Dear Fellow Mailman Alumni:

First, I’d like to send a heartfelt “Congratulations!” to the graduating class of 2017 and welcome you to our alumni family. We are so proud of your accomplishments.

The Alumni Association had a productive and lively year. I’d like to share the alumni board’s achievements this winter and spring. We launched the mentoring database, elected four new members, are producing the fourth issue of our signature publication, and continued our tradition of financial support of the Fund for Public Health Leadership. Also, this year we gave out the second Outstanding Recent Alumni Award.

A lot of exciting events are being planned for the Fall. Stay tuned!

Finally, we have developed a survey to gather your feedback about this newsletter. We would love to hear what you love, like, or dislike and have your input into future issues.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NNV2VV2

Have a wonderful summer. See you in the Fall!

Warmly,

Helen Edelberg, MD, MPH

Proud Mom of Daniel (SEAS ’19) and wife of Jay (SEAS ’85)
Mailman Secures Two Seats at the Columbia Start Up Lab!

The Mailman School of Public Health offered alumni the opportunity earlier this year to apply to the Columbia Start Up Lab. The school has secured two seats for alumni to become part of 71 Columbia alumni entrepreneurs who will participate in the program. The Lab, which provides subsidized space, is located at WeWork Soho West. It includes ongoing workshops, office hours, networking events, and community building activities to help resident ventures advance their businesses. The Lab is the result of a unique partnership between the Deans of Columbia College and the Schools of Business, Engineering, Law, Public Health, and International and Public Affairs.

Palmer Rosen (MHA’15) and Sonali Nigam (MHPH, Management ‘13) have been chosen to be part of the Start Up Lab. These teams/individuals may spend up to one year in the space and at minimum must commit to a four month stay. The start date is June 5, 2017. Congratulations and we look forward to hearing about your successful ventures!

If you would like more information about the Start Up Lab please contact Beth Silvestrini at 212.305.9885 or email: bs2520@columbia.edu

Committee Updates

Special Events Committee - Chaired by Anette Wu, MD, MPH ’08, PhD
The mission of the Special Events Committee is to bring alumni and current Mailman students together by organizing networking, mentoring, educational and social events.

To see a full schedule of the school’s events, see the following link: https://www.mailman.columbia.edu/public-health-now/events

HEALTH COLUMBIA ALUMNI AFFAIRS EVENT:
On December 7, 2016, 92 alumni including 11 Mailman alumni from all Columbia schools gathered for the first health seminar at the Jerome L Greene Performance Space in Manhattan coordinated by the CAA. Panelists included Chair and Professor of Health Policy and Management Michael Sparer (MHPH) who responded to questions on access to care and healthy living together with featured panelists including: Dawn Aubel 98NRS, ’98BM, ’16TC, Family Nurse Practitioner. Christie Lumsden ’09TC, ’13TC, Associate Research Scientist, Columbia University College of Dental Medicine and Rose Rodriguez ’87NRS, ’06NRS, Nurse Practitioner Program Director at Morgan Stanley Children’s Hospital of New York. The seminar was moderated by: Samantha Elkrief 115SW, Health and Wellness Coach at Simply Sanam NY.

The Teach-In can be watched through the livestream channel:

A Call to Action: https://live.stream.com/mailman/action-opening/videos/147618927


CHELSEA CLINTON BOOK SIGNING:
On March 2, 2017, Mailman alumni and Adjunct Assistant Professor Chelsea Clinton, MPH, DPhil, and University of Edinburgh professor Devi Sridhar, DPhil, spoke at a sold-out event to an audience of current students and Mailman alumni on campus for the launch of their new book, Governing Global Health: Who Runs the World and Why? The event was followed by a book signing and reception.

SCHOLARSHIP DINNER:
On April 18, 2017 98 alumni and other donors met to celebrate the recipients of the MSPH fellowships. Opening remarks and thank you speeches were given by Dean Linda Fried, Thomas Campbell Jackson MPH ’98 and Anum Lalani, MPH ’17. Mentoring Committee - Chaired by Michelle Moses-Eisenstein, MPH ’12. The mission of the mentoring committee is to create connections between students and alumni. The E-Coach program is well underway with 47 student users and 26 active coaches. The group has scheduled 100 scheduled appointments.

ADMITTED STUDENT EVENTS:
For the third time in consecutive years, admitted students, current students, and Mailman alumni mixed and mingled in Washington, DC, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Boston, and New York City. This is a wonderful opportunity for our admitted students to hear first hand what it’s like to be a student at Mailman and to learn about the benefits of earning a degree from the Mailman School of Public Health.

SPRING NETWORKING:
On April 5, 2017, 18 alumni and 50 current students attended the annual mixer at the Vagelos Education Center (VEC) building on Haven Ave. As an ice-breaker, students participated in a contest in which they were encouraged to approach alumni, introduce themselves, and collect a sticker from each alumni with whom they spoke. Suzanne Kirkendall (MPH ’18) collected the most stickers and won a $25 Amazon gift card.

MARCH FOR SCIENCE
Dr. Cynthia Rosenzweig and friends at the Science March in NYC

DELAMAR SOCIETY COCKTAIL RECEPTION:
On April 25th, 2017 Dean Linda Fried, Mailman Faculty, and 16 Alumni Board members celebrated alumni donors who are part of the Delamar Society. Delamar donors donate ≥$500 per year.

In March, the committee organized an HHS panel in DC. Panel presenters included staff from HHS Headquarters, HRSA, SAMHSA, and the National Institute of Health (NIH). Although an unexpected blizzard caused panel discussions to be canceled on March 13th, they were rescheduled and the majority were hosted as webinars and included:

- Residents of the Mailman Society:
  - RespectAbility—Shona MaCaughlin, Director, National Leadership Program
  - Together for Girls, Meghan Kulkarni, Technical Monitoring and Evaluation Manager
  - Battelle Memorial Institute, Kathy Lesh, Healthcare Quality Research Lead
  - Berlin Rosen, Shantia Suwan, Executive Vice President
  - DC Health Benefit Exchange Authority, Amanda Sussex, Deputy Director, Small Business Marketplace
  - US News and World Report, Carrie Palim-Lowe, Health Data Analyst
  - Avalere Health, Eric Levine, Associate, Health Plans and Management
  - The Advisory Board Company, Julie Bass, Senior Consultant
  - ICF International, Ali Gostolined, Alumni and Matthew Dettman, Senior Associate
  - MacFadden & Associates, Kara Zinger, Senior Information Officer
  - University Research Co. LLC, Sara Riese, Senior Technical Advisor, Implementation Research and Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health (RMNCH)
  - USAID Global Health Fellows Program II/Public Health Institute, Angelina Gordon, Director, Communications, Outreach and Diversity
  - Jhpiego — Barbara Norton-Gill, Director, Global Health Resources
  - Save the Children, Laura Cardinaln, Director of Humanitarian Response
  - Alliance for Aging Research, Susan Peschin, President and CEO

MARCH FOR SCIENCE
On April 22, 2017, Alumni Board Member Hannah Rosenzweig attended the March for Science in NYC with her mom, Columbia University Research Scientist Cynthia E. Rosenzweig and her daughter, Livia Benjamin Sol. Despite the rain, the crowd was great. Here is a few photo from the March. Go Science! Go Mailman!
Committee Updates

1) Please consider making a donation to the Fund for Public Health Leadership! Any amount will help us reach our goal. [http://bit.ly/2yXHVJ]

2) Consider making your donation in honor of a Mailman friend. If you have a friend with whom you haven’t been able to connect because of multiple work and family commitments, consider making a donation in honor of his or her Mailman. Think of a $20 donation to the Mailman scholarship fund in your friend’s honor as a way to avoid buying a round of drinks. Your friend will get a notification of your donation on his or her behalf – and you’ll be helping a good cause!

3) Consider joining the DeLamar Society. DeLamar Society members are donors who contribute gifts of $500 or more over the course of a year to FPHL. For around $137 a day, you can make an immediate and profound impact on the life of a future public health leader. Joining the DeLamar Society gives you access to special Mailman events and it’s a great way to give back. And becoming a DeLamar Society member doesn’t require a lump sum donation. Mailman can help set up automated monthly donations so that donations don’t have to break your budget. For information about the DeLamar Society or other giving opportunities to benefit the School, please contact Kim Peters email: kmp2678@columbia.edu or call 212.305.2115.

The POWER of SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

Donors can take satisfaction from knowing that 100% of their contributions will go directly to providing scholarships to a student, making an immediate and profound impact on the life of a future public health leader.

DELMAR SOCIETY RECOGNITION LEVELS

DeLamar Council $10,000 and up
DeLamar Circle $5,000 - $9,999
DeLamar Partner $2,500 - $4,999
DeLamar Fellow $1,000 - $2,499
DeLamar Benefactor $500 - $999

GUEST WHO IS COMING TO DINNER IN 2017?

by Nina Rothschild, DHP, MPH

Drum roll, please: the winner of the Allan Rosenfield Alumni Award for Excellence... Sandro Galea, MD, MPH, DrPH. Dr. Galea, a member of the Class of 2003, is a global public health leader. He has published hundreds of distinguished research papers and several books and has been a highly articulate advocate for population health science. A member of the National Academy of Medicine and a past president of the Society for Epidemiologic Research, he has also received several prestigious national awards.

During his five years at Mailman as Chair of Epidemiology, Dr. Galea transformed the departmental infrastructure, created a mentoring program for junior faculty, created academic homes for students, and identified administrative support for funding initiatives. In order to expand the research horizons of the department, he brought in a number of young faculty members and inspired them to engage in challenging initiatives to enhance the department’s international impact. Many of these scholars remain at Mailman today, while others have become Health Commissioners and global public health leaders. Not content merely to enhance his own department, Dr. Galea also worked across departments and disciplines and was a major force in reimagining the MPH curriculum and constructing the multidisciplinary integrated core — a curriculum that is becoming a national model.

After five years at Mailman, Dr. Galea became Dean of the Boston University School of Public Health. Although Mailman faculty, alumni, and students regretted losing such a visionary department chair, they are proud of his extraordinary accomplishments and happy to have the opportunity to bestow the Rosenfield Award on someone whose global vision is commensurate with Dr. Rosenfield’s.

THE OUTSTANDING RECENT ALUMNI AWARD

The Mailman Alumni Board was also delighted to have the opportunity to bestow the 2017 Outstanding Recent Alumni Award on Benjamin Mason Meier, JD, LLM, PhD. Dr. Meier earned his JD, LLM, and PhD at Mailman School of Public Health and has been engaged in human rights work for over a decade. Benjamin served as President of the Students for Global Health and is a Research Associate with Columbia University’s Center for Global Health Law. Currently, he is a Law & Policy Fellow at the O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law at Georgetown University Law Center.

Dr. Meier’s core interest in human rights, public health, and justice was strongly influenced by his grandparents who were Holocaust survivors and came to the United States as refugees in the 1950s. Among many examples of how his interest in human rights informs his work is his initiation of a lectures series on human rights at Chapel Hill in 2012 to further global health discourse at the university. His commitment to human rights was also manifest in 2012 work with an ad hoc committee of the Association of Schools of Public Health to revise the core competencies for graduate students and to incorporate human rights into the standard core curriculum for public health students. In addition, he is an active member of APHA and serves as the Health Law Section’s Membership Chair and as Chair of the Human Rights Forum, enabling human rights to be showcased in the public health community.

As if these academic commitments weren’t enough, Dr. Meier has served as an advisor to Sub-Saharan African organizations on developing rights-based policies. He worked, for example, with the Rwanda Ministry of Health and with the Global Campaign for Micobicides, and he is expanding his projects to include Latin America and South East Asia. While on sabbatical, he is working both domestically and internationally on human rights. He has partnered with the CDC on Global Health Security and is a consultant to the WHO, where he is helping to build human rights indicators to assist member states as they incorporate rights-based policies into their programming.

Dr. Benjamin Meier with Dean Fried at the Alumni Summit for Public Health Leadership accepting the honor of the Outstanding Recent Alumni Award

The icing on the cake is his ongoing commitment to Mailman: he has mentored at least 20 Mailman MPH and PhD students over the last several years since graduation and has remained close to our Alma Mater by working with current students and alumni at the post-doc level. We salute his achievements and his commitment to his own institution and to ours.

The Mailman School of Public Health's Alumni Association has the privilege of selecting the recipients of two prestigious awards - the Allan Rosenfield Alumni Award for Excellence and the Outstanding Recent Alumni Award.

• The Allan Rosenfield Award was established in 2007 to honor Dean Rosenfeld for his impact on public health. It is given yearly to an individual who exemplifies leadership in the field.

• The Outstanding Recent Alumni Award was established in 2016 to recognize recent alumni making strides to improve public health and providing service to the Mailman community.

• Solicitations for both awards in 2018 can be submitted online at www.mailman.columbia.edu/information-for/news-events/awards

To join a committee please email msphalum@columbia.edu

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MSPH Alumni Newsletter by alumni for alumni
Dr. DuBois Bowman is a nationally recognized scholar in the analysis of brain imaging data and other complex, large-scale data sets. Dr. Bowman built an active research program involving the development of biostatistical methods for brain imaging data, including functional magnetic resonance imaging, diffusion tensor imaging, and positron emission tomography. His research spans numerous substantive areas including Parkinson’s disease, Alzheimer’s disease, depression, schizophrenia, addiction, and aging, among others.

Dr. Bowman, Chair of the Department of Biostatistics, was formally installed as the Cynthia and Robert Citrone-Roslyn and Leslie Goldstein Professor on February 21, 2017. This is the first endowed professorship in Biostatistics and honors his achievements as an education researcher, and trailblazer in developing new research methods for brain imaging to improve population health. How did this endowed chair come about? Robert Citrone-Roslyn, a member of the Mailman School Board of Overseers since 2015, is a prominent New York philanthropist. He introduced Dr. Bowman to Cynthia and Robert Citrone at a Mailman event. The Citrones and the Goldsteins were mutually inspired to make their generous donation in support of the Department.

Dr. Bowman joined the Mailman School as chair of Biostatistics in 2013. Since that time the department has built an ever-growing research program that develops biostatistical methods for brain imaging data. The Department has existing research strengths in analytic capabilities for big data – for instance, derived from hospital records, brain imaging scanners, smart phones, satellites, and genomics. His vision is to leverage these strengths to make Columbia a national hub for the mining, analysis, and development of novel methods for massive data sets to tackle major public health and medical problems. Dr. Bowman introduced a department-wide grant-writing program.

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The ACA
On the Road to Repeal and Replace?
By Stacey M. Cameron, JD, MPH ’15

Since his days on the campaign trail, President Trump has promised his supporters that he would “repeal and replace” the Affordable Care Act at his first opportunity. After several attempts to introduce such legislation, President Trump and House Republicans finally secured a win: just outside of his first one hundred days in office as the forty-fifth President of the United States, the American Health Care Act was born. The bill, often called “TrumpCare,” narrowly passed the House several revisions by Republicans and is on its way to the Senate.

WHAT WOULD TRUMP CARE REPEAL AND REPLACE?

The current version of the American Health Care Act allows health insurers potentially to charge more for preexisting conditions; would abandon veterans, low-income individuals, and the aging. Many Americans, particularly within the public health community, believe in enhancing inclusiveness. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO), reported that the initial versions of TrumpCare would leave approximately twenty-four million individuals without healthcare by the year 2026. The bill on which the House recently voted was not scrutinized by the CBO, leaving many questions about the possible effects of the bill unanswered. Many Americans could now face the threat of losing health care coverage for themselves, their families, friends and members of their community.

THE ALUMNI SUMMIT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERSHIP

Mailman School of Public Health's premier annual alumni event, featuring topical lectures by top public health faculty, provides opportunities for alumni to network, and a seated dinner, featuring the presentation of our alumni awards. This year's Summit was moderated by Dean Linda P. Fried, and the topics included:

Big Data led by DuBois Bowman, PhD, Chair and Cynthia and Robert Citrone-Roslyn and Leslie Goldstein Professor of Biostatistics

Current Issues in Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights led by Terry McGovern, JD, Interim Chair and Professor of Population and Family Health

The Affordable Care Act: What Happens Next? led by Michael S. Sparer, PhD, JD, Chair and Professor of Health Policy and Management


REMEMBERING ALLAN ROSENFIELD, MD
Reminder: When on campus, be sure to visit the tribute wall on the 8th floor of the Mailman School of Public Health honoring the legacy of leadership in public health of the late Dean Allan Rosenfield, MD. See also http://bit.ly/2svCk/T

CONGRATULATIONS TO KATHLEEN CROWLEY!
The Mailman Alumni Board congratulates immediate past President and current Board Member Kathleen Crowley (PA ’ 91PH, ’13PH) on being selected as one of the 2017 Alumni Medalists. On May 17th, the Alumni Medalists were honored for their dedication to building Columbia’s community — regionally, online, in specific schools or in cross-campus initiatives. Kathleen, who is well known to alumni for her warmth, intelligence, and initiative, did a masterful job during her term as President and has served as a mentor for Mailman students, fostered alumni relations, raised funds, presented at NYC Admitted Students Day, was the closing speaker at Commencement, and served as a moderator at the Alumni Summit for Public Health Leadership. Not only is she heavily involved in Mailman activities, but she is a proud member of the CAA Women’s Leadership Advisory Group and the CAA Strategic Planning Committee. Dr. Crowley is a gem, working tirelessly to connect Mailman students and alumni with one another and with the Columbia Alumni Association at large. She holds an MPH and DrPH from the Mailman School of Public Health in Environmental Health Sciences as well as a degree as a Physician Assistant and is currently the Associate Vice President for Environmental Health and Safety for Columbia University. Congratulations Kathleen!

BECOME A COLUMBIA CLUB MEMBER TODAY!
As a Mailman alumna/us, you can join the Columbia Club of New York! There has never been a better time for alumni to join the Columbia Club of New York! http://www.columbiaclub.org/.

In celebration of the Columbia Club's brand new affiliation agreement with The Penn Club, alumni can enjoy exclusive events with fellow Columbians, beautifully appointed guest rooms, fine and casual dining, private event and banquet facilities, a fitness center and much more. You can also take advantage of reciprocal club privileges at other top clubs around the world.

The quicker you sign up, the sooner you can begin taking advantage of everything the Columbia Club of New York offers!

CALL FOR CLASS NOTES


Class Notes is a super-popular feature in most alumni publications, and we all agree that Mailman alumni are super-special: let’s make this section super-dynamic! To keep us in the loop, please write to emailman@caa.columbia.edu.

- E-Mailman welcomes MSPH alumna Stacey Cameron, MPH ’15, attorney, writer, spokesperson, philanthropist, and connector who has an interest in digital public health as a contributor.
- New Alumni Board member Patricia Ruppert, DO, MPH ’15 joined the Mentoring Committee and also has attained Certified Physician Executive (CPE) status after completing a Capstone in Arizona last November. Patricia noted that “the CPE designation can open doors to advance one’s career and enhance credibility.” To become a CPE, one must be accepted into the Certifying Commission in Medical Management's CPE Certification Program. After meeting the 150 hour prerequisite curriculum, there is a 3 1/2 day skill development and assessment session that ends with an oral presentation to a panel of health care leaders.

COLUMBIA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (CAA)

As alumni of Columbia University, we are part of a global network of more than 330,000 leaders, creators, and change makers bound together by our shared University connection and our collective passion, intellect, and drive. The Columbia Alumni Association (CAA) invites you to explore the new Alumni Summit for Public Health Leadership was held...
If you are interested in writing an article for the E-Mailman, please contact Kim Peters

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