



## DELTA OMEGA AWARD FOR INNOVATIVE PUBLIC HEALTH CURRICULUM

### 2009 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS DEADLINE: AUGUST 31, 2009

The Delta Omega National Public Health Honor Society is pleased to announce a call for nominations for: **The Delta Omega Award for Innovative Public Health Curriculum**. As part of its efforts to promote excellence in public health education, research and practice, Delta Omega created this annual award to:

- 1) applaud the important role public health graduate education plays in the development and maintenance of a strong, active, and well-prepared public health profession;
- 2) acknowledge that schools and programs of public health and their faculty develop and implement creative public health educational offerings that bridge the gap between public health academia and practice; and
- 3) stimulate the evolution of innovative graduate public health courses that are responsive to the educational needs of the public health work force.

The award objectives are to highlight innovative public health graduate course curricula that:

- 1) integrate actual public health practice experiences and examples into classroom discussions and exercises;
- 2) highlight models of collaborative, comprehensive and community-based public health practice and scholarship;
- 3) emphasize the application of public health principles and science-based decision-making;
- 4) focus on skills development;
- 5) involve community-sector partners in teaching; and
- 6) use case studies and other examples of inter-disciplinary projects suitable for a multi-disciplinary audience.

Previous winners of the award include:

- 2001: Margaret A. Potter, "Capstone Course: Roundtable Case Series," Omicron Chapter—University of Pittsburgh
- 2002: Donna Petersen, "SPH 600-601 Integrated MPH Core Curriculum," Upsilon Chapter—University of Alabama at Birmingham
- 2003: Russ Lopez, Rob Schadt, H. Patricia Hynes, "Urban Environmental Health: EH 807," Alpha Beta Chapter—Boston University
- 2004: Shelley Hearne, Susan DeFrancisco, "Issues in Health Advocacy," Alpha Chapter – Johns Hopkins University
- 2005: Mary Ann Littleton, James Florence, Mike Dunn, "The Trilogy:" An Innovative Course Sequence for Training Community Health Professionals, Alpha Pi Chapter—East Tennessee State University
- 2006: Mary A. Frazier, Theresa L. Roberts, Debra Henderson, Carolyn Black, "Interdisciplinary Applied Community Health Promotion Studies, Beta Zeta Chapter—Indiana University Department of Public Health
- 2007: Anita Farel, "MCH 712: Program Assessment in Maternal and Child Health," Theta Chapter—University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and Angela J. DeJulius, Julie Aultman, Lucinda Deason, Neil Casey, Amy Lee, "Public Health Practice and Issues," Alpha Chi Chapter—Consortium of Eastern Ohio MPH
- 2008: Muriel Harris, "Critical Thinking and Program Evaluation," Beta Pi Chapter—University of Louisville

Links to their award-winning curricula can be found at <http://www.deltaomega.org/CurrAward.cfm>.

The winner of the Delta Omega Award for Innovative Public Health Curriculum will be given the opportunity to present at both the annual meeting of the national council and the academic public health caucus poster session held on Monday, November 9, 2009 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. (Eastern) at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. To apply, please send:

- 1) a brief (no more than 3 pages) overview of the course, describing its rationale and the public health educational needs that it addresses, and ,
- 2) examples of course materials, including course purpose, syllabus, learning objectives, reading materials, exercises/assignments, examinations, and evaluations.

***\*Submitted materials shall not exceed 20 pages. Electronic submissions are highly preferred. (If you choose to submit hard copies, please submit 5 copies of each).***

Nominations are restricted to CEPH-accredited schools and programs of public health with a Delta Omega chapter that has active status. Nominations may be submitted by individual faculty members. Nominations submitted in previous years are eligible, and encouraged, to be submitted again as long as the curriculum is actively being taught. Nominations should be e-mailed or sent to the address indicated below and be received no later than **August 31, 2009**.

Nominations should be e-mailed to Kate Howe at [khowe@asph.org](mailto:khowe@asph.org) or mailed to: Delta Omega National Office, 1101 15th Street NW, Suite 910, Washington, DC 20005. Inquires may be sent to [khowe@asph.org](mailto:khowe@asph.org) or (202) 296-1099.