



Massachusetts Public Health Association Award Categories

Why MPHA gives awards:

- * Strengthen the connection between MPHA and the individual or organization receiving the award.
- * Strengthen the connection between MPHA and the community in which awardee is working.
- * Generate turnout for an MPHA event.
- * Inspire financial contributions to MPHA.
- * Generate publicity for MPHA and public health (through social or print media).
- * Promote / highlight the work of the awardee.

MPHA Spring Breakfast Awards

Paul Revere Award

The recipient shall have made a significant contribution to the promotion of public health or development of public health programs in Massachusetts, and should demonstrate initiative, ability, leadership, and conscientiousness. The Paul Revere Award is reserved for those who have made an outstanding impact on community health and is MPHA's highest honor, named for the nation's first health officer. Individuals awarded in this group are considered trail blazers.

Past recipients of the Paul Revere Award include:

- Dr. Leonard Morse (1973)
- Joanna Bluestone (1986)
- Judge Julian Houston (1989)
- Chester Kennedy, Jr. (1990)
- Mayor Thomas Menino (2004)
- Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Stith (2005)
- Matt Fishman (2007)
- Commissioner John Auerbach (2008)
- Helen Caulton Harris (2009)
- Harold Cox (2010)
- Paul Farmer, MD, PhD (2011)
- Judith Palfrey (2012)
- Barbara Ferrer (2013)
- Karen Darcy (2014)
- Renee Boynton-Jarrett (2015)
- Ray Considine (2016)
- Deborah Klein Walker (2017)
- Ralph Fuccillo (2018)
- Senator Harriette Chandler (2019)
- Dr. Camara Jones (2020)
- Michael Curry, Esq (2021)
- Ashish Jha, MD, MPH (2022)

Lemuel Shattuck Award

Awarded to a person who has made or is making a significant contribution to the field of public health. The choice for this award should be based on actual major contributions to the betterment of public health practice. The recipient should be/have been living and/or working in New England for the greater part of his or her career.

Lemuel Shattuck was born in 1793 in Ashby, Massachusetts, and he died in 1859 in Boston. Shattuck grew up in a small farming community in New Hampshire where, at the age of nineteen, a religious revival

movement inspired him to dedicate his life to improving society. He came to believe that he could enhance the ability of government to respond to social ills through the collection of statistics. After relocating several times throughout New England, Shattuck settled in Concord, Massachusetts, in 1823. There, in 1835, he gained attention for writing *A History of the Town of Concord*, which included a statistical analysis based on church and municipal records. Shattuck was also responsible for Concord's new code of school regulations, which was based on a method he devised to evaluate the progress of every student in the town.

In 1835, Shattuck moved to Boston, where he became a bookseller and helped form the American Statistical Association. After being elected to the Boston City Council in 1837, Shattuck was asked to create a report analyzing Boston's vital statistics from 1810 to 1841. In addition to his findings, which were published in the *American Journal of Medical Sciences*, Shattuck outlined a method for the systematic gathering of vital statistics and a plan for analyzing that data. Based on his suggestions, Massachusetts passed the Registration Act of 1842.

Shattuck was also renowned for his 1850 survey of sanitary conditions throughout the state, the *Report of the Sanitary Conditions of Massachusetts*, which was commissioned by the state legislature. In this report, Shattuck proposed the creation of a permanent statewide public health infrastructure, and he recommended establishing health offices at the state and local levels in order to gather statistical information on public health conditions. Although the legislature did not adopt his comprehensive plan, his specific proposals became routine public health activities over the course of the twentieth century.

Past Recipients of the Lemuel Shattuck Award include:

- Nancy Turnbull (2008)
- Frank Robinson (2010)
- Lisa Renee Holderby-Fox (2013)
- David Williams (2014)
- Jose Rivera (2015)
- Donna Lombardi (2016)
- Shani Dowd (2017)
- Cheryl Bartlett (2018)
- Raheem Baraka (2019, posthumous)
- Chien-Chi Huang (2022)

Emerging Leader/Alfred Frechette Award

Presented to anyone under the age of 40 that has developed an innovative, unique, and original program and shows leadership and promise in the public health or a related field in Massachusetts. Individuals in this category are considered to be "rising stars".

Dr. Frechette was commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health from 1959 to 1972 and from 1979 to 1983. In 1979, his order made Massachusetts the first state to ban urea formaldehyde foam insulation as a health hazard. The Environmental Protection Agency imposed a nationwide ban years later.

He was senior associate director of the Sidney Farber Cancer Institute of Boston and a clinical professor at the Harvard School of Public Health.

Past recipients of the Frechette Award, include:

- David Wegman, MD, MPH Former Dean of the School of Health and Environment University of Massachusetts Lowell
- Jackie Jenkins-Scott President, Wheelock College
- Hortensia Amaro, Ph.D. Distinguished Professor of Health Sciences, Bouvé College of Health Sciences, Northeastern University
- Christie Hager, JD, MPH, Professor, Harvard School of Public Health and Suffolk University School of Law (2005)
- Ali Noorani, Executive Director, National Immigration Forum
Former Executive Director of the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (2007)

- Derek Brindisi (2009)
- Steve Fischer, Executive Director, Regional Environmental Council (2013)
- Tami Gouveia, MSW, MPH, Executive Director of Tobacco Free Mass (2014)
- Max Fripp, Med Executive Director, Playworks MA (2015)
- Jen Slonaker (2017)
- Alden Matthew Landry (2018)
- Nate Horwitz-Willis (2019)

Local Public Health Leadership Award

For long term service working directly in municipal local public health. The recipient of this award shall have contributed their efforts to a more equitable, efficient, and effective local public health system. Special consideration will be given to those working in contexts of few resources and great need.

- Phoebe Walker, Inaugural Award, 2022

Public Health Leadership in Medicine Award

For extraordinary commitment to bringing public health principles and partnerships into the practice of medicine (combining the clinical and public health side of the equation in their delivery of services).

Past recipients of the Public Health Leadership in Medicine Award, include:

- Paula Johnson (2009)
- Fran Anthes (2010)
- Lauren Smith (2011)
- Andrew Balder (2013)
- Sarah Perez McAdoo (2014)
- Elsie Tavares (2016)
- Matthew Sadoff and Megan Sandel (2017)
- Thea James (2019)

Corporate Citizenship in Public Health Award

For leadership and commitment to integrating public health values into business practice. These individuals are considered business champions in the area of Public Health.

Past recipients of Corporate Citizenship Award, include:

- Roger S
- EMC (2010)
- Robin Chase, ZipCar (2011)
- Glynn Lloyd, City Fresh Foods (2012)

Corporate honoree criteria:

1. Long-time commitment to improving health of employees and/or community (how many years?)
2. Variety of initiatives—commitment to green practices, work-life balance, commitment to improving health of community, trainings/workshops offered
3. Senior leadership position responsible for directing these initiatives
4. Workplace wellness programs, initiatives
5. Healthy food available (healthy vending machines, healthy options in cafeteria)
6. Does the company maintain a workplace that is safe and healthy for their employees?
Confirm this by checking for OSHA inspections- <http://www.osha.gov/>
Scroll down to Data & Statistics. Under Inspection Data, select Search by Establishment. The screen allows you to narrow your search to Massachusetts and to select a range of years.

Awards typically given at the MPHA Annual Meeting:

Community Leadership Award

Awarded to a CBO or individual whose leadership has made a significant impact on the community. The award celebrates excellence demonstrated by outstanding initiative, impact of work and true partnership with the community.

(This award is more typically made at the Annual Meeting.)

Past recipients of the Community Leadership Award at the SAB, include:

- Ellen Parker and Chef Kirk Conrad (2011)
- Nancy Bonell and Donna Querim (2012)
- Ben Wood (2015)
- Healing Racism Institute of Pioneer Valley (2018)
- Martha Velez (2021)

Front Line Award

First awarded in 2005. The Front Lines Award is reserved for an individual or organization who has had a significant impact on the betterment of the public health in their community through outreach, education or direct services.

(This award is more typically made at the Annual Meeting.)

Past recipients of the Community Leadership Award at the SAB, include:

- Durrell J. Fox (2016)

Helen Meltzer Award

This award is given to a member of MPHA who has performed extraordinary volunteer services for the association.

Legislative Leadership Award

Presented to a legislator(s) who has promoted public health with vision and impact.

Public Service Award

Presented to an individual or organization who has made a major contribution to public and/or community health, an identifiable accomplishment of recent time. For either an agency or an individual, the major impact of the contribution must be felt either locally or statewide in Massachusetts. The individual must be a resident of Massachusetts.

- Individuals: Elected or appointed officials, media person, Journalist
- Agencies: Mass Media, Community Services