



*Alumni  
Awards*

Thursday, March 28, 2013

University Club, Ballroom A

# **PROGRAM**

## **Welcome**

Dean Donald S. Burke, MD

## **Presentation of 2013 Delta Omega Initiates**

Charles Christen

Gregory Homish

Daniel Patterson

## **Presentation of Awards**

Dean Burke

## **Distinguished Alumni Awards**

For Practice: William Holman

For Research: Coleen Boyle

For Teaching and Dissemination: Anita Caufield

## **The Margaret F. Gloninger Service Award**

Mary Patricia Nowalk

## **Awardee Group Photo**

## 2013 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

### FOR PRACTICE



#### **William Holman, MHA '79**

*President and CEO of Baton Rouge General Medical Center and General Health System*

William Holman joined the The Baton Rouge General Medical Center and General Health System in 2000, assembling and leading the management team that in 2004 was named “Top Leadership Team in the Nation” by *HealthLeaders* magazine. A former Air Force medic who served in

Vietnam, Holman received his Bachelor of Science in health care management from Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts in 1974 and his master’s degree in health services administration from Pitt Public Health in 1976. He is also a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Johnson & Johnson Wharton School of Business CEO Program for Healthcare Leadership, and a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives. Holman has more than 42 years of experience in health care management.

Prior to joining Baton Rouge General, Bill spent seven years with the ViaHealth/Genesee Hospital system in New York, serving most recently as senior executive vice president/chief operating officer. Named *Baton Rouge Business Report’s* 2011 Business Person of the Year, he presently serves on the board of directors of the Baton Rouge Area Chamber of Commerce, the city of Baton Rouge’s Health City Initiative, Baton Rouge General Foundation, and the Mid-City Redevelopment Alliance. In addition, Holman is chair of the Capital Area American Heart Association/American Stroke Association (AHA) Board of Directors and is the immediate chair for the Louisiana Hospital Association.

## FOR RESEARCH



### **Coleen Boyle, PhD '81**

*Director of the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)*

Coleen Boyle joined the NCBDDD in 1988, first as section chief and later as branch chief and division director. In 2001, she was named the associate director for science and public health for CDC's newly created NCBDDD. In October 2004, she was appointed the director of the Division of Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities.

Before joining the CDC in 1984 to work on the Agent Orange studies, she was a faculty member in epidemiology at the University of Massachusetts Program in Public Health. As part of the Agent Orange staff, Boyle served as the principal investigator for the Vietnam Experience mortality studies and as senior epidemiologist for a large, multi-centered cancer case-control study. Her interest and expertise is in the epidemiology and prevention of birth defects and developmental disabilities. She is the recipient of the CDC Charles C. Shepard Award for scientific excellence in 1997 and 2004 and has authored or co-authored more than 120 peer-reviewed and other scientific publications.

Boyle received her MSHyg in biostatistics in 1978 and her PhD in epidemiology in 1981 from Pitt Public Health, and she completed postdoctoral training in epidemiologic methods at Yale University.

## FOR TEACHING AND DISSEMINATION



### **Anita Caufield, MHA '84**

*President and Executive Producer, Forecast Technology Group*

An accomplished strategic planner and entrepreneur, Anita Caufield has been the visionary for developing educational programming for a variety of non-profit scientific, engineering, product development, and biotech professional associations.

As president and executive producer of Forecast Technology Group, Caufield has parlayed her health care administration background into establishing a successful consulting business, serving smaller scientific research societies, universities, and foundations. Now in its 18th year, Forecast has specialized in the executive production of dozens of scientific research and engineering conferences, ranging from automotive safety to biotech product discoveries.

Forecast is currently working in the promising field of regenerative medicine, a science which has the potential to develop medical therapies that will enable the body to repair, replace, restore, and regenerate damaged or diseased cells, tissues, and organs. The company supports scientific training efforts which will lead to the development of artificial organs, the repair damaged of damaged heart tissue after an arrest, the replacement skin tissue after a burn, and the regeneration of pancreatic tissue to produce insulin for diabetics. For Caufield, this highly-anticipated research area has again allowed her to focus on her first love—science and health care.

Caufield lives with her husband and son near Pittsburgh. She has been a volunteer for a children's charity and currently serves on a community economic development board. Most recently, she founded a retail endeavor donating thousands of dollars in reusable merchandise to women facing life transitions and returning to the workplace. Caufield's career has taken her in novel directions—each having an impact by contributing to the global health and well-being of patients—past, present, and future.

## 2013 MARGARET F. GLONINGER SERVICE AWARD

*This award is given annually to alumni who have made a significant contribution to the school or community through volunteer service.*



### **Mary Patricia Nowalk, PhD '93**

*Associate Professor in the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine Department of Family Medicine*

Mary Patricia Nowalk earned her MSHyg in nutritional epidemiology in 1981 and PhD in chronic disease epidemiology in 1993 from Pitt Public Health. While studying, she served as project coordinator for several behavioral weight control

programs for adults with Type II diabetes at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic. After her doctoral studies, she worked in Pitt Public Health's Department of Epidemiology for the Modification of Diet in Renal Disease Study and the Epidemiology of Diabetes Complications Study.

Nowalk is principal investigator and project director for a Health Resources and Services Agency grant which funds primary medical and dental care for uninsured patients at the Matilda Theiss Health Center, a federally qualified health center in Oak Hill. She also works with PittVax, the immunization research group where she is co-investigator for numerous studies. She has authored or co-authored 100 peer-reviewed research articles. As a registered dietitian, she advises the Allegheny County Area Agency on Aging on its congregate meal program.

Nowalk mentors for the Bridging The Gaps program and the medical school's scholarly project requirement, offers annual writing seminars for family medicine fellows, and facilitates for the Medical Student Orientation Diversity Training. She has been a member of the board of directors of the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association and the Senior Companion Program, served on the Allegheny County Senior Center Task Force, and served as co-chair of the Pittsburgh NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. She has coached girls' and boys' volleyball and was a member of the inaugural class of mentors for the United Way's Be a 6th Grade Mentor program. Nowalk was a coach and judge for the Pennsylvanian Junior Academy of Science for six years and has been a coach and judge in the Southwestern Pennsylvania Forensic League for 15 years.

## 2013 DELTA OMEGA INITIATES



**Charles Christen, DrPH '10**

*Executive Director for the Pittsburgh AIDS Task*

The Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force provides care to people living with HIV as well as work to prevent the spread of the virus. Charles Christen has more than 15 years of experience in administration, advocacy, research, and psychosocial counseling with HIV. His previous employment was as

director of operations for the Center for Healthy Environments and Communities at PittPublic Health's Department of Environmental Health. The focus of this Center was to explore the public health implications of shale gas exploration as well as prepare a southwestern Pennsylvania regional environmental threat analysis. Christen also serves on the board of the Hazelwood Initiative, working to revive and revitalize a Pittsburgh neighborhood. He was formerly administrator of Persad Center's HIV program, co-chair of the former Southwestern PA Healing Weekend, and a board member of the former Southwestern Pennsylvania AIDS Planning Coalition. He was also a founding board member for the Hazelwood Urban Garden program. He obtained his doctoral degree in public health from the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health and was one of the first in the nation to obtain a graduate certificate in LGBT health research. He also holds a bachelor's degree from Duquesne University in philosophy and psychology and a degree in sacred theology from the Gregorian University in Rome, Italy.



### **Gregory Homish, PhD '03**

*Assistant Professor of Community Health and Health Behavior, and Co-director of the Community Health and Health Behavior Concentration of the MPH program at the State University of New York at Buffalo*

Gregory Homish holds appointments at the Research Institute on Addictions at the State University of New York at Buffalo as well as in the departments of family medicine and pediatrics. He is a consulting editor for *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors*. His research focuses on social network influences on substance use and mental health. He has published 49 peer reviewed articles and three book chapters and has served as a principal investigator or co-investigator on grants funded by private foundations as well as the National Institutes of Health that have examined a variety of public health issues including substance abuse, intimate partner violence, and mental health. Homish also serves as the alternate sector leader for the emergency mental health component of Erie County, New York's Specialized Medical Assistance Response Team, the public health emergency response team sponsored by the department of health.



## **Daniel Patterson, MS '12**

*Nationally Registered Paramedic, Assistant Professor in the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine Department of Emergency Medicine, and Director for Research at the Center for Emergency Medicine of Western PA, Inc.*

Daniel Patterson holds a doctorate in health services policy and management and a master's degree in public health service and management from the University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health. He holds a master's degree in epidemiology from Pitt Public Health. From 2004–06, he was an AHRQ (T-32) post-doctorate fellow at the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Patterson has received focused education and training in patient safety. He is a graduate of the Patient Safety Leadership Program co-sponsored by the American Hospital Association and National Patient Safety Foundation—PSLF Class #7.

He is also the first non-physician recipient of the prestigious Patient Safety Fellowship co-sponsored by the Emergency Medicine Patient Safety Foundation and Society for Academic Emergency Medicine.

Patterson has served on several committees addressing quality and safety. From 2008 to 2009, he served as an ad-hoc member of the National Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (NEMSAC) safety sub-committee established by Secretary of Transportation Mary Peters in 2006. In July of 2010, he was appointed by Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood to a two year term on the NEMSAC. Other committee work has included the steering committee for the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Workforce Data Definitions Project supported by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Office of EMS. In 2012, he was reappointed to the NEMSAC for another two-year term.

Patterson has spent his career investigating issues that threaten quality, safety, and performance and impact the EMS worker and work environment. In addition, his current research includes the development of valid and reliable measures of EMS teamwork supported by a career development and training grant from the National Institutes of Health and the University of Pittsburgh.

**PREVIOUS  
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDEES**

**2012**

Joel Weissfeld (MPH '82)  
Edward W. Gregg (PhD '96)  
James B. Pieffer (MHA '86)

**2010**

Madalon O'Rawe Amenta (MPH '68, DrPH '78)  
Clareann Bunker (PhD '84)  
Richard Lugg (MPH '66)

**2009**

Kenneth Miller (MS '70)  
David Reed (MS '61)  
Jeanne Zborowski (PhD '00)

**2008**

Gerald M. Barron (MPH '71)  
James C. Helmkamp (PhD '83)  
Paul M. Winkler (MPH '81)

**2007**

Agnes Bouldin (DrPH '88)  
Anthony Lubiniecki (ScD '72)  
Dietrich Stephan (PhD '96)

**2006**

Robert Geddis (MSHyg '73)  
Marlene Lugg (MPH '66, DrPH '81)  
Thomas White (MSHyg '72)

**2005**

Joseph Costantino (MPH '74, DrPH '76)  
Constance Husman (MSHyg '74),  
Gerald Katz (MSHyg '63)

**2004**

Jane Cauley (MPH '80, DrPH '83)  
Allen Brodsky (ScD '66)  
David Savitz (PhD '82)

## **2003**

Galen E. Cole (MPH '87)  
James M. Klingensmith (MPH '77, ScD '87)  
Patricia W. Potrzebowski (PhD '74)

## **2002**

Judith Badner (MSHyg '85, PhD '88)  
Glenn Schneider (MPH '91)

## **2001**

Brian Jacob (MHA '86)  
Diane Peterson (MPH '74)  
Beth Elaine Quill (MPH '82)

## **2000**

Victor J. Catullo (MPH '98)  
William T. Godshall (MPH '85)  
Michael C. Waters (MS '67)

## **1999**

GSPH 50th Anniversary  
50 at 50 Awards given

## **1998**

Marie C. Baker (MSHyg '84)  
Tood Schryer (MHA '92)  
Carol Synkewecz (MPH '75)

## **1997**

Mark A. Vojtecky (MPH '86)

## **1996**

George Board (DrPH '83)  
Harold E. Kennah (MS '85)  
Daniel J. Schaid (MS '81, PhD '86)  
Joyce E. White (DrPH '93)

## **1995**

Lucile L. Adams-Campbell (PhD '83)  
Ronette R. Briefel (MPH '76, DrPH '82)  
Lawrence W. Keller (MSHyg '71)  
Michael R. Peterson (DrPH '85)

**1994**

Jan R. Jennings (MPH '76)  
Mohamed Sabet Mahdy (MPH '60, ScDHyg '63)  
Grace E. Ware (MPH '73)

**1993**

Janine Jagger (MPH '74)  
Akira Koizumi (MS '66)  
L. Jon Schurmeier (MSHyg '70)

**1992**

C. Michael Blackwood (MPH '80)  
John M. Lachin III (ScDHyg '72)  
Carol K. Redmond (ScDHyg '66)

**1991**

Joanne Marie Andiorio (DrPH '84)  
David Gur (ScDHyg '77)

**1989**

Mark H. Barnett (MPH '61)  
Mary Ann Scialabba (MSHyg '63)

**1986**

Mostafa A. El Batawi (MPH '57, ScDHyg '59)  
Sydney J. Cutler (ScDHyg '61)

**1983**

Lois G. Michaels (MSHyg '63)

**PREVIOUS  
MARGARET F. GLONINGER AWARDEES**

**2012**

John J. Zanardelli (MPH '79)

**2010**

Patsy Heslen Haslam (MPH '69)

**2008**

Constance S. McCormick (MPH '85)

Shirley McIlvried (MPH '83)

**2007**

Laura Rosato (PhD '90)

Charles Vargo (MHA '84)

**2006**

Diego Chaves-Gnecco (MMPH '00)

**2005**

Marc Hiller (MPH '74, DrPH '78)

Samuel Koilpillai (MSHyg '76)

**2004**

Marlene Lugg (MPH '66, DrPH '81)

**2003**

Kimberlee Evert (MPH '88)

**2002**

Gerald C. Colvin (MA '86, DrPH '93)

Joan M. Mavrinac (MPH '88)

**2000**

Lynn Marie Weber (MPH '97)

**1998**

Scott Becker (MPH '80)

James Collins (MUN '87)

Anne R. Medsger (MSHyg '81)

Russell Rycheck (MPH '59, DrPH '65)

**1997**

John A. Armstrong (ScDHyg '67)

Maurice A. Shapiro (MEng '49, UC Berkeley)

Robert B. Yee (MS '52[FAS], PhD '57 [FAS])

**1996**

William F. Gauss (MPH '83)

**1995**

Mary K. Conner (PhD '78)

Joanne F. McVay (MPH '75, DrPH '84)

**1994**

Kenneth L. Garver (PhD '75)

**1993**

Theresa A. Chalich (MPH '89)

Karen S. Peterson (MPH '70)



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**National Public Health Week**

Theme: Public Health is ROI  
April 1–5, 2013

**Pitt Public Health Convocation**

April 28, 2013, Carnegie Music Hall, Oakland

**Kim Sutton-Tyrrell Memorial Symposium**

May 31, 2013, 1–3 p.m., University Club, Ballroom B

**Bangkok Alumni Reception**

June 12, 2013

**SPECIAL THANKS TO THE  
ALUMNI AWARDS COMMITTEE**

Eleanor Feingold,  
Committee Chair and Associate Dean for Education

Joan Anson, Director of Career Services  
William T. Green Jr. (MPH '01)  
Edward Gregg, (PhD' 96)  
James Pieffer (MHA '86)  
Joel Weissfeld (MPH '82)  
John Zanardelli (MPH '79)

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