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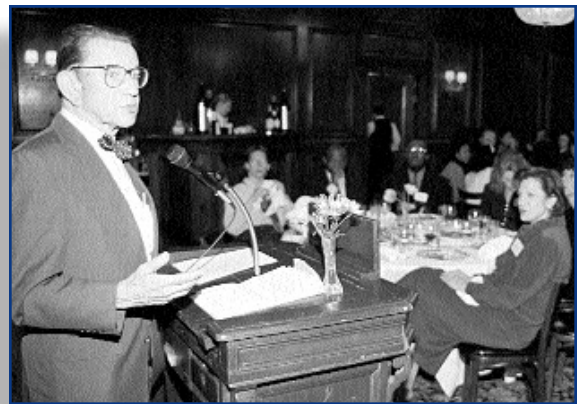
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Approximately one hundred thirty alumni, students, and faculty celebrated the accomplishments of the School of Public Health at the Annual Alumni Meeting and dinner on March 23, 2000. Amid the congenial setting at Maggiano's Restaurant in downtown Chicago, attendees renewed acquaintances with schoolmates and faculty, met current students, and came together to honor a former faculty member and exemplary students and alumni.

The keynote speaker for this event was former Senator Paul Simon, who spoke passionately about public health issues locally, nationally, and internationally. Throughout his years in public service, Simon has been known for his integrity, trust, and concern for all people. "Humanity is not divisible by race, creed, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or national boundary," observed Simon. Touching on key public health issues of clean water, gun control, and national health insurance, Simon recognized public health's commitment as he encouraged us to "...do even more. Do the little things that can make a difference." Public health professionals need to get involved in public policy and speak out for those who don't have a voice, he noted. Dean Susan Scrimshaw presented Simon a SPH Appreciation Award recognizing his "work to improve the health and well-being of the citizens of Illinois and the nation."

Honored earlier in the evening with the SPH Distinguished Service Award, Professor Emeritus Hiram Sibley is a prime example of the type of commitment to which Paul Simon referred. Throughout his career, Professor Sibley has demonstrated leadership, compassion, and resourcefulness in advancing health planning, education, and service delivery in the U.S. and abroad. Dinner attendees were treated to his account of how he helped to deter the spread of malaria in Greece after World War II as part of the United Nations Relief Administration.



Senator Paul Simon presents keynote address at Alumni Association Annual Meeting.



Dean Susan C. Scrimshaw presents Distinguished Service Award to Professor Emeritus Hiram Sibley.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

As I enter my fourth year on the School of Public Health Alumni Association Board of Directors and take on the role of president, I am reflecting on our work as a board and as public health leaders in Chicago. It might be that turning the corner to the year 2000 has us all a bit reflective.

Many SPH alumni board members have told me that their reason for serving on the board is to give back to the school. The board members have expressed that commitment to service through prioritizing networking and mentoring efforts with students. We are proud to have had a student member on the board, who provided valuable input to our plans and vision.

This year, we:

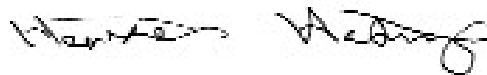
- attended meetings of the Public Health Student Association to share our perspectives as alumni.
- co-sponsored a student-led social event during orientation week. Many alumni attended and met with students to welcome them to the school.
- sponsored the attendance of students at the annual meeting of the Illinois Public Health Association.
- worked with faculty to develop a plan for institutionalizing a career development program for students and alumni.

What a year! Board members also worked hard to host a wonderful Annual Alumni Meeting and dinner, featuring Senator Paul Simon as the keynote speaker. The board made a special effort to encourage student attendance and provide networking opportunities at the event.

There is much work to do in the coming year, and this year's board is excellent and enthusiastic, with members who reflect the diversity of the public health community. I laugh as I realize that I have received mentoring from some of the members, studied for exams with others, and even attended high school with the president elect! Our work for the coming year will include development efforts and continued work with students to build a bridge between public health training and practice.

I would like to invite you to join in our work. There are many opportunities for involvement: Are you a current member of the SPH Alumni Association? First, please join or renew your membership to the association. If you are able to give at a higher level, consider a lifetime membership, or supporting the SPH Alumni Association Gift Fund. Also, we have active committees which would benefit from your participation! Please call me at (773) 235-5267 if you would like to become involved in our efforts to support the UIC School of Public Health.

Best wishes for the year 2000!



Heather Hastings, MPH



FROM THE DEAN

I have now had the privilege of serving as the dean of the School of Public Health for five years. Our school has made significant strides in the pursuit of excellence in research and education, and I would like to take the opportunity afforded by this year 2000 issue of *Alumni News & Views* to reflect on where we have been and where we are going together.

Over the last three years, the success rate of research grants applied for by our faculty has ranged from 65 to 82%, against a national average of 30%. In fiscal year 1999, 88% of our faculty achieved research funding, the highest proportion of any college on campus. Structurally, we have expanded our capabilities for collaboration and synergy across research initiatives within the school, with other campus units, and with community organizations, first through the creation of the Health Research and Policy Centers in 1997 and then through the organization of a range of projects under the Great Lakes Center for Occupational and Environmental Safety and Health this past year.

Fourteen new faculty have been hired. Of these, four are African-American, one is Latino, three are Asian, and eight are women. Nine of these positions represent new faculty lines. As our faculty has grown stronger, application for admission to the school has become more competitive, and our entering students have increased in the quality of the credentials and experience they bring to their work here.

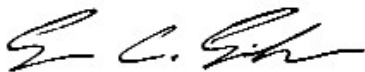
Commitment to the school as expressed through financial support has also expanded. The State of Illinois has nearly doubled funds allocated to the school as recurring dollars, bringing these to \$7,687,960 in the current fiscal year. The number of gifts from individuals, corporations, and foundations rose from 179 in 1994 for a total of \$12,031 to 596 in 1999 for a total of \$614,880.

The growth of our school is reflected in its standing among other schools of public health in the U.S. Five years ago, UIC SPH figured in the mid-ranks of its institutional peers. Today, we are in the upper third of accredited schools of public health according to many key measures such as research funding, faculty and student quality, and size.

Alumni leadership has been a key factor in this success. You have been ambassadors for the School of Public Health at the local, state, and national levels. You have established a growing mentoring program and practica sites to help our students experience the reality of public health practice. You provide placement opportunities for graduates. You are our partners in research and community service.

Having come to a pivotal point in the school's development, it is time to set new goals for the next several years. We will place a major priority on continually increasing the quality of the research conducted here, which will in turn help us continue to improve our teaching and service. We will seek to enhance endowments for the support of faculty and students. We will complete the move to the new building to accommodate the school's accelerating growth.

If we continue on our present path with the vision and vigor we have already demonstrated, we can look forward to a time when UIC SPH can be one of the leading schools of public health in the nation. To achieve this, we need to thank you for your past counsel and support and to ask you to maintain the vital role you play in the advances the school is making.



Susan C. Scrimshaw, PhD



ALUMNI ANNUAL MEETING (CONTINUED)

Outgoing Alumni Association President Fran Jaeger (left), Dean Scrimshaw (third from left), and Awards Committee member Dr. Johnson Sonoiki (center), with this year's Paul Q. Peterson Public Health Scholars



Dean Scrimshaw and new Delta Omega Society inductees display membership certificates.

Six students received Paul Q. Peterson Scholarship Awards, established to encourage and support outstanding graduate and professional students interested in the practical application of public health delivery and research. Recipients included Lee Francis, MD; Michelle S. Gilles; Isabel M. Martinez; Michael Mendoza; Wayne Smith-McKenzie; and Kristine M. Stolte.

The William Haenszel Award for outstanding research in the area of epidemiology and biostatistics was presented to Jennie Levy, with honorable mention to Kristine Stolte.

Students inducted into the Delta Omega Society were Hilkka Abicht, Mary Chammas, Sarah Deardorff, Barbara Giloth, Chukwuemeka Ezike, Andrea Plaut, Miriam Seleski, Lorna Thorpe, and Lisa Werner. Alumni Delta Omega inductees included Margaret Esposito, MPH ('88); Marcia Fahrenwald, MPH ('87); Bambade Shakoor-Abdullah, PhD ('92); and Steven Seweryn, MPH ('86).

Individuals elected to the 2000–2001 Board of Directors of the Alumni Association were presented at the meeting.

By Sheri Coben, MPH



Dr. Faith Davis (center) with William Haenszel Award recipient Jennie Levy (left) and Honorable Mention recipient Kristine Stolte (right)

Editor's note: Readers who would like to nominate individuals to the Delta Omega Society, the national honorary public health fraternity, are invited to contact Awards Committee Chair Fran Jaeger, DrPH, MPH, at (312) 996-0818 or fjaeger@uic.edu.

ALUMNI PROFILES

Alumni profiles are a frequent feature of this newsletter. One of the best ways of telling the diverse story of public health is telling the stories of the diverse people who practice it. Here is a look at some of the alumni of the School of Public Health and what they are doing.

CLARA WASHINGTON FLEMING, RN, MPH ('74)

An MPH gave nurse Clara Washington Fleming a new perspective on her career.

"The MPH makes you think in broader terms," she says. "You're not just involved with in- or out-patient, hands-on activities. The course work introduced me to a lot of public

health issues I hadn't been directly involved in before, for example, environmental issues and epidemiology. I found all that very exciting."

Fleming was born in Cassopolis, Michigan. She received her nursing certificate from Provident Hospital and Training School in 1948. After working for several years at both Provident Hospital and the University of Chicago's Billings Hospital, she married and moved with her husband to Chanutte Air Force Base in downstate Illinois where he served as a physician for two years.

When Fleming and her husband settled in Cleveland in 1955, she took time off to raise their son and daughter. For the next nine years, she worked at various nursing jobs including private-duty nursing, office, and camp nursing. During those years, Fleming completed her bachelor's degree in nursing at Western Reserve (now Case Western Reserve University) with a specialty in public health.

In the early 1970s, when her children were in college and she was back in Chicago, Fleming decided to pursue her MPH. In 1974, she graduated as a member of the School of Public Health's second class.

"I loved the program. It was intense, but interesting, and I kept a lot of friends from the class," she says. "My year at the school was a very good year. The instructors were really up on everything that was going on at the time in health care. We had a group of people in that class who were very congenial and cooperative, from many different professional backgrounds. We shared joint efforts on a lot of things."

One such effort involved a summer project at Christian Action Ministry, a West Side social agency. Fleming and two of her classmates developed a parenting education program for teenagers. They called their project "Development of a Child Care Program for Young Mothers." It included three components: growth and development, health appraisal, and safety and protection. Fleming concentrated on the safety and protection component.

"We talked to the parents about being aware of places where their kids might be exposed to lead and hydrocarbons," Fleming says. "It was fun for us, but

it also taught a lot to the young mothers and fathers in the classes."

After receiving her degree, Fleming took a management position at the University of Illinois Hospital as a coordinator for utilization review. At the time, utilization review was a brand new concept. Fleming started a pre-admission testing program for the hospital. She then went on to serve temporarily as director of medical records and also worked as a coordinator of patient representatives. Later, Fleming helped coordinate CARE (Courtesy, Attitude, Respect, and Enthusiasm), a program instituted by the hospital to improve relationships between staff and patients.

In 1986, Fleming retired. Since then she has devoted considerable time to the League of Women Voters of Chicago, which she serves as co-chair of the organization's health care committee. She has also worked on fundraising for the South Shore Auxiliary of the American Diabetes Association and assisted with soliciting support for the School of Public Health's Loretta Pratt Lacey Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Fleming enjoys travel and since retiring has visited China, Egypt, Greece, Turkey, Canada, Mexico, Spain, Portugal, and Germany. She also spends time with her daughter, LaDonna Bailey, a veterinarian in Sacramento, California, and her son, Henry Washington, Jr., a computer programmer who lives in Chicago.

In addition to her volunteer activities, Fleming runs a small business called "Clarity Facilitating Service" through which she helps clients understand and manage their Medicare billings. "Anyone who's ever handled her own Medicare bills, or helped her parents handle them, knows how complicated the process can be," she says.

Public health issues continue to occupy Fleming's thoughts. She views cancer as the biggest epidemic the country has ever faced, states her concern about the number of cases diagnosed each year, and hopes more money will be invested in the future in cancer research. Another key concern is protecting the Great Lakes from pollution. Fleming feels certain that with these and the many other challenges in public health, new MPH graduates will have no trouble finding ways to apply their degrees.

"So many things hinge on public health," she observes. "There are still big issues out there like air pollution, water pollution, and the ozone level, things that are really going to affect us all if we don't start taking better care of our environment. Public health offers the multi-disciplinary approaches we need to deal with these issues."

By Janice Rosenberg



*Clara Washington Fleming (center)
with her children and grandchildren*

FRANK B. HU, MD, PhD ('96), MPH ('94)

Research methods and techniques that Frank B. Hu, MD, PhD, MPH, mastered during his studies at UIC have proven highly serviceable for his current work as assistant professor in the department of nutrition at the Harvard School of Public Health. "Some of the innovative methodological approaches I learned at UIC have brought a fresh perspective to my associates and my work at Harvard," Hu notes.

Hu was born in the central China province of Hubei. He received his medical degree from Tongji Medical University in 1988, then spent several years doing research at the University of Hong Kong Medical School and at the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands. Because Hu believed that prevention, targeted at a broad population, was the key to addressing health issues like obesity, cardiovascular disease, and cancer, his next logical step was to pursue an MPH.

Hu came to Chicago in 1993 with help from Brian R. Flay, DPhil, professor of community health sciences and director of the School of Public Health's Health Research and Policy Centers. While studying for his MPH, and later, while pursuing his PhD in epidemiology, Hu served as Flay's research assistant. His tasks included handling data analysis and writing papers. After passing his PhD qualifying exams, Hu worked closely with Flay on numerous projects, often as Flay's co-investigator.

Flay had designed both curriculum-based and parent-oriented programs to prevent tobacco smoking and drug abuse among adolescents. To evaluate the different approaches, Flay and Hu ran a number of large smoking and drug abuse prevention projects in Chicago and California.

"The environment in the research center is terrific for students and researchers," Hu says. "Its interdisciplinary research team includes epidemiologists, psychologists, statisticians, and behavioral scientists. The integration of different disciplines played a major role in my training and education."

In 1996, Hu moved on to Harvard where he worked for Walter Willet, MD, DrPH, as a research fellow. Now an assistant professor of nutrition, Hu's main interest is in the role of diet and other factors in the prevention of cardiovascular disease and type II diabetes.

Since coming to Harvard, Hu has looked at ways in which some of the various types of fat that people eat relate to their risk for heart disease. He published a paper on this subject in the *New England Journal of Medicine* in 1997. In November 1998,

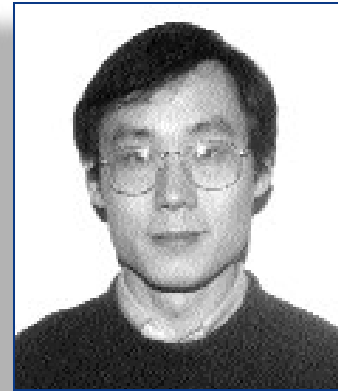
Hu reported in the *British Medical Journal* that eating nuts reduced the risk of coronary heart disease in women. In May 1999, in an article in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, Hu's analysis demonstrated that linolenic acid, an omega-3 fatty acid found in some vegetable oils and salad dressing products, may protect against fatal heart attacks. Also in 1999, he published a paper in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* which noted the protective effects of moderate and vigorous exercise against type II diabetes.

Hu has applied some of the strengths and techniques of psychology and behavioral science that he learned at UIC to the field of nutritional epidemiology.

"For example, I used a multivariate-statistical approach called 'Factor Analysis' I learned at UIC, and I am now applying it to look at the overall quality of diet as it affects heart disease," Hu says. "The traditional way was to look at the intake of individual nutrients in food. Through this approach, you can look at the overall effects of the diet."

Now Hu has designed a study that will focus on identifying dietary, lifestyle, biochemical, and genetic determinants of long-term complications such as cardiovascular disease among people with type II diabetes. Type II diabetes has become an epidemic in the United States. The majority of diabetics will develop one or more life-threatening complications, Hu notes, yet little is known about how diet modification and various other preventive approaches may affect these complications. In his new twin-based study, Hu will apply techniques he learned at UIC working with Jack Goldberg, PhD, professor of epidemiology. Goldberg is staff epidemiologist for the Vietnam Era Twin Registry at Hines VA Hospital and a leading expert on twin studies.

"The health system has changed direction," Hu says. "We're taking care of groups of patients now, rather than just individuals, and prevention, rather than just cure, is really important for treating a lot of diseases and improving patients' quality of life."



By Janice Rosenberg

KATHLEEN MONAHAN, MPH ('95)



Like the protagonist in a series of adventure novels, Kathleen Monahan is a natural for the pursuit of unconventional opportunities.

Her story begins in Washington, DC, where she took the business major's "road less traveled" straight to a position in public television. Over the years, her work in not-for-profit media ultimately led her to Chicago and a home-based position. The relative solitude of her workplace enabled her to redefine her professional goals and to initiate what would be an extraordinary role in community activism.

Monahan has served as a beat rep for CAPS (Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy) in her Rogers Park neighborhood and as a board member for Rape Victim Advocates. She was honored with the Spirit of Rogers Park award for her environmental clean-up efforts and has been unofficially dubbed the Queen of Neighborhood Watch.

"I have this Chicago neighborhood background: knowing about politics, people, and how things work," she says. "But it's time consuming. Just keeping things status quo in a distressed community takes a lot of effort. You have to keep in touch with neighbors and landlords. You have to address zoning issues and crime."

Monahan's background served her well when, in 1994, she began pursuit of her MPH in health policy and administration. She secured a position as a research assistant with Gary Slutkin, MD, research professor in the Epidemiology and Biostatistics Division, who was launching the Chicago Project for Violence Prevention at the UIC School of Public Health.

She proved an invaluable resource for the program: forging partnerships with leading community organizations in Chicago's most violent neighborhoods and helping communities map strategies for violence reduction. Ultimately, Monahan was named assistant director of the Chicago Project.

"What I did with the project felt mostly like common sense. I eased into it," she says. "My public health background helped enormously. I had to understand statistics. I had to know about strategic planning. I loved the challenge."

Along with challenge, adventure seems to be high on Monahan's list. At age 38, she took an extended professional leave to serve as the chief medic on a 55-foot sailboat, embarking on a trip around the world. Four weeks into the journey, the trip was aborted due to staffing problems. But the adventure did not end for Monahan. With an abundance of time off and adequate traveling money, she regrouped and headed for Cuba.

"I had been there the previous March and was

completely fascinated with it. I have also always wanted to learn Spanish through immersion," explains Monahan. "However, Cuba had changed enormously. Through what I witnessed and experienced firsthand, I got a feel for the depth of the fear that the Cubans have about talking with foreigners or even communicating openly with their neighbors because of the threat of reprisals. I was there a total of about four months and got a much deeper understanding of life there than I could have during a shorter stay."

Intent on continuing her purposeful travel, Monahan set out to connect with her roots. She traveled to Ireland, Sweden, and Slovenia, meeting her distant relatives, learning about her grandparents' communities, and celebrating the bonds that have held for generations.

From the family reunion, Monahan was off to Sarajevo. Her arrangements to work in the field office of Save the Children U.S. were finally in place. She spent a month there, facilitating efforts to obtain grant money for pre-schools and day care in refugee camps. During her stay, she noted a striking similarity to the environment in Cuba.

"There are a lot of highly educated, literate people in Cuba and Sarajevo with nothing to do. And there is no promise of a future in which people can build a life other than day-to-day existence," she says. "Going to grad school for public health gives you a perspective on the world. I have a very idealistic, World Health Organization view: health is not merely the absence of disease, but a state of physical, emotional, and mental well-being."

Monahan sees the parallel lack of opportunity in Cuba and Sarajevo as similar to the situation of inner cities in the U.S. She suggests that here, limited choices create an environment in which violence can thrive. A dearth of personal opportunity and ambition—in education, employment, and socioeconomic well-being—can foster and drive dysfunctional behaviors, including street violence, family and child abuse, drug use, and gang participation.

Monahan's work in violence prevention continues as she assumes the role of evaluation director for the "Safe to Learn" demo project at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. Under her leadership, the project will evaluate school-based violence prevention strategies implemented statewide by the Illinois Violence Prevention Authority.

"There is little agreement about what works and what doesn't. This evaluation is going to be really huge," says Monahan. "What more interesting issue is there to work on these days?"

By Marian Lawler

DR. JOHNSON SONOIKI HONORED WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CONSTITUENT LEADERSHIP AWARD



Dr. Johnson Sonoiki receives award from Carol Keiser, chair, University of Illinois Alumni Association Board of Directors.

The University of Illinois Alumni Association sponsored the Constituent Leadership Conference at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Champaign on January 29, 2000. School of Public Health alumni were well represented at the conference because SPH alumnus, Johnson Sonoiki, MD, MPH ('76), received the prestigious Alumni Achievement Award at a luncheon awards ceremony held during the conference.

Sonoiki was nominated by the Executive Committee of the SPH Alumni Association and selected by a committee of the larger University of Illinois Alumni Association. He was determined eligible for the award due to his distinguished service in public health and his notable contributions to the SPH Alumni Association ever since its initiation in the late 1970s.

Sonoiki served as a member of the first Board of Directors in the late 1970s and then again from 1993 to 1999, including two terms as vice president. He has been and continues to be a reviewer

for the Paul Q. Peterson Scholarship awarded annually by the School of Public Health Alumni Association. He has also sponsored many students in internships and assisted with job placements whenever possible.

Sonoiki is coordinator of Marketing and Community Development of the Ambulatory Community Health Network of Cook County. Formerly, he was the associate administrator for professional affairs, Provident Hospital of Cook County; site administrator for the Near South Health Centers of Cook County; regional director of the National Black Leadership Initiative on Cancer; and chief executive officer of the Williams Clinic and affiliates. He volunteers his time to serve as co-chair of Congressman Danny K. Davis' Health Task Force and recently was a member of the Congressional delegation that visited Cuba (see story below).

By Fran Jaeger, DrPH, MPH

SPH ALUMNI JOIN CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO CUBA

Joining a delegation led by Congressman Danny K. Davis during a visit to Cuba in August 1999 were Johnson Sonoiki, MD, MPH and Associate Dean Shaffdeen Amuwo, PhD, MPH, both members of Congressman Davis' Health Task Force. Members of the delegation studied Cuba's health care system, met with health care professionals, and brought back data and findings to share with colleagues in the United States. Members also met with Cuban President Fidel Castro.

Dr. Amuwo presented at the December Dean's Research Forum on the topic "The Public Health Infrastructure in Cuba: Can We Learn Something?"

Congressman Danny K. Davis, Cuban President Fidel Castro, Dr. Shaffdeen Amuwo, Mrs. Davis, and Dr. Johnson Sonoiki



ALUMNI NOTES

Presentations at the 1999 Annual American Public Health Association Meeting included:

SHAFFDEEN A. AMUWO, PhD, MPH ('76), associate dean for community, government, and alumni affairs, and assistant professor, Community Health Sciences Division, presented the opening remarks at the Black Caucus Educational Symposium on "A Century of Progress in Public Health for African-Americans."

VERONICA ARANDA, MPH ('99), on "Action Research to Improve Maternal Health."

MONOTIQUE BOWMAN, MPH ('98), on "Collaborative Community-based Coalitions to Reduce Inner-City Youth Violence and Increase Family Development" and "Non-Traditional Leadership Development among Inner-City Parents Concerned about Youth Violence Prevention and Community Development."

EARLE C. CHAMBERS, MPH ('99), on "Risk for Diabetes Complications by SES in Inner-City Minority Children."

RUDELL CHRISTIAN, MPH ('95), on "Collaborative Community-based Coalitions to Reduce Inner-City Youth Violence and Increase Family Development" and "Non-Traditional Leadership Development among Inner-City Parents Concerned about Youth Violence Prevention and Community Development."

RASHMI K. CHUGH, MD, MPH ('99), on "Chai Chat: A Health and Safety Education Program for Violence Prevention in South Asian Immigrant Women in Chicago."

RITA GROVER, MPH ('99) on "Primary Prevention Media Campaign for Gay/Lesbian Domestic Violence."

MICHAEL HANSEN, MPH ('96), on "A Prospective Study of HIV Drug-related Risk Practices among Younger Drug Injectors in Chicago, 1997-1999" and "HIV High-Risk Injection Practices: A Comparison of Syringe Exchange Users and Non-Users in Chicago."

CLAUDE JACOB, MPH ('98), on "Collaborative Community-based Coalitions to Reduce Inner-City Youth Violence and Increase Family Development."

PATTI JUKICH, MS ('99), on "Time Trends in Primary Brain Tumor Incidence: Data from the Central Brain Tumor Registry of the United States (CBTRUS), 1985-1994."

JUDITH KRUGER LANG, MPH ('96), on "Using Modern Psychometric Methods to Measure Quality of Life" and "Testing the Application of Mixed Methodology with Older Adults."

VAISHALI K. PATADIA, MPH ('99), on "A Case-Control Study on Milk Consumption and the Development of Epithelial Ovarian Cancer."

ANGIRA PATEL, MPH ('99), on "Risk for Diabetes Complications by SES in Inner-City Minority Children."

KAREN E. PETERS, DRPH ('99), on "Agency/Client Relationships to Length of Stay in Home Health Care: A Multi-Level Analysis," "Medicine/Public Health Collaboration—Lessons from the Cooperative Actions for Health Program (CAHP)," "Cooperative Actions for Health Program (CAHP) Site Project Reports," and "A New Paradigm for the 21st Century."

S.J.C. PIERRE-LOUIS, MPH ('96), on "Epilepsy in Hispanics: Lessons Learned from an Outreach Program."

MELISSA M. RADER, MPH ('99), on "The Role of Depression in the Treatment of Tuberculosis among Substance Abusers."

PREETI RATHOD, MPH ('99), on "Chai Chat: A Health and Safety Education Program for Violence Prevention in South Asian Immigrant Women in Chicago."

BOBBY SASSON, MPH ('99), on "Chai Chat: A Health and Safety Education Program for Violence Prevention in South Asian Immigrant Women in Chicago."

PARU SHAH, MPH ('97), on "Health Literacy Program for Teens and Their Parents."

AMY P. VALUKAS, MPH ('99), on "Primary Prevention Media Campaign for Gay/Lesbian Domestic Violence."

SHANNON ZENK, MS ('99), MPH, PhD, on "Health Literacy Program for Teens and Their Parents" and "Faces of Diversity: Our People and Our Communities."

CHRIS BARKER, PhD ('87), currently serves as principal pharmacoeconomic statistician, providing statistical consulting to economists for the global business strategic operations of Roche Pharmaceuticals (Pharma Business Strategy - Health Economics and Strategic Pricing) in Palo Alto, California. Dr. Barker co-authored a paper entitled "Statistical Prediction Equations for a Novel Obesity Treatment—Methodology and S-Plus Software Implementation," which he presented at the 1999 S-PLUS Users Group Conference in New Orleans in September. Dr. Barker and his wife, alumna **NANCY MATLIN, MS ('82)**, reside in the San Francisco Bay area with their two children, Nathaniel and Adam.

ROSALIE GUTTMAN, PhD ('89), senior scientist with the American Medical Association's (AMA) Program on Aging and Community Health, teamed up with Miriam Seleski, an MPH student, during her year-long internship at the AMA to develop *Diagnosis, Management and Treatment of Dementia: A Practical Guide for Primary Care*

Physicians, for which they served as co-editors. Preparation for the *Guide's* publication included developing a briefing book, running a consensus panel meeting, writing, and reviewing, editing, and revising drafts and graphics. The *Guide*, currently being marketed by the AMA, was written up in *Time Magazine*, the *New York Times* and numerous other newspapers and was featured on CNN, National Public Radio, and elsewhere in the electronic media.

DIANE KRIER-MORROW, MBA, MPH ('91), is the manager, Chicago staff, of the Socioeconomic Affairs Department of the American College of Surgeons in Chicago.

SHEILA MALKIND, MPH ('95), is the director of the Annual Silver Images Film Festival, organized by Terra Nova Films, Inc., of Chicago. The purpose of the festival is to provide the general public and the older adult population with opportunities to see entertaining and artistic films and videos that present more realistic and positive images of aging. Works shown at the festival have been showcased at sites such as the Chicago Cultural Center and Northwestern University.

MARGARET SWEET, MPH ('92), was married to Gary Bellowe on April 24, 1999 in Chicago, where the couple now resides.

PATRICIA A. TAYLOR, DRPH ('96), MSW, LCSW, has served since October 1999 as a clinical research scientist at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, where she writes grants in the area of spinal cord injury, rehabilitation, and health policy and works with **TERESA LOUISE-BENDER PAPE, DRPH ('99)**. She reports that "I am using every bit of what I learned at UIC in this position and have stayed in touch with professors at UIC as I think of collaborative grant ideas." Dr. Taylor is also a member of the faculty in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Northwestern University Medical School.

IN MEMORIAM

Alumni and faculty of the School of Public Health were deeply saddened to learn of the recent death of **Artice Harmon, MPH ('75)**.

Ms. Harmon served as a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors for two terms. She was also instrumental in fostering the relationship between the school and Chicago State University which was developed to enhance the school's Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP). The program's mission is to increase the number of economically disadvantaged students, particularly African-American and Hispanic, who pursue and achieve advanced degrees in public health. The partnership with Chicago State has led to affiliations for student recruitment to the HCOP program and has been a significant factor in securing funding to support it.



Fourth Annual Loretta Pratt Lacey Scholarships Awarded

Dean Susan Scrimshaw presents one of the two fourth annual Loretta Pratt Lacey Memorial Scholarships to Jennifer B. Campbell, MHSA, a DrPH student in the Health Policy and Administration Division. The other recipient, not pictured, is Linda R. Lewallen, a PhD student in the Community Health Sciences Division. The Lacey Scholarship provides assistance to African-American doctoral students committed to working on women's health issues. Ms. Campbell's interests focus on enhancing the use of mammography screening among African-American women, while Ms. Lewallen's target development of innovative programs to improve the health of underserved perinatal populations in inner-city areas.

1999-2000 Annual Fund Drive

Yes! I want to support the UIC School of Public Health with a gift to funds targeted during this year's campaign for the amount(s) indicated:

Alan Donaldson Endowment
(for student travel) \$ _____

SPH Alumni Association Gift Fund
(for student space needs) \$ _____

I prefer to make a contribution to another student support fund for the following amount(s):

General Public Health
Scholarship Fund \$ _____

William Haenszel Memorial
Scholarship Endowment Fund \$ _____

Hispanic/Latino
Scholarship Fund \$ _____

International Student Aid Fund \$ _____

Linda St. Germain Memorial
Reference Center Technology
Endowment Fund \$ _____

Loretta Pratt Lacey Memorial
Scholarship Endowment Fund \$ _____

Paul Q. Peterson Scholarship
Endowment Fund \$ _____

I would like to direct my gift to the student support fund that needs it the most by contributing to the:

SPH Dean's Council Fund \$ _____

Please make your check payable to the University of Illinois Foundation and note the name of the fund(s) on the check.

If you prefer to use a credit card, please complete the following

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

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I authorize the U. of I. Foundation to collect this gift of \$ _____ through the credit card checked.

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Card # _____

Expiration Date _____

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I am/My spouse is in a matching gift program. Matching gift form is enclosed.

Please return your check or credit card contribution to: Vikki Wiebel, Director, Office of Advancement, UIC School of Public Health (MC 922), 2121 West Taylor Street, Chicago, IL 60612-7260

THANK YOU!

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LETTER FROM ADVANCEMENT

Dear Fellow Alumni:

Thank you for your support throughout this past year! As promised in the last newsletter, I will use this column to continue sharing information on planned giving options. Let's consider charitable gift annuities.

A Gift Plan for Your Retirement Years

"How can I donate a charitable gift to support the School of Public Health when I am trying to save as much as I can for my retirement years?" We hear this question quite often because the top financial goal for most people past age 40 is ensuring they have adequate income during retirement. We have a good answer in the form of a gift plan called a "charitable gift annuity." A charitable gift annuity blends the benefits of a charitable gift and an annuity. For a gift of at least \$5,000 to support SPH, the University of Illinois Foundation will agree to pay the donor and/or an additional beneficiary such as their spouse a fixed dollar amount for the rest of their lives. Annuity payments can begin immediately if one of the beneficiaries is at least age 50 or payments can be postponed to begin at a later age.

A charitable gift annuity is especially suitable to people in their pre-retirement years who are saving as much as possible for retirement. For these people, a series of charitable gift annuities can serve as a quasi-retirement plan. Each year during the years before retirement, a person can donate at least \$5,000 to SPH in exchange for a gift annuity set at a prevailing annual payment percentage rate. The payment percentage rate will vary by age and economic conditions but is reasonable. For example, a person age 50 who expects to retire at age 65 can currently obtain a gift annuity that will pay him or her 15% of the gift amount every year beginning at age 65. With each gift annuity in the series, a portion of the gift amount will qualify for a charitable gift income tax deduction. The

payment starting date for each annuity can be set to coincide with the donor's estimated retirement age. Upon retirement, the donor would begin to receive regular annuity payments from the University Foundation. Since payments will continue for the rest of his or her life, the donor will have created another dependable source of income during retirement.

People who are already retired can also benefit from gift annuities to supplement their other retirement income sources. In fact, annuity payments will be fixed at higher annual percentage rates the older a person is when he or she obtains a charitable gift annuity. For example, the gift annuity payment rate is currently 7% for an age 65 donor, 8% for an age 75 donor, 9% for an age 80 donor, and 10.5% for an age 85 donor. For a retired donor who is age 75, it can be reassuring to know that he or she can obtain a gift annuity that offers a charitable gift income tax deduction and provides annual payments equal to 8% of the gift amount for the rest of his or her life.

If you are interested in learning more about charitable gift annuities, we plan to offer a follow-up article in the fall 2000 issue of *HealthPro*. In the meantime, if you have any questions on other giving opportunities, please contact me at (312) 996-0760 or send me an e-mail at vikki@uic.edu

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Member, University of Illinois Alumni Association

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UIC Hospital, Intern and Resident, Internal Medicine, 1973-76

UIC School of Public Health, MPH 1996

I consider returning to graduate studies at the UIC School of Public Health one of the most significant milestones in my professional development. I daily apply the knowledge and skills that I learned at UIC in my clinical and administrative practices. I find that membership in the Alumni Association continues to expand and enhance my appreciation of the mission of public health in our community through visits to the campus, reading the alumni publications, and regular contact with students and faculty.

The University of Illinois Alumni Association . . . your life-long link to your alma mater.

Help build an even greater School of Public Health by becoming an active member of the University of Illinois Alumni Association. Your membership dues support School of Public Health alumni activities like reunions, student mentoring, and continuing education events. Membership provides many exclusive benefits including a subscription to UIC Alumni Magazine, UIC Library borrowing privileges, UIC campus recreation facilities opportunities, discounts on KAPLAN preparation courses for graduate studies, low-cost Internet access, great guided travel opportunities, and much more!

Join today by calling (312) 996-8566 or 1-800-556-2586 outside of Illinois. Please mention our special School of Public Health membership code, CD56.

The SPH Alumni Association Needs YOU!!

THE OPPORTUNITY: Serve a three-year term on the SPH Alumni Association (SPH-AA) Board of Directors or volunteer for one of its committees. The committees are: Development/Fundraising, By-laws, Awards, Networking, and Annual Meeting.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION: SPH alumnus and current membership in the University of Illinois Alumni Association.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO: Just provide some information in the format below and send it to our Nominating Chair, Fran Jaeger, DrPH, MPH, at UIC Perinatal Center (M/C 808), 820 S. Wood Street, Chicago, IL 60612-7313. If you need more information, call her at (312) 996-0818.

Name* _____ Year(s) of Grad. _____

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*If different from name at graduation, please include former name.

Your interest in the SPH-AA:

Attention, Alumni! Date _____

We want to know where you are, what you're doing, and how you think we're doing.

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WHAT ARE YOU DOING? Please share any professional or personal updates you'd like to see included in School of Public Health publications.

HOW ARE WE DOING? Please give us your feedback about *Alumni News & Views* and suggest topics you'd like to see covered in future. Letters to the Editor are welcome.

Please detach and return to: Vikki Wiebel, Director, Office of Advancement, UIC School of Public Health (MC 922), 2121 W. Taylor Street, Chicago, IL 60612-7260. Fax: 312-996-1374.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 5 – School of Public Health Convocation 2000 – Save the date!

Chicago Illini Union, 828 South Wolcott. Keynote speaker: Congressman John Porter. For information, call (312) 996-6620.

June 3 – Frank Lloyd Wright

Homes Walking Tour in Oak Park

For information, call (312) 996-8535.

June 23 – Young Alumni Boat Cruise

For information, call (312) 996-8535.

July 9 – Chicago Distance Classic

The oldest half-marathon race in Chicago is running through the UIC campus for the second year in a row. If you want to run, walk, cheer, or volunteer to work a water station, call the American Lung Association for more details, (312) RUN-1900.

August 14 – Alumni Day at the Illinois State Fair

For more information, call (312) 996-8535.

September, date to be announced

School of Public Health Open House to Celebrate Move to New Building, 1601 W. Taylor Street. For information, call (312) 996-6620.

September 24 – Chicago Waterways Boat Tour

For more information, call (312) 996-8535.

October 1-4 – Illinois Public Health Association's 60th Annual Meeting

More information can be obtained at IPHA's website: ipha@ipha.com

November 12-16 – American Public Health Association's 128th Annual Meeting, Boston, MA

More information can be obtained at APHA's website: www.apha.org. For information on reception to be hosted by School of Public Health, call (312) 996-6620.

For further information on the School of Public Health, visit the school's website at <http://www.uic.edu/spb/>

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