VIRTUAL STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

Thursday, March 25th
# VIRTUAL STUDENT SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

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<td>Welcome &amp; Introductions – Dr. Arafat, TPHA President&lt;br&gt;Ashley Rodriguez, Executive Board Member &amp; Membership Chair</td>
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About the Texas Public Health Association

TPHA is a non-profit, state-wide association of public health professionals dedicated to public health in Texas. TPHA was organized in 1923 and is an affiliate of the American Public Health Association (APHA).

Our Vision: A safe and healthy Texas

Our Mission: Improving the health and safety of Texas through leadership, education, training, collaboration, mentoring and advocacy.

Sections:
- Administration & Management
- Aging & Public Health
- Community Health Worker
- Environmental & Consumer Health
- Epidemiology
- Health Education
- Oral Health
- Public Health Nursing
- Social Work
- Student
- Vision Care
Student Membership

$25 Annually

Members who are enrolled in a college or university or other recognized institution of learning and participating in a curriculum related to the health professions.
WHY JOIN TPHA?

OPPORTUNITIES

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

- Submit to the journal
- Volunteer to review for the journal
- Join a committee
- Attend section meetings

- Attend the annual conference
- Submit an abstract for the annual conference
- Review abstracts for the annual conference

JOIN TODAY:
www.texaspha.org/general/register_member_type.asp?
Awarded to student members for the purpose of providing financial aid and encouragement to attend the college of their choice for the purpose of pursuing a degree in the field of public health.

REQUIREMENTS

• Applicant or immediate family member of applicant must be a TPHA member in good standing for at least one year at the time of application.

• Scholastic record of not less than a 2.5 average on a 4.0 system. Transcript of last completed semester or high school transcript must accompany application.

• Applicant's course of study must be applicable to public health employment. Degree plan or course outline must accompany application.

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SHINING A LIGHT ON PUBLIC HEALTH
VIRTUAL TPHA AEC 2021

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
May 17-19, 2021
(HCPH-Hosted/Sponsored)

Register Today
https://www.texaspha.org/page/RegisterforAEC

Student Members $40
Everyone is muted except for panelists/presenters.

Be sure to select “All Participants” in chat options when communicating.

A recording of this session will be available.

Please use the Q&A feature for questions as needed. We will have Q&A at the end.

Email us at txpha@aol.com for other questions not about the session.
Dr. Melissa Oden
Student Section Chair
The History of the Texas Public Health Association

Texas Public Health Association
Virtual Student Symposium
Thursday, March 25, 2021
Dr. Melissa Oden
TPHA History

- History taken from the TPHA Journal, Jan-Feb 1957
- Written by Austin E. Hill, M.D., M.P.H., Director of Health, Houston ISD
- Organized in 1923
- Has operated continuously, holding annual meetings every year except for three years during WW II and now in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
TPHA History

• Operated under the name *Texas Association of Sanitarians* for almost 9 years
• Original constitution was adopted during a three-day health meeting in the Senate Chamber of the Texas State Capitol, November 16, 1923
The organization of the Texas Association of Sanitarians resulted from a meeting at Austin, called by the State Health Officer, Dr. W.H. Beasley, in September 1922.

Sanitary engineers, sanitarians, local health officers, and interested citizens were invited to discuss necessary control measures against typhoid, dysentery, malaria, and other diseases that were reported as prevalent in Texas at the time.
TPHA History

• Approximately 100 people attending this meeting
• PH workers were PT employees, and most of them paid their own way to Austin
• A committee was appointed to write a constitution at this meeting in the hopes of establishing a permanent organization
Those present at the meeting were clamoring for full-time service and were seeking more information on the following subjects:

- Water purification and treatment
- Sanitary protection of public water supplies
- Sanitary protection of dairies & food establishments
- Operation and management of sewage treatment plants
- Home waste disposal
- Garbage and refuse disposal
- Mosquito control and drainage
- Fumigation & disinfection
• Second meeting held November 15-17, 1923 in Austin
• Constitution was adopted on the second day of the meeting on November 16
• Mr. V.M. Ehlers, Chief Sanitary Engineer, Texas State Department of Health served as acting President of the first annual meeting and presided over the adoption of the new constitution
TPHA History

• At the close of this meeting, Dr. A.H. Flickwir was honored “because of his interest and great contribution to this meeting” by being elected the first President of the association
• Officers included:
  • First Vice-President: George Anderson, Sanitary Engineer
  • Second Vice President: Dr. W.A. Buice, Baylor University
  • Third Vice-President: C.F. Prosper, Chief of the Dairy Division
  • Fourth Vice-President: Miss Z.Y. Cunningham
  • Secretary: Mr. Ernest Eggert, Texas State Sanitary Engineer
TPHA History

• Of Note:
  • Miss Cunningham is believed to be the first woman sanitarian in Texas, and was the first to hold office in TPHA
TPHA History

• In the Early Years:
  • Annual Meetings were called “Annual School”
  • There were no designated sections
  • Talks were listed as “lectures”
  • No time limit was set for each talk!
  • Meetings were from Wednesday morning to Saturday at noon.
TPHA History

• The name *Texas Public Health Association* was adopted in 1932.
• A charter was received from the State of Texas to operate for a period of 50 years, dated April 12, 1932.
  • TPHA is about to celebrate its 98th birthday!!!!
TPHA History

• In 1937, at the meeting at the Adolphus in Dallas, the official program stated “Annual Meeting”.
• October, 1939: First TPHA journal was published
TPHA History

• Meetings have been held continuously across the state of Texas except for 1942-1943 due to WWII and in 2020 due to COVID-19.
• Wartime conference held in Waco in June, 1944
• No meeting allowed in 1945 due to end-of-war troop movement across the country.
TPHA History

• By 1956 there were about 1,000 people on the “roll” for TPHA, and 735 attended the Annual Meeting in Fort Worth.
  • The Executive Board and Governing Council moved that “the President, with the advice of the President-Elect, appoint a Convention Committee for the purpose of considering locations and facilities for future annual meetings of the Association.”
TPHA History

- The AEC really can be considered as “school”.
- They can easily be considered as post-graduate courses in all phases of public health.
TPHA History

• Issues & Challenges:
  • Typhoid (virtually stamped out during these 34 years)
  • Malaria
  • Diphtheria
  • Whooping Cough
  • Smallpox
  • New cases of Syphilis are not seen often enough to present good teaching material for young doctors
  • TB, maternal deaths, baby deaths and diarrhea in babies have dropped tremendously
TPHA History

- Vaccine now available for Polio
- Milk sanitation, food sanitation, water supply, stream pollution, air pollution, and waste disposal seem to be never-ending problems
- Rabies still causes death among our people in Texas
TPHA Today

• What issues and challenges do we have today that you will be/are facing as a public health professional?
• This is the organization where information and fellowship come together to support you as a 21st century public health practitioner
TPHA Today
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The Future of TPHA

• It’s YOU!!!!
• How to Get Involved:
  • Student Section
  • Officer Positions
  • Your involvement is crucial!
Charles Dale
Vision Care Section Member
Dr. Diana Cervantes
Epidemiology Chair Elect & Membership Committee Member
Kim Rahebi
Environmental Section Secretary Elect & Membership Committee Member
Emily Hayes, M.Ed., CHES
Community Health Engagement Specialist
Williamson County and Cities Health District
Chair Elect for the TPHA Health Education Section
Former Texas State University Student
Tell us about your projects!
Have you worked on a health education project?
Have you worked on a research paper?
Don’t be afraid to submit your project or research to TPHA! We value student work and voices!

• Be a Poster Presenter!
• Be a Conference Panelist!
• Submit a Paper for Publication!
Dr. Jason Rosenfeld
Health Education Section Chair
3 Key Tips for Public Health Students

1. Discover your passion
2. Pursue mentors
3. Build your toolkit
Dr. Sherdeana Owens
Oral Health Section Chair & Membership Committee Member
TPHA Student Symposium

Sherdeana Owens, DDS, MPA
Texas A&M University Corpus Christi
25 March 2021

TPHA Oral Health Section
TPHA Membership Committee
First Experience - 2011
Student Highlight

• Taelor Thomas
  Mary Leyendecker
  Kayla Stovall
Kayla Stovall

• TPHA Member, Emerging Professional
• BSHS, TAMUCC
• MPH, University of Edinburgh in Scotland.
• Kayla works full-time as a Epidemiology Specialist for the Tarrant County Public Health Department and is an adjunct instructor at TAMUCC.
Kayla

Previously, she worked at TAMUCC as the Coordinator for Prevention Education for the SEAS department and as the advisor for Islanders - Teaching, Engaging, and Motivating (I-TEAM), which is a group of peer educators that promote healthy life choices through interactive educational programming.

She has a passion for health, education, and learning through traveling and has been on many service trips to nations such as Costa Rica and the Philippines. She shares her experiences with current TAMUCC students and serves on the Rotary District Scholarship committee.
Mary Leyendecker

- BSHS, TAMUCC
- Poster presentation at the 2016 TPHA conference
- Internship with Texas Tooth Steps Program (perinatal oral health education for over 50 women) sponsored by the Texas Oral Health Coalition
- Employed as Education Assistant, UT Southwestern Medical Center, STARS program (Science Teacher Access to Resources at Southwestern) managing workshops, summer camps and mentor programs.
Taelor Thomas

• BSHS, TAMUCC

• Poster Presentation at 2019 TPHA Conference

• Internship with Oral Health Project (oral health education/fluoride varnish for 220 preschool children)

• Currently applying to MPH programs in Community Health Practices. Employed by the Humane Society. Goal is to work as a health educator.
Questions for Panelists?
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