

Scholarships Celebrate Seven Areas of Public Health




Joanne and George McKray join the Reshetko Family Scholars at the annual Scholarship Tea. Left to right: Jennifer Ahern, Hui Tang, Viet Nguyen, Joanne McKray, George McKray, Marian Roan, Ray Minjares, and Rosanna Tran. Not pictured: Colleen Reid.

This year the first-ever recipients of the **Reshetko Family Scholarships** were fêted at the School of Public Health's annual Scholarship Tea. The awardees were selected by a School committee based on excellence in one of seven key areas of public health. **George McKray, M.P.H. '57**, former director of the School's Public Health Alumni Association and the facilitator of the scholarships, spoke of the need for student financial support in today's academic world.

The scholarships were established by **Lola E. Reshetko**, who bequeathed the majority of her estate to UC Berkeley in order to create scholarships for students in the School of Public Health and for biological sciences students in the College of Letters & Science. In many ways, the scholarships continue Reshetko's life work. After receiving her bachelor's and master's degrees in bacteriology from UC Berkeley, she completed a teaching certificate and spent most of her career teaching science at Mission High School in San Francisco. She created a program, "Mission Possible," which

provided students with the opportunity to gain experience in the medical field through work at local hospitals.

Each of the scholarships is named in honor of a notable faculty member from UC Berkeley who advanced public health in one of seven areas. Former dean **Charles E. Smith** is honored for epidemiology, especially for his research on coccidioidomycosis, or Valley Fever. **Dorothy Nyswander**, whose work led to major changes in school health services, was celebrated for public health education. For public health nutrition, **Ruth Huene-mann** was chosen for her many contributions to improving nutrition and for

establishment of the School's public health nutrition program. **Chin Long Chiang** was selected for biostatistics for his many accomplishments in the field. **Robert Cooper** was named for environmental health sciences, for his work in water quality and health, environmental health microbiology, and water reuse. **Sanford Elberg** was honored for infectious diseases for his research on disease-causing microorganisms and airborne agents. **Edward Rogers**, second dean of the School, who served as George McKray's mentor when McKray was a student in public health, was celebrated for health and medical sciences. 



Joanne McKray (right) talks with Hui Tang (left) and Viet Nguyen.