

Nadine Peacock – Loretta P. Lacey Award

Nadine Peacock, associate professor of community health sciences, is the 2009 winner of the Loretta P. Lacey Award. Dr. Peacock was honored on November 9 at a luncheon held at the Loews Hotel in Philadelphia during the APHA Annual Conference.

Linda Rae Murray – Newly-Elected APHA President

Linda Rae Murray, UIC SPH adjunct assistant professor and DrPH student, was elected president of the American Public Health Association at the conclusion of the association's Annual Meeting and Exposition in Philadelphia. Dr. Murray also currently serves as the chief medical officer for the Cook County Department of Public Health. She will serve one year as APHA president-elect before assuming the presidency at the close of the 138th APHA Annual Meeting, which will be held Nov. 6-10 in Denver.

UIC SPH Staff

Dean Paul Brandt-Rauf honored staff members yesterday at the Annual Employee Service Recognition Breakfast. Nearly 40 staff members were recognized for five, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of service to the school. **David Brand**, academic coordinator for the Community Health Sciences Division, was the recipient of the first Distinguished Academic Staff Award. **John Brach**, director of human resources in the Institute for Health Research and Policy, received the Distinguished Sponsored Program Staff Award. Both Brand and Brach each received a \$1,000 cash gift and a commemorative plaque.

To view photos from the Annual Employee Service Recognition Breakfast, [click here](#).

You're Invited**UIC SPH is on Facebook!**

You're invited to join your fellow UIC SPH friends on the UIC SPH Facebook page to reconnect, network, view photos from school events and stay current on happenings at the school. Log on to Facebook and search *UIC School of Public Health*!

Alumni Holiday Networking Mixer, 12/9/09 – 6:00 p.m.

The UIC SPH Office of Advancement invites you to attend an alumni networking mixer at Hub 51 (51 W. Hubbard St., Chicago, IL 60654). Come reconnect and meet new colleagues, chat with UIC SPH faculty members and staff, and hear about the exciting initiatives taking place at the school. Please R.S.V.P. to Craig Hyland, assistant director of development and alumni relations, at craigh@uic.edu or (312) 996-0760.

Annual ASPH Debriefing

For staff, faculty and others who attended ASPH sessions at the annual conference in Philadelphia, a debriefing session will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 24 from 3-5pm in room 1136.

Annual APHA Reception In Philly A Success!

UIC SPH and the Illinois Public Health Association welcomed nearly 200 alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends to its APHA annual reception at the elegant Tangerine restaurant in Philly's Old City. The festive evening of conversation and fun included Mediterranean appetizers, cocktails and wine.

To view photos from the reception, [click here](#).

Building A Global Gateway To Public Health Education

This semester, UIC SPH is hosting Mohammed El Sahar from Gaza's Al-Aqsa University as a visiting scholar. El Sahar shares his friendship and perspective with us as he prepares to return to the Gaza Strip with the lessons he's learned. [Read More](#).

Student Affairs Welcomes John Slavik As New Assistant Director

UIC SPH and the Office of Student Affairs welcome John Slavik as the new Assistant Director of Student Services. Slavik comes to UIC SPH with over five years of experience as an academic program coordinator for the Physical Therapy Department at UIC. His educational background includes a baccalaureate degree in psychology from UIC and an MS degree in computer usage from DePaul University.

Slavik officially assumed his new role on Nov. 16 and will be responsible for representing the broad spectrum of student concerns at the school and for creating and managing innovative programs and services that support a high quality, student-oriented school environment. He will also oversee financial aid programs and policies and will assist students with the financial aid processes as well as provide long-range strategic planning and implementation to optimize services for students, effectively manage student organizations and their budgets, and serve on the various university committees pertaining to student services. Slavik is also responsible for implementing and evaluating the four major student events throughout the year including orientation, research day, international night and commencement.

We are excited that John is on board, and we welcome him to the UIC SPH community.

Healthviews Fall Magazine Coming Soon . . .

The 2009 fall issue of *Healthviews* magazine will be available online soon. This issue focuses on *Youth Health* and showcases public health programs involving Chicago youth and UIC SPH students and faculty.

Features include: *Voices Young And Strong*, featuring an after-school program aimed at empowering youth and preventing underage drinking; *Silencing the Guns, Stepping Toward Change In A Chicago Public School*, describing CeaseFire's efforts to prevent violence in an around the campus of Orr Academy, a high school at the forefront of education reform in Chicago; and *Opening Doors To The Future And To Health*, a story about UIC College Prep, a charter high school that enters its second operational year with an innovative health curriculum developed by UIC SPH

and UIC's five other health science colleges.

Keep checking the [publications section](#) of the Web site for the Fall 2009 issue to read these stories and more.

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