing the International Health Section.

1990s



Jason Eberhart-Phillips, M.D., M.P.H. '90, was named state health officer and director of health at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment in Feb. 2009.

As director of the department's Division of Health, he oversees more than 400 employees. He had been serving as health officer for El Dorado County, California, since 2006, and prior to that, he was a senior lecturer in the Department of Preventive and Social Medicine at the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand. He also served as chronic disease director for the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, and in the early 1990s as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer for the CDC. He received his medical degree from UCSF.

Lou Fintor, Ph.D., M.P.H. '90, became the press attaché and country information officer for the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan, in Aug. 2008. His responsibilities include acting as the embassy's spokesman as well as facilitating media interviews, press briefings, and other activities with the ambassador and other embassy officials. He was previously press attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan, spokesman at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq, and had press assignments at the U.S. Mission to NATO, Brussels, and at the U.S. Office in Pristina, Kosovo.

Rob Tufel, M.S.W., M.P.H. '90, recently began a new job as executive director of the Ben and Catherine Ivy Foundation, a newly formed family foundation dedicated to funding brain tumor (glioma) research. For the past 12 years he was executive director of the National Brain Tumor Foundation.



Garrett Brown, M.P.H. '91, mobilized eight experts from the Maquiladora Health and Safety Support Network (a volunteer network of 400 occupational health and safety professionals) to travel to Cananea, Mexico. The purpose was to investigate occupational and environmental health hazards facing 1,200 employees on strike from their jobs with the multinational

Nevarez Elected Next President of APHA



Carmen Nevarez, M.D., M.P.H. '88, will be the next president of the American Public Health Association (APHA), the nation's oldest and largest organization for public health professionals. The association's governing council elected her in Oct. 2008 during its session at the 136th APHA Annual Meeting in San Diego. Nevarez is a former member of APHA's executive board and served as vice president of APHA's Latino Caucus. She will serve one year as APHA president-elect before assuming the presidency at the close of the 137th APHA Annual Meeting, which will be held Nov. 7-11, 2009, in Philadelphia. Past presidents of APHA include UC Berkeley School of Public Health professor emerita and former dean **Joyce C. Lashof, M.D.**, and alumnus **Michael Bird, M.P.H. '83**.

Nevarez is vice president for external relations and preventive medicine adviser at the independent nonprofit Public Health Institute, where she is responsible for public health advocacy, incubating new project areas, and developing relationships with health and public health organizations and interests. She also serves as co-investigator for the California Comparative Teen Birth Rate Study. Nevarez was formerly the health officer and department director of the City of Berkeley's Health and Human Services Department. She is past president of the California Public Health Association—North and former board chair of the California Center for Public Health Advocacy.

employer, Grupo Mexico. The team conducted interviews with 70 striking miners, tested their lung function, and provided physician consultations to discuss test results. The final report was issued in Jan. 2008. Brown presented the findings to a national forum of the Mexican Ministers union in Cananea the following month.

Claudia (Colindres) Johnson, M.P.P., M.P.H. '92, joined Pro Bono Net in April 2008 as court collaboration circuit rider. She was previously part of the management team at Bay Area Legal Aid in Oakland, where she implemented and managed the Legal Advice Line, a team of cross trained multilingual advocates providing real time counsel and advice in four areas of law across seven counties. Prior to that, she was a supervising attorney at the Volunteer Legal Services Program in San Francisco. She supervised the pro bono panel for eviction and consumer defense cases, and intake and placement for eviction, consumer, federal, and family law. She started her legal services career in Philadelphia, where she was a Skadden Fellow working on managed care. In addition to her degree from the School of Public Health, she is a graduate of the Goldman School of Public Policy at

UC Berkeley and the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Donna Abrams, M.B.A., M.P.H. '93, has joined Alameda Alliance for Health as quality oversight manager. The Alliance is a not-for-profit health plan that provides health care coverage to nearly 90,000 low-income residents of Alameda County. In her new role, she will ensure that the Alliance maintains and continually improves its process to address all quality, service, or other issues brought forward by Alliance members or by physicians or other health care providers that offer services to Alliance members. She has 25 years' experience in the health care arena and most recently was a compliance and privacy practice specialist for TPMG Kaiser Permanente in Oakland.



Cheri Pies, Dr.P.H. '93, M.P.H. '85, was elected to the board of directors of the National Women's Health Network, a membership-based organization working to improve the health of all women by developing and promoting a critical analysis of health issues in order to affect policy and support consumer decision making.

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Alumni Notes, continued

Bird and D'Onofrio Named 2009 Alumni of the Year

Two distinguished alumni—one a champion for Native American health, the other a community health educator and professor emerita—accepted Alumni of the Year awards at the School of Public Health's 2009 Commencement on May 16.



Michael E. Bird, M.P.H. '83, is past president of the American Public Health Association (2000–2001) and was the first Native American and first social worker ever to hold that office. A public health consultant, he has more than 25 years of public health experience in the areas of medical social work, substance abuse prevention, health promotion and disease prevention, HIV/AIDS prevention, behavioral health, and health care administration.

Most recently he served as regional director for the implementation of a statewide behavioral health program for Native Americans in New Mexico with ValueOptions—New Mexico, a national behavioral health company. Prior to that, he served as executive director of the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center, where he increased and strengthened the provision of technical assistance in HIV programs for American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaii communities. He worked with the United States Public Health Service for more than 20 years, from 1977 to 2000. In 2003 he received the Minority Congressional Caucuses Healthcare Hero Award.



Carol D'Onofrio, Dr.P.H. '73, M.P.H. '60, is a professor emerita at the UC Berkeley School of Public Health and an active research scientist studying breast cancer, prostate cancer, and tobacco-related diseases. She has collaborated with community organizations to improve breast screening access for women with disabilities and to increase quality-of-life for both survivors and patients nearing the end of life. As a faculty member at the School for 30 years, she headed the program in community health education,

mentoring numerous students, leading research projects, and teaching graduate courses in social and behavioral theory, community organization, research methods, group dynamics, and health program planning and evaluation. Since her retirement in 1994, she has consulted on research and evaluation projects and volunteered on boards of numerous organizations. Throughout her career, she has been committed to protecting and promoting the health of vulnerable populations. Her particular passion is actively involving stakeholders in the development, delivery, and evaluation of evidence-based, culturally appropriate, and sustainable intervention programs in community, school, and clinical settings.



Bruce Kieler, Dr.P.H. '94, M.P.H. '88, received a Fulbright Senior Research Scholar Award in Global/ Public Health for 2007–2008.

The grant enabled him to study the role of community participation in planning and implementing health

and safety strategies in villages in rural and semi-rural areas of southern India. While in India, he was affiliated with the Y.R. Gaitonde Centre for AIDS Research and Education in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. After returning, he presented a poster session titled "Fulbright Grants for International Studies" at the 5th Annual International Educational Conference in Houston. In Oct. 2007, Kieler attended the 4th Annual Tamil Epigraphy Workshop held at the

University of Paris. While at the Sorbonne, he was invited to present a lecture on the methodological issues relevant to the study of community participation in health planning in India. Kieler also received a National Science Foundation Fellowship in 2007, which enabled him to participate in the annual Bio-Link Summer Fellows Forum held at UC Berkeley.

Laura Thomas, M.P.P., M.P.H. '95, has joined Drug Policy Alliance Network (DPA) as deputy state director, San Francisco, where she oversees DPA's Model City Initiative for San Francisco. She has 20 years' experience in HIV and public health policy. She first became involved in AIDS as an activist with ACT UP in San Francisco. Most recently, she was a consultant specializing in HIV policy and planning, with clients ranging from the California State Office of AIDS to the National Association of People with AIDS. Before that, she worked for Tenderloin Health and Continuum HIV Day Services, nonprofit health and social service providers serving a predominantly homeless population in San Francisco's Tenderloin neighborhood, and for the San Francisco Department of Public Health. She has been a needle exchange volunteer for more than 10 years.

Dan Gentry, Ph.D. '96, M.H.A., has moved to Chicago to join the faculty of the Department of Health Systems Management at Rush University Medical Center, after 13 years at the St. Louis University School of Public Health.

Simon Craddock Lee, Ph.D., M.P.H. '98
"After four years in Washington, D.C., I wrapped up a postdoctoral appointment as a cancer prevention fellow in the ethics of prevention and public health. This summer I joined the faculty at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center to pursue interests I began to develop back at Berkeley. Like UCSF, Southwestern is a graduate health sciences research campus built around a medical school. Being the only medical anthropologist presents many opportunities, and I'm excited about growing the medical humanities in Dallas and planning population (social/behavioral) sciences at the Cancer Center. Dallas could not be more different than the Bay Area, yet I'm having a blast! Come visit—the smoking ban is in the works!"

Karen Shore, Ph.D. '98 "After two years as a director at the Center for Health Improvement (CHI) in Sacramento, I'm now serving as interim president and CEO. CHI is a national, independent, nonprofit health policy and technical assistance organization dedicated to improving population health and encouraging healthy behaviors. With support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Agency for Healthcare Quality and Research, we have two major projects underway to provide technical assistance to communities across the country working collaboratively to improve health care quality and manage costs."

Caroline Tanner, M.D., Ph.D. '98, received an Excellence in Achievement award from the California Alumni Association at the Charter Gala on April 5, 2008. One of the most prominent researchers studying Parkinson's disease and other movement disorders, Tanner researched the emergence of Parkinson's in identical and fraternal twins, testing the strength of genetic and environmental factors. Her current work investigates the link between Parkinson's and pesticides. She hopes to compare maps of California showing concentrations of Parkinson's cases and areas of high pesticide use. She is a member of the scientific advisory board for the Michael J. Fox Foundation and an adviser for the U.S. Congress-directed agenda for Parkinson's disease research.

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Susan Chapman, Ph.D. '00, was appointed associate professor in the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences in the School of Nursing at UCSF in Aug. 2008. She teaches in the master's and doctoral programs in health policy in nursing. Her expertise is in the area of health workforce supply and demand analysis, strategic planning, job satisfaction and career commitment, and workforce diversity and career development. She has a particular focus on the long-term care workforce and planning for the future care of older and disabled populations. She will be expanding her research to examine the dynamics of the global health workforce.

Urmimala Sarkar, M.D., M.P.H. '00

"I recently joined the faculty at UCSF's School of Medicine, Department of Medicine, Division of General Internal Medicine. I study patient safety for vulnerable chronic disease populations. I am particularly interested in health communication and safety, and applying health information technology to this issue. I enjoy living in San Francisco with my husband Ted Omachi, our son Nikaash, age 2.5, and our daughter Mihika, 4 months."

Craig van Roekens, M.D., M.B.A.,

M.P.H. '00, was appointed chief medical officer at Manhattan's Physician Group, the borough's largest multispecialty medical group providing comprehensive and coordinated health care. He has 20 years' experience as a clinician in emergency medicine and as a physician executive in academic and community-based medical groups.

Madhavi Dandu, M.D., M.P.H. '04, has been "around the world and back." First she was in Ann Arbor, Michigan; from there she returned to San Francisco, working at UCSF as an inpatient internal medicine physician. During that time, she returned to Berkeley as an academic adviser for the Interdisciplinary M.P.H. Program. Then she and her husband Nima took a seven-month journey through Asia, the Middle East, and Africa. Now she is back in San Francisco. "Much of my time is spent at UCSF in the hospital seeing patients and reaching residents and medical students," she writes. "But I also started directing the Global Health Program for the Internal Medicine residency program. In this role I have the opportunity to design the curriculum for the program, and I have included some of the concepts and ideas that we learned in public health, such as the global burden of disease, community-based participatory research, and human rights work. I also had the opportunity to co-teach a medical student elective on health and human rights. ... Last but not least, Nap [Hosang] has invited me back as the academic coordinator for the Interdisciplinary M.P.H. Program."

Dianna Edgil, Ph.D., '04, was named an American Association for the Advancement of Science Technology Fellow. The fellows are scientists and engineers from early to senior career stages who spend a year working in federal agencies or congressional offices. They learn about science policy while providing valuable science and technology expertise and analysis to the executive and legislative branches of government.

Lars Osterberg, M.P.H. '05, received the Miriam Aaron Roland Volunteer Service Prize from Stanford University's Office of Public Affairs. The prize recognizes Stanford faculty who engage and involve students in integrating academic scholarship with significant and meaningful volunteer service. Osterberg is a clinical assistant professor of medicine at the Stanford University School of Medicine and chief of general internal medicine at the VA Palo Alto Health Care System. He was responsible for establishing Cardinal Free Clinics (CFC) as the administrative body that operates two free clinics in the area: the Arbor Free Clinic and the Pacific Free Clinic. In his capacity as director of CFC, Osterberg has supervised scores of students and other providers who, as volunteers, provide free medical care on weekends to medically needy members of the community.

Kim Gilhuly, M.P.H. '07 "I am now working at the Alameda County Public Health Department in the Community Assessment, Planning, and Evaluation Unit as an evaluator, as well as doing health impact assessment."

Rohan Radhakrishna, M.P.H. '07, was chosen in March 2008 to receive a Rotary ambassadorial scholarship by Rotary District 5710 in northeastern Kansas. The scholarship provides expenses for him to study abroad for one year. A third-year medical student in the UC Berkeley-UCSF Joint Medical Program, Radhakrishna is spending the year studying epidemiology at Christian Medical College in Vellore, India. 🌍