Alumni Notes

1940s

Dorothy Crouch, Ph.D., B.A. ’42 “I was a bacteriology major. I worked in a clinical lab and had a bioanalyst license. I have a Ph.D. in microbiology and taught.”

Lois A. (Schulman) Rifkin, B.S. ’48 “I was a medical technologist for 50 years. During that time I worked in hospitals and inspected clinical laboratories for the State of California. I spent some retirement time as a laboratory consultant and became a private pilot. I am moving from the L.A. area before the year is out to Portland, Oregon, where my grown daughter, two granddaughters, and family reside.”

James Basil Hall, M.D., M.P.H. ’49 was invited to join the family of Charles Lindbergh in a special celebration at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C., marking the 75th anniversary of Lindbergh’s flight across the Atlantic. Hall was a flight surgeon with the Army Air Forces when he first made Lindbergh’s acquaintance.

1950s

Marjorie F. (Helgans) Hughes, M.D., M.P.H. ’54 retired in 1992 from the Arlington County, Virginia, Department of Public Health, where she was the director of school health for 35 years.

Henry Anderson, M.P.H. ’56 received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Southwest Labor Studies Association.

Glenn I. Hildebrand, M.P.H. ’57 “I have been elected to the board of directors of the California Center for Public Health Advocacy and serve as the membership chair for the California Public Health Association—North.”

Harry A. Scott, M.P.H. ’57 has been retired from the position of chief of the Alameda County Vector Control Services District for 5 years. He served as chief for 13 years beginning in 1984.

Chhaganbhai B. Bhakta, B.S. ’58 is the proud grandfather of two granddaughters. The first, Kushmita, was born June 7, 1998, “a 44th wedding anniversary gift.” The second, Sajni, was born on Feb. 18, 2001. Bhakta and his wife visited India and Panama last year.

John H. Donnelly, M.D., M.P.H. ’58 “After retirement from Boulder County, Colorado’s Health Department in 1985 and abundant traveling around the country by travel trailer and some European and Central/South American countries by air, bus, and cruiseliner, I really retired to my writing (a biography), stamp collecting, working newspaper puzzles and computer solitaire. TV with my wife is a must.”

Lee Holder, M.P.H. ’58 has been retired since 1996. He is involved in volunteer activities and enjoys visiting his five children and 12 grandchildren. He also continues to enjoy international travel.

1960s

Lynn Deniston, M.P.H. ’62 “Retired and keeping fit via square dancing, fishing, golf, and gardening.”

Corwin Strong, M.P.H. ’64 “Retirement life is fantastic! Volunteering for community services, travel, golf all make the past worthwhile.”

Patricia E. (Lee) Taylor, Ph.D. ’64 “Continued working professionally in infectious disease in all of our postings while my husband was in the Canadian Diplomatic Service. After Ken’s tenure as Canadian Ambassador to Iran during the American hostage crisis, UC Berkeley, where he obtained his M.B.A., honored us in the Greek Theatre at the commencement exercises in 1980. Since that time we have lived in New York and I have been on staff as an epidemiologist in the Laboratory of Epidemiology at the New York Blood Center.”

Bettie Bayse Hutchinson Ott, M.P.H. ’65 is enjoying good health. She gardens, writes short autobiographical stories, and swims daily. She writes, “I miss the good work I was involved in for 22 years, health education, and my colleagues in the Class of ’65.”


Roger W. Haskell, M.P.H. ’66 “Enjoying my retirement in the Bay Area. I have wonderful recollections of my times at Warren Hall. I remain in close contact with Dr. Aminullah Saboor, M.P.H. ’66, who has recently returned to Kabul, Afghanistan.”

Hazelle (Junker) Walker, M.P.H. ’66 has been enjoying retirement since 1981.

Walter Morgan, M.D., M.P.H. ’68 is currently working with medical students in community outreach projects. He also supports seven student-run community clinics.

1970s

Adele R. Amodeo, M.P.H. ’70 is president of the California Public Health Association—North, and treasurer of the California Center for Public Health Advocacy.

Alice Royal, M.P.H. ’72 continues her year-round volunteer work at Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park. She received an Outstanding Service Certificate for her work to develop and advance the park.

Barbara Nowell Jackson, M.P.H.’73 has retired from home care after 50 years of community-based occupational therapy and professional writing. She now works part-time as a consultant to the State of North Carolina’s independent living program.

Michael E. Williams, M.S. ’75, M.P.H. ’74 is in his fifth year managing an environmental health and safety consulting firm, Health Safety and Risk Management Services.

Jennifer) Suzanne (Dod) Thomas, M.P.H. ’76 “I am currently teaching part-time in the Sociology Department of the University of San Francisco.”

Sandra Storch-Broad, M.P.H. ’77 is the breast-feeding coordinator for the Alameda County Women, Infants & Children program in addition to other roles there. Her sons, Max and Jeremy, are 15 and 12 years old. She cosponsored the Guinness World Record for Simultaneous Breastfeeding held in Berkeley last year.

John C. Monteleone, M.D., M.P.H. ’78 “2003 marks 25 years since I completed my M.S./M.P.H. degree in nutrition. I have many fond memories and I continually use clinical nutrition in my medical practice of sports and family medicine.”

Mary Ann Thode, J.D, M.P.H. ’78 was appointed Northern California president of Kaiser Permanente, a system with 3.2 million members. She formerly served as Kaiser’s chief operating officer.

Laura Peck, M.P.H. ’79 consults to collaborators and boards and coaches executive leaders as part of the Claros Group. Her daughter is a freshman at UCSD. Laura’s husband, Alan Stein, M.P.H. ’78, is executive director of the West Coast Children’s Center.
**1980s**

Gordon Belcourt, M.P.H. ’80 received the National Hero award from the School of Public Health (see back cover).

Hellan Roth Dowden, M.P.H. ’80 is a consultant and lobbyist. Her firm, HR Dowden and Associates, will be managing a grant from the California Endowment to work with the California Teachers Association and the California Association of Health Plans. The grant is designed to help educate teachers on the availability of low- or no-cost health insurance for students and to assist in enrollment into these programs.

Mary Henderson, M.B.A., M.P.H. ’81 was appointed to be Kaiser Permanente’s vice president of national HIPPA compliance and information technology compliance. Henderson has been with Kaiser Permanente for 15 years. She led Kaiser’s national Y2K project and was named the president of national HIPPA compliance and information technology compliance. Henderson has been with Kaiser Permanente for 15 years. She led Kaiser’s national Y2K project and was the project manager who formed its national IT organization.

Marc Rivo, M.D., M.P.H. ’81 is the Florida regional medical director and adviser for Chronicare Programs for AuMed Health Plan, a nonprofit Kaiser affiliate in Florida. His wife Karen is a nurse and public health graduate. They have two daughters, Jessica, 14, and Julie, 11.

Olivia Walden Kendrick, Dr.P.H. ’84 recently received the Joseph S. Rowland Award for Outstanding Teaching, the highest faculty honor at the University of Alabama’s College of Human Environmental Sciences.

Christopher Jones, M.S.W., M.P.H. ’85 “After working for government public health for more than 15 years, I’ve quit to take a year sabbatical with my life partner, Bill Prince, M.D., to travel through Europe and North Africa. Most recently I was employed by Public Health Seattle and King Co. and served as regional vice president of the Washington State Public Health Association.”

Rena Pasick, Dr.P.H. ’85, M.P.H. ’80 was appointed associate director for education and outreach at the UCSF Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Maria Frizelle Roberts, M.P.H. ’85 “I wish everyone at UCB Public Health the very best. I would love to hear from my classmates.”

June P. Brady, M.P.H. ’86 “Although ‘retired,’ my international interest continues. I am on the American Academy of Pediatrics International Child Health Committee and on the Health Volunteers Overseas Committee, plus consultation in Equatorial Guinea in pediatric care.”

Bruce S. Steir, M.D., M.P.H. ’86 has volunteered for the past two years at the Women’s Health Option Clinic at San Francisco General Hospital.

Karen Sokal-Gutierrez, M.D., M.P.H. ’88 “I’m thrilled to have returned to work at the School of Public Health. I’m working at the Center for Community Wellness on the state-wide evaluation of the ‘Kit for New Parents’ and teaching at the UCB-UCSF Joint Medical Program.”


John Wikle, M.D., M.P.H. ’88 “I am working with several managed care health plans to develop medical group-based disease management programs. I continue also practicing internal medicine half-time.”

Martha A. Ryan, R.N.P, M.P.H. ’89 accepted the Organizational Hero award from the School of Public Health on behalf of The Homeless Prenatal Program, a nonprofit organization providing prenatal care and parental support to homeless women (see back cover).

**1990s**

Logan Marshall Blank, M.P.H. ’90 earned a law degree from the University of Montana in 2001 and was commissioned as an environmental sciences officer in the United States Army Reserve. Blank currently practices law in Missoula, Montana.

Karla Pearcy, M.S.W., M.P.H. ’90 and her husband Stanley live in Portland, Oregon, and are expecting their first child in March 2003. Karla works for the State of Oregon’s Women, Infants, & Children’s Program as a health educator/outreach coordinator.

Jill Granger, M.P.H. ’93 is an epidemiologist and has been working for the Michigan Department of Community Health since 1998.

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**Gerberding Discusses Preparedness, Receives Honor**

Julie Gerberding and Dean Shortell

Julie Gerberding, M.D., M.P.H. ’90, director of the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), visited Berkeley on April 8 to discuss health preparedness and to accept the school’s Alumna of the Year Award. Dean Stephen M. Shortell presented her with a crystal bear and a Cal T-shirt, which she promised to hang above her desk at the CDC in Atlanta.

Addressing the audience, Gerberding laid out her plans to improve the CDC’s emergency response and said that the first health care worker in the United States had come down with probable SARS. While acknowledging the significance of SARS and bioterrorism, Gerberding emphasized that these are just two of many health issues on which the CDC focuses. She said that chronic health problems, such as obesity, are the country’s major threats and noted that obesity is approaching tobacco as the top risk factor for disease in this country.

**O’Neill Directs National AIDS Policy Office**

In Memoriam

Victor Eisner Jr., M.D., M.P.H. ’63 died July 10, 2002, at Marin General Hospital in Greenbrae, California. A World War II veteran who earned a Purple Heart and four Bronze Stars, Eisner received his bachelor’s degree from Stanford University and his medical degree from Harvard University. After earning his M.P.H. at Berkeley in 1963, he served on the school’s faculty until 1980. He was predeceased by his wife, Rosemarie, and is survived by his daughter Julie, son Lorenz, son-in-law Chris, three grandchildren, brother Sigmund, sister-in-law Julie, son Lorenz, son-in-law Chris, three grandchildren, brother Sigmund, sister-in-law Julie, and numerous nephews, nieces, grandnephews, and grandnieces.

Eli Glogow, Dr. P.H., M.P.H. ’51 died September 12, 2002, at his home in Culver City, California. Glogow was an emeritus professor of public administration and a long-time administrator at the University of Southern California. He received numerous awards for teaching excellence and outstanding service and was published in more than 25 professional and academic publications. Glogow is survived by his wife of 24 years, Christine, as well as a son and a daughter, a sister, and grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Nell Hollinger, Ph.D. died April 23, 2002, at Carson-Tahoe Hospital in Carson City, Nevada. Hollinger, a professor emerita of public health, was on the faculty of The Latino Patient: A Cultural Guide for Health Care Providers, released last year by the Intercultural Press. The book provides an in-depth exploration of Latino diversity, health status, relevant cultural values, health beliefs, and effective communication strategies. Chong is director of Kaiser Permanente’s Institute for Culturally Competent Care.

2000s

Nilda Chong, M.D., Dr.P.H. ’00 is the author of The Latino Patient: A Cultural Guide for Health Care Providers, released last year by the Intercultural Press. The book provides an in-depth exploration of Latino diversity, health status, relevant cultural values, health beliefs, and effective communication strategies. Chong is director of Kaiser Permanente’s Institute for Culturally Competent Care.

Eric J. Chow, M.P.H. ’00 is in the midst of his pediatric residency at the University of Washington.

Sara McMenamin, Ph.D. ’02, M.P.H. ’98 received her Ph.D. in health services and policy analysis in May 2002. On February 14, 2002, she gave birth to a son.

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She has developed an occupational pesticide illness and injury surveillance program for the state to track occupational pesticide exposure. She is renovating a 120-year-old farmhouse with her husband Larry and their daughter Isabelle, who is five years old.

Judith Feinson, M.C.P., M.P.H. ’94 is a program evaluator for the State of Delaware’s Department of Health and Social Services. She also conducts research on tobacco prevention and children for a pediatric pulmonologist.

Audrey O. T. Lau, M.D., M.P.H. ’94 “I gave birth to my first child on April 14, 2002. His name is Buel Frederick Yat-Hay Rodgers or ‘Freddie’ for short.”

David Zalk, M.P.H. ’94 has become president of the International Occupational Hygiene Association. The association includes 25 member organizations in 23 countries.

Kay Wallis, M.P.H. ’96 is special projects manager in the Department of Medicine at UCSF and lives in Richmond, California. She writes, “I am active in local organizing to fight corporate polluters and support homeless rights. I have successfully utilized ‘media advocacy’ skills learned at SPH in several local campaigns.”

Steffi Becht Kellam, M.P.H. ’98 “After living in Argentina for a year, we’ve moved back to Texas and now have a beautiful baby girl, Katherine Ann (Katie).”

Michael P. Wilson, M.P.H. ’98 won a Switzer Environmental Fellowship, awarded by the Robert & Patricia Switzer Foundation to outstanding early-career environmental leaders. Wilson is at Berkeley working on his Ph.D. in environmental health sciences.

Anna C. Ziedins, M.P.H. ’98 received her D.V.M. from UC Davis in June 2002. She has begun an internship at the Loomis Basin Veterinary Clinic. Anna is the daughter of Inta Ziedins, B.S. ’58.

Kamyar Kalantar-Zadeh, M.D., M.P.H. ’99 has been promoted to step III assistant clinical professor of medicine and pediatrics at the UCLA School of Medicine and Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. He received a career award from the NIH to conduct a cohort study concerning nutrition and outcome in dialysis patients.


Alaine Perry, M.P.H. ’99, was in attendance. After completing the presidential management internship program at the Health Care Financing Administration and the House of Representatives Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health, Lloyd became vice president for federal reimbursement programs for the California Healthcare Association.