In early May 2014, the Office of the Provost announced that Lise Saffran, MPH, MFA, was appointed to serve as the permanent Director of the Master of Public Health Program. Lise (pictured left) has a Master in Public Health degree from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill and a Master in Fine Arts degree from the University of Iowa. She brings with her extensive field experience in national and international nonprofit and governmental organizations dedicated to public health and education. Lise has a rich history with the MPH program, serving as an Instructor and Associate Program Director from 2007-2013 and has managed and led the program’s operations in the Interim Director role since July 2013.

On May 15, 2014, we gathered for the Annual Spring MPH Picnic at the Gordon Shelter at Stephens Lake Park. We had a great turnout, despite being rained-out the week before. This annual event celebrates the end of the academic year and bids farewell to our graduating class. Lise Saffran and Jessica Hosey awarded the annual student awards from the graduating Spring 2014 class! The award recipients are as follows:
September 23-25, 2014
Stoney Creek Inn, Columbia

**Giving Opportunities**

Gifts to the MPH Program will go directly to the Public Health Student Opportunities Fund, a fund which provides scholarships for students to travel for internships and professional development activities. For more information and to donate, visit our giving page.

**Professor Deborah Hume Awarded UM's President's Award**

In April 2014, Deborah Hume, PhD, Associate Teaching Professor, was awarded the President's Award for Community Engagement, which includes a $5,000 award. UM System President Tim Wolfe presented the award. The award recognizes faculty who are participate in exemplary community engagement activities such as volunteerism, service-learning, educational programming, and outreach.

Got MPH Apparel?

- Fleece Jacket.........$30
- Polo Shirt...............$23
- T-Shirts...............$10

Contact us to order.

**Graduation- May 2014**

In May, we had 59 Master of Public Health graduates and 20 Public Health Graduate Certificate graduates! Here's a fabulous photo of our graduating MPH'ers!

**Alumni Updates**

Are you an MPH alum? Update your contact information with us to

- Overall Veterinary Medicine PH: Allisun Mutz
- Overall Health Promotion Policy: Phillip Berger
- Scholarship: Nedgie Aris
- Research: Alex Sable-Smith
- Service: Cody Minks and Michelle Pfister

Lynelle Phillips, MPH, RN, was nominated by students and awarded the MPH Instructor of the Year Award.
First Beacon of Hope Fellowship

Sakshi Trivedi (pictured above left), MPH student, is the first recipient of the Beacon of Hope Fellowship. Sakshi just completed her summer field placement at the Linn County Health Department in Brookfield, Missouri. This fellowship was generously funded by The Beacon of Hope Foundation to create a competitive process for one eligible MPH student to complete his/her field placement in an under-served county and to receive a Graduate Research Assistantship (GRA) the following academic year. The GRA will focus on enhancing rural public health infrastructure in partnership with the MPH Program and the MO Department of Health and Senior Services and will entitle the selected student to a full tuition and fee waiver. For more information on the Fellowship and ways you might also contribute to expanded opportunities for MPH students, please contact Lise Saffran.