

2014 RESEARCH SCHOLARS MENTORING PROGRAM MENTEE ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Mentee: Jon Macy, Ph.D.

- Assistant Professor, School of Public Health, Indiana University
- Research interests: tobacco control policy, smoking cessation, adolescent smoking prevention, and implicit attitudes toward smoking
- Mentor: Dr. Ray Niaura
- Major program goals: submit grant proposals; establish connections with tobacco control/policy researchers; and gain a better understanding of the interplay between science and policy related to tobacco control.

Accomplishments as an AAHB Research Scholar:

- Dr. Macy travelled to Washington DC, for mentoring “retreats” with Dr. Niaura, where they worked on career development and reportedly ate excellent food.
- Dr. Macy attended two tobacco control meetings in Washington and a third in Philadelphia where he networked with tobacco control researchers.
- Dr. Macy used knowledge gained in this program to contribute as a co-investigator on a recently submitted R21 NIH grant application.

DR. MACY:

“...the best ‘product’ that was created as a part of this program was the relationships I was able to form. It is only because of my involvement in this program that I am fortunate to have expanded my network of tobacco control researchers. I am grateful to Dr. Niaura for making that happen.”

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Mentee: Katie Dolphin, Ph.D.

- Assistant Professor, Exercise Science, Pacific University
- Research interests: emotional and psychological determinants of health behaviors such as diet, physical activity, and stress reactivity
- Mentor: Dr. Janice Bowie
- Major program goals: apply for funding to build a research portfolio; and establish a research plan that is conducive to gaining tenure as a faculty member at a liberal arts college.

DR. DOLPHIN:

“...I believe that one of the most valuable lessons I learned this year was the importance of collaboration and prioritization. [...] This year I’ve begun to emphasize collaboration, and I have felt much more confident about the quality of the products being produced by my lab.”

Accomplishments as an AAHB Research Scholar:

- Dr. Dolphin applied for grant funding and plans resubmissions as well as new applications to several funding mechanisms that were identified with the aid of Dr. Bowie.
- Dr. Dolphin was granted a Teaching Advancement and Research Grant in Educational Technology (TARGET) from Pacific University, which provides a stipend to encourage innovation in the classroom.
- Dr. Dolphin worked with Dr. Bowie on identifying lines of research that will allow for annual turnover of research assistants and facilitate her own scholarship as well as that of her students.

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MENTORS



Dr. Ray Niaura has been the 2014-2015 mentor of Dr. John Macy. Dr. Niaura is Associate Director of Science and Director of Training at the Schroeder Institute for Tobacco Research and Policy Studies at Legacy (SI); Professor (adjunct) in the Department of Health Behavior and Society at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; and Professor (adjunct) in the Department of Oncology, Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, at the Georgetown University Medical Center. He has been PI or co-I of over 30 NIH-funded grants and he is the former President of the Society of Nicotine and Tobacco Research. In his capacity as Associate Director of Science and Training at the Schroeder Institute, he supports

grant development and promotes cross-institutional research collaboration and training activities with Georgetown, Johns Hopkins, University of Maryland, and George Washington University faculty. He is a co-Investigator on the Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health (PATH) study sponsored by National Institute on Drug Abuse and FDA Center for Tobacco Products. PATH is a national, longitudinal cohort study 60,000 users and non-users of tobacco products ages 12+. Immediately prior to joining SI, he was the principal investigator of the NCI-funded Transdisciplinary Tobacco Use Research Center on Nicotine Dependence: Phenotype, Endophenotype and Contexts at Brown University. The goal of this P50 project was to identify familial, early childhood and lifetime biopsychosocial pathways that determine lifetime patterns of smoking uptake, use and cessation and the associated patterns of dependence in relation to co-occurring psychiatric illness.

“The best way a mentor can prepare another leader is to expose him or her to other great people.”

John C. Maxwell



Janice Bowie, PhD, MPH, mentor to Dr. Katie Faulk Dolphin, is an Associate Professor at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in the Department of Health, Behavior and Society and the Hopkins Center for Health Disparities Solutions and the Center for Reducing Health Disparities in Cancer. Her research includes minority and women’s health, community-based participatory research (CBPR), cancer control and spirituality. She is currently collaborating on research studies in prostate cancer, men’s health, and therapeutic misconception in patients with Duchenne muscular dystrophy. Dr. Bowie has designed and implemented interventions in partnership with community-based organizations and

within faith settings. Some of these projects ranged from increasing awareness and participation in cancer early detection to the promotion of a healthy homes project for safer neighborhood housing demolition. She teaches courses on implementation and sustainability of community health programs and co-teaches an introductory CBPR course. Dr. Bowie was an AMTRA (Advising, Mentoring and Teaching Recognition Award) recipient in 2010-2011 and also received the Thomas Bruce Award for her contribution to community-engaged scholarship from the Community-Based Public Health Caucus at the 2011 American Public Health Association Annual Meeting.

“One of the greatest values of mentors is the ability to see ahead what others cannot see and to help them navigate a course to their destination.”

John C. Maxwell