# LGBT Caucus of Public Health Professionals

# **NEWSLETTER**

November 6, 2018

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# **Annual Meeting Scientific Sessions**

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2018**

04:00 PM-05:30 PM | 277.0 LGBT Caucus of Public Health Professionals Business Meeting, Convention Center 25B

07:00 PM-10:00 PM | 313.0 LGBT Caucus of Public Health Professionals Social Hour, Werewolf American Pub: 627 Fourth Ave, San Diego, CA 92101

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2018

10:30 AM-12:00 PM | 3162.0 Emerging Topics in LGBT Public Health, Convention Center 3 01:00 PM-02:30 PM | 3270.0 LGBT Healthcare Access and Clinical Care, Convention Center 3 03:00 PM-04:00 PM

3308.0 LGBT Topics in Public Health 1 Poster Session, Convention Center Hall A/C

3309.0 LGBT Topics in Public Health 2 Poster Session, Convention Center Hall A/C

#### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018**

10:30 AM-12:00 PM | Convention Center 3 4170.0 Population and Policy Approaches to LGBT Health

01:00 PM-02:30 PM | 4277.0 Sexual Minority Women's Public Health (Including Lesbians, Bisexual Women, and/or WSW/WSWM), Convention Center 3 03:00 PM-04:30 PM | 4368.0 Social Contexts and/or Social Determinants of LGBT Public Health, Convention Center 3 05:00 PM-06:30 PM | 4430.0 Trans/Gender-Variant People's Public Health 1, Convention Center 3

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2018

08:30 AM-10:00 AM |5035.0 Violence and Stigma in LGBT Communities, Convention Center 3
10:30 AM-12:00 PM | 5095.0
Trans/Gender-Variant People's Public Health 2, Convention Center 3

**2018 PROGRAM SCHEDULE Questions?** 

Stop by our Booth #1234 in the Expo Hall

# **Open Executive Committee Positions! Become a Leader!**

Are you interested in getting more involved in the LGBT Health Caucus? Are you committed to seeing LGBT focused public health research and practice thrive at APHA? Are you interested in helping promote and shape APHA policies and practices? Come to our business meeting and run for a positions! If you have questions about any of the below open executive committee positions, please check out our Bylaws and then feel free to email that person on the board for more information.

Elections will be help at our annual business meeting on Sunday, November 11th from 4-5pm in room 25B of the San Diego Convention Center. If you are elected, you are expected to be able to make monthly executive committee calls, attend the annual meeting, and participate as a fully function member of caucus leadership.

# **OPEN Positions!**

- i. Chair elect: One (1) year term; voting. The Chair-Elect is elected at the end of the first year of the Chair's two-year term. The Chair-Elect will serve a one-year (1) term followed by a two-year (2) term as Chair and an additional one-year (1) term as the Immediate Past Chair requiring a four (4) year commitment. Major duties of the Chair-Elect include serving as back up to the Chair, serving as the Caucus representative, and overseeing the administration of the Grant W. Farmer Scholarship. To run for Chair Elect you must have prior experience on the caucus executive board.
- ii. Secretary: Two (2) year term; voting. The duties of the Secretary are primarily to prepare the minutes of the Caucus Business Meeting and Executive Committee meetings as soon as practicable after each meeting and submit them to the Chair for review and approval before sending to the EC.

- iii. Program Chair elect: Two (2) year; voting. The Program Chair-Elect will serve a two-year (2) term followed by a two-year (2) term as Program Chair requiring a four (4) year commitment. The primary duties of the Program Chair-elect are to Assist Program chair in developing Caucus Program.
- iv. Website Chair: Two (2) year term; voting. The duties of the Webmaster include maintaining the Caucus website, updating the Caucus website as directed by the EC and/or the Chair, and ensures appropriate content is provided to the Caucus contracted searchable database in consultation with the Chair and Secretary.
- v. Student Chair: Two (2) year term. One (1) year term voting "Student Chair"; and one (1) year term, non-voting "Immediate-Past Student Chair". The duties of the Student Chair include developing and

maintaining an outreach program to students, working to enhance and evaluate the Caucus Mentoring Program, and working to enhance student involvement in the Caucus.

vi. Treasurer: Two (2) year term; voting. Some of the major duties of the Treasurer are to collect membership dues at the Annual Meeting and throughout the year, maintain an accurate account of all financial transactions, and provide regular reports to the executive committee.

# Congratulations to Stephanie L. Creasy, MPH, Walter J. Lear Award Winner for Outstanding Scientific Abstract for Student Research

A huge round of applause for our 2018 Walter J. Lear Award winner, Stephanie L. Creasy, MPH for the highest scored peer reviewed abstract submitted for the 2018 scientific sessions! Her research is titled "Previously Incarcerated Transgender Women: A Mixed-Methods Study on Experiences, Needs, and Resiliencies" and will be presented as part of the Trans/Gender-Variant People's Public Health 2 session on Wednesday, November 14, 2018: 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in SDCC: 3.

Stephanie Creasy received her MPH from the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health with a certificate in LGBT Health and Wellness in April 2017. Her master's level thesis was a mixed-methods study examining the experiences of incarceration and re-entry for transgender women in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. She is now a Project Coordinator in the Department of Behavioral and Community Health Sciences for an R01 grant testing the effect of the representative payee program on antiretroviral therapy treatment adherence and rates of viral suppression for people living with HIV. She continues to work on projects focusing on how incarceration and re-entry affect the health and well-being of queer/trans populations.

### 2018 Grant W. Farmer Award

Grant W Farmer Award for Outstanding Students: We regret to inform you that due to unanticipated circumstances, we will not be selecting a Farmer Awardee this year. We know that there probably some of you who may have encouraged your students to apply, you may have applied yourself. or know someone who did apply. If you submitted an application for 2018, please contact <a href="chair@aphalgbt.org">chair@aphalgbt.org</a> and you will receive a free year of caucus membership and your application will be considered next year. Additionally, when we make awards for next year, we will select more than one awardee.

## Come Socialize with Us!



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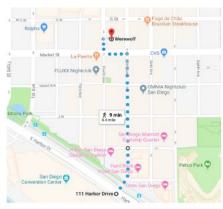


627 Fourth Ave, San Diego, CA 92101

Join the LGBT Caucus Executive Committee following our business meeting for our annual social hour. Network and socialize with other member of the LGBT Caucus of Public Health Professionals and enjoy complimentary snacks provided by Harrington Park Press.

7:00-10:00 P.M. All Are Welcome







# **Updates on our Website and Membership Systems**

We've moved! Dear Membership, you may have noticed a few months ago that we have changed website styles. We have kept the same url that you know and love, and surely have bookmarked, but we have updated our website design, and will be continuing to update our website and membership engagement features.

You should have recently received an email **LGBT Caucus of Public Health professionals** via Wild Apricot regarding updating your membership. This is just one of the cool new features we have from our new web platform. We are also going transition to an automated membership reminder system which will automatically remind you when your renewal is up. You will receive reminders in October for a November 1st renewal. Don't worry if you didn't join the caucus until July 1st or later, you will be good to go until the November of the following year.

We are still working on figuring out a good solution to how we do our mailing list, so some of you may receive email communication twice if you are in both our old and new system. We'd rather catch you twice than not at all, and apologize for the inconvenience.

Member participation! We would love to showcase members photography or graphic design on our website! If you have pictures related to LGBTQ+ communities, Public Health, pictures from APHAs of the past, or beautiful rainbow images that you are willing to share with us to use on the website, we would love to hear from you! Please email them, with how you would like to be cited, to chair@aphalgbt.org.

Thank you for sticking with us as we make our site more user friendly and better organized!

# **Committee on Health Equity Session**



# The APHA Committee on Health Equity (CHEQ) Annual Meeting Session:

### Outcomes of the Diversity and Inclusion Self-Assessment (3228.1)

Monday, November 12, 2018, 1:00-2:30pm Hilton SD Bayfront: Indigo Ballroom A

The session will feature findings of the CHEQ self-assessment survey to Component and Affiliate groups to understand diversity and inclusion among the membership.

### Moderator

Anthony J. Santella, DrPH; Committee on Health Equity (CHEQ) Chair, 2017-18

\*\*Keynote Speaker\*\*

Carmela Castellano-Garcia, Esq., President and CEO, California Primary Care Association

### **CHEQ Assessment Panelists**

Sora Park Tanjasiri, DrPH; Past CHEQ Chair, 2015-16 Jack Tsai, PhD; Past CHEQ Chair, 2016-17

Component/Affiliate Leader Panelists

Apryl Brown, MD, MPH; Immediate Past Chair, Black Caucus of Health Workers
Christina N. Dragon, MSPH; Chair, LGBT Caucus
Dorothy (*Dot*) Nary, PhD; Chair-Elect, Disability Section
Meg Ann Traci, PhD; Chair, Disability Section

Questions? Email: Anthony Santella or Adrienne Love

The <u>CHEQ</u> is charged with assuring that APHA meets its diversity, inclusion and social justice goals by: monitoring the diversity of its Sections, Committees, Councils and Boards; encouraging APHA to maximize inclusion in decision-making at all levels; and recognizing and promoting best practices by APHA units, Affiliates, and Caucuses.

### In Memoriam

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of Dr. Elizabeth Fee on October 17, 2018. Dr. Fee was a remarkable and influential public health historian, whose personal and professional trajectories led her to speak truth to and about power in public health, past and present.

Born in Northern Ireland in 1946, during the time of the "Troubles," to Irish-Methodist missionary parents, Liz's childhood brought her into contact with peoples and struggles across the globe. At just 5 weeks of age, she was whisked away by her parents to civil war-era China, where she lost hearing in one ear from an untreated bout with scarlet fever. This turned her into an astute reader of people's behaviors, and later made her a skilled meeting chair (who appeared to be fully integrating every last comment while she deftly crafted consensus around an invariably progressive agenda). In mid-childhood,

she attended school in Malaysia, after which her family returned to Belfast. There, she came of age amidst festering political and religious violence, learning firsthand that history is told and retold by protagonists and witnesses, oppressors and oppressed.

Dr. Fee achieved First Class Honours at Cambridge University in biochemistry and history and philosophy of science, proceeding to earn 2 Master's degrees and then a doctorate in history of science (1978) from Princeton University, with a dissertation focusing on "Science and the 'Woman Question,' 1860-1920" as analyzed through Victorian-era periodicals.

From 1974 to 1995 she was a professor at the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health (now Bloomberg School), first in health humanities, then international health, and finally health policy, infusing historical and

critical perspectives into each of these fields. Deeply curious about her institutional base, in 1987 she published *Disease and* Discovery: A History of the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, 1916-1939. In this first-ever biography of the first-ever school of public health. Dr. Fee crafted what might have been a staid institutional history into an engaging and eyebrow-raising account that retraces the powerful forces, figures, and ideologies that shaped the school's founding and early trajectory. She revisited this theme in later works, illuminating the politics of health training in distinct milieus and demonstrating how power was marshalled (and who marshalled it) in the presumed neutral and technocratic domain of public health education.

Her early interests in feminism, women, and science burgeoned into several notable works on women, gender, and health, including "Women and Health Care: A Comparison of Theories" International Journal of Health Services (1975), and the co-edited volume (with Nancy Krieger), Women's Health, Politics, and Power: Essays on Sex\Gender, Medicine, and Public Health (1994).

Ever attuned to her surroundings and the historical moment. Liz co-edited (with Daniel Fox) two pathbreaking volumes on AIDS, as it was becoming a global modern plague: AIDS: The Burden of History (1988) and AIDS: The Making of a Chronic Disease (1992). These critically insightful books became instant classics, bringing past reflections and emerging insights to bear on ongoing questions and dilemmas for a public desperate to make sense of what was going on. In applying her keen analysis of the politics of sexuality to pressing public health issues during the early years of the AIDS epidemic, Liz's writings about the disease and its effects among gay men, straight women, and lesbians helped inform a now growing scholarship

on LGBTQ+ health and well-being.

In 1990 Dr. Fee took over editorship of a rather moribund historical section of the American Journal of Public Health (AJPH), called "Public Health, Then and Now" (which had earned the moniker of "Public Health. Now and Then" due to its infrequent appearance!). Together with Ted Brown –and under the supportive guidance of AJPH editors-in-chief Mary Northridge (1998-2015) and now Alfredo Morabia (2015-present)-both champions of critical public health history, she transformed this section into one of the most dynamic aspects of the journal, making it a go-to venue for cutting-edge history of public health scholarship. The pair also created two new features of this section: "Voices from the Past," which reprints original sources of public health thinkers, researchers, leaders, and activists, and "Images of Health," capturing visual dimensions of these actors. Exemplary among the decades-long and inordinately productive Rodgers and

Hammerstein-style collaboration between Liz and Ted. and between Liz and other co-authors, were tributes to African-American polymath social scientist. anti-racism/anti-discrimina tion activist/leader, and avowed leftist W.E.B. DuBois; anarchist-revolutionary, free love advocate, and nurse-midwife Emma Goldman: the first US <out> gay health officer, civil rights activist, leftist agitator, and amateur archivist Walter Lear; and socialist politician, health minister, Latin American social medicine leader, and Chilean President. Salvador Allende.

Somehow Liz also found time to work on many other topics, ranging from the history of social class as a "Missing Link in U.S. Health Data" (co-authored with Krieger), to New York City's garbage, to interviewing the Cuban Health Minister on sex education, to local history, co-editing *The Baltimore Book: New Views of Local History* (1991).

These varied interests made their way into her popular and perennially award-winning courses on women and health, and history of public health, and into extracurricular highlights such as a municipal activism bus tour called "Baltimore by Bus: Steering a New Course through the City's History."

After influencing countless students and many colleagues over two decades at Johns Hopkins (where I was privileged to be her advisee), in 1995 Dr. Fee was named Chief of the History of Medicine Division (HMD), National Library of Medicine (NLM), at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD, USA. In 2011, she became the Chief Historian of the NLM, a position she held until her retirement just a few months ago. At NLM, Dr. Fee added leadership and administrative skills, as well as a talent for engaging with broader publics, to her teaching and writing finesse.

Liz's political goal of raising historical consciousness as a conduit for societal change, her love of shows, and sharp eye for the visual –the latter undoubtedly

schooled by her artist mother who pushed her to precision when naming particular shades of colors—made her role as public convener of exhibits and plays all the more apt. Indeed, she oversaw the resurrection and dramatic expansion of NLM's public exhibits with a dynamic team of curators, covering such topics as women leaders in medicine. "Emotions and Disease," "Dream Anatomy," "The Once and Future Web: Worlds Woven by the Telegraph and Internet," and Frankenstein. To ensure an ample budget for HMD, Dr. Fee testified on Capitol Hill, navigating treacherous political waters with her enormous mastery of language and spellbinding Irish-English-North American lilt. When higher-ups questioned the inclusion of "revolutionary Ernesto 'Che' Guevara" in an exhibit that highlighted famous people with asthma, Dr. Fee winkingly accepted the directive that Che be characterized instead as a "freedom fighter," a term that, ironically, made Guevara acceptable to mainstream

North American audiences rather than the reverse

In the early 1990s, having long been active in various history of medicine and health professional associations. Dr. Fee helped co-found two crucial organizations that brought recognition and legitimacy to left-wing activism and scholarship in public health history. The Sigerist Circle was founded in 1990 by a group of medical and public health historians and activists to give special attention to issues of class, race, and gender, and to the use of Marxist, feminist, postcolonial, and related critical methodologies in the analysis of medical history. Named for the pioneering history of medicine scholar-activist Henry Sigerist, the group's activities include an annual scholarly session (adjacent to the meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine), participation in contemporary political affairs, and -before listserves and search engines made them redundant- newsletters and a periodic bibliography of works otherwise difficult

to locate. Dr. Fee served as both Vice-President and President of the Sigerist Circle in its nascent years, helping to animate events, and mentor and provide mutual assistance and intellectual stimulation to young scholars and other colleagues. Liz and Ted Brown also co-edited the monumental volume Making Medical History: The Life and Times of Henry E. Sigerist (1997), bringing additional credibility to the Sigerist Circle's work.

In 1994 Liz helped cofound the Spirit of 1848, which is a Caucus affiliated with the American Public Health Association (APHA) and is committed to underscoring and analyzing the integral connections between social justice and public health. Both its listserve and its sessions at the APHA annual meeting are aimed at addressing the professional, practical, and scholarly isolation many progressives experience and at working collectively and in dialogue, to understand and change how social divisions based on social class. race/ethnicity, gender, sexual identity, and age

affect the public's health. With the Spirit of 1848's history committee consciously linked to the Sigerist Circle, Liz helped infuse historical passions and sensibilities into the Spirit of 1848's various activities around the politics of public health.

Those who are long-time 1848-ers will recall the Extravaganza held at APHA in 1998 (Washington, DC), titled "150 Years of the Spirit of 1848: An Evening of Politics, Passion, and Public Health." This marathon 4-hour session included participation of multiple progressive APHA caucuses and sections and the beautiful voices of Rafiki na Dada, and culminated in the singing of the Internationale. Not only did Liz give a stirring talk on "The 1848 Movements for Socialism and Justice " she corralled the NLM's costume person into bringing along a half dozen 1848-era outfits—dressing herself in the garb of the time, as well as costuming a fictional Karl Marx and Olympe de Gouges, among others.

Dr. Fee was the recipient of numerous honors, including Kellogg and Fulbright fellowships, the National Library of Medicine Regents Award, the Arthur Viseltear Award from APHA's Medical Care Section, as well as endowed lectures across the world. Her more than 200 articles and chapters cover topics as diverse as bioterrorism, sin vs. science in the racialized treatment of syphilis in Baltimore, and popularizing the toothbrush, ever posing the question of whether there is anything to learn from history and speaking to both specialists and a broad public of all ages.

Well aware of her critical writings, admirers of Dr. Fee's work at the Rockefeller Foundation and the World Health Organization (WHO) invited her in the early 2000s to co-chair the history working group of the Joint Learning Initiative, an effort to analyze international public health initiatives during the 20th century and uncover new insights into their successes and failures This led to her involvement in a series of articles and a forthcoming co-authored monograph (with Marcos Cueto and Ted Brown) examining the vagaries of global health and WHO's role therein. Once again, Liz was vital to ensuring that the genre of institutional history would be transformed into a page-turning narrative of contentious politics, personae, and programs spanning WHO's aspirational post-World War II beginnings, the tensions and turnarounds of the Cold War period, and the embattled contemporary era of private encroachment on WHO turf

In recent years, despite facing multiple health challenges, Liz continued to write prolifically, particularly short pieces with a wide audience in mind that shed light on often little-known revolutionary figures and movements.

This small snapshot could not possibly capture the scholarly, professional, and personal contributions that Liz made across her lifetime. Without a doubt, the work of Elizabeth Fee, the doyenne of public health historians, will endure and continue to inform the critical progressive work of the many communities of practitioners, activists, politicians, and scholars around the world whose lives Liz touched and whose work she inspired.

-Anne-Emanuelle Birn, for whom Liz was a gem of a comrade, friend, & mentor

\*Dr. Fee's beloved wife and sometime co-author, Mary Garofalo, has asked that donations in honor of Liz be made to the ALS Foundation and to progressive public health causes across the world

\*\*A further announcement and link will be posted after Dr. Fee's full bibliography is compiled and placed on the Sigerist Circle website