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Tracy Finlayson - Emerging Star in Public Health

American Public Health Association recognizes Graduate School of Public Health professor Tracy Finlayson as a 'promising, young public health professional.'

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Tracy Finlayson, health services administration professor in the Graduate School of Public Health, has been named the 2008 winner of the Jay S. Drotman Memorial Award, which recognizes the career of promising young public health professionals and students.

This award will be presented to Finlayson at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association on Oct. 28. This year's conference will be held at the San Diego Convention Center.

About Finlayson

Finlayson, who has been with the Graduate School of Public Health for a year, received her Ph.D. from the University of Michigan.

Her research focuses on exploring the psychological and social determinants of oral health disparities and improving access to care for vulnerable populations. She is also interested in evaluation of health policies.

Research activities and interests

Finlayson's current research activities include:

- Studies on access to dental care among California immigrants

- Oral health of migrant farm workers in California
- Tobacco policy research

Finlayson is also a co-investigator on a National Institutes of Health-funded community-based clinical trial that will test the effectiveness of a new preventive dental sealant for preschool-aged children.

About the award and APHA

The Jay S. Drotman Memorial Award was established to recognize the career of a promising young public health professional or student. The award was officially established in March 1979 by Dr. Peter Drotman in memory of his late brother and is presented annually by the American Public Health Association.

The American Public Health Association is the oldest, largest and most diverse organization of public health professionals in the world and has been working to improve public health since 1872. APHA represents a broad array of health professionals and others who care about their own health and the health of their communities.