

Alumni Notes

1950s

Robert Darter, M.D., B.S. '54, received the first-ever Lifetime Achievement Award from the Chamber of Commerce in St. Helena, California, for "singular, lifelong, and multifaceted achievements" in the community. He has been a member of the St. Helena advisory board for 41 years and has been an adviser with the Boy Scouts of America since 1962. He has been in medical practice in St. Helena since 1961.

1960s

Bradley E. Appelbaum, M.D., M.P.H. '64, and Elizabeth Appelbaum, Ph.D. "Enjoy our retirement but remain involved. I remain a consultant to the Maternal and Child Health Bureau HRSA/HHS."

Robert Gerdson, M.D., M.P.H. '66 "Celebrating the 40th anniversary of my M.P.H., I would like to express my appreciation to the faculty for the incredible knowledge and skills I gained at the School, which had a profound effect on my career and what I was able to accomplish. It indeed was quite different from the other medical directors and chairmen of pediatric departments during the 60s, 70s, 80s, and 90s. Best wishes to all."

Robert C. Harrell, M.P.H. '67, is a resident of O'Connor Woods in Stockton, California.

Irene M. Reed, M.P.H. '67 "After 30+ years with the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, I retired in July 2002. After three-and-a-half years caring for my grandson, my daughter graduated magna cum laude from Southwestern Law School and I am fully retired."



Lawrence W. Green, Dr.P.H. '68, received an honorary doctor of science degree from the University of Waterloo, Canada, at the university's Fall

2006 convocation. A leading researcher and innovator, Green has advanced the field of health promotion and disease prevention around the world. His most influential book, *Health Promotion Planning: An Educational and Environmental Approach*, integrates the fields of health education and public policy to enhance planning in major population interventions. He was the first director of the U.S. Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion in the Department of Health and Human Services.

Robert E. Tumelty, Dr.P.H. '69, M.P.H. '52 "Continue to serve on the Advisory Board of the Health Care Administration Program, California State University, Long Beach, and chair the Institutional Review Board of Los Alamitos Medical Center, Los Alamitos, California."

John G. Williams, M.P.H. '69, was named CEO of Barton HealthCare System in South Lake Tahoe, California. He has 30 years' experience as a chief executive officer, chief operating officer, and in executive-level management positions within the hospital and health-system industry. For the past several years he has held senior-level executive positions with Sutter Health, starting as president and chief executive officer for St. Luke's Hospital and Health Care Center in San Francisco and most recently serving as Sutter Health regional vice president.

1970s



Terry Belmont, M.P.H. '71, was named chief executive officer of Long Beach Memorial Medical Center and Miller Children's Hospital—the second

largest community hospital campus in the West. The 743-bed facility is a teaching hospital affiliated with several colleges and universities, and one of the few campuses nationally with separate adult and children's hospitals. Belmont has been president and chief

executive officer of several California entities, including St. Joseph Hospital of Orange, Pacific Health Resources, California Hospital Medical Center, HealthForward, and others. Since 1999 he has been a senior vice president at Kaiser Permanente, first in the San Diego Region, and since 2003 in the Inland Empire Region.

Bessanderson McNeil, M.P.H. '71 "Retired from health field three years ago. Have my own business and am loving every minute of it."

Lawrence Marum, M.D., M.P.H. '76, heads the Global AIDS Program in Kenya. Under the direction of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator's Office, the HHS/CDC Global AIDS Program is a partner in the unified U.S. government effort to implement the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.

1980s

Robert Hiatt, M.D., Ph.D. '80, M.P.H. '72, was appointed joint chair of the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the UCSF School of Medicine. He is also director of population science and deputy director of the UCSF Comprehensive Cancer Center. Hiatt came to UCSF in 2003 after leading the National Cancer Institute's Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences as deputy director. Before that, he was director of prevention sciences at the Northern California Cancer Center and assistant director for epidemiology at the Kaiser Permanente/Northern California Division of Research. He continues at Kaiser Permanente in a senior scientist role.

Howard Pollick, M.P.H. '80, is chair of the American Public Health Association's Oral Health Section and also chairs the Oral Health Section of the California Public Health Association-North.

Milstein Elected to Institute of Medicine



Arnold Milstein, M.D., M.P.H. '75, was elected to membership in the Institute of Medicine (IOM) in October 2006. Milstein is medical director for the Pacific Business Group on Health, the largest U.S. employer health care coalition; chief physician and national health care thought leader for Mercer Health & Benefits LLC; and an associate clinical professor at the University of California, San Francisco.

Established in 1970 as a unit of the National Academy of Sciences, the IOM is concerned with the protection and advancement of the health professions and sciences, the promotion of research and development pertinent to health, and the improvement of health care. Milstein is the first benefits consultant to be tapped for IOM membership.

“Arnie Milstein is one of the country’s foremost thought leaders on how to reform our nation’s health care system,” said **Dean Stephen Shortell**. “He had a great influence on California’s Pay-for-Performance program and similar initiatives across the country.”

In addition to his degree from the School of Public Health, Milstein has a bachelor’s degree in economics from Harvard University and an M.D. from Tufts University. 

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Kathy Go Ang, M.P.H. '81 “I’m working as a renal dietitian for Davida Dialysis, Inc. I enjoy the challenge of clinical nutrition. My kids are growing up fast—Brian is 20, a junior at UC Davis, and Christine is 17, a senior in high school. My husband Dave continues with his dental practice here in Yuba City.”

Ellen J. Mangione, M.D., M.P.H. '85, has left the Colorado Department of Health and Environment, where she was deputy chief medical officer and director of the Division of Disease Control and Environmental Epidemiology, to become chief of staff for the VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System.

Jeffrey Fontaine, M.S., M.P.H. '87, has been named executive director of the Nevada Association of Counties, moving on from his post as director of the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT). He has been with NDOT since 1995, first as deputy director, and since April 2003 as director, overseeing the agency during a huge expansion of major roadway projects in the state. Prior to working at NDOT, he was a public health engineer with the Nevada Health Division, where his work on water-quality issues sparked his interest in county and local government.

and evaluate child health promotion initiatives. She has been a consultant to Nemours for the past four years, managing a grant-funded anti-tobacco project with the pulmonary division of the Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children. She also has served as a consultant to the Department of Health and Social Services and the Delaware Public Health Association.

Katherine Feldman, D.V.M., M.P.H. '99, received the James H. Steele Veterinary Public Health Award at the 55th Annual Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. The award recognizes outstanding contributions of current or recent former EIS Officers in the investigation, control, or prevention of zoonotic diseases or other animal-related human health problems. She was recognized for carrying out numerous epidemiologic investigations, including a landmark epidemiologic study of primary pneumonic tularemia in Martha’s Vineyard, Massachusetts, for which she was principal investigator; investigation of West Nile virus infection in New York City; and investigation of tickborne relapsing fever in Nevada.

2000s

Michael Musante, M.P.H. '03 “I work for a biotech company in South San Francisco on a possible immunotherapy for prostate cancer.”

Annette Molinaro, Ph.D. '04, an assistant professor of biostatistics in the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health at Yale, has received a three-year \$500,000 grant from the National Cancer Institute to advance the use of statistics for predicting outcomes in cancer patients. The grant will partially fund a project that pairs large disease-related data sets with clinical information to find variables that are significantly linked to disease outcomes.

1990s

Giorgio Piccagli, Ph.D., M.P.H. '91, president of the California Public Health Association-North (CPHA-N), was elected to the executive board of the American Public Health Association. He has been active in CPHA-N since the early 1990s, serving on its governing council and holding several positions, including vice president for operations and affiliate representative to the governing council of the American Public Health Association.

Judith Feinson, M.C.P., M.P.H. '94, has joined Nemours Health and Prevention Services, near Newark, Delaware, as a program and policy analyst. She will work to develop, implement,

Berkeley Alumni Receive APHA Honors

UC Berkeley School of Public Health alumni were among those receiving awards at the 134th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association (APHA), held in Boston November 4–8, 2006.



Mary Sylla, M.P.H. '04, is policy and advocacy director for the Center for Health Justice, a nonprofit agency that over the past four years has distributed 14,000 condoms in the Los Angeles County Jail. Sylla, known in the L.A. jail as “the condom lady,” worked with Assemblyman Paul Koretz, D-West Hollywood, to draft Assembly Bill 1677, which would have enabled public health agencies to provide condoms to California prison inmates in order to control the spread of HIV/AIDS. The bill, sponsored by the Southern California HIV/AIDS Advocacy Coalition, AIDS Project Los Angeles, and AIDS Healthcare Foundation, was passed by the California Legislature on August 24, but was later vetoed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Janine Santimauro, M.P.P., M.P.H. '06, married David James Deming in August. The two met at UC Berkeley while both were working on master’s degrees in public policy. Santimauro is a project specialist in the decision support and quality management unit at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. 📍



Adele Amodeo, M.P.H. '70, received the Committee on Affiliates 2006 Award for Excellence at the November 2006 annual meeting of the American Public Health Association (APHA). The award is presented annually to an APHA state affiliate leader whose contributions to her affiliate are exceptionally meritorious. As executive director of the California Public Health Association-North (CPHA-N), Amodeo has significantly increased CPHA-N’s legislative advocacy capacity through her own actions and through recruitment and retention of savvy public health advocates to work collaboratively with CPHA-N’s governing council.

She has had a major impact on California’s state public health legislation throughout the years. This year, in part due to her exceptional work and influence, California established an independent Department of Public Health—an important step in rebuilding the public health infrastructure in California and protecting and improving the health of the public. She has expanded CPHA-N’s educational capacity, solicited the funding to offer this education and training, and positioned CPHA-N as the continuing education provider for health professions whose own boards abandoned that function. Amodeo is senior policy associate with the Public Health Institute, an independent, nonprofit organization.

Anthony B. Iton, M.D., J.D., M.P.H. '97, received APHA’s 2006 Milton and Ruth Roemer Prize for Creative Local Public Health Work in recognition of his exceptional creative and innovative local public health efforts. Iton is a health officer with the Alameda County Public Health Department in Oakland, California. Prior to that post, Iton was director of health and social services for the city of Stamford, Connecticut, where, through a partnership with the schools and local hospital, he enabled the health department to design targeted interventions that directly address persistent health disparities in lead poisoning, asthma and obesity prevention. He also initiated Stamford’s Westside Project, an interdisciplinary chronic disease prevention program focused on involving an inner-city community in the city’s redevelopment process with an eye toward increasing citizens’ ease of walking and biking around the city.



Tony Iton (right) at the APHA award presentation in Boston, with Alameda County Public Department deputy director Anita Siegel and former director Arnold Perkins.

Iton previously worked as an HIV disability rights attorney at the Berkeley Community Law Center, a health care policy analyst with Consumers Union West Coast Regional Office, and as a physician and advocate for the homeless at the San Francisco Public Health Department. His experience practicing both medicine and law independently has enabled him to blend both disciplines in the day-to-day practice of public health and in responding to recent public health emergencies such as severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) and anthrax. 📍