



Greetings!

Congratulations to our graduates at this School of Public Health Commencement 2009!

We are extremely proud of the progress you have achieved as students, of the education you have shared with your peers and professors as you have pursued your studies, of the discoveries you have made through your research, and of the service you have contributed to the communities beyond it.

We are living through an extremely difficult and challenging time in the history of our nation and the world. Our health and quality of life are threatened by the environments in our communities, schools, and workplaces. Despite our knowledge of the impact behavior has on health, we continue to lose too many lives to habits we could easily change. Responding to the accelerating prevalence of chronic diseases, such as obesity and diabetes, vies for limited resources with the growth of infectious diseases, such as HIV/AIDS, West Nile Virus, and avian flu, and a multitude of other threats to public health. Our health policies and programs still fall far short of the public health ideals of prevention, protection, and promotion.

Nevertheless, our students this year have been outstanding for their leadership, vision, and dedication to working on behalf of individuals, organizations, and communities in need. As our graduates, they will continue throughout their careers to contribute these gifts, as they address the challenges to the health of the public we serve.

I wish you all the very best for the future. I know the public health community will be better because of the many contributions you will make.

Finally, let me thank the parents, families, spouses, significant others, and children of our graduates. Without your support and understanding, our graduates would not be here today, and we would not be celebrating their achievements together.

Paul Brandt-Rauf, DrPH, MD, ScD
Dean, School of Public Health

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER**Ken Olden, PhD, ScD, LHD**

Kenneth Olden, PhD, ScD, LHD, was recently appointed founding dean of the School of Public Health at the City University of New York. He is a former director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), National Institutes of Health, and National Toxicology Program in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He held these positions from 1991 to 2005.

Dr. Olden is a cell biologist and biochemist by training and has been active in cancer research for almost four decades. He was director of the Howard University Cancer Center and professor and chairman of the Department of Oncology at Howard University Medical School, Washington, D.C., from 1985 to 1991. Dr. Olden was a postdoctoral fellow at Harvard University Medical School in Boston from 1970 to 1974 and was a researcher at the National Cancer Institute of the NIH from 1974 to 1979.

He has published approximately 200 papers, two of which were among the “One Hundred Most Cited” in 1978–1979 and one was later deemed a “citation classic.” Dr. Olden was elected to membership in the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences in 1994. He was awarded the Meritorious Executive Rank Award and the Distinguished Rank Award by President William J. Clinton in 1996 and 1997, respectively. Dr. Olden was awarded four of the most prestigious awards in public health—the Calver Award in 2002; the Sedwick Medal and Lautenberg Award in 2004, and the Julius B. Richmond Award in 2005. Finally, he was awarded the highly prestigious Princess Takamatsu Cancer Medal by the Japanese Royal Family in 2004.

STATEMENT OF VALUES

We are a community of scholars, students, and staff, dedicated to creating a healthy society. In achieving this goal, we are committed to:

COMMUNITY

the basic unit of analysis for public health, enabling communities to address their own problems, share skills, lower barriers to action, and act as a catalyst for progress

KNOWLEDGE

the pursuit, development, and dissemination of which will improve the health of the public

PROFESSIONALISM

acting with integrity and collegiality in learning, teaching, research, and public service

STEWARDSHIP

of natural, human, and financial resources

IDEALISM

whether secularly or spiritually motivated

CARING

promoting compassion for and action on behalf of others

JUSTICE

whereby everyone is given access to the resources necessary to live a humane life and necessary to fulfill his or her full potential

DIVERSITY

celebrating unique contributions to the fabric of our community

RESPECT

for the members of this community and for those whom our efforts are intended to serve

HUMILITY

as we set our goals, as we work together to achieve them, and as we address the inevitable conflicts produced by those joint efforts

FANFARE Northeastern Illinois University
Brass Ensemble

PROCESSIONAL

GREETINGS

Paul Brandt-Rauf, DrPH, MD, ScD Dean

OPENING REMARKS

James Galloway, MD, FACP, FACC, FAHA Assistant Surgeon General for the
U.S. Public Health Service and
Regional Health Administrator for
Region V

Dr. Stephen Martin Jr., PhD, MPH Chief Operating Officer, City of
Chicago Department of Public Health

Marya Schechtman, PhD Associate Dean, UIC Graduate
College

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Ken Olden, PhD, ScD, LHD Director Emeritus of the National
Institute of Environmental Health
Sciences National Institutes for
Health

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH APPRECIATION AWARD

Presenter Paul Brandt-Rauf, DrPH, MD, ScD

Recipient Ken Olden, PhD, ScD, LHD

HOODING CEREMONY

Candidates for Dr.PH and PhD

Candidates for MPH and MS

Presentation of Graduates (see list on page 42)

Paul Brandt-Rauf, DrPH, MD, ScD Dean

Division Directors

Bernard J. Turnock, MD	Community Health Sciences
Linda Forst, PhD	Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences
Leslie Stayner, PhD	Epidemiology and Biostatistics
Jack Zwanziger, PhD	Health Policy and Administration

Hooding of Graduates

Robert J. Anderson, PhD	Associate Professor, Epidemiology and Biostatistics
Lorraine M. Conroy, PhD	Associate Professor, Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences
Daniel Swartzman, JD, MPH	Associate Professor, Health Policy and Administration

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Paul Brandt-Rauf, DrPH, MD, ScD	Dean
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AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH VALUES

Babette J. Neuberger, JD, MPH	Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
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AWARDS

DELTA OMEGA SOCIETY (Lambda Chapter)

Noel Chavez, PhD, RD, LDN	President
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Students

Jacqueline de la Cruz	Anne Jacobson	Nawar Abdul Latif
Adrienne Dellinger	Seijeoung Kim	Jungwha Lee
James Doherty	Kathryn Langley	Urszula Winkiewicz

Faculty

Mark Dworkin	Nadine Peacock
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Alumni

Janine Jurkowski	Kusuma Madamala	Susan Muldoon
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BERNARD H. BAUM GOLDEN APPLE AWARD

Presenters	Eric Gebbie President, Public Health Student Association	Lisa Kritz and Victoria Baum Daughters of Bernard H. Baum
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Recipient	D. Patrick Lenihan, PhD Clinical Associate Professor, Community Health Sciences
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ALAN W. DONALDSON MEMORIAL AWARD

Presenter Faith Davis, PhD, MPH
Senior Associate Dean
Professor of Epidemiology

Recipient To Be Announced

CLASS OF 2009 REMARKS

Speaker To Be Announced

RECOGNITION OF PHSA AND MSAPH LEADERSHIP

Shaffdeen A. Amuwo, PhD, MPH Associate Dean, Urban Health and
Diversity Programs

ALUMNI WELCOME

Kusuma Madamala, PhD, MPH President, SPH Alumni Association

RECESSIONAL

MARSHALS Brittney Lilly
Dr. Stephanie Brown, CHS
Alumnus
TBA, EOHS Alumnus
TBA, EPI/BIO Alumnus
Mr. David Amarathithada, HPA
Alumnus

HISTORY OF THE CLASS OF 2009

From China to Saudi Arabia, Maine to Missouri, and many places in between, our one hundred sixty-eight graduates have generously shared their diverse perspectives and enthusiasm with us.

These graduates continue to broaden our view of public health, encompassing the global community. They have enriched the educational experience in the School of Public Health and heightened the awareness that we are all working for a common cause-the physical, psychological, and spiritual well being of humankind and the guardianship of the natural resources of the earth.

They are doctors, nurses, administrators, educators, researchers, industrial hygienists, lawyers, statisticians, program managers, and environmentalists who understand the significance of public health as it relates to neighborhoods, to cities, to regions, to nations, to the community.

They will forever be a part of the UIC public health family, and we expect that they will continue to confirm this connection through their future efforts and achievements.

As public health practitioners, they will be facing many challenges as they deal with the resurgence of tuberculosis, childhood obesity, aging populations, global warming, the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Africa and Asia, and now especially, the aftermaths of terrorism and war. They will be called upon to make assessments, provide solutions to complex problems, and utilize precious and dwindling resources to remedy them. They will be continually challenged to enlighten the members of their communities in order to further the public health mission.

We are sure they are up to the challenge.

DOCTORAL GRADUATES

Student	Degree Conferred	Dissertation Title	Committee Chair
Subhash Aryal	PhD, EPI/BIO	Small Sample Tests and Sample Size Determination for Hierarchical Mixed-Effects Models	Dulal Bhaumik
Jane Katherine Burke-Miller	PhD, CHS	Urban Community Influences on Psychological Distress in African American Women: An Ecosocial Model	Michele A. Kelley
Suzanne Michelle Carlberg-Racich	PhD, CHS	Conquering the Divide: Exploring the connection between harm reduction and HIV/Hepatitis Care	Nadine R. Peacock
Rebecca L. Drummond	PhD, HPA	Alteration of Mental Health Services Due to the Closure of Mental Health Hospitals	Michael D. Cailas
Ladeane Katherine Fattore	PhD, HPA	Use of Digital Technology and Support Software Programs in the Private Dental Offices in Nevada	Annette L. Valenta
Jennifer Gray-Stanley	PhD, CHS	Stress and Coping of Direct Care Workers Serving Adults with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities	Naoko Muramatsu
Charlotte Enns Joslin	PhD, EPI/BIO	The Association Between Acanthamoeba Keratitis and Domestic Water Exposure in the Chicago Area	Faith Davis
Sherri Lynn Lavela	PhD, CHS	Prevalence and Correlates of Morbidities and Preventive Care Use in Individuals with Multiple Sclerosis	Thomas Prohaska
Jungwha Lee	PhD, EPI/BIO	Variance Estimation of Partial Population Attributable Fraction and Its Applications	Sally Freels
Ameerah Yousef Mansour	PhD, HPA	Factors Affecting Locational Decisions of Saudi Health Care Professionals	Edward K. Mensah
Mary E. Papke	DrPh, CHS	Organizational Learning in Local Health Departments	Bernard Turnock
Kristin Rankin	PhD, EPI/BIO	Applying Multifactorial Population Attributable Fractions (PAFs) to the Problem of Childhood Overweight	Deborah Rosenberg
Philip Ricks	PhD, EPI/BIO	Tuberculosis Control Among Substance Users: The Indigenous Leadership Outreach Model vs. Standard Care	Ronald Hershov
Lisabeth M. Searing	PhD, CHS	Family Functioning Scale Validation: A Rasch Analysis	L. Michele Issel
Roberta Mary Troxell	DrPh, CHS	Indirect Exposure to the Trauma of Others: The Experiences of 9-1-1 Telecommunicators	Noel Chavez
Gail Jean Wilson	DrPh, HPA	Comparisons of the Use of the Healthy Steps Model at Affiliate Sites in Two Diverse Chicago Communities	Karen E. Peters

Alan W. Donaldson Memorial Award

The Alan W. Donaldson Memorial Award is presented annually to one graduating student who is selected for academic excellence, quality of leadership, and community service. This is a memorial to Alan W. Donaldson, ScD, a founding father of the school and its first associate dean.

Delta Omega Society

The Delta Omega Society is a national honorary public health fraternity established to recognize and encourage scholarship and research among those undertaking postbaccalaureate studies in public health and to recognize attainment in the field.

Bernard H. Baum Golden Apple Award

The Golden Apple Award is presented each year to a faculty member in recognition of outstanding teaching and service to students at the School of Public Health.

Award recipients are privileged to receive red leadership cords to wear at their respective commencement ceremonies.

ALL GUESTS ARE ASKED TO PLEASE REMAIN SEATED UNTIL THE LAST GRADUATE HAS EXITED THE ROOM.

*Music by: Mostly Music at NEIU Brass Ensemble
Reception to Follow: Main Hall C, UIC Forum*