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**School of Public Health  
Commencement**

**Northstar Ballroom  
St. Paul Student Center**

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*Processional*

*Performed by Les Block, DDS, Associate Professor,  
Public Health Administration*

*Welcoming Remarks*

*Tamara Joyce, Student Senate President*

*Speaking for the Academic Health Center*

*Frank Cerra, MD, Provost*

*Speaking for the School of Public Health*

*Edith Leyasmeyer, PhD, MPH, Dean*

*Presentation of the Richard G. Bond Scholarship*

*Award by Donald Velsey, PhD, Major Chair,  
Environmental and Occupational Health,  
presenting to Nancy Rice*

*Presentation of the Herbert Bosch Award by Donald*

*Vesley, PhD, Major Chair, Environmental and  
Occupational Health, presenting to John  
Schumpert*

*Presentation of the Minnesota Public Health  
Association Student Achievement Award by Jean  
Forster, PhD, Major Chair, Community Health  
Education, presenting to Elizabeth Reinhardt*

*Presentation of the Public Health Administration  
Community Service Award by Bright Dornblaser,  
MHA, Professor, presenting to Christine Follett*

*Presentation of the Lee and Donna Stauffer Scholarship  
by Bright Dornblaser, MHA, Professor, presenting to  
Michelle Roppe*

*Presentation of the Jacob E. Bearman Student  
Achievement Award by Thomas Louis, PhD,  
Professor and Division Head presenting to Wei  
Shen*

*Presentation of the Lester Breslow Scholar Award by  
Phyllis Pirie, PhD, Associate Division Head,  
Epidemiology, presenting to Pamela Mink*

*Presentation of the Robert ten Bensel Award in  
Maternal and Child Health by Joan Patterson, PhD,  
Major Chair, Maternal and Child Health, presenting  
to Julia Joseph-DiCaprio*

*Presentation of the Betty J. Hallstrom Memorial Award  
by Vernon E. Weckwerth, PhD, Major Chair,  
Health Services Administration, presenting to  
Tabitha Hanson*

*Presentation of the Ruth Stief Chair Award by Judith  
Brown, PhD, MPH, RD, presenting to Jill Wilson*

*Presentation of the William Foege Scholarship by  
Lance Waller, PhD, Chair, SPH Recognition and  
Honors Committee, presenting to Dung Truong*

*Presentation of Delta Omega Society Memberships by  
Leonard Schuman, MD, National President, Delta  
Omega, presenting to  
Scott Anderson, MPH, Health Services Administration  
Donna Bailey, MPH, Public Health Nutrition  
Bradley Beard, MHA, Healthcare Administration  
Ellen England, MS, Environmental Health  
Stacy Hakanson, MS, Health Services Research and Policy  
Patricia King, MS, Environmental Health  
Bridget Lavelle, MHA, Healthcare Administration  
Kimberly McMonigal, MHA, Healthcare Administration  
Rebecca Olson, MHA, Healthcare Administration  
Dawn Peterson, MPH, Epidemiology  
Carolyn Rosenfeld, MPH, Community Health Education  
Yingjia Shen, MS, Biostatistics  
Jean Tracy, MPH, Public Health Administration  
Kirsten Zimmerman-Bence, MPH, Maternal and Child  
Health*

*Introduction of Commencement Speaker  
Edith Leyasmeyer, PhD, MPH, Dean*

*Commencement Address  
"The Invisible Force For Good"  
Neal Holtan, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor,  
Medicine*

*Presentation of the Candidates for Degrees  
Edith Leyasmeyer, PhD, MPH, Dean  
James Boen, PhD, Associate Dean for Academic  
Affairs*

*Conferring of Degrees  
The Honorable Julie Bleyhl, Regent  
University of Minnesota*

*Concluding Remarks  
Tamara Joyce, Student Senate President*

### ***Health Professions Covenant***

*As a health professional dedicated to enhancing the health care status and well-being of individuals and communities, I pledge collaboration with all of my health professional colleagues similarly committed, and promise to place patient and public interests above the perceived self-interests of my individual profession.*

School of Public Health  
University of Minnesota

Students who have or will have completed requirements for  
MHA, MPH, MS, or PhD degrees in School of Public Health  
majors from Fall Quarter 1995 through  
Second Summer Session 1996 are as follows:

Environmental Health

David Holland, MS  
Jeffrey Adams, MPH  
Elisabeth Black, MS  
John Buresh, MPH  
Cindy Calease, MS  
Stuart Cameron, MPH  
Tracey Chabala, MPH  
Ellen England, MS  
Gabe Garlets, MPH  
Steve Kerr, MS  
Patricia King, MS  
Frank Kohlasch, MS  
Linda Kornfeld, MS  
James Kubisiak, MS  
Patricia McCann, MS  
Josh Melson, MPH  
Eric Merchant, MPH  
Claudia Miller, MS  
Nancy Nachreiner, MPH  
Asit Patnaik, MPH  
Jane Rodiles, MPH  
Laurie Schmitz, MPH  
Ann Schowalter, MS  
Terry Spear, PhD  
Heather Swanson, MPH  
William Taborn, MPH  
Fernando Tibayan, MPH  
Nobuhiko Yamada, MS

Biostatistics

Catherine Billups, MS  
David Breiter, MS  
Erin Conlon, MS  
Anna Gaichas, MS  
Katherine Hullsiek, MS  
Zihui Lin, MS  
David Lynch, MS  
Christopher Pulling, MS  
Daniel Sargent, PhD  
Wei Shen, PhD  
Yingjia Shen, MS  
Xiaolong Shih, MS  
Xuewei Wang, MS  
Jun Xie, MS  
Yongyi Yu, MS  
Dongmei Zhang, MS

Community Health Education

Mala Adiga, MPH  
Deborah Durkin, MPH  
Marla Eisenberg, MPH  
Mary Hovind, MPH  
Cynthia Hynes, MPH  
Sonja Ihlenfeldt, MPH  
Deborah Lasher, MPH  
Devora Lomas, MPH  
Huy Pham, MPH  
Elizabeth Reinhardt, MPH  
Carolyn Rosenfeld, MPH

Dental Public Health  
Edward Lawler, MPH

Epidemiology

Elizabeth Anderson, MPH  
Le Ann Bahe, MPH  
Karen Brasel, MPH  
Eryn Butkiewicz, MPH  
Kathryn Como, MPH  
Alison King, MPH  
Karen Kirk, MPH  
Linda Kolar, MPH  
Randall Mayer, MPH  
Dawn Peterson, MPH  
Roxanne Pieper, MPH  
David Power, MPH  
Susan Raatz, MPH  
Juan Salazar, MPH  
Kay Schwebke, MPH  
Dung Truong, MPH

Health Services Administration

Scott Anderson, MPH  
Jean Beckel, MPH  
Marilee Blair, MPH  
Barbara Burgurn-Lee, MPH  
Raella Gustafson, MPH  
Janet Holmes, MPH  
Debra Leffler, MPH  
Linda Manning, MPH  
Victoria Quirk, MPH  
Stacy Scholtz, MPH  
John Smylie, MPH  
Rita Winters, MPH

Health Services Research and  
Policy

Xiaohong Chen, MS  
Stacy Hakanson, MS

Jeffrey Harman, MS  
Win-Chieh Lin, MS  
Monica Schultz, MS  
Peter Veazie, MS

Health Services Research,  
Policy and Administration

Katherine Harris, PhD  
Mei Mei Chen, PhD

Healthcare Administration

Ronald Ascher, MHA  
Matthew Barnes, MHA  
Bradley Beard, MHA  
Edward Bell, MHA  
David Bertoch, MHA  
Shari Breuer, MHA  
Kelly Duffin, MHA  
Jerrell Gerdes, MHA  
Jamal Ghani, MHA  
Ronald Gosnell, MHA  
Jena Graber, MHA  
David Hall, MHA  
Kenneth Harman, MHA  
Stephen Hathaway, MHA  
Wendy Hoffman, MHA  
Bridget Lavelle, MHA  
Frank Lawatch, MHA  
Dean Lin, MHA  
Joseph Lohrman, MHA  
Hok Cheung Ma, MHA  
Vladimir Makatzareya, MHA  
Nicholas Michel, MHA  
Kimberly McMonigal, MHA  
Patricia Murphy, MHA  
David Nelson, MHA  
Michael Nelson, MHA  
Angela Nielsen, MHA  
Rebecca Olson, MHA



Michael Packnett, MHA  
Alison Page, MHA  
Bill Persinger, MHA  
Mary Rapps, MHA  
James Restall, MHA  
Carrie Rohr, MHA  
Robin Schluter, MHA  
Hoyt Skabelund, MHA  
Lisa Strunc, MHA  
Karyn Taeyerts, MHA  
Annette Walker, MHA  
Carol Walker, MHA  
David Ziolkowski, MHA

Maternal and Child Health

Amy Cocharane, MPH  
Cecelia Goetz, MPH  
Tabitha Hanson, MPH  
Karen Kun, MPH  
Cristina Lammers, MPH  
Karen Lindberg, MPH  
Meghan McGrann, MPH  
Elizabeth Musolf, MPH  
Mary Lynn Oglesbee, MPH  
Barbara Palmer, MPH  
David Rak, MPH  
Kirsten Zimmerman-Bence, MPH

Public Health Administration

Kristin Bear, MPH  
J. Santiago Davila, MPH  
Kim Edelman, MPH  
Eric Engstrom, MPH  
Kimberly Halva, MPH  
Susan Mehle, MPH  
Richard Nadeau, MPH  
Michelle Roppe, MPH  
Carolyn Sullivan, MPH

Public Health Nursing

Lanice Engebretson, MPH  
Monica Lidral, MPH

Public Health Nutrition

Kristin Anderson, MPH  
Donna Bailey, MPH  
Nancy Corbin, MPH  
Susan Davies, MPH  
Susan Eckhardt, MPH  
Terri Fields Hosler, MPH  
Sara Gorder, MPH  
Yvonne Greer, MPH  
Mary Gregg, MPH  
Annette Hendrickx Derouin, MPH  
Catherine Imdieke, MPH  
Kenneth Johnson, MPH  
Donna Knaeble, MPH  
Brenda Knudson, MPH  
Kimber Lampe, MPH  
Donna Lewis, MPH  
Therese Liffrig, MPH  
Donna McDuffie, MPH  
Debbie Montgomery, MPH  
Agnes Otieno, MPH  
Dorothy Silha, MPH  
Mary Silha, MPH  
Lisa Stark, MPH  
Julie Stauss, MPH  
LaVonne Stieler, MPH  
Felisha Thompson Rhodes, MPH

*Commencement Reception:*

*All graduates and their guests are invited to the reception on the first floor of the St. Paul Student Center which immediately follows the ceremony. A special thank you to the School of Public Health Student Senate for their partial funding of the commencement reception.*

## ACADEMIC DRESS

The academic costume worn today originated in the Middle Ages, when gowns and hoods kept scholars and clerics warm. The distinctive gown served to set the students apart from their fellow citizens, giving birth to the expression "town and gown." Until after the Civil War, students at most American universities wore caps and gowns daily. They varied in design until they were standardized by the American Intercollegiate Commission in 1894. At that time it was decided that all robes should be black: bachelor's gowns to be made of worsted material with pointed sleeves; master's gowns of silk with long, closed sleeves; doctor's gowns of silk with longer sleeves and faced with black velvet from hem to neck and back. They also carried three velvet bands around each sleeve above the elbow. Hoods are made of the same material as the gowns, the length varying with the degree. The lining of the hood identifies the university by its colors. The border of the hood indicates the academic discipline in which the degree is earned:

White: arts and letters, journalism  
Scarlet: theology  
Purple: law  
Green: medicine  
Dark blue: philosophy  
Yellow: science  
Brown: architecture, fine arts  
Pink: music  
Lilac: dentistry  
Orange: engineering  
Olive: pharmacy  
Light brown: business  
Lemon yellow: library science  
Light blue: education  
Peacock blue: international affairs  
Citron yellow: social work  
Salmon: public health

The mortarboard cap is standard, though soft square-topped-caps are permissible. Recipients of doctorates may wear a gold tassel fastened to the middle point of the top of the cap; School of Public Health graduates wear salmon tassels.

