

## Dr.P.H. Alumnus Returns to Lead Program

*Jim Meyers joined the School's Dr.P.H. Program as director on August 1, 2006. Meyers, who received his Dr.P.H. from the School in 2001, is a former U.S. Air Force colonel and a board-certified health executive with an extensive background in federal government and international health care leadership and education.*



His international experience includes national health systems development in the Ukraine and leadership of joint civilian and military humanitarian assistance missions in Central America. His previous academic experience includes faculty appointments with Trinity University and Baylor University, where he was assistant professor and director of population health and health information systems.

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Prior to taking this position, Meyers was the founding executive director of the U.S. Air Force's first regional health services research center. His professional and research interests include health disparities, public health leadership

core competencies, and health systems' electronic medical record repository research collaborations.

As director, Meyers is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Dr.P.H. Program, including teaching, curriculum development, advising, recruitment, fundraising, alumni and professional relations, and program administration.

“I was very fortunate to graduate from this program and have always enjoyed keeping close ties with my colleagues and friends here. It is a thrill to be back,” says Meyers. “I have especially enjoyed seeing an amazing level of growth most recently under the leadership of **Meredith Minkler** and **Cheri Pies**. It is clear that I join the program at a point of unique opportunity as the School of Public Health and significant external funding have built a strong foundation for continued growth in this nationally prominent program.”



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