

The Dushanka V. Kleinman Award for Outstanding Capstone or Internship Project in the Department of Health Services Administration

This award honors Dr. Dushanka V. Kleinman who served as interim chair of the Department of Health Services Administration during the 2013-2014 academic year. She provided valuable guidance to faculty and students and contributed to the continuing evolution of the Department. She was appreciated for her empathetic and inclusive approach, caring interpersonal relationships, public health expertise, wisdom, and support of faculty, staff and students.

Dr. Kleinman is the Associate Dean for Research and Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics in the University of Maryland School of Public Health. She is a senior science leader at the University of Maryland College Park and in these roles works closely with faculty at the School, University and across the University System campuses to contribute to identifying and supporting proposals for emerging research and research training opportunities. Her own recent research interests include prevention of oral health disparities, health literacy, and strategies to integrate oral and general health as well as primary care with public health and social services.

Dr. Kleinman also serves as the School's ADVANCE professor, contributing to the School's and campus' activities to advancement of women faculty by improving work environments that support all faculty.

In 2011-12, Dr. Kleinman led a comprehensive public health impact study of Prince George's County, Maryland. The findings from the resulting document has stimulated and informed activities at local, regional and state levels.

Prior to joining the University of Maryland, Dr. Kleinman, a Board Certified specialist in Dental Public Health, completed 28 years of government service where she served as Deputy Director, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research and Assistant Surgeon General (Rear Admiral), U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. In 2006 she completed a five-year term as the 15th Chief Dental Officer, USPHS. She was the co-editor, and coordinated the federal involvement in the development, of the first-ever Surgeon General's report on oral health (2000). At NIH she assumed the role of NIDCR Acting Director twice during transitions between directors and also served as the first assistant director of the NIH Roadmap for Medical Research.

Dr. Kleinman has been recognized for her many contributions to public health including the 2013 William J. Gies Award from the American College of Dentists, the American Dental Association Distinguished Service Award, the USPHS Surgeon General's Medallion and Exemplary Service Medal, among others.

The graduate student recipient of this Award for Outstanding Capstone or Internship Project exemplifies elements of Dr. Kleinman's commitment to the health of all people.

Nomination Process

HLSA faculty or staff can nominate a graduate student or alum from any HLSA master degree program. That student must:

- Be a current HLSA master student or a recent HLSA alum who has completed an outstanding capstone or internship project;
- Be in good academic standing (if current student).

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Nominee:

Name:

Department: Health Services Administration

Degree program:

Expected date of graduation (graduation date if alum):

Email:

Cell phone:

Describe capstone or internship project.

Describe the impact of the capstone or internship project.

Describe the student's academic standing or alum current position.

Please provide your name and contact information.

Name:

Email:

Department: Health Services Administration

Submit all nomination materials electronically by end of March to Luisa Franzini Franzini@umd.edu