

McGovern-Tracy and
DFM Student Awards
Ceremony

May 8, 2013

Monona Terrace Community
and Convention Center
One John Nolen Drive
Madison, WI 53703

2012 Recipients, *continued*

Jan Ashe Memorial Award for Excellence in Community Radiography Recipients

Sarah Pedracine

McGovern-Tracy Scholarship Recipients

Meredith Bourne
Parker Hoerz
Karlo Kovacic
Katherine Munck
Anne Kolan, MD
David Lessens, MD

It wasn't the reward that mattered or the recognition you might harvest. It was your depth of commitment, your quality of service, the product of your devotion—these were the things that counted in life. When you gave purely, the honor in giving, and that was honor enough.

Captain Scott O'Grady



Menu

All entrees are served with an orchard salad, freshly baked dinner rolls, and a beverage

Wisconsin Cranberry Chicken

Boneless breast of chicken filled with dried Wisconsin cranberries and herbs, topped with a vermouth sauce, and served with garden rice pilaf

Champagne Tilapia

Broiled Tilapia fillet with champagne mushroom sauce, herbed Yukon Gold potato wedges, and a lemon garnish

Portobello Wellington

Delicate puff pastry filled with fresh Portobello mushroom, herbs, shallots, and risotto, and served with a grilled tomato

Chocolate Raspberry Torte

A multi-layered deep rich chocolate cake filled with raspberry and frosted with bittersweet chocolate ganache

2012 Recipients

Dr. Lester Brillman Scholarship Recipients

Benjamin Abeyta
Jennifer Belisle
Rebecca McSorley
Keren Schaalman
James Spencer

Founders Award Recipients

Michelle Clark-Forsting

Vogel Foundation Scholarship Recipients

Emily Abeyta

Robert F. and Irma K. Korbitz Endowed Scholarship in Family Medicine Recipients

Christa Pittner-Smith
David Rebedew
Joshua Reiher

Zorba Paster Foundation Compassion in Action Awards Recipients

Underserved-First Year: Heather Nennig
Community Health: Ian Stormont
International Health: Jonathan Strong



Michael Wauters

Originally from Bainbridge Island, Washington, Michael has two younger brothers, Matthew and Patrick, who he considers his best friends, two wonderful parents Dick and Julia, and an amazing partner, Stephanie. Michael attended college at Pacific Lutheran University before receiving a Fulbright Fellowship to study tropical diseases in Ecuador. Following his fellowship, he spent a year working with AmeriCorps in an underserved health clinic in Seattle before moving to Wisconsin for medical school. As he started his third year, Michael joined the TRIUMPH program to focus on urban underserved populations. He is currently on a six-month leave of absence working at a small hospital in East Timor, and while unable to attend this ceremony, feels honored to have been selected for this meaningful award.



Stephanie Ziebarth

Stephanie grew up just outside of Milwaukee in Greendale, Wisconsin and attended UW Madison where she studied Spanish, German and biology. Following graduation, she completed a Master's degree in Public Health and International Gender Studies at the Charité Universitätsmedizin in Berlin, Germany. Stephanie began her medical degree at the UW SMPH in 2010, and has

since been involved in many service and extracurricular activities, including mentoring, DOC talks, serving as a co-administrator at the Southside MEDiC clinic, and as student representative on the Dane County Medical Society. This past year Stephanie had the opportunity to participate in the semester-long TRIUMPH program in Milwaukee. As a part of this experience, she partnered with the Milwaukee AHEC to lead afterschool meetings and events designed to help students explore health careers in a fun, hands-on way. Stephanie interests include combining clinical work with public health leadership.

Program of Events

5:00 PM Reception
6:00 PM Dinner and Program

Welcome and Opening Comments

Valerie Gilchrist, MD, Professor and Chair
UW Department of Family Medicine

Master of Ceremonies

Valerie Gilchrist, MD

Keynote Speaker

Ken Loving, MD, CEO
Access Community Health Centers

2013 Scholars Award Presentations

- Dr. Lester Brillman Scholarships
- Founders Award
- Vogel Foundation Scholarship
- Robert F. and Irma K. Korbitz Endowed Scholarships in Family Medicine
- Zorba Paster Compassion in Action Awards
- Jan Ashe Memorial Award for Excellence in Community Radiography
- McGovern-Tracy Scholars

Closing Remarks

Valerie Gilchrist, MD

History of the Program

Through the generosity of **Mrs. Isabel McGovern Kerr**, the Department of Family Medicine (DFM) has established the McGovern-Tracy Scholars Program. The program honors and rewards UW School of Medicine and Public Health students and residents in the DFM network of family medicine residencies.

The Department of Family Medicine is also able to offer the following awards through the generosity of **Robert F. and Irma K. Korbitz, Dr. Lester Brillman, Dr. Zorba and Penny Paster**, the **Vogel Foundation**, and the **Wisconsin Academy of Family Physicians**.

The awards also honor **Michele Tracy**, a second year UW medical student who was participating in an educational service program in Africa, when she tragically died in an accident in July 1999. These awards represent all she accomplished in community health in her short lifetime. Michele was heavily involved in LOCUS in medical school and worked hard to create and implement three community-based programs in New York to help people for years to come.



Nathan Swenson

Nathan's desire to serve ultimately stems from his firm Christian faith. To serve is to live, to lead, and to love! While on a Peruvian medical mission trip while attending St. Olaf, he observed the profound depth of connection and healing that physicians can have with others when egos are set aside... and liked it! An avid soccer player and jazz enthusiast, Nathan enjoys pondering those passions' concepts of form, flow, and improvisation with respect to medicine. This past summer, Nathan volunteered at Christian medical clinics in Honduras, rural public health centers in Andean Ecuador, and a disabled children's orphanage and parish medical clinics in Guatemala. In medical school, Nathan leads the Christian Medical Association, creating a supporting and uplifting community for fellow students. He also participates in Allied United for Health, an outreach organization that teaches health lessons at an afterschool program in Madison's Allied Drive community.



Wint Su Wai

Wint is a first-year medical student at the UW SMPH. She graduated from the University of Washington with a BS in Environmental Health. Wint was born and raised in Yangon, Myanmar (Burma). Growing up, her physician mother sparked her interest in medicine, and in 2005, Wint and her family immigrated to the U.S., settling in Seattle, Washington. In 2010, Wint completed a public health fellowship in Ethiopia which helped reaffirm her passion to serve society as a physician and to work with underserved communities. Because of her experience as an immigrant, Wint is drawn to working with immigrant and refugee populations through health-related educational projects. While in Seattle, Wint experienced invaluable opportunities to serve other diverse, marginalized communities—from the homeless population to foster care youth through local non-profit organizations. Currently, Wint volunteers at MEDiC clinics, serves as a secretary of APAMSA (Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association), and looks forward to continuing her role as a Co-President of APAMSA and plans to continue more community outreach projects. Due to her passion for public health and preventative medicine Wint plans to spend this summer in Myanmar working on health education projects focused on elementary school aged children and their families in partnership with a non-profit organization called "Wonderful Garden."



Joshua Schulist

Josh grew up in Custer, Wisconsin and graduated from Rosholt High School. He received his undergraduate degree from UW-Stevens Point where he met his wife Anna on a study abroad trip to Australia. His parents are Paul Schulist and Donna Roloff. His siblings include Amanda Firkus, Jason Schulist and Ashley Schulist. During medical school, Josh was involved in MEDIC, FMIG, student applicant host, was a delegate at the AMA-MSS and the Wisconsin Medical Society Annual Meetings, as well as participating in lobby day in Washington, D.C. During his second year of medical school, Josh was a Big Sib for two Michigan medical students. Josh is a member of the Wisconsin Academy for Rural Medicine (WARM), and has completed clinical rotations through the Marshfield Clinic health system. Last year, Josh was the recipient of the Dr. Paul and Alice Bishop Memorial Award.



Paula Simino

Paula grew up in Two Rivers, Wisconsin with her parents and older sister, and has fond memories of growing up on the shores of Lake Michigan: “A refreshing breeze, cold sand between my toes, and the sound of white caps thrashing upon the shore are items that I hold close to my heart and remind me of home.” Since moving to Madison, Paula enjoys spending time outdoors and being active, and has found an interest in local bands and activities as well as contributing to local charities by participating in local races and half marathons.



Arianna Sundick

During medical school, Arianna has served as one of the coordinators of the Michele Tracy Clinic. The Michele Tracy Clinic is a free clinic run through MEDiC which focuses on preventative health care. For her clinical rotations, Arianna was accepted to be part of TRIUMPH (TRaining In Urban Medicine and Public Health) which provided Arianna an opportunity to complete her clinical work in Milwaukee, where she worked on enhancing the cultural sensitivity of Walker’s Point Clinic. Walker’s Point Clinic treats uninsured patients who are from a predominantly Spanish speaking population. Arianna will enter the Aurora St. Luke’s Family Medicine Residency Program in Milwaukee this July.

2013 Scholars

Dr. Lester Brillman Scholarship

Gabe Berendes (M4), introduced by David Deci, MD
Jonathan Dickman (M4), introduced by Cynthia Haq, MD
David Finnessy (M4), introduced by David Deci, MD
Kami Larson (M4), introduced by Ildi Martonffy, MD
Joshua Schulist (M4), introduced by David Deci, MD

Founders Award

Arianna Sundick (M4), introduced by Cynthia Haq, MD

Vogel Foundation Award

Michelle “Ellie” Kosmalski (M4), introduced by Ildi Martonffy, MD

Robert F. and Irma K. Korbitz

Endowed Scholarship in Family Medicine

Amber Hertz (M4), introduced by John Hawkins, MD
Jillian Landeck (M3), introduced by John Hawkins, MD
Andrew Miller (M3), introduced by Analise Hanneman (M2)
Stephanie Ziebarth (M3), introduced by Cynthia Haq, MD

Zorba Paster Compassion in Action Award

Underserved-First Year:

Wint Su Wai (M1), introduced by Gary Lyons, PhD

Community Health:

Michael Wauters (M4), introduced by Cynthia Haq, MD

International Health:

Elizabeth Corey (M3), introduced by Nicole Katerinos (M3)

Heather Lukolyo (M4), introduced by Scott Mead, MD

Jan Ashe Memorial Award for Excellence in Community Radiography

Paula Simono, introduced by William Schwab, MD

McGovern-Tracy Scholars

Megan Attridge (M2), introduced by Mary Erickson (M2)
Lauren Bauer (M2), introduced by Meredith Bourne (M3)
James Lehman (M2), introduced by Christina Fok (M2)
Heather Nennig (M2), introduced by Mary Erickson (M2)
Nathan Swenson (M2), introduced by Eric Phillippi (M3)
Kelita Fox, MD, introduced by Kathy Oriel, MD

Award Recipient Biographies



Megan Attridge

Megan's interest in public health began while studying abroad in the Dominican Republic, where she had the opportunity to volunteer at a rural clinic. When she returned to the U.S., she worked on a project to educate Latina women of Madison on the importance of pap smears and mammograms. As a medical student, Megan serves on the board of PRIDE in Health-care, and occasionally works with MEDIC as a Spanish-speaking volunteer. Megan is a leader of the Mentorship Achievement Program which pairs at-risk middle school students of Madison with medical student mentors. Megan is also the student leader of Allied United for Health, which provides health education programming to adults and children of the Allied Drive community. She is excited to learn more about providing healthcare to underserved communities during her third and fourth years as a TRIUMPH participant.



Lauren Bauer

Lauren was raised in West Bend, Wisconsin and attended the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, where she graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a BS in Biology and Spanish with a Chemistry minor. Lauren spent a year volunteering with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, living and working in Camden, NJ with the Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers in the City-wide Diabetes Collaborative. While at the UW SMPH, she has enjoyed serving as a coordinator for the Southside MEDiC Student-Run Free Clinic, as a leader in the Allied United for Health Adult Programs, and as a mentor to two middle school girls through the Mentorship Achievement Program. Lauren spent the summer of 2012 in Ecuador on a Global Health Field Experience through the UW's Global Health Institute, learning about traditional medicine practices and strengthening her medical Spanish skills. Lauren plans to practice Family Medicine with Obstetrics when she completes residency.



Gabe Berendes

Gabe is proud to be a Badger! After growing up in La Crosse, Wisconsin, he explored the other side of the Mississippi to pursue an undergraduate degree in Theology while on the plains of Minnesota. A two-year volunteer opportunity in Chile opened his eyes to a future where a different toolbox would be needed to serve those around him. After working as a Spanish interpreter for Head Start and a local hospital system, a door was opened by the Wisconsin Academy for Rural Medicine. Gabe, his wife and two sons have managed to survive all of the trials and celebrations that have come in the last four years of medical school. He is looking forward to fine tuning the

Uganda. Heather has continued her involvement in Uganda through medical school by serving as a teaching assistant for the Health and Disease in Uganda class, and through a non-profit organization she started with her husband to provide scholarships and mentoring to bright young people in Uganda.



Andrew Miller

Andrew was first drawn to family medicine by the positive patient interactions he encountered while shadowing his hometown physician/mentor in Menomonie, Wisconsin. Andrew majored in biology at the University of North Dakota and earned Academic All-American honors as a linebacker on the football team. Andrew fulfilled his childhood dream of becoming a "Badger" by attending the UW School of Medicine and Public Health. Looking to further explore a career in family medicine, Andrew has served as a co-leader of the UW Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG). In this capacity, he assisted in various roles, event programming to engage students in family medicine, facilitating an attendance record-setting "Procedures Fair" to develop clinical skills, organizing a trip to the National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students in Kansas City, and orchestrating a clothing drive that benefitted the MEDiC network of free clinics. For these efforts, the UW FMIG attained national prominence by earning the school's first ever "Program of Excellence" award from the American Academy of Family Physicians. Andrew serves on the Wisconsin Academy of Family Physicians Board of Directors as a student board director. Membership on the Board grants Andrew the opportunity to collaborate with family physicians to advance the specialty through legislation, advocacy, and leadership. Andrew enjoys the vital role that family physicians serve in the ongoing care of their patients. He is considering a family medicine residency, and has a special interest in sports medicine.



Heather Nennig

Heather is a New Holstein, Wisconsin native, who graduated from Ripon College *summa cum laude* with a BS in Chemistry and Biology in 2011. While at Ripon, she participated in numerous volunteer activities, including four Alternative Spring Break trips, the Bonner Leader program, and earned an AmeriCorps Education Award. Additionally, Heather participated in SEA Semester, and summer research programs at Virginia Commonwealth University and MIT. As a second year medical student, Heather co-coordinated the MEDiC Salvation Army Dental Clinic, helped lead Allied United for Health's adult program, and mentored a talented 8th grader with the Mentorship Achievement Program. Last summer, she spent seven weeks at Hudson River Healthcare--a FQHC in Peekskill, New York--as the Michele Tracy Peekskill Extern and will start the TRIUMPH program in July. Heather received the 2012 Zorba Paster Compassion in Action Award, and hopes to join the National Health Service Corps after medical school to practice primary care medicine in an underserved area.



Kami Larson

Kami was born and raised in Springfield, Illinois. She attended Purdue University where she studied Biochemistry and Spanish. Prior to entering medical school, Kami spent six months in Central America where she and her fiancée, Philip, taught 4th grade at a Honduran elementary school, volunteered in Guatemalan hospitals, and worked on an organic farm in Costa Rica. While a medical student at UWSMPH, Kami has been involved with MEDiC Student-

Run Free Clinics as a referrals coordinator, the Christian Medical Student Association, the Global Health Interest Group, and co-lead student trips to Guatemala and Honduras. Kami and her fiancée, Philip, plan to marry this Spring.



James Lehman

James is a second-year MD/MPH student at UW SMPH. He is the former chair of the UW SMPH's Student Government Community Service Committee, and also is a founder and co-president of PRIDE in Healthcare, an organization of health sciences students devoted to improving the health of sexual and gender minorities (including but not limited to gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people) by addressing

both health care and the social determinants of health. James' academic interests include service learning, health education in the community, cultural competence in medicine and medical education, programmatic quality improvement in public health, and the health of marginalized populations. In March, James organized a diverse team of students to assist with health education, risk assessments, and physical exams at a Latino health fair at Bridge Lake Point Waunona Neighborhood Center in Madison, Wisconsin.



Heather Lukolyo

Heather will begin her residency training in pediatrics this July. Heather recently returned from Uganda where she spent four years completing an International Health elective. Global health has been an interest of Heather's for a very long time. As an International Development Studies major, Heather fell in love with Uganda while volunteering at a primary school outside of Kampala as well as during her study

abroad program at Makerere University. During her time in Uganda, Heather volunteered with a community-based HIV/AIDS program, which stimulated her interest in public health. Heather studied for her Master's degree in Health Science in International Public Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and returned to Uganda to work with a national health communication agency to complete her Master's thesis work. Later, Heather returned to Uganda to manage two USAID-funded programs addressing family planning and orphans and vulnerable children in south-central

skills of a family doctor through residency over the next three years. Additionally, Gabe was nominated by his peers to be a member of the Gold Humanism Honor Society.



Elizabeth Corey

After graduation, Liz hopes to integrate public health and clinical medicine with the aim of reducing international maternal morbidity and mortality, and improving access to family planning. Liz obtained her MPH degree from Emory University in global reproductive health. For her master's thesis, she conducted research in rural Zambia in order to determine the most effective ways that Trained Traditional

Birth Attendants can be utilized to improve maternal health. She presented her research at multiple academic conferences. During medical school, Liz has been a student leader of the Global Health Interest Group, and she interned at the World Health Organization in the Department of Reproductive Health. During her internship, her main project was to write a formative research study protocol on the effective strategies of delivering the HPV vaccine to adolescent girls in Tanzania.



Jonathan Dickman

Jonathan is a proud husband and father who is very honored to accept the Dr. Lester Brillman Scholarship. Jonathan grew up in St. Paul, Minnesota but has been a student at UW Madison for 13 years (he also received his PhD in Kinesiology here). Throughout his medical school career, he has focused on working with under-resourced individuals in Madison, Milwaukee, New Orleans, and Ma-

lawi, Africa. Through the TRaining In Urban Medicine and Public Health program, Jonathan helped to develop a reading initiative in inner-city Milwaukee through the creation of a network of Little Free Libraries. In Malawi, Africa, Jonathan assisted with the creation of a sustainable local Drug Revolving Fund which allows residents to obtain basic medications at affordable prices. Jonathan was awarded the WMAA Charles Russell Bardeen Founding Dean Award and the National Health Service Corps Students to Service Loan Repayment scholarship. Jonathan is excited to enter the field of family medicine and continue to pursue sustainable community health projects. Finally, Jonathan wishes to thank his mentors E.T. Ayala, MD, Li Li Ji, PhD, Cynthia Haq, MD, and Marge Stearns, MPH, as well as his wife Maggie, son Joseph, his in-laws the Kengotts, and his family for their ongoing love and support.



David Finnessy

David is the son of Richard and Debra Finnessy and has two siblings, Ryan and Kathleen. David grew up in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin before attending college and medical school at UW Madison. Some important moments of his life prior to college included earning the rank of Eagle Scout, graduating valedictorian from his high school, playing golf and tennis, participating in cross country, and travelling with his family across the United States. David received a BS in Biology and worked in a biochemistry lab before he decided to pursue a medical degree. David met his fiancé Alexandria Rangel while a student here at UW Madison—Alexandra was recently hired as a pediatric nurse at the AFCH. While at the SMPH, David has served as the UW Madison AMA president, become a member of the AOA, travelled to Guatemala on a medical mission, and is involved with the WMS and WAFF. David looks forward to completing his training to become a family physician and hopes to work as a full spectrum practitioner here in Wisconsin.



Kelita Fox, MD

Kelita completed her undergraduate and medical degrees at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. As an undergraduate, Kelita competed as a member of the women's volleyball team and volunteered in the community to promote athletics to preteen girls. During medical school, Kelita helped organize a health fair for Detroit youth to encourage healthy habits and lifestyles, and served as an instructor for the "Reach Out To Youth" campaign to promote youth interest in science. Kelita has been working with the ARC Community Services in Madison to address health disparities that affect women with a history of substance abuse. Kelita's special interests include underserved medicine and women's health, and she looks forward to starting a fellowship in Women's Health and Advocacy next year in New York City.



Amber Hertz

Amber grew up in Baraboo, Wisconsin, and completed her undergraduate degree in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at UW Eau Claire. Additionally, Amber completed a post-baccalaureate research program at the National Institutes of Health before returning to Wisconsin to begin medical school at the UW SMPH. Since starting medical school, Amber has developed a deep interest in public health, and began studying for her Masters of Public Health which provided her the opportunity to work with the City of Milwaukee Health Depart-

ment. After completing her medical degree, Amber hopes to complete her training in family medicine and use her understanding of medicine and public health to work with her patients in the context in which they live.



Michelle "Ellie" Kosmalski

Ellie was born and raised in rural central Wisconsin and is from a family of ten. In 2007, Ellie graduated with a BS in Spanish and Molecular Biology from the UW Madison, and will be completing her MD this year. She is a member of the Wisconsin Academy for Rural Medicine (WARM). Prior to entering medical school, Ellie worked as a certified nursing assistant for more than six years. She has worked with underserved populations through the Mexican Migrant Education Program and Well Child Clinics. Additionally, Ellie has also worked at both MEDiC Clinics and Aurora Walker's Point Free Clinic in Milwaukee. Ellie received the "Top 10 Community Project of the Year Award" during her Primary Care Clerkship. She hopes to continue to use her Spanish fluency to work with underserved populations during her residency training in family medicine.



Jillian Landeck

Jillian grew up in Sister Bay, Wisconsin, and earned both her BA in Anthropology and International Development, and an MA in Physical Anthropology, from Tulane University, in New Orleans, Louisiana. During her graduate studies, Jillian conducted excavations of ancient human remains in Peru, and started to develop her interest in medicine. Before medical school, Jillian worked as a clinic coordinator of a volunteer-run Free Clinic in the State of Washington through the AmeriCorps program. While in medical school, Jillian had the opportunity to spend time in Tajikistan where she helped design and implement a public health survey of patients with multidrug-resistant Tuberculosis. Jillian has served as a referral coordinator with the MEDiC Program, and she enjoys working with underserved populations at home and abroad, and has special interests in health policy and rural medicine.