

# National Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Epidemiology *Awards*

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## *Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology is...*

The systematic collection, analysis and interpretation of population-based and program-specific health and related data in order to assess the distribution and determinants of the health status and needs of the maternal child population for the purpose of planning, implementing, and assessing effective, science-based strategies and promoting policy development.

## *Purpose of the Awards*

To recognize individuals, teams, institutions and leaders of institutions for making significant contributions to one or more aspects of this definition with the aim of improving the health of women, children and families by:

- Advancing public health knowledge through epidemiology and applied research;
- Improving public health practice through effective use of data and epidemiology and training in the field; and
- Enhancing the political will to support practice and advance knowledge through effective use of data, epidemiology and applied research.



## *The Coalition for Excellence in MCH Epidemiology*

The National Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Epidemiology Awards recognize individuals, teams, institutions, and leaders for making significant contributions to improve the health of women, children, and families by:

- Advancing public health knowledge through MCH epidemiology and applied research;
- Improving public health practice through the effective use of MCH data and epidemiology;
- Strengthening MCH public health practice through excellence in teaching and training in the use of data, epidemiologic methods and applied research; and
- Providing leadership to enhance the political will to advance public health knowledge and practice and the effective use of MCH data, epidemiology, and applied research.

No one national organization represents the entirety of MCH Epidemiology research and practice; however, many organizations include MCH epidemiology researchers and practitioners as part of their membership. To provide distinguished national recognition for the excellent work of these researchers and practitioners, 16 national health organizations have formed the Coalition for Excellence in MCH Epidemiology to collectively sponsor the 2014 National MCH Epidemiology Awards including:

- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Epidemiology Section
- American Public Health Association (APHA), Maternal and Child Health Section
- Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP)
- Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH),

### Maternal and Child Health Council

- Association of Teachers of Maternal and Child Health (ATMCH)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Division of Reproductive Health
- CityMatCH
- Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE)
- Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Maternal and Child Health Bureau
- Maternal and Child Health Journal
- National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)
- National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems (NAPHSIS)
- National Birth Defects Prevention Network (NBDPN)
- National March of Dimes Foundation
- National Institutes of Health, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)
- Society for Pediatric and Perinatal Epidemiologic Research (SPER)

For 2016, the Coalition recognizes eight individuals or organizations for their excellent contribution to Maternal and Child Health in five categories: Advancing Knowledge, Outstanding Leadership, Effective Practice, Excellence in Teaching and Mentoring, Early Career Professional Achievement, and Life-time Achievement.



## *Event Emcee*

### Charlan Kroelinger, PhD

Dr. Charlan Kroelinger emcees today's event on behalf of the Coalition for Excellence in MCH Epidemiology.

Dr. Kroelinger is the lead for the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Epidemiology Program housed in the Division of Reproductive Health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The goal of the program is to provide direct assistance to states, territories, localities, and tribes on issues related to pregnancy, infant, and women's health. This direct assistance is provided by senior MCH epidemiologists placed in agencies, health departments, and epidemiology centers to build capacity and increase infrastructure in the development of MCH programs and policies.

Before taking leadership of the program, Dr. Kroelinger was the senior scientist for the program ensuring production of high quality science, and prior to that, was assigned in the field to the Delaware Division of Public Health as the State Maternal and Child Health Epidemiologist. In Delaware, she worked as a Director of Science with the state health department to implement the Governor's Infant Mortality Initiative to decrease the rate of infant deaths in the state. She has spent her career working with mothers and infants, and is dedicated to improving the health of women, children, and families.

Dr. Kroelinger received her doctorate in epidemiology and biostatistics from the University of South Florida, and her Master's Degree in applied medical anthropology from The University of Alabama.

Questions about nominations should be sent to:

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## Outstanding Leadership Award

Enhancing the political will to advance knowledge and to support public health practice through effective use of data, epidemiology and applied research

Improving the health of women, children and families takes more than quality science and public health practice. Political will is needed at all levels to take the needed steps to improve public health knowledge and practice. This awards category is to recognize leaders and organizational teams who serve at a local, state or national level and who have made significant contributions to the field by creating the political will to improve the health of women, children and families through epidemiology, applied research, and effective data use. The criteria for this award include: 1) demonstrated increase in political will including the provision of resources, 2) contribution to public health practice, and 3) impact on their MCH population.

## 2016 Recipient

Margaret A. Honein,  
PhD, MPH

Dr. Margaret A. Honein has dedicated her career to improving the health of women and children through the use of epidemiological surveillance and research. As an epidemiologist and Chief of the Birth Defects Branch in the Division of Congenital and Developmental Disorders at the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD), Dr.



Honein has led major research activities which influenced public health practices. This includes her work evaluating the effectiveness of a program to prevent Accutane exposure during pregnancy, which led to the revision of the FDA's risk mitigation program; investigation of the association between cochlear implants and bacterial meningitis, which led to new guidance for pneumococcal vaccines; and research on the association between maternal smoking and orofacial clefts, which led to recognition in the 2014 Surgeon General's report on the health consequences of smoking. Most recently, Dr. Honein has led the NCBDDD in groundbreaking work on understanding safer medication use during pregnancy, which has led to the CDC's Treating for Two Initiative.

In addition to her work as Branch Chief, Dr. Honein has shown exceptional leadership during several public health emergencies. Most recently, she has served as co-lead of the Pregnancy and Birth Defects Task Force for the CDC's 2016 Zika Response. Under her leadership, the Task Force has worked to translate scientific research into clinical guidance and public health recommendations, and establish the US Zika Pregnancy Registry to collect information about pregnancy and infant outcomes following Zika virus infection.

Dr. Honein exemplifies an Outstanding MCH leader through her deep commitment to the population, superb epidemiologic skills, and tireless efforts to build partnerships, all with the ultimate goal of improving the health of women and children.



## *Excellence in Teaching and Mentoring Award*

Improving MCH public health practice through excellence in teaching; training in the use of data, epidemiologic methods and applied research; and mentoring of students, trainees, fellows, and early career professionals

This award is given to an individual or organization with a strong history of excellence in teaching and training in MCH Epidemiology and/or an outstanding record of mentoring students, trainees, fellows, and early career professionals. Awardees will have developed and/or implemented training materials, courses, and/or programs within and/or outside academe to increase the capacity of MCH public health to turn data into information and action and/or served as a mentor for multiple students, trainees, fellows, and early career professionals who have emerged as beginning or established leaders in the field of MCH epidemiology, in practice and/or academe. [Note: the committee defines mentoring as a professional relationship in which an experienced person (the mentor) assists another (the mentee) in developing specific skills and knowledge that will enhance the less-experienced person's professional and personal growth.] The purpose of the award is to recognize an individual/organization who is viewed as a teacher/training leader/mentor not only by their peers and former students and trainees but also by the larger MCH community. The criteria for this award includes: 1) an identifiable track record in developing/implementing MCH Epidemiology training and/or training products; and/or 2) a track record of excellence in mentoring in MCH Epidemiology; and, 3) contribution to the field of MCH public health practice.

## *2016 Recipient*

### **Kristin M. Rankin, PhD**

Dr. Kristin M. Rankin's devotion to excellence in teaching and mentoring early career professionals is an invaluable asset for the MCH workforce. Dr. Rankin serves as a mentor to doctoral students, fellows in neonatology and family planning, and advanced master's students, and involves these students in her multiple applied research projects. Within academia, Dr. Rankin serves as an Assistant Professor in the Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health, and teaches three courses: Intermediate Epidemiologic Methods, Pediatric Epidemiology, and Advanced Applied Methods in MCH Epidemiology.



Outside of her academic appointment, Dr. Rankin has been instrumental in major national training initiatives for public health practitioners for more than a decade. Currently, Dr. Rankin is the lead faculty for multiple MCH epidemiology training programs, with responsibility for designing the training curricula, advising and assisting trainers with development of their training materials, and developing new materials for her own analytic methods sessions. In addition to these two initiatives, Dr. Rankin leads workshop-style trainings in a variety of venues. All of these trainings and workshops are aimed at public health practitioners, both epidemiologists and other professionals in state and local public health agencies.

Her own love of learning, her excitement about the potential for using data to influence change, her passion for women and children, her openness to new ideas, and her appreciation of the complex inter-relationships between social and individual factors are all evident to those who have had the privilege of being trained or mentored by her. Still relatively early in her career, she has already had an impact on hundreds of individuals who are part of the growing cadre of skilled MCH epidemiologists working in the field.



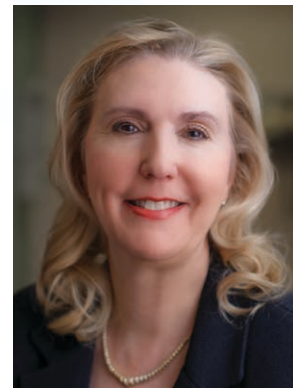
## *Effective Practice Award at the Community Level*

## *2016 Recipient*

Improving public health practice through effective use of data, epidemiology and applied research

This awards category recognizes individuals, organizational leaders, organizational units and institutions who make significant contributions to public health practice in MCH at the community, state, tribal or national levels through the effective use of data and epidemiology. The award can be given to the organization or individuals primarily responsible for the contribution. For organizations, the actual plaque will go to the individual(s) or leader(s) personally or most closely responsible for the work leading to the contribution. In any one year, these awards are given for the specific level of contribution--community, state, tribal and national. The criteria for this award include: 1) significance of work, 2) contribution to public health practice, and 3) level of impact on the intended population. This award is not necessarily based on publications, but is based on contributions that impact on the MCH population.

Audrey M. Stevenson,  
PhD, MPH, MSN,  
FNP-BC



Since 2001, Dr. Audrey Stevenson has served as the Division Director of Family Health Services at the Salt Lake County Health Department, and has championed a variety public health programs to improve the health of her local MCH population. Notably, Dr. Stevenson has demonstrated a long-standing commitment to increasing immunization coverage among vulnerable populations, and her efforts have led to improvements in local programs and state-level policy.

Specifically, Dr. Stevenson has improved local MCH practice through her work to promote the use of the Tdap vaccine in public health clinics, and her efforts to increase immunization completion rates among family members and caregivers of infants. Within public health policy, Dr. Stevenson successfully championed a bill in the Utah State Legislature in 2011. This legislation, known as HB 13: Immunizations for Teen Mothers, ensures that teenage mothers are lawfully able to consent to their own vaccinations, thus empowering them protect their health and the health of their infants.

Most recently, Dr. Stevenson's efforts at the local level have included a focus on the use of data and evaluation in order to expand home visiting services in her community, enhance immunization outreach activities, and improve the provision of primary care services in Salt Lake County Health Department facilities. Additionally, Dr. Stevenson has also been instrumental in promoting local MCH through her services on the CityMatCH Board of Directors since 2007. At present, she serves on the Executive Committee and co-leads the Science Action Group. Based on these accomplishments and contributions to the Salt Lake County Health Department, Dr. Stevenson is more than deserving of the Effective Practice at the Community Level Award.





## *Effective Practice Award at the State Level*

## *2016 Recipient*

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### Massachusetts Oral Health Steering Committee

The Steering Committee for the development of the Massachusetts Perinatal Oral Health Practice Guidelines for Pregnancy and Early Childhood is a multi-disciplinary team including members from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, hospitals, and academic institutions with the shared goal of translating data on the status of maternal oral health into improve clinical services for pregnant women and newborns.

Members of the Massachusetts Steering Committee first reviewed the data on the status of maternal oral health from the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS), which asks mothers about their routine dental cleaning 12 months before, during, and after pregnancy. The Steering Committee then developed a strategic plan to increase awareness about the need for and safety of oral health care during pregnancy, and to develop a comprehensive set of guidelines for dental and medical providers. Obstetricians, family medicine physicians, and dental providers in Massachusetts were then surveyed in order to assess the current knowledge and practices of dental care for pregnant women. This statewide survey elucidated provider concerns regarding potential pregnancy complications, and a need to improve knowledge on the importance of perinatal oral health and the safety of treating pregnant women.

By bringing together many different stakeholders in the development of clear and comprehensive recommendations for the prevention and treatment of oral conditions for pregnant women, infants, and young children, the Steering Committee not only raised awareness about maternal oral health but also garnered the support of key organizations such as insurers and medical and dental providers. Through an iterative process, consensus was achieved, and the Massachusetts Perinatal Oral Health Practice Guidelines for Pregnancy and Early Childhood were finalized and released in March 2016.





## *Early Career Professional Achievement Award*

This awards category is to recognize an early career, outstanding professional leader in the United States and its territories. The awardee's MCH epidemiology work demonstrates significant contribution(s) to the MCH epidemiology field in one or more of the above awards categories, and serves as a model to other early career professionals. To be eligible, the awardee must be professionally active in the field of MCH epidemiology; has worked in the MCH epidemiology field for no more than 10 years; has exhibited significant contribution to the field at the time of the MCH EPI Conference; and may be a professional in academia, government, and/or the private sector. Career accomplishment, evidence of a strong, positive trajectory of career development, and promise of leadership strength are core criteria that are used for selection of the awardee. This award equally recognizes all three types of contributions (as described above) and uses the respective awards criteria in the selection process.

## *2016 Recipient*

### **Ashley H. Hirai, PhD**

Throughout her early career, including positions at both the Maternal and Child Health Bureau and National Center for Health Statistics, Dr. Ashley Hirai (Schempf) has been the model of a talented epidemiologist who simultaneously advances scientific knowledge and improves national programs. In the field of MCH Epidemiology, Dr. Hirai is perhaps best known for her extraordinary efforts to support others in their use of MCH data. Most recently serving as a senior scientist for the Title V Block Grant performance measurement system transformation, she led the development of pre-populated national performance and outcome measures from federally available sources with statistical code to support state/local analysis. Since its inception in 2012, she has also served as a data expert for the Collaborative Improvement & Innovation Network to Reduce Infant Mortality (CollIN), having produced regional data reports to inform strategy selection and continuously promoting timely data sharing to guide quality improvement. Additionally, over 250 state/local analysts have received comprehensive continuing education and technical assistance during her six years of overseeing the MCH Epidemiology Training Course. Dr. Hirai has provided leadership and scientific expertise to each of these major national MCH initiatives, and the ongoing success of these programs stems from her dedication, talent, and vision.



In addition to her invaluable work on national programs, Dr. Hirai has been the lead author on more than 20 peer-reviewed publications, including analyses of national, regional, state, and local-level data. These publications have highlighted diverse and rigorous methods to understand perinatal trends and disparities and identify determinants for preventive action. Dr. Hirai's dedication and accomplishments in conducting research and building data capacity to inform and improve programs, exemplify the highest principles of MCH epidemiology.



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## *2016 Recipient*

### **Michael Grady Smith, DrPH, MSPH**

Dr. Smith first began his career Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Epidemiology in 2007 as the Operations Manager for the South Carolina Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS). Since then, Dr. Smith has fostered a culture of evidence-based decision making that continues to improve MCH programs across South Carolina. Specifically, Dr. Smith's rare combination of expertise in analytics and teaching, as well as his passion for collaboration, has informed state-level programs under Title V; Title X; the Women, Infant and Children's (WIC) Food and Nutrition Service, as well as initiatives to support oral health, children's health, and community-based organizations.



Since 2011, Dr. Smith has served as the Maternal and Child Health Epidemiologist in South Carolina's Bureau of Maternal and Child Health. In this role, he has helped build an infrastructure of MCH epidemiology in South Carolina through the creation of the MCH Division of Research and Planning. As Director of this Division since 2012, Dr. Smith oversees all efforts to support internal and external MCH partners and state-level public health practice through the robust use of MCH Epidemiology.

While diverse in his research interests, Dr. Smith has already demonstrated explicit commitment to reducing racial and geographic health disparities. Earlier this year, Dr. Smith completed his doctorate in Biostatistics at the Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina. His dissertation was titled "Examining Infant Health Outcomes Impacted by South Carolina's Regionalized System of Perinatal Care". Dr. Smith is proof that a single person can make a significant impact, and he is well deserving of the Early Career Professional Achievement Award.



## *Greg Alexander Award for Advancing Knowledge*

## *2016 Recipient*

### Advancing public health knowledge through epidemiology and applied research

The purpose of this national/international award is to recognize individuals and organizational teams from a variety of disciplines who have made a substantial contribution to advancing the knowledge base aimed at improving the health of women, children and families. Because this is an MCH Epidemiology award, preference is given to those whose focus is applied or those whose focus has contributed to the advancement of applied work in one or more of the following ways: engagement in creating new data systems, development of new methods for measurement or analysis, generation of new information (based on data from a variety of sources whether it be surveillance systems, evaluation data or primary data collection methods), or development of new conceptual frameworks. It is expected that the new knowledge contributed by the awardee has led the MCH field to consider new approaches and or discover new findings related to an MCH problem. Evidence of whether an individual has advanced knowledge is best assessed through publications in the peer-reviewed literature but can also include technical reports, Institute of Medicine type syntheses, books, book chapters and/or creation of surveillance systems and learning tools that are widely disseminated. The criteria for this award include: 1) originality of scientific work, 2) contribution to the field, and 3) impact on the MCH population.

### Carol J. Rowland Hogue, PhD, MPH

Dr. Carol J. Rowland Hogue is described by colleagues as “a driver of change for excellence, both intellectually and programmatically” and a “champion,” “rigorous scientist” and “a vanguard of MCH research.” Throughout her career, Dr. Hogue has provided scientific leadership in the field of maternal and child health, and contributed significantly to the development of MCH Epidemiology as a distinct field within the discipline of Epidemiology.



In the 1980s, Dr. Hogue initiated the National Infant Mortality Surveillance project that led to the routine creation of annual national linked live birth-infant death certificate files. Her subsequent contributions to development of key surveillance programs included no less than the establishment of the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) and the National Pregnancy Mortality Surveillance Program. In addition to creation of key programs, Dr. Hogue has been integral in charting the course of epidemiologic research with well over 200 peer-reviewed papers on topics such as the effect of induced abortion on subsequent fertility, incidence and etiology of reproductive loss, maternal and reproductive mortality, and minority health outcomes and disparities. Other aspects of Dr. Hogue's work that advanced the field of MCH Epidemiology include her contributions, through both quantitative and qualitative research, that culminated in the development of a measure of gendered racism; a workplace intervention to address obesity among African-American health care workers; descriptive and etiologic research into the public health challenges of measuring and addressing unintended pregnancy; and an evaluation of the expansion of school-based health clinics as an intervention to reduce racial and economic disparities.

The originality and breadth of her work is exceptional, and has subsequently shaped major funding initiatives at both the national and international levels.

Dr. Hogue continues to contribute to the field, and to educate future MCH epidemiologists, as the Jules and Uldeen Terry Professor of Maternal and Child Health at the Rollins School of Public Health.





## *Zena Stein and Mervyn Susser Award for Lifetime Achievement*

The purpose of this award is to recognize an internationally or nationally known expert or team of experts who have contributed broadly and substantially to the advancement of the field of MCH epidemiology throughout their career, and whose work has significant and lasting impact. This award is considered to be a capstone award; hence its recipient(s) should be at or near the end of their career. The proposed lifetime achievement in MCH epidemiology award will be given only when deemed appropriate, and is not expected to be awarded annually. No more than one lifetime achievement award will be given in any calendar year.

## *2016 Recipient*

### **Roger Rochat, MD**

Dr. Roger Rochat, a renowned MCH epidemiologist, is regarded by his colleagues as one of the “founding fathers” of the field of MCH Epidemiology. While he is lauded for his skills as an epidemiologist and his dedication to improving the health of MCH populations, Dr. Rochat is perhaps most admired for his commitment to using epidemiology and science to champion reproductive health.



When Dr. Rochat became the CDC's first director of the Division of Reproductive Health in 1981, he collaborated with the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology to improve maternal mortality surveillance in the U.S. This work laid the foundation for CDC's ongoing efforts to understand maternal morbidity and mortality. From 1989-1996, Dr. Rochat served as the CDC MCH Epidemiologist for the state of Georgia. As part of this assignment, he developed and directed the Office of Perinatal Epidemiology for Georgia, collaborating on studies using data from vital statistics, the Georgia Child Abuse Registry, the 1996 Georgia Women's Health Survey, PRAMS, and a statewide assessment of cocaine metabolite in the blood of newborn infants. Additionally, Dr. Rochat was instrumental in establishing and evaluating the effectiveness of the Child Fatality Review System in the state of Georgia. Later, Dr. Rochat became the Coordinator of the CDC MCH Epidemiology Program (1997-1999) before joining the Rollins School of Public Health as a Professor in 2000.

Dr. Rochat continues to conduct research on reproductive health problems and serves as an expert in evaluating global and local programs directed at improving reproductive health. At Emory, Dr. Rochat's longstanding commitment to reproductive health is exemplified in his role as faculty advisor for three student organizations: The Georgia Maternal Infant Health Research Group, The Emory Global Health Organization and the Emory Reproductive Health Association. In collaboration with an obstetrician, Dr. Rochat established a graduate public health course to educate students about abortion, the most visibly controversial public health issue in the United States. Additionally, he and his wife established the endowed the Global Elimination of Maternal Mortality from Abortion (GEMMA) fund at the Rollins School of Public Health which supports students in the conduct of research.

In sum, Dr. Rochat has had a “lifetime” of achievement in MCH Epidemiology and is justly deserving of this Lifetime Achievement Award.





## Past Awards Recipients

### Greg Alexander Award for Advancing Knowledge

- 2014 KS Joseph, University of British Columbia, Vancouver
- 2012 Laura Schieve, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- 2012 Matthew Gillman, Harvard University
- 2011 Paul W. Newacheck, University of California, San Francisco
- 2010 Gopal K. Singh, HRSA/MCHB
- 2009 Allen James Wilcox, NIEHS
- 2008 Pat O'Campo, University of Toronto
- 2007 Michael Kramer, McGill University
- 2006 James Collins, Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago
- 2005 Mark Klebanoff, National Institute of Child Health and Development
- 2004 David Savitz, University of North Carolina
- 2003 Michael Kogan, Health Resources and Services Administration
- 2002 Nigel Paneth, Michigan State University
- 2001 Greg Alexander, University of Alabama at Birmingham
- 2000 Milton Kotelchuck, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

### Effective Practice

- 2014 Marian MacDorman, National Center for Health Statistics  
Bruce Cohen, Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Department of Public Health  
The Massachusetts Pregnancy to Early Life Longitudinal (PELL) Data System Team
- 2012 Donald Hayes, Family Health Services Division, State of Hawaii
- 2011 Center for Women's Health, Trover Health Systems  
C. Meade Grigg, Florida's Office of Health Statistics and Assessment, State Registrar of Vital Statistics  
Isabelle L. Horon, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- 2010 Kenneth D. Rosenberg, Oregon Public Health  
CDC Maternal Health Team for 2009 Pandemic H1N1 Influenza Response
- 2009 Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology Unit, Section of Women's, Children's, and Family Health, Division of Public Health, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services  
Priscilla A. Guild, Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research
- 2008 Institute for Health, Policy & Evaluation Research, Duval County Health Department  
CityMatCH, University of Nebraska Medical Center

- 2007 Kimberlee Wyche-Etheridge, Nashville-Davidson County Health Department  
Wanda Barfield, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
Carrie Shapiro-Mendoza, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- 2006 Douglas Paterson, Michigan Department of Community Health  
Stephanie Ventura, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- 2005 Los Angeles County STD Program  
Richard Lorenz, Oklahoma State Department of Health  
Stella Yu, Health Resources and Services Administration
- 2004 Carol Brady, Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition  
Paul Buescher, North Carolina Division of Public Health  
Laura Kann, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- 2003 Countryside Lead Prevalence Study Team  
Garland Land, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services  
Larry Edmonds, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- 2002 Carolyn Slack, Columbus Health Department  
Gilberto Chavez, California Department of Health Services  
Carol Hogue, Emory University  
New Mexico and Navajo PRAMS Collaborative
- 2001 Kathy Carson, Public Health Seattle-King County  
Bao-Ping Zhu, Michigan Department of Community Health  
Hani Atrash, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- 2000 Pinellas County Healthy Start  
Aaron Roome, Connecticut Department of Public Health  
Arden Handler, University of Illinois in Chicago

### Outstanding Leadership

- 2014 Deborah Allen, Boston Public Health Commission
- 2012 Christina D. Bethell, Oregon Health and Sciences University
- 2009 Donna J. Peterson, College of Public Health, University of South Florida
- 2008 William Hollinshead III, Rhode Island Department of Health
- 2007 Jeffrey Gould, Stanford University
- 2006 Jose Cordero, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- 2005 Magda Peck, University of Nebraska Medical Center
- 2003 William Sappenfield, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- 2002 Deborah Klein Walker, Massachusetts Department of Public Health



### Outstanding Leadership cont.

- 2001 Peter van Dyck, Health Resources and Services Administration
- 2000 Claude Earl Fox, Health Resources and Services Administration

### Excellence in Teaching and Mentoring Award

- 2012 Michelle Williams, School of Public Health, Harvard University
- 2009 Donna M. Strobino, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University
- 2007 Russell Kirby, University of Alabama at Birmingham
- 2005 Deb Rosenberg, University of Illinois in Chicago

### Young Professional Achievement

- 2014 Susanna Visser, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- 2012 Lisa M. Bodnar, University of Pittsburgh
- 2011 Reem M. Ghandour, Office of Epidemiology, Policy, and Evaluation at HRSA
- 2010 Amina P. Alio, University of South Florida
- 2009 Brian Christopher Castrucci, Georgia Division of Public Health
- 2008 Stephen Blumberg, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- 2007 Charlan Kroelinger, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- 2006 Jihong Liu, University of South Carolina
- 2005 Stephanie Schrag, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- 2004 Kay Tomashek, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- 2003 Michael Lu, University of California in Los Angeles
- 2002 Joann Petrini, National March of Dimes Foundation
- 2001 Cande Ananth, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
- 2000 Wendy Struchen, Pinellas County Healthy Start

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- 2014 Walter Rogan, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
- 2009 Bernard Guyer, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University
- 2007 Irvin Emanuel, University of Washington
- 2006 David Erickson, Centers for Disease Control
- 2005 Mervyn Susser and Zena Stein, Columbia University

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