

**Call for Nominations**  
**2008 Charles N. Hewitt Creative Teaching Award**  
**Deadline: 12:00 noon on Friday, April 10, 2009**

**Purpose**

The Charles N. Hewitt Creative Teaching Award recognizes School of Public Health faculty who have made an outstanding contribution in special areas of public health education. These may include achievements in skilled teaching of large classes; in continuing education and other non-traditional educational settings; in interscholastic education of health professional students; or in innovative applications of learning technology. The award symbolizes the School's commitment to learning through especially creative, innovative, and effective teaching of undergraduate, graduate, and non-traditional students.

The award commemorates the contributions of Charles N. Hewitt, M.D. (1835-1910), the first teacher of public health at the University of Minnesota, and the first secretary of the Minnesota Board of Health, forerunner to the Minnesota Department of Health.

**The Award**

Recipients' achievements will be commemorated with a plaque, a permanent display in the School's administrative offices, and a cash award of \$1,500. No more than one award will be given in any single year.

**Eligibility**

School faculty on 12-month or 9-month appointments, or adjunct faculty who have participated in an SPH teaching program annually during the past three years, are eligible. Previous recipients of the award are eligible to be nominated in subsequent years for additional achievements.

**Evaluation Criteria**

Successful nominees will demonstrate:

- ◆ Special teaching excellence and creativity in large class settings, including the application of effective learning strategies and the ability to stimulate students' intellectual growth and development; or
- ◆ A record of innovation, creativity and excellence in teaching non-traditional students in continuing education or other non-traditional settings; or
- ◆ Outstanding contributions to interscholastic education of health professional students across health disciplines with a particular focus on innovation and excellence in teaching the public health core sciences; or
- ◆ Outstanding contributions to public health learning through innovative and creative applications of learning technology.

## Application Documentation

Applications for the award shall consist of:

**To facilitate evaluation, please have one person act as primary nominator, compiling all of the letters of support and other material prior to submission to the Committee.**

- ◆ A letter of nomination to the SPH Recognition, Awards and Honors Committee of no more than three pages in length by a student, staff, or faculty member of the SPH. The letter should advocate the case for the award and address how the faculty member's teaching meets one or more of the evaluation criteria;
- ◆ No more than four letters in support of the application, of which at least two must be provided by students who have taken a course from the nominee;
- ◆ The nominee's vita and teaching record including recent syllabi, summary of teaching evaluations for the last 5 years, or multimedia material illustrating the teaching achievement for which the candidate is nominated.
- ◆ Nominator should indicate below (initials) whether or not nominators grant permission to have excerpts of their letter read at the awards ceremony and are willing to have their letter forwarded to the candidate following the award ceremony.

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*Permission Granted, by all Nominators, to share nomination letters at award ceremony and with candidate*

Students acting as primary nominators are encouraged to discuss the nomination process with the program Major Chair, Director of Graduate Studies, another faculty person, or Major Coordinators for assistance in documenting creative achievement in teaching. Nominators are encouraged to submit their documentation prior to the deadline to allow the Committee to review it for completeness.

## Application Evaluation Process

Completed applications are due to the SPH Recognition, Awards and Honors Committee no later than **12:00 noon on Friday, April 10, 2009**. The Committee will evaluate nominations and may recommend an award.

## Forwarding Nominations

Please forward **a complete nomination packet and 8 copies** by **12:00 noon on Friday, April 10, 2009 to:**

Recognition, Awards and Honors Committee, c/o Stefannie Anderson  
SPH Dean's Office, MMC 197, A302 Mayo Bldg.

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### Previous Recipients

2001 - James Rothenberger	2004 - Kathryn Schmitz
2002 - Kristin Anderson	2005 - William Hueston
2003 - William Riley	2007 - Charles Oberg