



2015 APHA AWARD WINNERS

Sedgwick Memorial Medal

APHA's oldest and most prestigious award, the Sedgwick Award Medal for Distinguished Service in Public Health, is being awarded to **Hortensia Amaro, PhD, MA.**

The award was established in honor of the late Prof. William Thompson Sedgwick, who was APHA president in 1915 and head of the Department of Biological and Public Health at Massachusetts Institute of Technology from 1883-1921. Since 1929, the Sedgwick medal has been awarded annually to an individual who has demonstrated a distinguished record of service to public health while tirelessly working to advance public health knowledge and practice.

Amaro currently serves as dean's professor in the School of Social Work at the University of Southern California as well as in the Department of Preventive Medicine within the university's Keck School of Medicine. In addition, Amaro serves as the associate vice provost for Community Research Initiatives at the University of Southern California.

For more than three decades, Amaro has distinguished herself as a pioneer in the fields of alcohol and drug use and addiction as well as in HIV prevention. Since the 1980s, Amaro has collaborated with fellow practitioners at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health on issues such as race and ethnicity data collection, health disparities, HIV prevention and evidence-based strategies for treating substance abuse. Over the years, she founded five Boston-based substance abuse treatment programs: MOM's Outpatient Treatment Program, Entre Familia Residential Treatment Program, Moving on to Recovery and Empowerment, Safe and Sound Return Treatment Model for Incarcerated Women, and the Boston Consortium of Services for Men in Recovery. Her work contributed to the development of the award-winning Boston Consortium Model: Trauma-Informed Substance Abuse Treatment for Women, which has been included in the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's National Registry of Evidence-Based Practices.

In the field of HIV/AIDS, Amaro played a pivotal role in raising awareness about the virus' impact on Hispanic residents and communities of color. She helped initiate the Multicultural AIDS Coalition, the first minority AIDS service organization in New England. Amaro was a founding member of the Latino Health Network, which is now known as the Latin American Health Institute. She also founded the National Hispanic Psychological Association, National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse Research, and National Trauma Consortium.

Prior to joining the University of Southern California in 2012, Amaro spent 10 years at Northeastern University in Boston as a distinguished professor of health sciences and counseling psychology as well as dean of the Bouvé College of Health Sciences and director and founder of the university's Institute on Urban Health Research. Before her time at Northeastern, she served as a professor at the Boston University School of Public Health and in the Department of Pediatrics at the Boston University School of Medicine. She also spent 14 years on the board of the Boston Public Health Commission.

Among her many honors, Amaro received the 1996 Scientific Publication Award from the National Association of Women in Psychology for her article, "Love, Sex and Power," which was published in 1995 in *American Psychologist* and was considered a significant contribution to the field of HIV prevention among women. She has authored more than 130 scholarly publications, serves as associate editor of the *American Journal of Public Health* and *American Psychologist*, and was elected to the Institute of Medicine in 2010.

"Most people with such credentials do not do daily work in low-income communities or embrace those grappling with homelessness, addiction and/or incarceration as her friends as well as her clients," said John Auerbach, MPA, associate director for policy at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and former public health commissioner for Massachusetts. "She is not just respected within low-income communities of color, she is truly loved."

APHA Award for Excellence

Oliver Fein, MD, is receiving the 2015 APHA Award for Excellence for his work as a clinician, teacher, public health practitioner and advocate.

The award honors creative work that applies scientific knowledge or innovative organization to the betterment of community health.

Fein is a professor of clinical medicine as well as clinical health care policy and research at Weill Cornell Medical College in New York City. He has also served as a professor of public health at the college and practices primary care with Weill Cornell Internal Medicine Associates.

Fein has spent his career advocating on behalf of the uninsured and under-served and is known for his significant work in bringing a public health perspective to the practice of medicine. In his role as associate dean for affiliations at Weill Cornell Medical College, Fein is responsible for forging new academic affiliations for the college and for the Office of Global Health Education. Thanks to Fein's leadership, Weill Cornell Medical College has become a leader in facilitating often transformative global health experiences among medical students — today, more than a third of each graduating class at the medical college takes part in international travel and global health learning opportunities.

In 2010, Fein guided a small group of students as they created the Weill Cornell Center for Human Rights, the first medical student-founded and student-run clinic in the nation that offers health services

to the survivors of torture and other human rights abuses. As of 2014, the program had trained more than 150 faculty and students in performing medical exams that result in medical affidavits for people seeking asylum in the U.S.

“When I introduce Oli to students, I sometimes call him ‘the conscience of the medical center,’” said Joseph Murray, MD, associate dean for student affairs and equal opportunity programs at Weill Cornell Medical College. “By this I mean that Oli is someone whose idealism is inspiring, not off-putting, and whose advocacy is genuine, not lip service. He has enriched the education of over two thousand students at Weill Cornell.”

A longtime advocate for a single-payer health care system, Fein is a past president of Physicians for a National Health Plan and currently serves as chair of the Executive Committee within the organization’s New York Metro Chapter. Also during his career, Fein was a Robert Wood Johnson health policy fellow in 1993-1994, during which time he worked as a legislative assistant in the office of Senate Democratic Majority Leader George Mitchell. He has also served on the APHA Executive Board and is a past APHA vice president for the U.S.

Among his many awards, Fein received the David R. Calkins Health Policy Advocacy Award from the Society of General Internal Medicine in 2013 and the Haven Emerson Award from the New York City Public Health Association in 2001.

“Dr. Fein has had a long-term commitment to improving the health of the community, with the underpinnings of social justice, and his career exemplifies this,” said Linda Degutis, DrPH, MSN, past APHA president and former chair of APHA’s Executive Board.

David P. Rall Award

In recognition of his outstanding contributions to public health through science-based advocacy, **Daniel Webster, ScD, MPH**, is receiving the 2015 David P. Rall Award for Advocacy in Public Health.

The award is a tribute to David P. Rall, MD, PhD, who brought scientific research to bear on policymaking and in environmental health and whose science-based advocacy advanced public health and prevention across many fields and in many forms.

Webster is a professor of health policy and management at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy and Research as well as deputy director for research within the Johns Hopkins Center for the Prevention of Youth Violence.

Webster is often praised for his ability to translate research into evidence-based policies and package scientific evidence in easily accessible and understandable ways. Considered one of the nation’s leading scholars and practitioners focusing on gun policy and the prevention of gun-related violence,

Webster's work has led to award-winning interventions and contributed to national legislation. For example, his research on guns, domestic violence abusers and homicide risk led to the creation of Maryland's Lethality Assessment Program, which assists those at greatest risk for experiencing violence.

Some of Webster's groundbreaking work includes research on CeaseFire, a community public health program designed to mediate disputes involving gangs and high-risk youth that was originally developed in Chicago. That research found the program was associated with a reduction in shootings as well as reduced support for using guns to resolve conflicts in one of Baltimore's most violent neighborhoods. Webster has also worked on the gun violence prevention program Safe Streets, which is based on CeaseFire.

Webster has testified on more than 30 occasions during federal, state and local legislative hearings. He served as a principal organizer for the Johns Hopkins Summit on Reducing Gun Violence in America, which convened some of the world's leading gun violence prevention experts and culminated in specific policy recommendations aimed at congressional decision-makers. Papers presented during the summit were compiled into a book, "Reducing Gun Violence in America: Informing Policy with Evidence and Analysis," which Webster co-edited and which was sent to every member of Congress.

In addition to testifying during key legislative hearings on gun violence and offering his research expertise to decision-makers, Webster has also worked with policymakers to craft meaningful legislation. He was actively involved in crafting the Gun Trafficking Prevention Act of 2013, which would implement steeper penalties for those who violate the law by selling or transferring a firearm to a person legally prohibited from owning a gun. Webster also worked with policymakers in the aftermath of the Newtown, Connecticut, school shooting to craft legislation addressing background checks for ammunition purchases. Webster is also a founding member of the Consortium for Risk-Based Firearm Policy.

"It is a testament to the extent Dr. Webster believes in his own research results, and also to his deeply caring personality, that he does not hesitate to give his expert testimony when legislators ask him to testify on a policy matter," said Josh Horwitz, executive director of the Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence. "Although Dr. Webster is careful to never go beyond the evidence base, he is a powerful voice for gun violence prevention policies that will save lives."

Milton and Ruth Roemer Prize for Creative Local Public Health Work

Rahul Gupta, MD, MPH, FACP, state health officer and commissioner for the West Virginia Bureau for Public Health, is the winner of APHA's 2015 Milton and Ruth Roemer Prize for Creative Local Public Health Work.

The annual award recognizes a health professional for exceptionally creative and innovative local public health work that protects, advances or recovers the health of the general population or special populations.

Before taking on his role at the state public health agency earlier this year, Gupta spent five years as executive director and health officer at the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department in Charleston, West Virginia. He has been widely praised for his crisis leadership in 2014, when an estimated 10,000 gallons of an industrial chemical used to clean coal spilled into the Elk River, leaving nearly 300,000 residents in the Charleston area without safe water to drink and use for sanitation. During the emergency, Gupta became a trusted public voice, offering science-based information and advice to residents.

Among his actions following the chemical spill, Gupta issued a rarely used “Do Not Use” order for all permitted food service establishments. Keeping the public’s health paramount, Gupta insisted that the establishments be inspected by health department sanitarians before re-opening to the public, rather than relying on an “honor system” to ensure that establishments were using safe water.

In recognition of his leadership during the crisis, Gupta received special recognition from the West Virginia state legislature for his courage during the event. His response to the chemical emergency now serves as a case study for public health students and professionals.

“He was most outstanding in reaching out to citizens through regular risk communication, ensuring scientific and pragmatic advice in the face of vested interests that wanted to jump to conclusions,” said Nasandra Wright, MPH, RS, environmental health director at the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department. “It is hardly surprising to us that in subsequent surveys studying public perception during the crisis, the (Kanawha-Charleston Health Department) risk communication was the most trustworthy, much ahead of federal or state level information.”

Also while at the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department, Gupta initiated school-based flu shot clinics that contributed to a surge in the immunization rate across the county. During his term, the agency’s field-based retail food facility inspection system was digitized as well, with each sanitarian given a laptop and portable printer. Gupta oversaw the development and implementation of KCHD Food, a mobile phone-based app that allows users to view nutrition information as well as local restaurant inspection results. Also under Gupta’s leadership, the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department became the first health department in West Virginia to apply for accreditation from the Public Health Accreditation Board.

In addition to his current role as state health officer and commissioner, Gupta is a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Medicine at West Virginia University. He previously served as an assistant professor of medicine at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, and at the University of Alabama-Birmingham. Among his many honors, Gupta has received numerous practice awards from the National Association of County and City Health Officials.

Helen Rodriguez-Trías Award

Willie James Parker, MD, MPH, a women's health advocate and abortion services provider, is being honored with the 2015 Helen Rodriguez-Trías Social Justice Award.

The award honors public health workers who have worked toward social justice for underserved and disadvantaged populations.

Parker currently provides family planning services and abortion care at health clinics in Atlanta, Georgia; Jackson, Mississippi; Montgomery, Alabama; and Philadelphia. He also serves as associate medical director at Family Planning Associates in Chicago and as a clinical instructor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. Until recently, he also offered family planning services and abortion care at Planned Parenthood in Washington, D.C.

A longtime reproductive justice advocate, Parker's professional colleagues often praise him for his dedication to serving low-income women and women of color and in ensuring access to abortion services. Parker is a plaintiff in a federal lawsuit to prevent the closure of Mississippi's only remaining abortion clinic and is an outspoken advocate of access to abortion services, testifying before legislators at the state and federal levels. Parker also served as the Center for Reproductive Rights' delegate to an event at the UN Human Rights Council to discuss the threats and risks facing U.S. physicians who offer abortion services.

"Dr. Parker provides the women of Mississippi, Alabama and neighboring states with much needed reproductive health care when few others are willing to provide these essential services," said Bebe Anderson, JD, vice president of the U.S. Legal Program at the Center for Reproductive Rights. "The women he serves are often the most marginalized people in our society, poor women of color, who without Dr. Parker would not have the means to access reproductive health care."

Previously, Parker served as medical director of Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington, D.C., overseeing clinical and laboratory services for five clinics in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. He also served as a clinical instructor at University of Michigan Health System and an assistant professor in the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii. Among his many honors, Parker has received the Moody-Patterson Award for Leadership in Reproductive Justice from the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice and the George R. Tiller, MD, Abortion Provider Award from Physicians for Reproductive Health.

He is a member of the Board of Directors of Physicians for Reproductive Health; serves on the Community Advisory Board of the Teen Alliance for Prepared Parenting at Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C.; and is a Board of Directors member at the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice.

“He has served as a leader in reproductive justice, has advocated tirelessly for this cause and has mentored countless young health professionals throughout his career — serving as a role model, demonstrating courage and leading by example,” said Joseph Betancourt, MD, MPH, director of the Disparities Solutions Center at Massachusetts General Hospital and an associate professor at Harvard Medical School. “He serves as an inspiration to all who are committed to making a difference, and has taken great personal risk in the name of social justice for women.”

Victor Sidel and Barry Levy Award for Peace

The 2015 Victor Sidel and Barry Levy Award for Peace is being presented to **Billie Weiss, MPH**, the now-retired associate director of the Southern California Injury Prevention Research Program at the University of California-Los Angeles Fielding School of Public Health.

The award draws attention to the profound health consequences of war and what public health workers can do to help prevent war and promote international peace and was endowed by two past presidents of APHA, Victor W. Sidel, MD, and Barry S. Levy, MD, MPH, who have edited books, written papers and spoken widely on war and public health.

For more than two decades, Weiss has led public health research aimed at helping community-based organizations in effectively preventing violence. In framing violence as a public health issue, Weiss has focused on the epidemiology of gang-related homicides and assaults, intimate partner violence, the evaluation of programs to reduce teen relationship violence, and parenting strategies for violence prevention. She led grassroots efforts to build coalitions and partnerships to reduce community violence in Los Angeles and throughout California, eventually bringing her public health approach to violence prevention to metropolitan areas of Georgia, Massachusetts, Minnesota and Tennessee.

Before taking on her role at the Southern California Injury Prevention Research Program, Weiss directed the Injury and Violence Prevention Program at the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. She also authored and co-authored several papers and books, such as the “Advancement Project Report on Reducing Gang and Youth Violence in Los Angeles.”

She is executive director emeritus and founder of the Violence Prevention Coalition of Greater Los Angeles, which was launched in 1991 to address the rising epidemic of fatal violence in Los Angeles County and has since become a model for similar coalitions around the world, such as those in Scotland, Brazil and New Zealand. The Violence Prevention Coalition of Greater Los Angeles has been involved in changing policies regarding easy access to firearms and ammunitions, engaged hospitals in collecting evidence toward the prosecution of sexual violence and much more. Weiss is also co-chair of Urban Networks to Increase Thriving Youth, or UNITY, a national initiative designed to strengthen and support local efforts to prevent violence in the nation’s biggest cities.

Globally, Weiss has been involved in efforts to address domestic violence and violence against women in Scotland and the United Kingdom. She also participated in drafting the World Health Organization's Melbourne declaration, which calls on nations and organizations to reduce preventable injury rates. Weiss also served as a representative of the International Action Network on Small Arms, which is a global movement against gun violence, as well as worked to include the issue of violence against women in the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty.

Among her many awards and honors, Weiss was recognized as a Regional Public Health Hero by the University of California-Berkeley School of Public Health in 2001 and has received a Public Service Award from APHA's Injury Control and Emergency Health Services Section. She has also been honored by the Southern California Public Health Association, California Police Chiefs Association, the Brady Center to Prevent Handgun Violence and the Black Probation Officers Association of Los Angeles.

Martha May Eliot Award

Kay Johnson, MPH, EdM, is the winner of the 2015 Martha May Eliot Award, which honors exceptional achievements in the field of maternal and child health.

Johnson is an assistant professor of pediatrics at Dartmouth Geisel School of Medicine and president of Johnson Consulting Group Inc., which provides consulting services that advance policies related to maternal and child health topics.

For three decades, Johnson has been a leader in the field, serving as an advisor and advocate for mothers and children. Johnson is a member of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality and currently serves as the committee's chair. Since appointed chair in 2012, Johnson has led the committee in developing recommendations to reduce infant mortality. Also at the federal level, Johnson served as a senior policy advisor to the associate administrator of the Maternal and Child Health Bureau within the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration, where she was involved in launching the Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network to reduce infant mortality.

"Ms. Johnson is an amazing professional exhibiting an unprecedented degree of intelligence, passion and heart," said James Resnick, MHS, of HRSA's Maternal and Child Health Bureau. "These three characteristics make her a unique public health professional. Few people in the (maternal and child health) field have this 'triple combination' to make meaningful change on the state and national levels in any area of (maternal and child health) policy."

Johnson has also served on the National Preconception Health and Health Care Initiative at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Newborn Screening Task Force and the National Committee on Perinatal Health. During her time with the CDC initiative, she co-authored national

recommendations to improve preconception health and health care in the U.S. and guided the development of three national summits.

She has previously served as director of policy and government affairs at the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, as director of the Health Division at Children's Defense Fund, and a senior research staff scientist at George Washington University Medical Center, among many other positions.

"I really appreciate her strategic and systemic thinking about any issue she tackles; she is able to see the big picture and present the solutions to the issues in 'user-friendly' components for action that policymakers and consumers can understand," said past APHA President Deborah Klein Walker, EdD. "This alone distinguishes her from the (maternal and child health) leaders and policy analysts...and is one of the keys to her success."

Johnson is a past chair of APHA's Maternal and Child Health Section and has served on the boards of Healthy Mothers, Healthy Children; Partnership for Prevention; All Kids Count; and the National Perinatal Association. Among her many honors, Johnson received the Maternal and Child Health Bureau's Director's Award for Leadership in MCH in 2014.

APHA Distinguished Public Health Legislator Award

U.S. Sen. Edward Markey, D-Mass., is APHA's 2015 Distinguished Legislator of the Year. The award recognizes lawmakers who have championed and taken courageous actions to support public health.

During his many years serving in Congress, including 37 years as a member of the House of Representatives, Markey has strongly supported legislation that impacts the health and wellness of Americans. Among his many actions, in 2014, Markey along with fellow senators introduced the Climate Change Health Protection and Promotion Act, which is aimed at improving the nation's public health response to climate change through research, monitoring and preparedness activities. As a member of the House, Markey co-authored a similar bill in 2009 that became the only comprehensive climate legislation to pass a chamber of Congress.

"Climate change threatens the health of people and the planet," said Markey, who currently serves as chair of the U.S. Senate Climate Change Clearinghouse and as a member of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. "Global warming gets personal when air pollution harms lungs and the risks of food, water and mosquito and tick transmitted diseases increases. We need to take action to address the health impacts of climate change that are already happening and prepare for those that are coming."

In addition to climate change, Markey has been an outspoken advocate for stronger actions to address the nation's heroin and prescription drug abuse epidemic. In 2014, he introduced the Opioid Overdose Reduction Act, which would protect individuals who administer lifesaving opioid overdose prevention

drugs from civil liability. Also last year, Markey released a comprehensive plan and report outlining the broad range of actions stakeholders must take to addressing growing opioid abuse and related fatal overdoses.

“Over the last year, especially in my home state of Massachusetts, I have seen how this crisis is killing our neighbors, shattering families and straining our society to handle the addiction epidemic,” Markey said. “Heroin and prescription drug addiction and overdoses often leave people and their families devastated and without hope. We need to create a national, comprehensive plan to prevent more addictions, treat those who are addicted, and aid those who are trying to help addicts through the courts or treatment facilities. Just as every addict needs support and a strategy for overcoming addiction, our country needs an action plan to attack the scourge of opioid and prescription drug abuse that is ravaging our communities.”

Among his other actions in support of public health and healthier Americans, Markey authored a law establishing the Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve, which ensures families won't be left without the resources needed to heat their homes when oil price spike. He was a leading voice during the investigation of the 2010 BP oil spill, calling attention to the use of potentially toxic chemical dispersants used to clean up the spill. Markey has also been a leader in the nuclear nonproliferation movement, founding the Nonproliferation Caucus and spearheading legislation to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons.

APHA Presidential Citation

The APHA Presidential Citation, which is not presented every year but only on occasions of unusual merit, is being awarded to **Helene Gayle, MD, MPH**, in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the advancement of public health.

Gayle recently became the inaugural CEO of the McKinsey Social Initiative, a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing together expert problem-solvers to create innovative solutions to complex social problems. The initiative's first program will focus on job training among youth, with a goal of reaching 1 million young people in five countries over five years. In talking about her new role in a March 2015 interview published in the *Chronicle of Philanthropy*, Gayle said:

“I went into health because I thought it was a tangible way to have social impact. But the tools of health alone are not what's going to make a population healthy. We know that people who have jobs, for instance, are more likely to make healthy choices about the foods they eat; they're more likely to be able to exercise and take the kinds of preventative measures that lead to healthy outcomes; they're more likely to access health and health services. I continue to be an advocate for health by making sure people have access to education, access to clean and safe drinking water, access to economic opportunities.”

Gayle began her public health career in 1984 as an epidemic intelligence service officer at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, focusing on topics such as malnutrition and child health in the U.S. and Africa. Eventually, Gayle became director of CDC's National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention, which during her tenure greatly expanded community-based prevention activities into minority and underserved communities. She was also involved in launching new global HIV/AIDS efforts as well as those to eliminate syphilis and tuberculosis.

After two decades at CDC, Gayle took on a new role in 2001 as director of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's HIV/AIDS, TB and Reproductive Health Program. While at the foundation, Gayle helped create groundbreaking initiatives, such as Avahan, an HIV prevention program in India; the African Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Partnerships, a national HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention program in Botswana; and the Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise. After five years at the Gates Foundation, Gayle spent nearly a decade as president and CEO of CARE, a leading humanitarian organization working to fight global poverty, before joining the McKinsey Social Initiative in the summer of 2015.

Among her many awards, Gayle has received the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Humanitarian Award in 2012 as well as the U.S Department of Health and Human Services Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service in 2001.

APHA Executive Director Citation

Burton Wilcke Jr., PhD, is being honored with the 2015 APHA Executive Director Citation for his exceptional, distinguished service to the field of public health.

Wilcke is an associate professor in the Department of Medical Laboratory and Radiation Sciences in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at the University of Vermont, serving as department chair between 2002 and 2013. His current academic focus is on creating linkages between the public health and health care communities. In addition, he currently chairs the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Advisory Committee for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and is a member of the Accreditation Committee for the Public Health Accreditation Board. Wilcke is also the current chair of APHA's Publications Board.

Before joining the faculty at the University of Vermont, Wilcke spent more than two decades as a public health practitioner at state and local levels. During his distinguished career, he served as director of health surveillance at the Vermont Department of Health; as president of the Vermont Public Health Association; and as part of the Vermont Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. He also previously served as laboratory director at the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health in California and as deputy chief of the Division of Virology at the Michigan Department of Community Health.

Wilcke has served on the Institute of Medicine's President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief Evaluation Committee; as a member of the Center for Public Health Laboratory Leadership Advisory Board; and as a member of the Healthy People 2010 Consortium representing Vermont. He has co-authored numerous peer-reviewed articles, with many focusing on public health laboratory capacity, workforce challenges and education.

In addition, Wilcke is a past president of the Association of Public Health Laboratories and past chair of the Public Health Division with the American Society of Microbiology. Among his many honors, Wilcke was chosen as a Public Health Leadership Institute scholar in 1999 and previously received an Award for Public Service from the Vermont chapter of the American Society of Public Administration.

Jay S. Drotman Memorial Award

Sara E. Roszak, MPH, MA, pharmacy care manager at the National Association of Chain Drug Stores, is winner of the 2015 Jay S. Drotman Memorial Award for young professionals.

The award recognizes a health worker or student, age 30 or younger, who has demonstrated potential in the health field by challenging traditional public health policy or practice in a creative and positive way.

Roszak also currently serves as manager of foundation programs at the National Association of Chain Drug Stores Foundation. Previously, she served as a senior program analyst at the National Association of County and City Health Officials, where she managed the association's grant-funded pandemic preparedness projects and led initiatives to expand NACCHO's work in pharmacy care, mobile health technology and global health security.

Among her many years of experience working in the emergency preparedness and response field, Roszak served as assistant director of research at the Bipartisan Weapons of Mass Destruction Terrorism Research Center, where she worked with top biosecurity advisors to develop a Bio-Response Report Card. During her time at the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism, Roszak coordinated communications activities. She also served as a Federal Emergency Management Agency detailee on an effort to document the health impacts of the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

"I can attest to her passion for public health issues, as well as exemplary qualities of intelligence, work ethic, leadership, strategic planning, verbal and writing skills, and her ability to translate public health and emergency preparedness concepts and principles into operational realities," said Lisa Koonin, DrPH, MN, MPH, acting director of the Influenza Coordination Unit at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "Ms. (Roszak) is conscientious, organized, responsible, trustworthy, mature beyond her years, and consistently goes above and beyond what is expected."

Roszak has also been praised for her work in building linkages between the public health and pharmacy fields. In fact, she was a founding member of APHA's Pharmacy Special Primary Interest Group. Among her pharmacy-related efforts, Roszak works to expand health screenings services and vaccine availability within pharmacies.

"Early in her career, Sara has already made a meaningful difference by creatively envisioning how private-sector partners could be leveraged to extend the reach of public health," said Alex Adams, vice president for Pharmacy Programs at the National Association of Chain Drug Stores. "I am confident that Sara will continue to emerge as a leader within the field."

In addition to serving as lead author for a variety of peer-reviewed publications on pharmacy-public health partnerships, social media use in emergencies, and public health preparedness, Roszak is also the co-founder of Public Health Talks, @PubHealthTalks, the first standing Twitter chat about public health issues. Among her honors, Roszak served as a 2012-2013 fellow of the Emerging Leaders in Biosecurity Initiative at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center's Center for Health Security.

Student Assembly Public Health Mentoring Award

The Student Assembly Public Health Mentoring Award, which recognizes the essential role of mentoring in public health and leadership development, is being given to **William "Bill" DeJong, PhD**, a professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences at the Boston University School of Public Health.

In addition to his role at Boston University, DeJong has previously served as an adjunct professor and health communications lecturer at the Harvard School of Public Health and a clinical associate professor at Tufts University School of Medicine, among other positions.

From 1995 to 2004, DeJong served as director of the U.S. Department of Education's Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention. Currently, he serves as executive director of research and analysis at the Massachusetts-based Outside The Classroom Inc., where he works on AlcoholEdu for College, an online alcohol course that educates about one-third of the nation's first-year college students every year. DeJong has authored more than 400 professional publications in the fields of alcohol and tobacco control, criminal justice, health communications, health promotion and social psychology.

A number of former mentees submitted letters in support of DeJong's award nomination, detailing the significant impact he has had on their learning and career trajectories.

Jacey Greece, DSc, MPH, a clinical assistant professor at Boston University School of Public Health, wrote: "He encourages his mentees to realize their full potential and to have high expectations of themselves and what they can accomplish, because he has high expectations of their abilities. He teaches students to be practical in their approach to solving public health problems, yet limitless in

their creativity to finding solutions to those problems. I am continually inspired by Bill and owe much of my professional success to his example.”

S. Bryn Austin, ScD, an associate professor within the Harvard School of Public Health and Harvard Medical School as well as director of fellowship research training in the Division of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine at Boston Children’s Hospital, wrote: “I consider myself most fortunate to have had Bill as my advisor and mentor at such a critical juncture in my career. Without a doubt, my own successes over the many years since my graduation more than 15 years ago and perhaps even some of my mentees’ successes can be traced back to Bill and his mentoring brilliance.”

Craig Andrade, DrPH, RN, director of the Office of Child and Adolescent Health at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, wrote: “What is most amazing is that all Bill has done to feed my public health passion and empower my success, he has done for the vast and ever-growing tribe of public health students and professionals honored by his mentorship.”

Among DeJong’s many honors, he received the Norman A. Scotch Award for Excellence in Teaching from Boston University School of Public Health in 2007; the Faculty Mentor Award from the Harvard School of Public Health in 1999; and the Advisor of the Year award in 1999 from the Student Committee within the Department of Health and Social Behavior at the Harvard School of Public Health.

Royal Society for Public Health

The Royal Society for Public Health is an independent charity formed in October 2008 with the merger of the Royal Society of Health and the Royal Institute of Public Health. Its more than 6,000 members include food safety specialists, public health doctors, health promotion specialists, pharmacists, environmental health officers, nutritionists, civil engineers, health and safety specialists and many others. Almost 100,000 public health professionals take the society’s qualifications each year in such subjects as food hygiene, health and safety, nutrition and health improvement. The society also runs conferences in food safety, hospital hygiene, water, infection control, occupational medicine and nutrition for the elderly.

Phillip Woodward, FRSPH, CMCIEH, MCIWM, MCIH, CEnv, is a member of the council of the Royal Society for Public Health and chair of the Local Government Reference Group with the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence in the United Kingdom. He is also an advisor on public health research to the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and will take on the position of chair of the Royal Society for Public Health in 2016.

Prior to his current position, Woodward first served as director of environmental services and then as chief executive with the Fylde Borough Council, overseeing the delivery of all local public services. During his time with the Fylde Borough Council, he became a trustee of the Royal Society for Health

until its merger with the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene in 2008. He was reappointed as a trustee in 2012.

Woodward graduated in 1976 with a degree in environmental health and worked as an environmental health practitioner for a number of local authorities. He went on to study waste management, air quality management as well as noise and acoustics, eventually managing environmental health efforts with the Chesterfield and Portsmouth Councils. During his local government career, he specialized in environmental protection, housing issues and community safety.

Woodward is a chartered environmental health practitioner and a corporate member of the Chartered Institute of Housing and Chartered Institute of Waste Management. He has been a fellow of the Royal Society for Public Health since 1985.

Mortimer Spiegelman Award

John Storey, PhD, is receiving the 2015 Mortimer Spiegelman Award, which has been presented annually since 1970 to a statistician younger than 40 who has made outstanding contributions to public health statistics.

The award is named after Mortimer Spiegelman, an actuary, biostatistician and demographer known for his exceptional contributions in public health.

Storey is the director of and a professor within the Center for Statistics and Machine Learning at Princeton University, the William R. Harman '63 and Mary-Love Harman professor in genomics, and a professor within the Lewis-Sigler Institute for Integrative Genomics. His lab develops and applies quantitative methods in genomics, with a particular focus on functional genomics problems involving high-dimensional data sets. The overarching goals of his research are to use multiple sources of high-throughput genomic data to better understand regulatory networks and the molecular basis of complex traits.

Among his many honors, Storey received the 2015 Committee of Presidents of Statistical Societies Presidents' Award, which recognizes outstanding contributions to statistics by a researcher age 40 or younger and is considered one of the field's most prestigious honors. Storey was also elected as a fellow of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics in 2012 as well as a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 2011.