



# MPH MEMOS

Spring/Summer 2022

## NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Dear Members of the UMSOM MPH Community,

Welcome to the second edition of *MPH Memos*, our program newsletter, edited by our MPH student and Graduate Assistant, Ms. Shreenidhi Sharma. *MPH Memos* will be one way for us to keep in touch with our community of alumni, students, staff, advisory council members and faculty. We hope that you will enjoy learning about what is going on with the program and “meeting” the people whom we introduce in each edition. In this edition, you will meet Dr. Gupta-instructor for the new global health course in humanitarian emergencies and Ms. Stevens, a 2008 graduate of our program and current

member of our MPH Advisory Council. In addition, you will hear from our Public Health Student Association and the students from the 2022 health communication course. We also have some great graduation photos to share. It was a heart-warming event and as always, the highlight for me was seeing all of the happy graduates, their families and friends.

I cannot believe that the 2021-2022 academic year has drawn to a close. It has been a busy year for us. We admitted 24 new students last fall, graduated 13 students (8 in fall and 5 in spring) and are already preparing for the arrival of our 2022 cohort. They begin classes in the first week of July. In May, we submitted our preliminary self-study for Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) reaccreditation. The last time we went through accreditation was 2014 and yet, it feels like it was just yesterday. We are scheduled for a site visit in October, and we will be reaching out with updates about the process as we move through it. CEPH provides an opportunity for everyone to share feedback about the program. Should you wish to do so, please review the instructions below.

We hope that you enjoy the newsletter. We want to make it relevant and engaging for you. So please let us know what you would like to see in future editions. We welcome your creative ideas!

Be Well,  
Diane Marie St. George, Ph.D.

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**2022 Beta Tau Chapter of Delta Omega Honorary Society Inductees**



During the EPH Post-Commencement Ceremony, the Beta Tau Chapter of Delta Omega inducted its 2022 class into the honorary society. The Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health was founded in 1924 to encourage and recognize excellence in

practice, research, education, and academic achievement in the field of public health. This year, the Beta Tau Chapter was honored to induct 6 very deserving individuals into the Delta Omega Honorary Society.

**From our alumni:** Mabinty Conteh

**From our 2022 MPH graduating class:** Emmanuel Agaba, Sarah Kattakuzhy, Jamie Sibel

**From our MPH faculty:** Sania Amr

**Honorary Inductee:** Karyl Rattay



### ALUMNA ARTICLE

Deborah Stevens is a University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM) and School of Social Work (UMSSW) dual degree alumna who earned her Master of Social Work (MSW) in 2006 and Master of Public Health (MPH) - Global Health Concentration) in 2008. Recently, we asked Ms. Stevens a few questions about her experiences in the public health world and how her experiences at UMSOM and UMSSW have impacted her career.

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### SPRING COMMENCEMENT 2022

On Friday, May 20th, the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health (EPH) within the School of Medicine hosted its annual post-commencement ceremony. Over 125 students, faculty, staff, family members and friends helped us celebrate our 2022 awardees, honor society inductees, and graduates. During the ceremony five MPH graduates were recognized. The graduating class included: Tamunoseledia Brown, Sarah Kattakuzhy, Helina Selam, Jamie Sibel, and Anna Whitney. Congratulations to all!



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### FACULTY FOCUS

In this edition of the Faculty Focus, we get to know Dr. Shailvi Gupta. Dr. Gupta is a new faculty member with the University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM) Master of Public Health Program (MPH).



Currently, she teaches PH 717: Global Public Health Emergencies, a new class as of spring 2022.

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### **STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**

This past semester, students in PH 735: Health Communications for Behavior Change got the opportunity to write an article summarizing their findings on public health job hunting. A special thank you to the authors, Christine Anyanwu, Sydney Feldman, Molly Reisman, and Rajaniece Thompson for putting this together and for the tips provided.



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