

In this Issue: Communicable Disease

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This is truly a milestone moment for the Delaware Academy of Medicine / Delaware Public Health Association. At our Annual Meeting this year (the 89th), our keynote address was delivered by David Heymann, M.D., D.T.M.&H., C.B.E., speaking about a lifetime combating global communicable diseases. The entire collection of images from this event is available online at <https://delamed.org/images-from-the-89th-annual-meeting-of-the-academy-dpha/>.

Immediately before Dr. Heymann's presentation, we recognized the extraordinary work of the William J. Holloway Community Program at Christiana Care Health System. Now expanded to include sites throughout the state, their efforts have been a part of the success story regarding HIV—seeing it go from being a fatal illness, to a manageable chronic disease. The award was accepted by Dr. Susan Szabo and Arlene Bincsik R.N., M.S., C.C.R.C., A.C.R.N. Arlene was thanked in particular, for her 40 years of advocacy, care, and education. For more on the story, see: <https://news.christianacare.org/2019/05/william-j-holloway-program-honored-by-delaware-academy-of-medicine/>

The timing of this issue on Communicable Disease could therefore not be better. It follows the day-long Holloway Infectious Disease Symposium and the spectacular events and awards above. We are indebted to our expert guest editors, Neal Goldstein, Ph.D. and Deborah Kahal, M.D. for their guest editorship of this issue.

We also recognized the work of Sherman L. Townsend, Chair of the Delaware Institute for Medical Education and Research (DIMER), with the 2019 Lewis B. Flinn President's Award. His leadership of DIMER, which along with the Delaware Branch Campus at Christiana Care acts as Delaware's medical school, has been assuring spots for Delaware students at our Philadelphia medical school partners for nearly 50 years. We take this opportunity to thank the Sidney Kimmel Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University and the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine for their continued partnership in helping serve Delawareans' health needs through a well-trained workforce.

To those of you who have read the Delaware Journal of Public Health from the start in 2015, you'll notice a change in the layout and readability of this issue. This is a result of reader feedback; as a result we have improved viewability and readability of graphics and text on mobile devices.

We hope that you like the change, and as always, keep the comments coming!