

# Gillings Graduates— *Ready to Take on the World!*







*A letter from Dean Barbara K. Rimer*

# Dear friends of the Gillings School of Global Public Health:



## 74 YEARS AND COUNTING!

On June 7, 1940, the new school of public health in North Carolina, our School, was born. Our fall issue of *Carolina Public Health* magazine will be a hefty one to enable us to look both backward and forward. For now, I will focus on academic year 2013–2014. Even so, much must be left out. Apologies to all the people I cannot mention by name. A list of promotions, appointments and a partial list of awards is on page 13.

In 2013, thanks to a group of dedicated alumni, led by Roy Ramthun, MSPH, we began a two-year celebration that will culminate on June 7, 2015, our 75th birthday. On Oct. 15, we kicked off the celebrations with an event at the Levine Museum of the New South, in Charlotte, N.C., thanks to alumnus Fred Brown and Michael Tarwater, chief executive officer of Carolinas Healthcare. Fred announced a generous scholarship in honor of his uncles, the Brendle brothers. See photos from several of our anniversary events on pages 16–17.

## COMMITTED TO IMPACT

We're racing – to remain the top *public* school of public health; to attract the students we most want to attend the Gillings School, competing with a growing number of schools and programs, many of which have more full-ride scholarships than we do; to be awarded high-value grants and contracts in an increasingly scarce field (real NIH and other agencies' dollars have declined); to retain outstanding faculty and staff members who are being recruited by other universities and organizations; to keep up with the pace of discovery and sheer content in the fields and topics we study and teach; and most of all, we're in a race for impact—to make the world healthier, safer and greener.



## STAYING ON TOP

While we are enormously grateful to the people of North Carolina, our legislators and University leaders for support of this School, never have government grants and contracts and private philanthropy been more important. We are blessed by the generosity of so many of you. We're excited that in FY13, you gave the School nine new endowed scholarships. In early June, we announced the R. Gary Rozier and Chester W. Douglass Distinguished Professorship, shared between the schools of public health and dentistry through the generosity of former dentistry professor Chet Douglass and his wife Joy. A generous grant from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of N.C. adds to our opportunity to improve the dental health of North Carolinians.



## THANKING OUR FRIENDS

We are grateful to the many alumni who give back to the School in hours of dedicated service through our departments, the Public Health Foundation Board, Alumni Association Governing Board (special thanks to two-time president and amazing woman Priscilla Guild, MSPH), and who serve so generously. Our School's Advisory Council, chaired by Don Holzworth, Executive in Residence, has been a source of great advice and wisdom over the last few years, especially for The Water Institute and the growing group of public health entrepreneurs. We're grateful to Ginger and John Sall for hosting our meetings at the spectacular SAS education center. ([sas.com](http://sas.com)).



## 21ST-CENTURY LEARNING SPACES

Students need comfortable, technology-equipped spaces, and we're giving them places where they can relax, study, dream, meet and interact. Deniese Chaney, MPH, health policy and management alumna and member of our Public Health Foundation board, provided generous funding for a wonderful space in McGavran-Greenberg Hall. With plentiful electrical outlets, LCD screens and comfortable chairs, these spaces are always populated. We opened a state-of-the-art classroom in fall 2013. It's designed for the way our faculty members teach and how students learn today—much more interactively, collaboratively and with electronics. Another model classroom will come online in fall 2014. Our facilities staff members are fabulous.



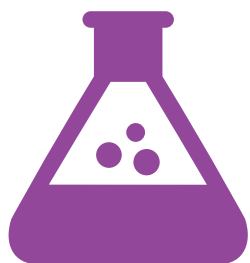
## BUILDING OUR OWN GPS

The future happens faster than ever, especially on the Internet. We've been improving the School's website ([sph.unc.edu](http://sph.unc.edu)) and use of social media and are supporting a new Gillings Program Search (GPS) tool to make access easier for tech-savvy students. I'm grateful to the School's technology and communications teams, content managers, student services managers, chairs and others who contributed substantively to the GPS's development and these advancements. Special thanks to David Pesci and his team, Kathy Anderson and her team, many content managers and student services managers across the School, Elizabeth French and former special assistant to the dean Mae Beale for her work on the GPS ([sph.unc.edu/gps](http://sph.unc.edu/gps)).



## LEADING GROUNDBREAKING RESEARCH

In spite of even greater tightening of paylines at NIH, CDC and other funding agencies, our faculty members received about \$98 million in grant funding by the end of the third quarter of FY14, close to the previous few years. Our Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention ([hpd.unc.edu](http://hpd.unc.edu)), under the leadership of nutrition professor Dr. Alice Ammerman, was refunded, and Dr. Kurt Ribisl, professor of health behavior, was awarded one of only 14 grants in the country to examine urgent issues related to e-cigarettes. So many of our faculty competed successfully for grants; we're proud of them.



## SPEEDING DISCOVERIES

Like Dr. Ralph Baric, professor of epidemiology, who published a groundbreaking report about MERS just as the first U.S. case was announced (see [tinyurl.com/PNAS-Baric-MERS](http://tinyurl.com/PNAS-Baric-MERS)), many faculty members are conducting cutting-edge research in fields we have only begun to understand. Dr. Michael Kosorok, W.R. Kenan Distinguished Professor and chair of biostatistics, leads a project to develop smart and smarter clinical trials methods so that effective new cancer drugs will get to patients faster. He and colleagues from UNC, Duke and N.C. State published more than 128 peer-reviewed papers in the first four years of their NCI-funded program project.





## WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE

After a little more than three years, our Water Institute, led by Dr. Jamie Bartram, Holzworth Distinguished Professor of environmental sciences and engineering, is now recognized as the go-to place for meetings of the best and most influential on urgent issues related to water and sanitation. (See [waterinstitute.unc.edu](http://waterinstitute.unc.edu).) Bartram and colleagues are doing critical research on many issues related to water access, availability and safety.



## GLOBAL HEALTHY AGING

The growth of global aging populations has created what has been referred to as a *cliff*, as baby boomers adapt to the challenges of aging. Our goal is to help people stay healthy as long as possible in N.C. and around the world. In February, thanks to our two-year partnership with Cambridge University, to Dr. Dennis Gillings, CBE, who has supported the partnership with Cambridge, and to Dr. Michael Kafrissen, alumnus and Advisory Council member, and affiliated with MIT's AgeLab, we jointly sponsored a groundbreaking meeting on global aging-in-place and technology. People came from all over the world, and even more people wanted to come. (More about key players at the aging summit is at [sph.unc.edu/news/aging-summit](http://sph.unc.edu/news/aging-summit).) Dennis Gillings, by the way, recently was named World Dementia Envoy by U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron to raise awareness and funds for research and a cure for dementias. There will be a lot more to say about this topic.



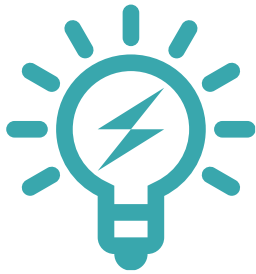
## OUR FACULTY AND STUDENTS

Several new faculty members joined the Gillings School this academic year, and we're so glad they came. (See page 13.) I'm proud of recognition faculty members received from the University, including Dr. Marilie Gammon's doctoral mentoring award from the Graduate School, Dr. Karl Umble's undergraduate teaching award, and Bill Gentry's Ned Brooks Award for public service. Our students won many awards; among the sweetest are the Graduate School's Impact Awards, which recognize the positive impact of our students' research on North Carolina and its people. Our students took home four of the 20 Impact Awards.



## LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

We appointed Dr. Beth Mayer-Davis, an outstanding diabetes researcher, as chair of nutrition. Dr. Carolyn Halpern, an MCH professor and expert on adolescent sexual behaviors, will be interim chair of maternal and child health while we seek a permanent chair. We appointed Dr. Andy Olshan the Barbara Sorenson Hulka Distinguished Professor of Cancer Epidemiology. The search is underway for a director of the Gillings Global Gateway, our new one-stop location for all things global. I'm grateful to Julie MacMillan, MPH, for taking on the additional role of interim director and also to Susanne Moulton, JD, MPH, health policy and management alumna, who is serving as interim associate dean for SPH Advancement (formerly External Affairs).



## HELPING OUR ENTREPRENEURS

With help from Don Holzworth, Judith Cone (special assistant to UNC's Chancellor Folt for innovation and entrepreneurship), Julie MacMillan and others, we're helping our entrepreneurs to flourish. This past spring, we hosted representatives of the N.C. legislature, Board of Governors and Board of Visitors, and they all were impressed by the School's focus on solutions and by the growing number of successful entrepreneurs who have taken their products and programs to new levels.



## URGENCY OF IMPLEMENTATION

A new course, the Gillings Implementation Lab, was led by Dr. Rohit Ramaswamy, in partnership with several other faculty members. The course introduces students to the emerging field of implementation science through didactic material presented online and problem-solving in field settings (this year, in Raleigh, N.C., and India). I was excited to hear the students' final presentations. Half had collaborated with FHI360 in Delhi, and half intervened at Wake County (N.C.) Social Services. This is yet another example of the positive impact our students achieve, even while still in school.

This new course, and Dr. Bert Peterson's work in implementing proven programs to reduce maternal and infant illnesses and deaths, are focused upon the urgency of implementation—applying what we know in sustainable



ways—to solve some of the world’s most pressing health problems. We could save millions of lives from scores of conditions and diseases if we could master the science and practice of implementation. Last year, we launched a new Consortium on Implementation Science, in partnership with RTI International. Dr. Bryan Weiner, professor of health policy and management, leads the UNC-Chapel Hill effort—and there’s a lot of talent in implementation science across the School.



## ENJOYING OUR 2014 COMMENCEMENT

See the wonderful photos on page 15 (and at [tinyurl.com/flickr-gillings-2014-commence](http://tinyurl.com/flickr-gillings-2014-commence)) that capture the joy of commencement. We were honored to have two-time alumna, Dr. Nicole Bates, as our speaker. She did a superb job! Dr. Atul Gawande, professor of health policy and management and surgery at Harvard, did a great job with the UNC Commencement remarks.



## SO MUCH MORE

The story of a year at the Gillings School unfolds with new chapters every day. There are many heroes—faculty and staff members who have persevered in spite of unrelenting budget cuts and lack of raises; students who venture far from their homes and comfort zones to solve problems; our nearly 18,000 alumni, who solve public health problems in every state and 100 countries; donors who believe in us and give generously.

In the end, the biggest gift is providing resources that enable us, with you, to rewrite the sad stories of lives lost, communities without water, inequities endured and childhoods foregone—and to turn them into narratives of hope and dignity restored, resources gained, lives lengthened and independence enabled. Why? Because health is one of the most precious gifts in the world.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara K. Rimer".

# Gillings Students— Public Health Champions in North Carolina and the World!

*Your experiences here prepare you* to solve the world's greatest public health problems. You will be the leaders who must get water to billions, turn the tide on the obesity epidemic, figure out how to get quality health care to all people, reduce the incidence of cancer and infectious diseases and so much more. You're amazing! I'm impressed by what you accomplish while you're here and by your dreams for the future.

— BARBARA K. RIMER, DRPH



(Left) Lacey English, health behavior master's student, received a Fulbright fellowship to address children's malnutrition in Sierra Leone next year. (Above) Environmental sciences and engineering doctoral candidate Anne Galyean not only is forging new paths in nanochemistry—she's also a world-class downhill mountain biker.

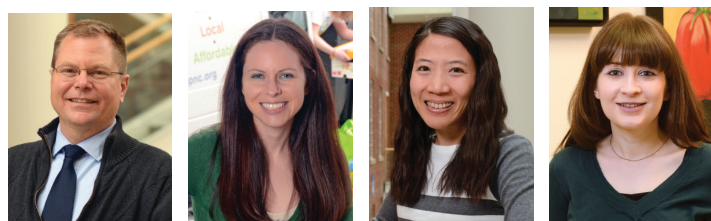


## Creative. Innovative. Dedicated. Focused.

These are just a few of the adjectives that describe Gillings students. Of note are:

- Our local and global entrepreneurs, including Dr. Nabarun Dasgupta, Alice Wang, Liz Morris, Allison Myers and Liz Chen, who respectively have labored on behalf of preventing deaths from prescription opioid use, delivering clean drinking water, providing portable devices to improve sanitation, counteracting the sale of tobacco products, and educating about sexual behavior and diseases;

- Researchers who tackle problems in local communities to improve health in North Carolina and globally;
- Health policy and management students, who consistently win prizes in case competitions, applying classroom lessons to real-life challenges in hospitals and other health-related settings; and
- All our students, who through capstone and other partnerships with community individuals and agencies, use their heads, hands and hearts to educate, serve and make others' lives better.



Each year, competition is fierce for the prestigious University-wide Impact Awards, and this year, public health students received four of 20 presented. We're proud of the 2014 awardees—(l-r) Paul Gilbert (health behavior), Lindsey Haynes-Maslow (health policy and management), Cynthia Lin (epidemiology) and Jennifer Poti (nutrition). Awardee Kari Debbink (microbiology and immunology, not pictured) works in Dr. Ralph Baric's lab at the Gillings School.



1. Jennifer Moore, Christopher Coughlin and Callan Blough (l-r) took first prize at the University of Alabama at Birmingham case competition this year, an event at which our HPM students are usually finalists.

2. Sally Bogus, Cleveland Clinic chief executive officer Dr. Delos Cosgrove, Daniel Douthitt and Alison Cary-Coleman (l-r) celebrate the students' first-place win at the inaugural Cleveland Clinic Case Competition in Ohio.

3. Biostatistics students Thomas Stewart, Qian Liu, Xiaoxi Liu, Ai (Andy) Ni, Fang-Shu Ou and Jing Zhou received awards for their research at the spring meeting of the International Biometric Society's Eastern North American Region (ENAR).

4. The Student Global Health Committee treated a large audience to their inaugural GillingsX talks, *Why Not Now? Innovative Ideas from Students Who Refused to Wait*. Modeled on the TED talks ([TED.com](http://TED.com)), the energetic presentations dealt with a number of public health topics. Pictured are event planners and speakers.

5. A gift from alumna Deniese Chaney (standing, right) and her husband Edward provided Gillings students with a comfortable, vibrant, technologically equipped collaboration and study space. Chaney is principal at Accenture Health and Public Service. Behind her is the School's glass-walled 21st-century classroom, where students enjoy natural lighting and have access to cutting-edge technological tools.

# Our Faculty— Shaping Policy Through Research and Evidence



In fall 2013, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and National Institutes of Health awarded Dr. Kurt Ribisl (professor, health behavior) a five-year, \$20 million grant to study issues related to tobacco prevention communication and regulation of e-cigarettes.

“The goal is to inform and shape how the FDA regulates tobacco products by doing high-impact research that ultimately will help reduce tobacco use,” Ribisl says. “Despite decades of work to reduce tobacco use in the U.S., it continues to be the leading cause of preventable death and disease.”

Ribisl also is co-founder, with student Allison Myers, of *CounterTools.org*.



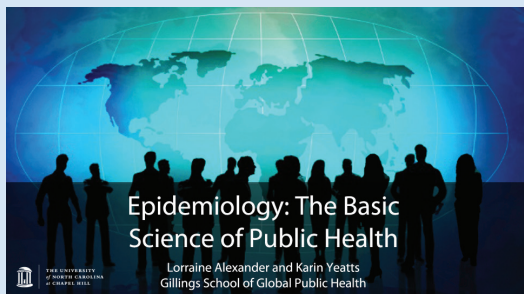


*In any given academic year, our faculty members provide thousands of hours of service to North Carolinians.* They collaborate in laboratories and lead groundbreaking research on MERS and other emerging infections. *They're helping rural hospitals survive.* They develop and test new statistical methods that change the way clinical trials are conducted – increasing the likelihood that proven medications will get to patients sooner. *They're reducing stroke deaths in North Carolina and maternal and infant deaths in Africa.* They convene people from around the world to solve challenges associated with water and sanitation. *They have organized an all-out attack on cancer in North Carolina, preventing diabetes in American Indian populations, partnering with colleagues from Cambridge to Malawi.* They are on prestigious committees of the NIH, Institute of Medicine, NGOs, WHO and many other organizations. *And that's just the tip of the iceberg.*

—BARBARA K. RIMER, DRPH



Drs. Anita Farel (far left), Suzanne Hobbs (not pictured) and Rohit Ramaswamy (second from right) taught a unique, interdisciplinary, field-based course this spring – the Gillings Global Implementation Lab. Students designed and implemented solutions to complex problems in a health department setting in Wake County, N.C., and an FHI360-led sexual disease prevention program in India. The Wake County group implemented changes that reduced patients' waiting time in STD clinics.



Drs. Lorraine Alexander (left) and Karin Yeatts led one of UNC's first five Massive Online Open Courses (MOOCs) this spring. About 27,632 students enrolled, and more than 3,050 students from N.C., 17 other states and 45 countries completed course requirements.





(Above, left) Dr. Marilie Gammon, epidemiology professor, received the Faculty Award for Excellence in Doctoral Mentoring at UNC's 2014 doctoral hooding ceremony.

(Above, right) In partnership with Insect Shield, a North Carolina company, epidemiology professor Dr. Steven Meshnick and recent alumna Dr. Meagan Vaughn (pictured) studied repellent-treated clothing and found it reduced by 80 percent the number of tick bites endured by outdoor workers in North Carolina.

(Left) Epidemiologist Dr. Ralph Baric's study of the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV), published April 28 in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, was timely. The first suspected case of the virus in the U.S. appeared days later.



The 2014 Teaching Innovation Award winners were (l-r) Dr. Karl Umble, Lori Evarts, Amanda Holliday, Dr. Lew Margolis, Dr. Beth Moracco, Dr. Rebecca Fry and Kathy Roggenkamp. Not pictured: Dr. Steve Cole.



Dr. Beth Mayer-Davis, nutrition chair (in red, above), co-chairs the national SEARCH for Diabetes in Youth study. Her diabetes research produced two recent studies. One, in *Pediatrics*, found unacceptably high levels of diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA) in youth with diabetes. Another, in *JAMA*, found that Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes increased significantly between 2001 and 2009.



## APPOINTMENTS

- + Carolyn Halpern, PhD – Interim chair, maternal and child health
- + Julie MacMillan, MPH – Interim executive director of the Gillings Global Gateway (formerly Office of Global Health)
- + Elizabeth Mayer-Davis, PhD – Chair, nutrition
- + Sandy Moulton, JD, MPH – Interim associate dean for SPH Advancement (formerly External Affairs)
- + Andrew Olshan, PhD – Barbara Sorenson Hulka Distinguished Professor of Cancer Epidemiology

## PROMOTIONS

- + Dr. Jeannette Bensen (research associate professor, EPID)
- + Dr. William Carpenter (associate professor, HPM)
- + Dr. Stephanie Engel (associate professor, EPID)
- + Dr. Rebecca Fry (associate professor, ESE)
- + Dr. Jacqueline Gibson (associate professor, ESE)
- + Dr. Mark Holmes (associate professor, HPM)
- + Dr. Michael Hudgens (associate professor, BIOS)
- + Dr. Yufeng Liu (professor, BIOS)
- + Dr. Jane Monaco (clinical associate professor, BIOS)
- + Dr. John Paul (clinical professor, HPM)
- + Dr. Bryce Reeve (research professor, HPM)
- + Dr. Todd Schwartz (research associate professor, BIOS)
- + Dr. Jennifer Smith (associate professor, EPID)
- + Ms. Melanie Studer (clinical assistant professor, HPM)
- + Dr. Miroslav Styblo (professor, NUTR)
- + Dr. Wei Sun (associate professor, BIOS/GEN)
- + Dr. Karl Umble (clinical assistant professor, HPM)
- + Dr. Jason West (associate professor, ESE)

## NEW FACULTY

- + Dr. Robert Agans (clinical associate professor, BIOS)
- + Dr. Allison Aiello (professor, EPID)
- + Dr. Brian Bennett (assistant professor, NUTR)
- + Dr. Kyle Burger (assistant professor, NUTR)
- + Dr. Folami Ideraabdullah (assistant professor, NUTR)
- + Dr. Lucia Leone (research assistant professor, NUTR)
- + Dr. Jennifer Lund (assistant professor, EPID)
- + Dr. Hazel Nichols (assistant professor, EPID)
- + Dr. Vivian Go (associate professor, HB)
- + Dr. Steve Hursting (professor, NUTR)
- + Dr. Anne Marie Meyer (research assistant professor, EPID)
- + Dr. Kate Muessig (assistant professor, HB)
- + Dr. Michael Piehler (associate professor, ESE)
- + Dr. Brian Pence (assistant professor, EPID)
- + Dr. Kimberly Powers (assistant professor, EPID)
- + Dr. Paula Song (associate professor, HPM)
- + Ms. Catherine Sullivan (clinical instructor, MCH)
- + Dr. Justin Trogdon (assistant professor, HPM)
- + Dr. V. Sarajo Voruganti (assistant professor, NUTR)
- + Dr. Daniel Westreich (assistant professor, EPID)
- + Dr. Zhenfa Zhang (research assistant professor, ESE)

## RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS



**DR. LINDA ADAIR**  
American Society of  
Nutrition's Kellogg  
Prize



**DR. PEGGY BENTLEY**  
elected to the  
board of directors  
of the Consortium  
of Universities for  
Global Health



**BILL GENTRY**  
Ned Brooks Award  
for Public Service



**DR. LEWIS MARGOLIS**  
The McGavran Award  
for Excellence in  
Teaching



**DR. VIC SCHOENBACH**  
MLK Unsung  
Hero Award for  
championing  
diversity



**DR. DAVID WEBER**  
Bernard G.  
Greenberg Alumni  
Endowment Award  
for Excellence



**DR. DANIEL WESTREICH**  
Society of Epidemi-  
ologic Research's  
Early Career Award



**DR. STEVE WING**  
John E. Larsh Award  
for Mentorship

# The Gillings School— A Community Thriving on Discourse and Innovation

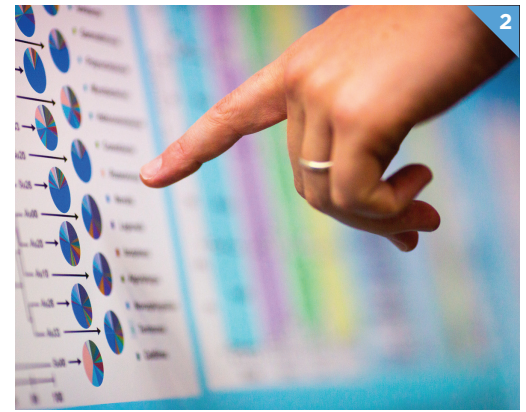
- ▶ Our annual Word of Difference dinner, held each fall, celebrates our most generous donors.
- ▶ In January, nearly two dozen leaders from the N.C. Senate and House of Representatives visited the School to learn about faculty members' research.
- ▶ In February, the School hosted Her Excellency Tebelelo Seretse, Botswana's ambassador to the U.S., who spoke to students and faculty members about Botswana's history and its quarter-century experience with HIV/AIDS.
- ▶ The Feb. 10 Global Aging and Technology Summit brought together guest speakers from Cambridge, U.K., and Cambridge, Mass. (MIT's AgeLab), to discover ways technology can ease public health problems related to aging.
- ▶ The 35th annual Minority Health Conference was a great success, with about 500 people attending and nearly that many participating online. Co-chairs Charla Hodges and Maryka Lier selected keynote speaker Dr. Gail C. Christopher, vice president for program strategy at W.K. Kellogg Foundation, who gave a stirring talk about innovative approaches to youth health.
- ▶ New members of UNC's Board of Governors toured the School in March, learning about environmental sciences and engineering's smog chamber and other research being conducted at the School.



Each year, the Armfield Atrium is transformed by Jerry Salak and others for the School's World of Difference Dinner.

- ▶ In April, alumnus Dr. Greg Allgood, advocate for clean drinking water globally, presented the 2014 Foard Lecture. Learn more at [www.sph.unc.edu/foard](http://www.sph.unc.edu/foard).
- ▶ The Water Institute at UNC hosted three impressive international conferences in 2013-2014. The fourth annual fall conference, *Water and Health: Where Science Meets Policy*, held Oct. 14-18, 2013, and attended by more than 500 people, was followed by *Nexus 2014: Water, Food, Climate and Energy* (March 5-8, 2014) and *Water Microbiology* (May 5-7, 2014). The fall 2014 *Water and Health* conference is scheduled for Oct. 13-17. Learn more at [whconference.unc.edu](http://whconference.unc.edu).





*There is always something to do at Gillings!* The program offers a wide variety of courses and hands-on field experiences. As an international student, I benefitted from seminars with public health leaders and other visitors to the School and received faculty mentoring that exposed me to the breadth and significance of public health as a career option. Academic and extracurricular activities offered the right blend of learning.

— LAKSHMI GOPALAKRISHNAN, MPH (MCH, 2014)



(1) Dr. Will Vizuite describes his research to the UNC Board of Governors. (2) A guest studies a poster at a Water Institute conference. (3) Minority Health Conference co-chairs Charla Hodges (l) and Maryka Lier (r) with keynote speaker Dr. Gail Christopher. (4) Liz Morris tells UNC Board of Visitors about the Dungaroo. (5) Alumna Dr. Nicole Bates gave the School's 2014 Commencement address. (6) Scholarship awardee Cara Person speaks at the World of Difference dinner. (7) Drs. Mike Kafrisen (l) and Joe Coughlin, from MIT AgeLab, at the Aging and Technology Conference. (8) Dr. Greg Allgood gives the Foard Lecture. (9) Attendees converse at a Water Institute conference.



# Celebrating 75 Years!

*This year, I've traveled with* our Advancement staff (formerly External Affairs), faculty members, chairs and others to a number of 75th-anniversary events. We've been honored to meet and reconnect with so many alumni. Several became emotional when they recounted how a faculty member found support for them when they otherwise might not have been able to attend our School. I was particularly moved to talk with Dr. Ira Laster at our Washington, D.C., event. He had been at the School when African-Americans could not take our health education classes on campus but took classes instead with our faculty members at what is now N.C. Central University. Phyllis Verhalen, wife of alumnus Dr. Robert Verhalen, recalled that the School once was small enough for all our students, staff and faculty members to enjoy a picnic on the front steps of Rosenau Hall. Now, we often gather to celebrate in our wonderful Armfield Atrium, a place of calm and peace (that can be transformed into a bustling social scene) that unites the mature Rosenau, the middle-aged McGavran-Greenberg and the youthful Michael Hooker buildings. They come from different eras, but each building is united, as are the people who inhabit them, in common purpose.

—BARBARA K. RIMER, DRPH



*The Gillings School's 75th anniversary* presents a unique opportunity to celebrate achievements, reconnect with faculty, students and alumni, and give thanks for the opportunity to shape the history of public health. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity. Renew your Carolina spirit by sharing your time and resources. Let's continue the School's tradition of excellence for the next 75 years!

—ROY J. RAMTHUN (MSPH, HPM, '87)  
Chair, 75th Anniversary Campaign Cabinet

Alumni and friends attended an anniversary event at the Levine Museum of the New South, in Charlotte, N.C., made possible by a gift from Carolinas HealthCare.





(1) Deborah Lin, George Karageorgiou, Greg Mascavage, Lee Katherine Ayer and Chris Del Grosso enjoyed getting together in Chicago. (Photo by Tom Wong) (2) Retired biostatistics professor Dr. Larry Kupper, Joan Gillings, Dean Barbara K. Rimer, and Joy and Chet Douglass (l-r) celebrated at the Boston alumni event. (3) Interim health policy and management chair Dr. Sandra Greene (l) chatted with Michael Tarwater, chief executive officer of Carolinas HealthCare, in Charlotte, N.C. (4) Alumna Briana Webster (l) and friend Talisha Lee loved coming to the Washington event at the National Geographic Museum. (5) Roslyn Jonson (second from left), president of the D.C.-area chapter of the School's Alumni Association, gathered with friends at the D.C. event. (6) Byron Bullard, Mary Webster, and Laura and Fred Brown (l-r) greeted guests at the Levine Museum of the New South, in Charlotte. (7) Dr. Joan Huntley applauded a presentation at the Charlotte event. (8) Dr. Kathleen Kaney, 2013 Public Health Executive Leadership alumna, spoke in Charlotte about her education. (9) Health behavior chair Dr. Leslie Lytle (l) and Natalie Legrand listened attentively to a speaker at the Charlotte event. (10) Bob Vollinger, Kevin Harlen, Brenda Edwards and Kelly Keisling enjoyed each other's company at the D.C. event. (11) Trey Crabbe gave a talk to guests at the Hard Rock Café event in Chicago. (Photo by Tom Wong) (12) Richard and Judy Vinroot caught up with Dean Barbara K. Rimer in Charlotte.



# Our Alumni are Difference-Makers Across the State, the Nation and the World

*Our club is free!* All public health graduates are automatic members of the School's Alumni Association. Our nearly 18,000 members live and work in all 100 North Carolina counties, all 50 states and more than 100 countries. The Association aims to be an engaged partner of the nation's premier School of Global Public Health, to enhance the School and its communities as leaders in public health education, service and research – and to maximize the connections among current students and those who have come before. Learn more and get involved – email [alumni.sph@unc.edu](mailto:alumni.sph@unc.edu) or call (919) 966-0198.



Dr. David Goldsmith, UNC epidemiology alumnus and adjunct associate professor of human science at Georgetown University, received a Fulbright award to serve as a visiting chair in the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Medicine. Goldsmith will study community attitudes about hydraulic fracturing and study Canadians' access to treated water and sewage facilities.



Dr. Kelly Weidenbach, a 2013 health policy and management alumna, has been named executive director of the Casper-Natrona County Health Department in Casper, Wyo.

Alumnus Dr. Derrick Matthews (pictured) and doctoral student Joseph Lee found the first statewide evidence that lesbian, gay and bisexual people in N.C. have poorer health than do their straight counterparts. The study was published in the *American Journal of Public Health*.



Dr. Jay M. Bernhardt, 1999 health behavior alumnus, was named founding director of The Center for Health Communication at The University of Texas at Austin is Moody College of Communication.



Dr. Jeanne Lambrew, health policy and management alumna, director of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Health Reform, and an architect and advocate for the Affordable Care Act, accepted an alumna award from the Department of Health Policy and Management.



Dr. Marjorie Aelion, dean of the School of Public Health and Health Sciences at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, received the 2014 Harriet Hylton Barr Distinguished Alumni Award.





# Commencement 2014!

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### **NOV. 17**

#### **New Orleans, La.**

In conjunction with the APHA annual meeting; to be held at the National World War II Museum.



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