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SOPHE Announces 2010 Award Recipients

Washington, DC– The Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE) is pleased to announce its roll call of 2010 award winners, comprising more than 20 professionals and students who have been recognized nationally and internationally for their work in health education and health promotion. The awards will be presented at SOPHE's 61st Annual Meeting Awards Ceremony on Saturday, November 6, 2010, at the Denver Art Museum in Denver, Colorado.

SOPHE's highest honor, the **Distinguished Fellow Award**, will be presented to three outstanding scholars: **James F. McKenzie, PhD, MPH, CHES; David Sleet, PhD; and Marc Zimmerman, PhD**. This award honors SOPHE members who have made significant and lasting contributions to SOPHE and to advancing the research and practice of health education. For the past 13 years, Dr. Zimmerman, of The University of Michigan School of Public Health, has served as the editor of SOPHE's flagship peer-reviewed publication, *Health Education & Behavior*. In this role, he has significantly expanded its frequency, reach and impact in the field. Additionally, Dr. Zimmerman is a highly regarded researcher who has published more than 100 peer-reviewed articles on community and individual empowerment and adolescents' resilience. At the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Dr. Sleet is credited as being among the first scholars to apply behavioral science and health education principles to the field of injury prevention. A prolific author, researcher, and visionary, he has helped shift the paradigm in injury prevention to include an ecological framework and published more than 90 books, monographs, chapters, and 130 peer-reviewed journal articles. Dr. McKenzie, professor emeritus at Ball State University, has devoted more than 30 years to conducting research, teaching, mentoring students and junior faculty, and volunteering in professional and community organizations at the national and local levels. His contributions to strengthening quality assurance in health education professional preparation and practice are renown in SOPHE and the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing.

David Sobel, MD, MPH, is SOPHE's **2010 Honorary Fellow**, the highest award bestowed on a non-member who has made significant and lasting contributions to health and health education. Dr. Sobel is Director of Patient Education and Health Promotion for The Permanente Medical Group, Inc. and Kaiser Permanente's Northern California Region. A primary care physician, he also led the national initiative on Patient-Centered Care for Kaiser Permanente's Care Management Institute, which is dedicated to synthesizing knowledge about superior clinical approaches to ensure the highest

quality care delivered to Kaiser Permanente members. Dr. Sobel has dedicated his career to research and teaching in the area of medical self-care, patient education, preventive medicine, behavioral medicine, and psychosocial factors in health.

This year's **Open Society Award** winner is **Stephen B. Thomas, PhD**, Professor and Director of the University of Maryland's Center on Health Equity. This award recognizes an individual or group for embodying and promoting an open society through research, practice, or teaching. Dr. Thomas has dedicated three decades to promoting health parity, equality, and social justice, most notably catalyzing a contemporary dialogue on the Tuskegee study that contributed to the national apology under President Clinton. He has been a champion and leader for initiating dialogue and community-driven action to address health injustices affecting marginalized populations. In the words of one nominator, Dr. Thomas' inspirational leadership for social justice is "expressed through his eloquent marshalling of the evidence and through highly persuasive arguments for specific remedies."

The 2010 Vivian Drenckhahn Student Scholarship recipients include **Sherry Stephens-Gibson, MPH, CHES, DrPH(s)**, Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi and **Pragati Gole, MPH**, Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Each scholar will receive \$1500 toward completing her health education degree.

Other honors that will be given at the SOPHE 2010 Awards Ceremony recognize the SOPHE/CDC Injury Prevention Student Fellows, SOPHE/ATSDR Environmental Health Fellows, and the SOPHE/CDC Child, Adolescent and Student Health Fellows. The 2010 Lawrence Green Paper of the Year for *Health Education & Behavior* and the 2010 Sarah Mazelis Paper of the Year for *Health Promotion Practice*, will also be announced, with each author receiving a \$1,000 cash award.

Tickets are available to attend SOPHE's 61st Annual Meeting Awards Ceremony on Saturday, November 6 by contacting the SOPHE office. Sponsored by Sage Publications, the ceremony includes hors d'oeuvres prepared by award winning chef Kevin Taylor and entrance to the nationally traveling exhibit, *Tutankhamen: The Golden King and the Great Pharaohs*. To learn more about the award recipients or photos, call the National SOPHE Office at (202) 408-9804 or visit www.sophe.org.

Founded in 1950, the Society for Public Health Education's mission is to provide global leadership to the profession of health education and health promotion and to promote the health of society. For more information, see www.sophe.org



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2010 SOPHE AWARD WINNERS

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Distinguished Fellow

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Ball State University

David Sleet, PhD
Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

Marc Zimmerman, PhD
University of Michigan School of Public Health

Honorary Fellow

David Sobel, MD, MPH
Kaiser Permanente – Northern California Region

Open Society Award

Stephen B. Thomas, PhD
University of Maryland College Park

Vivian Drenckhahn Student Scholarships

Pragati Gole, MPH
Western Kentucky University

Sherry Stephens-Gibson, MPH, CHES, DrPH(s)
Jackson State University

2010 SOPHE/CDC Child, Adolescent and School Health Student Fellows

Jagdish Khubchandani, MD, MPH, CHES
University of Toledo

Laura Colbert, MPH (c)
Emory University

2010 SOPHE/CDC Injury Prevention and Control Student Fellows

Catherine J. Vladutiu PhD(c), MPH
*University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
Gillings School of Global Public Health*

Dorian Lamis PhD(c), MA
University of South Carolina

2010 SOPHE/CDC Environmental Health Promotion Student Fellows

Tina Yuen, PharmD, MPH (c), MCP (c)
University of California Berkeley

Brittany N. Morey, MPH (c)
University of California Los Angeles School of Public Health

21st Century Student Meetings Scholarships

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Lawrence W. Green Paper of the Year

TBA
Health Education & Behavior

Sarah Mazelis Paper of the Year

TBA
Health Promotion Practice