

Appreciation for Public Health Inspires Commitment and Dedication:

Larry Aldrich New Chair of Community Advisory Board



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—Larry Aldrich

In the last five years, Larry Aldrich has committed to The University of Arizona Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health substantial financial gifts, along with his invaluable time and commitment. For the local business leader (who is the president and founder of Aldrich Capital Company, an acquisition, management and consulting firm) giving to the College reflected his newfound appreciation for public health issues.

"Public health hasn't always been a high interest of mine. For too long, I had taken it for granted. I am fortunate to be very healthy and part of a 'wellness-oriented' family," said Aldrich, who is married with two children and an avid runner. "I now have been 'educated' on how vital the issues of public health are, that so many of us need more education about wellness and prevention and care for the rest of our lives and the lives of future generations."

Aldrich was first approached to make a gift to the College because of his deep respect and admiration for Mel Zuckerman and Roy Drachman, for whom the College and its building are named after, and for founding Dean G. Marie Swanson, whose leadership has paved the College's way to success and receiving full accreditation. Aldrich now has taken an active part in the College and public health issues

as chair of the College's Community Advisory Board.

Aldrich is more than familiar with the leadership roles in business matters. Before founding his own firm, he was the Chief Operating Officer of The Critical Path Institute, a start-up nonprofit institution to implement innovations in developing new medical therapies. From 1983 to 2000, Aldrich worked for the Gannett Co., Inc., as president and CEO of Tucson Newspapers and senior legal counsel.

His community leadership experience spans into his role as chairman of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council, which he also helped form, and the Greater Tucson Economic Council, where he was chairman and interim president and CEO in 2000.

Aldrich considers his new role as chair of the College's Community Advisory Board a deep honor. "The College provides leadership and education, not only across the State of Arizona but across a multi-state region," he said. "We are indeed fortunate to have this College at The University of Arizona and I thank all those who have made it a reality and those many others who will support the work of the College in the future."

Student Scholarships Ultimately Support the Health of a Community

Student scholarships often offer the most tangible rewards to donors. In turn, these provide the most important support for a public health student achieving their dreams of contributing to the health of a community.

These scholarships support student research and academic work, as well as community service, particularly in addressing health disparities. The impact these scholarships have can be profound.

In this issue, we feature the Hispanic Women's Corp. and Canyon Ranch Latina Student Scholarships.

In 2006, six Latina students at the UA Zuckerman College of Public Health received these in recognition of their commitment and professional goals to serve Latino populations.

The scholarship recipients include master of public health (MPH) students Rebeca A. Arias, Melisa P. Celaya, Charlene Y. Clements, Irene A. Gutierrez,

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Gabrielle Giffords to Speak on 'Veterans and Public Health' at Partners in Public Health Luncheon, April 12

U.S. Representative Gabrielle Giffords will speak about "Veterans and Public Health: Caring for Our Heroes in the 21st Century" at the annual **Partners in Public Health luncheon**, set for Thursday, April 12, at the Arizona Inn, Tucson Room, 2200 East Elm Street, Tucson, Ariz.

A third generation Arizonan and the youngest woman ever elected to the Arizona State Senate, Giffords represented her hometown of Tucson in the Arizona Legislature from 2000-



2005. During her service in both the House of Representatives and the Senate, Giffords worked on legislation to expand health care coverage for Arizona families; to create and attract high wage jobs to Arizona; and to protect Arizona's environment and open spaces. She served on the Appropriations, Commerce and Economic Development and Finance Committees. In November 2006, she was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from Arizona's 8th District. As former President and Chief Executive Officer of El Campo Tire, Inc., Giffords was able to utilize her experience as a small businesswoman with a broad background in national and international economic development.

For more information about the **Partners in Public Health luncheon**, please contact Donna Knight, Office of Development, UA Zuckerman College of Public Health, at (520) 626-2948 or knight@coph.arizona.edu.

Dean's Message

Welcome to the spring 2007 edition of the College newsletter, which was put on hold while we re-tooled the College web site and our e-news format. We hope you enjoy the new design, and that you have had an opportunity to see our new web site look (see www.publichealth.arizona.edu).



We celebrated many milestones in 2006. It was the year we moved most of our offices into Roy P. Drachman Hall – and finally had a home we could call our own. We also received a continuation of our accreditation from the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). Other important highlights include:

- The establishment of two new doctoral programs: a PhD in Biostatistics and a DrPH. These two programs are in addition to our PhD in epidemiology.
- Our first Regents Professor Mary Koss, PhD.
- Our first David McEvoy Distinguished Professorship in Public Health and the naming of Richard Carmona, MD, MPH, FACS, 17th Surgeon General of the United States to this position.
- Naming our prevention center the Canyon Ranch Center for Prevention and Health Promotion.

On a personal level, another tremendous event was receiving a generous gift from Mel and Enid Zuckerman to establish the **Mel and Enid Zuckerman Endowed Chair in Public Health** – one of only three endowed chairs for dean positions at the UA. I am humbled by this great privilege. This endowment not only honors our College, it forever gives us a competitive edge for the position of dean at our College. It also ties the legacy of the dean, our College and the Zuckerman family together in our effort to promote and support healthy communities in Arizona and across the globe.

Our College is now stronger than ever before and is poised to meet the opportunities ahead with the continued support and energy from faculty, appointed professionals, staff, students, alumni, friends and community allies.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Marie Swanson".

G. Marie Swanson, PhD, MPH
Dean and professor

Dr. Carmona Appointed Distinguished Professor

Richard H. Carmona, MD, MPH, FACS, 17th Surgeon General of the United States, has been appointed professor of public health at the UA Zuckerman College of Public Health. Dr. Carmona is the first **David McEvoy Distinguished Professorship in Public Health** at the College.

In addition, Dr. Carmona joined Canyon Ranch as vice chairman of the 27-year-old life enhancement company. Dr. Carmona also will serve as chief executive officer of Canyon Ranch's Health division and president of the nonprofit Canyon Ranch Institute.

"Dr. Carmona has committed his life and career to public health. His commitment to safety and preparedness, and his unwavering dedication to better health through prevention have changed the way that millions of people view health and well-being," said **G. Marie Swanson**, Founding Dean at the UA Zuckerman College of Public Health. "We are all delighted to welcome Rich to be part of our College again."

Dr. Carmona earned a master's of public health from the UA Zuckerman College of Public Health in 1998.

"The challenge we face today is not in gathering more information or waiting for more science. Instead, we must translate the best science into steps that people can understand and use to improve their health," said Dr. Carmona. "We must engage diverse populations with culturally competent messages to help them become more health literate, so they can be involved in improving their overall health and well-being. We must change from being disease-oriented to being health-oriented, and focus attention on

preventing health problems, not fixing them after they've happened."

In addition to his leadership roles with Canyon Ranch, the Canyon Ranch Institute, and as a UA professor, Dr. Carmona will continue to work with colleagues throughout the health and medical community, particularly his fellow Surgeons General.



College Establishes David McEvoy Distinguished Professorship in Public Health

Thanks to a generous contribution from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous, the UA Zuckerman College of Public Health established the David McEvoy Distinguished Professorship in Public Health.

"The professorship, which is reserved for faculty members whose exceptional achievements in public health have had both a national and global impact, is a recognition of the highest merit and of unique contributions to the College," notes Dean G. Marie Swanson, PhD, MPH.

David A. McEvoy, JD, who served as chair of the College's Community Advisory Board for nine years and who continues to be a board member and strong supporter and friend of the College, is an attorney with McEvoy, Daniels & Darcy, P.C. He received his bachelor's degree and Juris Doctor degree from the UA. McEvoy is a past president of the Tucson Alumni Club and of the Arizona Alumni Association. He is a past board member for The University of Arizona Foundation and trustee of the Arizona Theatre Company, and currently is a member of the Salpointe Catholic High School Educational Foundation board.



College Announces Naming of Canyon Ranch Center for Prevention and Health Promotion

The UA Zuckerman College of Public Health has named its prevention center the Canyon Ranch Center for Prevention and Health Promotion. A center of excellence approved by the Arizona Board of Regents, the Canyon Ranch Center is a continuation of the partnership that has evolved since 1979 between the UA, Canyon Ranch and the Mel and Enid Zuckerman family of Tucson. The ongoing partnership emphasis is on community wellness, health promotion, prevention and the individual responsibility for a healthy lifestyle. Canyon Ranch is the world's leading healthy lifestyle company.

Dean G. Marie Swanson said, "This will further strengthen our collaborations in health promotion with Canyon Ranch and extend these activities into more communities across Arizona and around the globe. Canyon Ranch's mission of inspiring individuals to make a commitment to healthier living is similar to that of the UA Zuckerman College of Public Health."

Jill Guernsey de Zapien, associate dean of community programs at the College, has been appointed to serve as the first director.

The Canyon Ranch Center is developing collaborations with other UA colleges and community agencies to focus its efforts, research and community programs in three major areas: nutrition, physical activity and tobacco prevention and cessation.

Scholarships

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Melisa Celaya, Francisca Hernández, Monica Vasquez, Charlene Clements, Rebeca Arias and Irene Gutierrez

Francisca M. Hernández, and Monica Vasquez. Each recipient received either \$4,000 or \$2,000.

Arias plans to become a physician to improve the health disparities that affect Hispanic and other minority populations. When she worked on a clinical research project at the University of California, San Diego, she realized the importance of being sensitive to patients' cultural and ethnic backgrounds. In addition to working as a research specialist at the UA's Department of Pediatrics, Arias also has worked as a Spanish interpreter at La Clínica del Florido in Tijuana, Mexico, and at Clínica Amistad in South Tucson. She is in the MD/MPH dual-degree program at the UA College of Medicine and the Zuckerman College of Public Health. Her long-term goal is to develop culturally competent health-promotion and disease-prevention programs for underserved populations.

Celaya's interest in public health stemmed from her own diagnosis with cervical cancer a few years ago – while her best friend also received the same diagnosis. Celaya's cancer was caught early, but her friend died, which urged Celaya to determine why there was such a difference in their prognoses. Celaya created a foundation, Kimmie's Joy, to better educate women, especially the Latina population, on cervical cancer. Celaya is a doctoral student in epidemiology. After completing her degree, she plans to work in the field of asthma (she currently is coordinating pediatric asthma clinical trials at the Arizona Respiratory Center). Celaya has received the Latina Student Scholarship for the second consecutive year.

Clements, who is from the small mining town of San Manuel in Southern Arizona, is interested in making a "community connection." As an MPH student with a concentration in family and child health, Clements hopes the program will enable her to address the specific needs of rural communities and improve the lives of Hispanic families affected by drugs. She has worked in the UA College of Medicine's Office of Minority Affairs and has served two years as a health careers ambassador, working jointly with the Arizona Area Health Education Centers. After receiving her master's degree, she hopes to develop youth-oriented programs aimed at health.

As a volunteer at Carondelet Hospice, **Gutierrez's** experiences renewed her compassion for human life and reinforced her desire to participate in the healing process. Having worked on her family's farm in Southeastern Arizona, Gutierrez has experienced the uncertainties, challenges and hard work familiar to a physician. She has worked at

Why do you give to student scholarships?

"The largest part of the money that I contribute to good causes goes to the College's Student Scholarship fund. I feel privileged to be able to see the good that this does on a daily basis and sometimes I imagine that each recipient of our scholarships has



some of my money in his or her pocket. That way I share in their dreams and accomplishments."

– CHRIS TISCH
Assistant Dean, Student
and Alumni Affairs

Nuestra Comunidad, Nuestra Salud (Our Community, Our Health) interdisciplinary rural health training project, where she has participated in training health professions students. She also has worked on clinical studies at the Arizona Respiratory Center. Gutierrez is in the UA MD/MPH Program.

Hernández is an MPH student in the maternal and child health concentration. Hernandez hopes to work with minorities, especially Hispanic and Native American youth. Hernandez, who is of Yaqui and Mexican descent, also plans to work with the Pascua Yaqui Tribe.

Vasquez believes two crucial steps are involved in serving any population – first, provide resources available to them in health care and



"I never felt inclined to support my college from which I graduated because I did not feel a pressing need. The reason my wife, Jane and I, are contributing to the College is because our support of public health students is not only helping one or two students, but in fact is helping shape and save lives of thousands that would not otherwise receive the help."

– BRUCE ASH
Benefactor and Board Member

basic needs. Second, provide the steps and available resources to obtain an education, which could open doors to many career and life opportunities. Vasquez has taught math at a South Tucson high school and, as an MPH student, her focus remains on youth. She is working as a research technician at the Arizona Respiratory Center. Her work involves pediatric asthma studies serving a large Latino population. She also recruits families to participate in studies that seek to better understand asthma in children and provide asthma education and medication to better control their asthma symptoms. She hopes to pursue a PhD in biostatistics and become a biostatistician at the doctorate level after receiving an MPH in biostatistics.

Dr. Swanson Named First Mel and Enid Zuckerman Endowed Chair in Public Health

G Marie Swanson, PhD, MPH, Founding Dean at the UA Zuckerman College of Public Health, has been named the first Mel and Enid Zuckerman Endowed Chair in Public Health.

“This endowed chair for a dean’s position represents the continued passion and commitment in support of public health and healthier communities that have long been a legacy of the Zuckerman family and Canyon Ranch,” said **UA President Robert N. Shelton**. “Endowed chairs for deans are essential resources in higher education, allowing a university to recruit and retain top candidates for key leadership and scholarship positions.”

The **Mel and Enid Zuckerman Endowed Chair in Public Health** – one of only three endowed chairs for dean positions at the UA – will provide additional support to the holder of the endowed chair to foster collaborations that identify innovations, best practices and cutting-edge research that have a positive effect on the promotion of wellness. The endowed chair also will support scholarly public health research and inquiry, as well as the translation and dissemination of best practices that benefit the health of Arizona’s communities.

“Enid and I are pleased to have the opportunity to provide a stable source of funding for this key leadership position,” said **Mel Zuckerman**, founder and chairman of Canyon Ranch. “We hope it will further support the College’s goals in developing, nurturing and promoting the health of individuals and communities in diverse populations and the Southwest.”

Student Scholarships

Name	Amount	Criteria	2006/07 Awardees
Helen and Raymond Sarocco Scholarship	\$1,100 (2)	Supports MPH students with financial need who have achieved academic excellence.	Applications being accepted
Reva T. Frankle Award	\$500	For public health undergraduate or graduate student focusing on Native American communities and diabetes.	Applications being accepted
Drachman Prevention Fellowship	\$1,500 (3 times a year)	Supports students who best outline an internship or research experience designed to promote healthy behaviors, sound nutrition, and physical activity in children and/or to mentor at-risk children and youth.	Patricia Konarski Nancy Stroupe
The Russell H. Swanson Public Health Scholarship	\$2,500	Supports student(s) who demonstrate(s) commitment to public health and leadership.	Applications under review
Nichols Initiative Scholars Fund Awards	\$1,000 (2)	Awarded to interns, student researchers, or student preceptors whose proposals best outline an internship, research, or preceptorship experience designed to promote policy, advocacy, or innovative service delivery in rural or border health.	Eva Shaw/Anne Hill Laurel Jacobs (new applications under review)
Yuma Friends of AHSC Young Investigator Award	\$2,500	Awarded to investigators whose proposals best outline a community-based research project that demonstrates need for public health intervention/ expertise, builds or improves the College’s relationship to the community, and expands visibility of the College.	Shaylaan Zanecki Chris Cutshaw
COPH General Scholarship Fund	Varies	Awarded based on a variety of criteria, including financial need and academic achievement. (Contributions to this fund are College-wide and are often done through payroll deduction via the UA Cares Faculty and Staff campaign).	Numerous
Elbridge and Genevieve Morrill Memorial Scholarship	\$500	Supports academic related costs of students in the Environmental and Occupational Health Concentration of the MPH Program.	Jennifer Currie

For more information about student scholarships, please call our Development Office at (520) 626-2948.

Briefs

Two New Doctoral Programs

The UA Zuckerman College of Public Health is offering two new doctoral programs in public health, accepting students beginning in fall 2007. The programs were approved by the Arizona Board of Regents Jan. 25. The new degree offerings are a doctorate degree (PhD) in Biostatistics and a professional doctorate degree in Public Health (DrPH). The DrPH will offer two concentrations, one in Public Health Policy and Management and another in Maternal and Child Health. For more information, please contact Amy Glicker, MPH, Admissions and Recruitment Coordinator, (520) 626-3201 or aglicker@email.arizona.edu.



Koss Named 1st Regents Professor

The Arizona Board of Regents awarded the title of Regents Professor, the highest designation for professors at the UA, to Mary Koss, PhD. She is the first faculty member at the College named Regents Professor. This honor is awarded only to full professors whose exceptional achievements have brought them national and international distinction. Dr. Koss is the world leader on sexual violence and founded the field of "sexual assault by a perpetrator known to the victim."

Taren Appointed Assoc. Dean



Doug Taren, PhD, professor at the UA Zuckerman College of Public Health and director of the Family and Child Health Concentration at the College, has

been appointed Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

College Accredited

The UA Zuckerman College of Public Health has received continuation of accreditation for seven years from the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). This result from a second accreditation review continues the College's recognition as one of 38 accredited schools of public health.

Alumni Updates

2006

Rebecca Corran, MPH (December), is a health and safety coordinator at the Hampton Roads Chapter of the American Red Cross, in Norfolk, Va.

Angelica Encinas, BSHS (August), is a certified nutrition worker in Tempe, Ariz., working for Maricopa County in the WIC Program. She reviews client's income and gives them a risk assessment to see if they qualify for the WIC Program. Once they are enrolled, she provides nutrition classes on breastfeeding and formula preparation, infants, toddlers, fast foods, immunizations and pregnancy.

Lisa Fong Montgomery, MPH (May), is a health educator in the Organizational Development and Training Program of the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health. She is responsible for helping the county's public health workforce stay up to date on training and education.

Shauna Page, BSHS (August), is an employee wellness coordinator with the City of Tucson.

Shauna did her internship in Worksite Wellness, which led to her current position. She also is CHES certified.

Elisabeth Williams, MPH (May), is working for the American Lung Association of New Mexico as a health education program coordinator in Albuquerque. Most of her work is with a CDC-funded school-based asthma program.

2005

Kristen Bellamy Butler, MPH (May), is an industrial hygienist at the Georgia Tech Research Institute for an OSHA consultation program. Recently, she married another UA graduate, Sean Butler.

Scott Marley, MPH (May), is an assistant professor in the Educational Psychology program at the University of New Mexico. He teaches statistics and research methods.

Tennille Marley, MPH (December), is a research program coordinator for the Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health. She is based out of her home in Albuquerque, NM, but the job requires travel. She loves her job and says it is great doing a job that she actually studied for.

Research Spotlight

Faculty Research on Cancer

When it comes to curbing cancer altogether, prevention is key, said **María Elena Martínez, MPH, PhD**, professor in the Epidemiology and Biostatistics Division at the College. "We're not winning the war on cancer by treating it," Martínez said. "There's been less success than we would like on the treatment of cancer. If we can prevent it, we don't have to worry about treating it."

Since the early 90s, Martínez has been looking at the risk factors associated with cancer, especially colon cancer. In addition to looking at the markers in a population's genetic makeup that could increase or decrease the risk, Martínez also studies the factors that are under the control of the individual person, such as diet, smoking and physical activity.

"The goal in this research is to identify factors that people can adopt, so they can decrease their risk in developing cancer in the future," Martínez said. "We as a society want to sell a magic bullet, but we keep coming back to the common sense things: exercise and diet."

Student Research on Firefighting

Two graduate students working on environmental and occupational health issues were each awarded a \$20,000 grant to assess injury prevention and lung function in firefighters.



Injury Prevention

Jerry Poplin, research specialist and PhD student in epidemiology, is assessing ways to prevent injuries among City of Tucson firefighters. The pilot study will identify the work processes and job tasks that may put firefighters at higher risk for injuries.

"We hope to develop strategies to prevent the injuries caused by these risks and make their jobs as safe as possible," explains Poplin. "Reducing injury rates is a difficult challenge, particularly in high risk industries such as firefighting. These men and women deserve a great appreciation for the service they provide to the community."



Lung Function Assessment

Jennifer Currie, senior research specialist and MPH student in the EOH concentration, will determine if declining lung function rates and smoke exposure in current firefighters may contribute to the subsequent development of lung disease in retired firefighters in Phoenix.

"Firefighters are exposed to products of combustion that can have acute and chronic effects on pulmonary function," explains Currie. "The respiratory health of firefighters is monitored regularly during their employment. However this monitoring generally does not continue into retirement, when the effects of reduced lung function are most likely to result in adverse respiratory symptoms."

M I L E S T O N E

Achievement

The UA Zuckerman College of Public Health passed a significant milestone during the December 2006 convocation. More than 1,000 students have graduated from our programs (1,002 to be exact).

John E. McElligott, MPH (December), works for the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), Office of Women's and Children's Health/ Newborn Screening, as an education and quality improvement manager. His role is to conduct statewide education by delivering presentations and developing printed and electronic materials. He also monitors and improves the quality of specimen submissions and works on strategic planning. On a personal note, John has been engaged for several months to Leslie Walker and will marry in May 2008!

After living, studying and playing in Central America for five months, **Jeff Silverman**, MPH (May), is now off to Jogjakarta, Indonesia, where a recent earthquake devastated a number of villages. He signed a short-term contract as a public health consultant with Community Housing Fund, an NGO that will construct and rehabilitate water hand pumps and wells in five villages, aiding over 6,000 households. Jeff will assist with community mobilization and capacity building for the CHF Environmental Health staff and community members.

Jessica Yanow, MPH (May), is working for the ADHS as a women's health coordinator within the Division of Public Health Prevention Services. She is coordinating women's health efforts through the division and among partners as well as participating on the Governor's Commission on the Health Status of Women and Families in Arizona and promoting women's health issues statewide.

2004

Adeniyi A. Alo, MPH (May), received a PharmD degree from North Dakota State University in December 2006.

Silvia Benincaso, MPH (May), developed a dietetic internship program that was designed to meet the needs of American Indian and Alaska Native communities. The program was successfully accredited in October of 2005 by the American Dietetic Association. It is offered at Phoenix Indian Medical Center and is a collaborative effort with the Kayenta Health Center on the Navajo reservation where interns complete a six-week rotation in community nutrition practice. This program supports the mission of the Indian Health Service by preparing Native American health care providers, increasing access to culturally competent care in Native communities in an effort to reduce health disparities. She is very pleased that she was able to expand on a program that began as her MPH internship project.

Chara Chamie, MPH (May), is an epidemiologist at the Washington State Department of Health in Olympia, Wash. She works in maternal and child health, and loves it. She reports that she has a great group of friends and hobbies, and that things are going great.

Jason Crawford, MD/MPH (May), is chief resident in the Department of Family and Community Medicine, University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine. He will graduate in six months and is considering staying on as a faculty member to assist in developing the "community medicine" aspect of

their residency program and developing an MD/MPH program through the medical school locally. He also is working closely with the local Washoe County Health Department and in an occupational medicine office as part of his training. He is enjoying his combined educational background in medicine and public health.

Samantha de Dios-Goodwin, MPH (May), is expecting her second child, a boy, in April. She has a daughter, Ryan. Sam will be a stay-at-home mom at the present time.

Graciela E. Silva, PhD in epidemiology (December), has joined the ASU College of Nursing and Healthcare Innovation as its second Southwest Borderlands Scholar for Nursing (SWB-N). Graciela is developing an online epidemiology course that will be offered in the spring at ASU. She is a co-author of the *Healthy Border 2010* interim report, a report on the health of people living along the US-Mexico border region. Results from this report will be incorporated in the online course as part of the ASU SWB-N activities. Graciela also has completed the Evidence-based Practice (EBP) Mentor Program in order to provide mentor support for the colleges technical agreement with the Pan American Health Organization to disseminate EBP in Spanish throughout the Americas.



She manages the day-to-day operations of the clinics at the center in addition to overseeing the implementation of a community nursing program and a prevention and awareness program. She writes proposals and raises funds for this non-profit organization. On a personal level, she got married in July 2005 and has a baby boy named Ramez.

Carrie Fitzgerald, MPH (May), will be graduating from the University of New England College of Medicine with a medical degree in June 2007 and is looking for a residency in Urology.

Lisa Miller Hymson, MPH (December), is a program coordinator for the Arizona Arthritis Center. She also is expecting a baby boy in April!

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Jay Bankhead, MPH (December), works for Kaiser Permanente as a patient care manager for the Pediatric Service Line in Portland, Ore.

Roberto Bezerra, MPH (May), was elected State Representative for the State of Ceara (Brazil) this past October for 2007-2010.

Kathy Koehler Raleigh, MPH (May), is a doctoral student in environmental and occupational epidemiology in the School of Public Health at the Univ. of Minnesota. She also is working part-time and has two boys – Olyn, 11 months, and Jasper, 3 years – with her husband, Ryan.



Danelle Wallace, MPH (May), currently works for Harborview Medical Center as a clinical data analyst in Seattle. She recently found out that she has been accepted to the Nursing School at the University of Washington and plans to start the nurse practitioner program this summer. Danelle married Joshua Eckels last August.

2001

Mike Broyles, MD, MS in epidemiology (May), graduate from the UA College of Medicine in 2005. He is in the second year of four years of residency at the UA in Ob-Gyn. He married Jaime Michaelson, who is an intern in the Ob-Gyn program. They are thinking of establishing a private practice with a couple of their current fellow residents in Tucson when done.

2000

Catharine "Kiki" Riley, MPH (May), is attending the University of Washington.

Karen Pfister, MS, is a supervising epidemiologist for San Joaquin County Public Health Services in California. She also had a baby girl, Sophia, on Aug. 17, 2006, who joins her big brother Jacob, 3.

1999

Tara Radtke Geotas, MPH (May), worked for ADHS until her husband, Eric, found a job in Austin, Texas. She is now looking forward to taking some time off, a much-deserved break after working for 18 years. She also plans to search for a new job in the HIV community in Austin.

Joseph Gladstone, MPH (December), is in his first year at the management PhD Program at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces. Some of his research interests include business management practices in non-profit and government healthcare organizations, especially in American Indian health organizations.

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Alumni spotlight

Mark Smolinski, MPH (December, 1994), recently joined Google.org, the new philanthropic arm of Google, Inc. Google.org includes the work of the Google Foundation, some of Google's own projects using Google talent, technology and other resources, as well as partnerships and contributions to for-profit and non-profit entities. The focus areas of Google.org include global poverty, climate change and global public health. Previously, Mark served as vice president for Biological Programs at the Nuclear Threat Initiative, a public charity directed by CNN founder Ted Turner and former U.S. Senator Sam Nunn. While at NTI, Mark led the development of a regional disease surveillance system linking Israel, Jordan, Egypt and the Palestinian Authority, demonstrating the power of health as a diplomatic tool even in areas of longstanding conflict. Similarly, he joined forces with the Rockefeller Foundation to improve regional capacity to respond to avian and human influenza among Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, and China. He also has worked with public health partners in Russia, the former Soviet Union, India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh. Mark has served as an advisor to the World Health Organization, senior advisor to the U.S. Surgeon General and Assistant Secretary of Health, and as an epidemic intelligence officer at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Mark was a member of the investigation team that discovered hantavirus in 1993 in Southwestern United States. Mark is currently in Thailand working on a pandemic influenza project.

Traci Kodeck, MPH (May), is the director of Program Operations for Baltimore HealthCare Access, Inc., a non-profit quasi bureau of the Baltimore City Health Department. She oversees the development of new programs such as a new substance abuse initiative, Baltimore Buprenorphine Initiative, as well as finding new and creative ways to assist the Medicaid population in navigating the cumbersome and complicated health system. She also spent three weeks in Baton Rouge, La., assisting Katrina/Rita victims in receiving Red Cross financial assistance in November 2005.

Jennifer Wessel, MPH (December), graduated from the Univ. of California in San Diego with a doctoral degree in genetic epidemiology from Nicholas

Schork's lab. She now is doing post-doctoral work at The Scripps Research Institute.

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Allison Clough, MPH (May), is teaching medical anthropology at Northern Arizona University.

Nicole Rossi, MPH (August), works as a book-keeper and office manager in her husband's law

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