



Greetings!

Congratulations to our graduates at this School of Public Health Commencement 2013! Forty years ago this month, our first class of 18 MPH students graduated. Today, we have hundreds of graduates for multiple masters' and doctoral degrees. We have indeed come a long way, and today's graduates have a solid legacy to build upon.

We are extremely proud of the progress you have achieved as students, of the education you have shared with your peers and professors as you have pursued your studies, of the discoveries you have made through your research, and of the service you have contributed to the communities beyond it.

We are living through an extremely difficult and challenging time in the history of our nation and the world. Our health and quality of life are threatened by the environments in our communities, schools, and workplaces. Despite our knowledge of the impact behavior has on health, we continue to lose too many lives to habits we could easily change. Responding to the accelerating prevalence of chronic diseases, such as obesity and diabetes, vies for limited resources with the growth of infectious diseases, such as HIV/AIDS, West Nile Virus, and avian flu, and a multitude of other threats to public health. Our health policies and programs still fall far short of the public health ideals of prevention, protection, and promotion.

Nevertheless, our students this year have been outstanding for their leadership, vision, and dedication to working on behalf of individuals, organizations, and communities in need. As our graduates, they will continue throughout their careers to contribute these gifts, as they address the challenges to the health of the public we serve.

I wish you all the very best for the future. I know the public health community will be better because of the many contributions you will make.

Finally, let me thank the parents, families, spouses, significant others, and children of our graduates. Without your support and understanding, our graduates would not be here today, and we would not be celebrating their achievements together.

**Paul Brandt-Rauf, DrPH, MD, ScD**

Dean, School of Public Health



**COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER**

## Marian Wright Edelman, JD

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Marian Wright Edelman, founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund, has been an advocate for disadvantaged Americans for her entire professional life. A graduate of Spelman College and Yale Law School, Edelman was the first black woman admitted to the Mississippi Bar and directed the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund office in Jackson, Mississippi. She has received over a hundred honorary degrees and many awards, including the Albert Schweitzer Humanitarian Prize; the Heinz Award; a MacArthur Foundation Prize Fellowship; the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award; and the Robert F. Kennedy Lifetime Achievement Award for her writings, which include *Families in Peril: An Agenda for Social Change*; *The Measure of Our Success: A Letter to My Children and Yours*; *Lanterns: A Memoir of Mentors*; *I'm Your Child, God: Prayers for Our Children*; *I Can Make a Difference: A Treasury to Inspire Our Children*; and *The Sea Is So Wide and My Boat Is So Small: Charting a Course for the Next Generation*.

## STATEMENT OF VALUES

We are a community of scholars, students, and staff, dedicated to creating a healthy society. In achieving this goal, we are committed to:

### COMMUNITY

the basic unit of analysis for public health, enabling communities to address their own problems, share skills, lower barriers to action, and act as a catalyst for progress

### KNOWLEDGE

the pursuit, development, and dissemination of which will improve the health of the public

### PROFESSIONALISM

acting with integrity and collegiality in learning, teaching, research, and public service

### STEWARDSHIP

of natural, human, and financial resources

### IDEALISM

whether secularly or spiritually motivated

### CARING

promoting compassion for and action on behalf of others

### JUSTICE

whereby everyone is given access to the resources necessary to live a humane life and necessary to fulfill his or her full potential

### DIVERSITY

celebrating unique contributions to the fabric of our community

### RESPECT

for the members of this community and for those whom our efforts are intended to serve

### HUMILITY

as we set our goals, as we work together to achieve them, and as we address the inevitable conflicts produced by those joint efforts

Class of 2013

**FANFARE** ..... Northeastern Illinois University  
Brass Ensemble

**PROCESSIONAL**

**SINGING OF “AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL”** ..... Audience led by the  
Northeastern Illinois University  
Brass Ensemble  
*Lyrics on page 51*

**GREETINGS**

Paul Brandt-Rauf, DrPH, MD, ScD ..... Dean

**OPENING REMARKS**

Robert A. Easter, PhD ..... President of the University of Illinois  
Paula Allen-Meares, PhD, MSW ..... Chancellor of the University of Illinois  
at Chicago  
John Corbally Presidential Professor

**CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE**

Presenter ..... Paul Brandt-Rauf, DrPH, MD, ScD  
Recipient ..... Marian Wright Edelman, JD  
Conferral ..... Robert A. Easter, PhD

**COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**

Marian Wright Edelman, JD ..... President and Founder of the  
Children’s Defense Fund

**APPRECIATION AWARD**

Presenter ..... Paul Brandt-Rauf, DrPH, MD, ScD  
Recipient ..... Marian Wright Edelman, JD

**CONFERRAL OF DEGREES**

Robert A. Easter, PhD ..... President, University of Illinois

**PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES (see list on page 47)**

Paul Brandt-Rauf, DrPH, MD, ScD ..... Dean

**DIVISION DIRECTORS**

Jesus Ramirez-Valles, PhD	Community Health Sciences
Linda Forst, PhD	Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences
Ronald Hershov, PhD	Epidemiology and Biostatistics
Jack Zwanziger, PhD	Health Policy and Administration

**RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES**

Daniel Swartzman, JD, MPH	Associate Professor Emeritus, Health Policy and Administration
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**AWARDS**

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**BERNARD H. BAUM GOLDEN APPLE AWARD**

Presenter	Anna Wojcik President, Public Health Student Association
Recipient	William C. Kling, JD Clinical Assistant Professor, Health Policy and Administration

**ALAN W. DONALDSON MEMORIAL AWARD**

Presenter	Lorraine M. Conroy, ScD, CIH Senior Associate Dean Professor, Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences
Recipient	Jessica Barnes, MPH 2013 MPH Graduate

**CLASS OF 2013 REMARKS**

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Speaker	Jessica Barnes, MPH
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**READING OF THE SCHOOL STATEMENT OF VALUES**

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**WELCOME FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

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Stephen Thompson, PhD	President, School of Public Health Alumni Board
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**RECESSIONAL**

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**DOCTORAL GRADUATES**

<b>Student</b>	<b>Degree Conferred</b>	<b>Dissertation Title</b>	<b>Committee Chair</b>
Lisa Aponte-Soto	PhD	The Impact of Puerto Rican Maternal Feeding Practices on Child Obesity Prevention and Development	Noel Chavez
Damian Jamaal Denson	PhD	Running the Risks: Drug Use, Psychosocial Issues, Internet Use, and Sex in Minority Gay and Bisexual Men	Jose Ramirez-Valles
Mayra Lorell Estrella	PhD	Exploring Place Attachment, Sociopolitical Development, and Community Action Among Latino Youth	Michele Kelley
Gregory S. Finlayson	PhD	Allocating Funds for Health Care to Manitoba Regional Health Authorities	Ross Mullner
Samsriyaningsih Handayani	PhD	Factors Influencing Brothel-Based Female Sex Worker's Self-Perceived Risk for HIV Infection in Surabaya, Indonesia	Judith Levy
Vincent J. Haufle	DrPH	The Public Health Value of Healthcare Claims for Understanding Chronic Disease and Healthcare Utilization	Michael Cailas
Rosalba Hernandez	PhD	Longitudinal Relationship between Depression and Diabetes Self-Care in Minorities with Type 2 Diabetes	Thomas Prohaska
Juliana Florindo Mendes Lewis	PhD	An Examination of Environmental Agents and Brain Tumor Incidence	Faith Davis
Julia F. Lippert	PhD	Determination of Laser Generated Air Contaminant Emission Rates in a Simulated Surgical Procedure	Steven Lacey
Ramon Lopez	PhD	Size Selective Characterization and Particle Emission Rates during a Simulated Medical Laser Procedure	Steven Lacey
Valentina Vladimirovna Lukyanova	PhD	The Stress Process among African American and Immigrant Russian-speaking Home Care Aides	Naoko Muramatsu
Jessica Mazza	PhD	Reliability and Validity of a Substance Craving Scale: Testing Invariance Across Substances	Kendon Conrad
Ada Moadsiri	DrPH	Strategic Health Impact Assessment Approach to Food-Related Policy Development: A Case Study in Tonga	Laurie Ruggiero
Melissa Ilene Naiman	PhD	Systematically Gathering Clinician Opinions on Health Care Technology	Annette Valenta

Elena Navas-Nacher	PhD	Second Hand Smoke Exposure and Cigarette Smoking among Latino Ethnocultural Groups in the United States	Michele Kelley
Caryn Elizabeth Peterson	PhD	Survival Disparity in Black & White Women with Ovarian Cancer: The Role of Mediators & Contextual Factors	Faith Davis
Keir L. Ringquist	PhD	Evaluation of a Hospital-Based Fall Prevention Program	Benn Greenspan
John Rogers	PhD	Wound Healing and Resumption of Sexual Activity Following Medical Male Circumcision	Robert Bailey
Erica D. Seltzer	DrPH	The Use of Social Networking Sites for Recruiting Minority Childhood Cancer Survivors in Research	Edward Mensah
Stephanie B. Shapiro-Berkson	PhD	Longitudinal School-Based BMI Surveillance: Informing Obesity Prevention Strategies	Noel Chavez
Fei Shi	PhD	Model Selection in Multivariate Analysis with Missing Data	Huayun Chen
Abigail Silva	PhD	Assessing Racial/Ethnic Disparities along the Breast Cancer Treatment	Garth Rauscher
Meme Li-Hua Wang	PhD	Understanding Family-Based Cultural Influences on Alcohol Use among Chinese American Adolescents	Fred Kviz
Matthew Westercamp	PhD	Population-Level Impact of a Medical Male Circumcision Program to Prevent HIV Infection: Kenya 2008–2011	Robert Bailey
Nelli Westercamp	PhD	Sexual Behavior, Health, and Medical Male Circumcision in Nyanza Province, Kenya	Robert Bailey

