

2007 Student Awards

Twenty students and one student organization were recognized for outstanding dissertations and academic achievement in the field of public health at the Mailman School's 2007 Student Awards ceremony. Department chairs and faculty members provided the audience with an overview of the awardees' accomplishments before Andrew Davidson, PhD, executive vice dean, awarded their certificates. Amid cheers from family and friends, students were also congratulated by Allan Rosenfield, MD, dean of the School.

For the first time, The John and Kathleen Gorman Public Health Humanitarian Award was presented to a student organization, Gulf Coast Recovers. The award recipient is traditionally a student who has demonstrated excellence in commitment to the humane care of individuals and communities, and in advancing consideration of human rights and values in healthcare and prevention. Founded in September 2005 by Kasandra Scales, MPH '07, Gulf Coast Recovers employs a variety of community-building techniques, such as art therapy, to respond to the health needs of those affected by Hurricane Katrina. For more information, visit <http://sklad.cumc.columbia.edu/sph/studentlife/org-gcr.php>.

This year also marked the establishment of the Allan Rosenfield Fellowship in Health Policy and Public Health. The first recipient of the fellowship, Shobana Ramachandran, MPH '07, was announced by the Kaiser Family Foundation in the spring. Ms. Ramachandran attended the awards ceremony where she was recognized for her research on HIV-positive populations.

Award Recipients for the Academic Year of 2006 to 2007

The John and Kathleen Gorman Public Health Humanitarian Award	Gulf Coast Recovers
The Joseph L. Fleiss Memorial Prize in Biostatistics	Philip Reiss
The John Van Ryzin Memorial Award in Biostatistics or Statistics	Xiaodong Luo
The Joseph H. Graziano Award for in Environmental Health Sciences for the MPH Degree	Anthony Linton Oliver

The I. Bernard Weinstein Award for Academic Excellence in Environmental Health Sciences for the DrPH/PhD

Molini Patel

The William Farr Award in Epidemiology

Ameena Goga

The Anna C. Gelman Award for Excellence in Epidemiology

Firas Ahmed
Paul Gordon
Delivette Castor
Fangfang Zhang

The Sidney Kark Award in Epidemiology

Bennett Ethan Nemser

The Regina Loewenstein Prize for Academic Excellence in Health Policy and Management

Debra Waldoks
Francis Youn

The Population and Family Health Award For Academic Excellence

Karen Austrian
Sarah Needham
Meghan O'Connor

The Jack Elinson Award

Benjamin Meier

The Sociomedical Sciences Distinguished Masters Integrative Project Award

Nancy H. Worthington

The Eugene Litwak Prize in Sociomedical Sciences

Rosangely Cruz-Rojas

Marisa DeCastro Benton Dissertation Award in Sociomedical Sciences

Laura Di Grande

The Bernard Challenor Spirit Prize

Alison Lin