

# NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS

## STUDENT AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

### **Procter & Gamble Fellowships**

Erin Hunter, Social & Behavioral Interventions (SBI)  
Marie Spiker, Human Nutrition  
Elizabeth Thomas, SBI



Elizabeth Thomas

Established by Procter & Gamble in 2003, this fund supports master's, doctoral and post-doctoral students committed to advancing the health and well-being of women and children through the provision of clean water and improved nutrition.



Marie Spiker

### **Georgeda Buchbinder Award**

Marysol Encarnacion, SBI

Dr. Georgeda Buchbinder received her MPH from the School in 1984. She then moved to Hawaii and began a public health career by teaching Population Science and International Health. Her career was progressing extraordinarily well when she was diagnosed with cancer. This fund was established by friends and colleagues after her death to celebrate her all-too-brief career in public health. This fund annually supports students, junior faculty, or other priority projects in international health.

### **Diana Hess Scholarship**

Emily Nagourney, SBI

In 1983 the Diana Hess Memorial Fund was established with contributions from her family and friends. Diana Hess, a former Peace Corps volunteer in Kenya, was devoted to improving public health in Africa. The Hess Fund provides an annual scholarship to students in the Department of International Health. Preference is given to those planning to work in Africa.



Emily Nagourney

### **Nancy Stephens Award**

Daniel Erchick, Global Disease Epidemiology & Control (GDEC)  
Erin Cooney, SBI



Daniel Erchick

Established in 1970 as the International Health Fund, this fund provides grants to master's or doctoral students in the Department who are completing their degrees. For 37 years Nancy Stephens was the immensely popular student coordinator in the Department. At her retirement in 2001, Dr. Robert Black renamed the fund in her honor.



Erin Cooney

### **JHU Grad Student Employee of the Year Award**

Erin Hunter, SBI

The award is presented annually to an outstanding student who has made a significant contribution to the university through a student job by consistently demonstrating good work ethics, reliability, initiative, creative thinking, and professionalism; either on-campus or off.



Erin Hunter

### **Humanitarian Assistance Award**

Akshita Siddula, Health Systems

This fund provides support to master's and doctoral students who are committed to improving humanitarian response and health for refugees, displaced persons and populations affected by conflict and natural disasters.



Akshita Siddula

### **John Snow Award**

Harriet Napier, Health Systems  
Joseph 'Greg' Rosen, SBI

John Snow, Inc.'s mission is to provide an extensive range of research and consulting services to the health care and service sectors. The International Division provides technical assistance designed to



Greg Rosen

enhance the effectiveness and quality of public health programs. The John Snow, Inc. Award, an annual award created in 2001, provides financial assistance to outstanding, second-year master's students in the Department who are engaged in internships in the field.



Harriet Napier

### **Henry & Lola Beye Award**

Francesca Schiaffino Salazar, GDEC

This fund was established in 2001 through the estate of Lola Beye, widow of Henry Beye, MD. Dr. Beye received his MPH degree from the School in 1942 and was an authority on tropical diseases. He conducted intensive studies on elephantiasis, hemorrhagic fever, filariasis, and schistosomiasis, and during his career worked in such countries as Bolivia, British Guinea, Thailand, and Panama. Mrs. Beye, a nurse, often worked in the field with Dr. Beye. This fund supports an outstanding student who has completed a medical degree and is pursuing a graduate degree in the Department.

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Ankita Meghani

### **Mary and Carl Taylor Fund**

**Ankita Meghani, Health Systems**

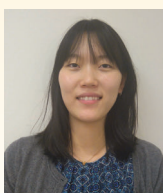
The Mary & Carl Taylor Fund was created in 1995 with contributions from faculty and alumni in honor of the Taylors' commitment to the students of the School of Public Health and to improving international health through research and action.

The fund provides support to a student working in the area of international bioethics.

### **The Harry J. Prebluda Fellowship in Nutritional Biochemistry**

**Hyunju Kim, Human Nutrition**

This fellowship was established in 1990 by Mrs. Harry J. Prebluda and her children in memory of her late husband. Harry Prebluda earned his doctorate degree in Biochemistry at the School in 1937, and worked closely with E.V. McCollum. The fellowship fosters the careers of outstanding young scientists focusing on nutritional biochemistry and metabolism.



Hyunju Kim

### **The Elsa Orent Keiles Fellowship in Human Nutrition in International Health**

**Angela Trude, Human Nutrition**

This fellowship was established in 1996 with a bequest from the estate of Elsa Orent Keiles, ScD '25, a graduate of the Department of Chemical Hygiene (now Biochemistry and Molecular Biology). In keeping with Dr. Keiles' research interests, the award provides tuition support for graduate students with demonstrated financial needs in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology or the Program in Human Nutrition in International Health.



Angela Trude

### **Harry D. Kruse Fellowship in Nutrition**

**Marie Spiker, Human Nutrition**

**Anita Panjwani, Human Nutrition**

The Kruse family established the Harry D. Kruse Fellowship in Nutrition in 1987 to support a continuing doctoral candidate in the Program in Human Nutrition who has displayed outstanding achievement and promise. The fellowship honors Dr. Harry Kruse who received his ScD degree in 1926 and was a distinguished faculty member in the Department of Biochemistry.



Anita Panjwani

### **Timothy D. Baker Endowed Scholarship in International Health**

**Pierre Muhoza, GDEC**

The scholarship honors Timothy Baker, a professor of International Health. In 1959, Baker was appointed assistant dean of the School and associate professor of public health administration. In 1961, he founded the School's Division of International Health and served as acting director. Over the next 5 years, he was instrumental in building the Division into the Department of International Health, where he remained a professor until his death in 2013. The scholarship supports doctoral students focusing on injury control and other interests in International Health.



Pierre Muhoza

### **Richard Morrow Award**

**Sudip Bhandari, Health Systems**

**Douglas Glandon, Health Systems**

This scholarship is in honor of Richard H. Morrow, MD, MPH, who was a professor in the Department from 1991 until his death in 2013. Dr. Morrow, a pioneer in the field of health systems and international public health, is remembered for his brilliance, curiosity, humility, humor, generosity, grace, and above all, his integrity.



Sudip Bhandari



Douglas Glandon

## Congratulations to Our Delta Omega Honor Society Inductees

Virginia Burke

Emily Carter

Erin Cooney

Collrane Frivold

Attia Goheer

Dina Goodman

Meagan Hawes

Shirley Ho

Brittany Kmush

Tess Shiras

Dana Stretchberry

Alana Teman

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## FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



**Ruth Karron, MD** professor, GDEC, received the Robert Chanock Award for Lifetime Contribution to RSV Research. The award was presented at the International Respiratory Syncytial Virus conference in Bariloche, Argentina. The award is named in honor of Robert Chanock, who discovered RSV in 1956. RSV is a leading cause of pneumonia in infants and children worldwide.

**Pamela Surkan, PhD, ScD**, associate professor, SBI, was awarded *Best Paper of the Year* by the *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*. The award was for the paper "Eat Right-Live Well! Supermarket Intervention Impact on Sales of Healthy Foods in a Low-Income Neighborhood."



**Julie Denison PhD '06, MHS '99**, assistant professor, SBI, received the *Advising, Mentoring, & Teaching Recognition Award* from the Bloomberg School's Student Assembly. The award is given to faculty who demonstrate a commitment to teaching, advising and mentoring students and who make significant contributions to student quality of life.



**Caitlin Kennedy, PhD '09, MPH '04**, associate professor, SBI, was appointed Associate Chair of the Department of International Health and Director of the Social & Behavioral Interventions Program.



**Maria Merritt, PhD**, associate professor, Health Systems, was appointed Associate Chair for Student Matters and received the *Special Recognition Award for Outstanding Commitment to Student Success* from the Bloomberg School's Student Assembly.

## Education Innovation Awards

To encourage the development of new and innovative methods of teaching, the Department established an educational small grants program for faculty. Two grants were awarded in the first round of funding:

**Assistant Scientist Victoria Chou** and **Assistant Scientist Mufaro Kanyangarara**, will develop a new two-term publication writing skills course for doctoral students. The class will start with data analysis and culminate with each student finishing a paper ready for submission.

**Assistant Scientist Qingfeng Li**, received funding to develop modifications to the course *Evaluation of Safety Interventions in Low- and Middle-Income Countries*. His proposal included the integration of case studies and building a systems approach into the syllabus. He will also modify it to make it available online.

The grants were awarded by the Department's Committee on New Educational Opportunities whose members are Professor Bill Brieger, Professor Laura Caulfield, Professor Joanne Katz, and Associate Professor Melissa Marx.

## Ideas Incubator Grants

The Department of International Health recently launched a small grants program to strengthen the Department's existing work, promote innovative research, and stimulate new pathways of sustainable inquiry. The recipients of the latest round, called the Ideas Incubator Grant, are

**Assistant Professor Krishna Rao** and **co-investigator Professor David Bishai** *Improving Child Health in India with a Conditional Cash Transfer Program—What a Discrete Choice Experiment Will Tell Us*

**Professor Joel Gittelsohn** and **Associate Professor Alain Labrique** *Developing and Piloting a Healthy Food System Mobile Application-Baltimore Food Distribution App*

**Assistant Scientist Mary Cwik** and **Associate Professor Holly Wilcox** *A Pilot Study of the Impact of Follow-up Text Messaging on Suicidal Adolescents*

Selection committee: Professor Alan Sorkin (chair), Associate Scientist Allison Barlow, and Professor Larry Moulton

### Bloomberg School Excellence in Teaching Recognition Awards

George Alleyne	Adnan Hyder	Andrea Ruff
Sara Bennett	Joanne Katz	Kristen Speakman
William Brieger	Alain Labrique	Kawsar Talaat
Gilbert Burnham	Qingfeng Li	Yvonne Tam
Nadine Caron	Luke Mullany	Neff Walker
Mary Cwik	Henry Perry	Peter Winch
Robert Gilman	David Peters	
Connie Hoe	Daniela Rodriguez	