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Mary Lober Aquilino, MSN, PhD, FNP

Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Community and Behavioral Health
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Dr. Aquilino is a clinical associate professor in the Department of Community and Behavioral Health at the University of Iowa, College of Public Health. She is also the Assistant Dean and Director of the MPH program, and Deputy Director of the Iowa Tobacco Research Center. Dr. Aquilino earned a master of science in nursing with a family nurse practitioner certificate from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a PhD in education from the University of Iowa. She completed a postdoctoral research fellowship at the UI College of Nursing in 1997. Dr. Aquilino has taught courses in public health, maternal/child health, and research methods. She conducts research and has published in the areas of tobacco cessation and unintended pregnancy.

J. Jackson Barnette, PhD, MA

Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Biostatistics
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Dr. J. Jackson Barnette is Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Biostatistics at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Public Health. He holds the PhD in Educational Research and Development from The Ohio State University (1972). Before assuming his position at UAB, he served as Associate Dean and Associate Professor at the College of Public Health at the University of Iowa. At Iowa, he led the development of the DVM/MPH between the University of Iowa and Iowa State University. He has served as an American Public Health Association (APHA) Statistics Council Member and Section representative to the APHA Action Board. He chaired the Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH) biostatistics competency workgroup, is co-chair of the ASPH Biostatistics/Epidemiology Section, and he directs the UAB MSPH in clinical research. He has more than 35 years experience in teaching, advising students, and applying research, evaluation, and statistical methods to a wide variety of educational and public health projects. His research has focused on aspects of experimental design including planned and post hoc follow-up methods and application of effect size indices and measures of association. He has also published in the area of psychometric properties of data collection instruments. He has served as an investigator on several projects funded by NSF, CDC, HRSA, SAMHSA, NHBLI, and NIOSH. He has provided statistical methods workshops for the American Evaluation Association and has served as a faculty member for the 2005 and 2006 CDC Summer Evaluation Institutes.

Michael J. Blackwell, DVM, MPH

Dean

University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine

Michael J. Blackwell was appointed Dean of The University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine in August 2000 following an illustrious career in the US Public Health Service (USPHS) in which he attained the rank of Assistant Surgeon General (Rear Admiral).

Dr. Blackwell serves on several national committees. He is a Commissioner on the National Commission on Industrial Farm Animal Production. This Commission was formed to conduct a comprehensive, fact-based and balanced examination of key aspects of the farm animal industry. He is also an Advisor on the USDA Secretary's Advisory Committee on Foreign Animal and Poultry Diseases, Co-Chair of the Joint Symposium on Veterinary Public Health, and a Trustee of the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Officers Foundation.

Dr. Blackwell earned his BS (1973) and DVM (1975) from Tuskegee University, his Master of Public Health (1981) from Loma Linda University, and Certification in Epidemiology from the US Public Health Service.

Dr. Blackwell operated a private practice in Oklahoma prior to joining the FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM) in September 1977. He was appointed Chief Veterinarian of the USPHS and Deputy Director of the CVM in June 1994. He served in advisory roles for all Surgeons General from C. Everett Koop to David Satcher. In February 1999, he was named Chief of Staff, Office of the Surgeon General.

Dr. Blackwell has been recognized many times for his outstanding accomplishments. He received the US Public Health Service's highest and second highest honors: the Distinguished Service Medal in 2000 and the Meritorious Service Medal in 1998. In 1999, the USPHS named him Veterinarian of the Year, and twice during his career he was awarded the Surgeon General's Exemplary Service Medal.

Timothy J. Buckley, PhD

Associate Professor

Chair, Division of Environmental Health Sciences

The Ohio State University College of Public Health

Dr. Timothy J. Buckley joined the faculty as an associate professor at the Ohio State University College of Public Health (OSU-CPH) in 2005 after nine years at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. At OSU-CPH he has taken on leadership responsibility as Division Chair in growing their Environmental Health Sciences program. His eleven years of academic research experience is complemented by five prior years as a government research scientist with the U.S. EPA's National Exposure Research Lab. Throughout his research career he has focused on methods, measurements, and models for assessing human exposure to contaminants in the community and work environments as a basis for assessing the public health threat and developing strategies for prevention. Dr. Buckley's current research includes community-based exposure assessment, the role of exposure to indoor air pollution and allergens in asthma among inner-city children, exposure and effects from mobile source related air pollution, methods for measuring bioaerosols, improving methods to assess dermal exposure, and the development and evaluation of exposure biomarkers. He has published nearly fifty peer-reviewed research articles on these and other topics. Dr. Buckley is a certified industrial hygienist and has been elected to leadership positions among his professional associations including chair of the American Industrial Hygiene Association's Biological Monitoring Committee and Academic Counselor of the International Society of Exposure Analysis. Dr. Buckley received his Ph.D. in Environmental Science from Rutgers University and a Masters of Health Science in Industrial Hygiene from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Frederick A. Connell, MD, MPH

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

University of Washington School of Public Health and Community Medicine

Frederick Connell has been a member of the faculty of the University of Washington since 1978 and is affiliated with the Maternal and Child Health Track, (MPH program) and the Community-Oriented Public Health Practice Program. Dr. Connell is an Associate Dean in the School of Public Health. He is also Acting Chairman of the Department of Pathobiology, Professor of Health Services and Adjunct Professor of Epidemiology and Pediatrics.

A pediatrician and former epidemiologist at the Centers for Disease Control, his research and teaching focuses on the measurement of the health, health needs, and outcomes of health care in children.

Dr. Connell received his MD from New York University in 1972 and his MPH from the University of Washington in 1978.

John R. Finnegan, Jr., PhD

Professor and Dean

University of Minnesota School of Public Health

Dean Finnegan, a Minnesota native, grew up in Richfield and St. Paul. He graduated from the College of St. Thomas (now the University of St. Thomas) in 1972. He began graduate studies in mass communication at the University of Minnesota while pursuing a professional career as a journalist in St. Paul. As a doctoral student in mass communication, he joined the University of Minnesota School of Public Health in 1980, as a research assistant. There, he led a professional media staff in developing communication strategies for the Minnesota Heart Health Program (MHHP), a major national community trial in heart disease prevention led Drs. Henry Blackburn and Russell Luepker.

Finnegan joined the School of Public Health faculty in 1986, where he developed a research and teaching program focusing on public health and the mass media. Today, he is a recognized scholar and researcher in the field, publishing in the scientific literature, serving often on National Institutes of Health (NIH) panels, and a frequent national and local speaker on related topics.

In 1998, he was appointed Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the School of Public Health by then-Dean Edith Leyasmeyer who retired in 1999. Mark Becker, who took over as Dean in 2001, reappointed him the same year. In August 2004 he was appointed Interim Dean, and in November 2005 he was appointed Dean for the School of Public Health.

Finnegan also served recently as principal investigator of the Rapid Early Action for Coronary Treatment (REACT) study, an NIH-funded trial to reduce patient delay time in seeking care for heart attack symptoms; and as principal investigator of the Midwest Center for Lifelong Learning in Public Health, a federally-funded public health workforce training center.

He lives in St. Paul with his wife, Janice, and sons Patrick and Joseph.

William D. Hueston, DVM, PhD

Professor and Director

University of Minnesota Center for Animal Health and Food Safety

Dr. Will Hueston, an internationally recognized expert on bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), is Professor and Director of the University of Minnesota Center for Animal Health and Food Safety. He holds academic appointments in both the College of Veterinary Medicine and the School of Public Health

Dr. Hueston holds a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree and a PhD from Ohio State University and specialty board certification in veterinary preventive medicine and epidemiology. His career has included private veterinary practice, serving as a resident veterinarian for a large agricultural cooperative (Select Sires, Inc), faculty appointments at Ohio State University, Colorado State University, and Virginia Tech, and senior positions in the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Prior to joining the University of Minnesota, Dr. Hueston was Professor and Associate Dean for the Maryland campus of the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Hueston has been recognized for his leadership in animal and public health, his contributions to veterinary professional organizations at the state and national level, his collaborations with State government agencies and his innovations in education.

Dr. Hueston's professional accomplishments include:

- Led implementation of the National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS) for the US Department of Agriculture 1987-1994
- Directed the first national BSE risk assessment, characterizing risk for the US in 1989/90
- Contributed to the epidemiologic investigations of BSE in the UK in 1991
- Advised UK, US, and Canadian Governments plus agricultural organizations and food industry on control of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies including bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE)
- Created joint DVM-MPH Veterinary Public Health program at the University of Minnesota, now the largest such program in the world
- Established Public Health Institute at the University of Minnesota as a nationally-recognized educational initiative for veterinarians and other public health practitioners
- Inaugural Director of the Center for Animal Health and Food Safety at the University of Minnesota
- Educates and advises state and federal government agencies, agricultural organizations, food companies and academia on risk communication

Mark W. Oberle, MD, MPH

Associate Dean, Public Health Practice

University of Washington

Mark W. Oberle is the Associate Dean for Public Health Practice and a Professor in the Departments of Epidemiology and Health Services in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine and an Adjunct Professor of Medical Education and Biomedical Informatics, University of Washington.

Dr. Oberle established the School of Public Health's Northwest Center for Public Health Practice (nwcphp.org) to promote public health training and practice collaborations with public health agencies, tribes and community groups in the six northwestern states and more recently the UW Center for Public Health Informatics (cphi.washington.edu) to promote the integration of computer science and information science in public health practice.

Prior to returning to UW in 1999, Dr. Oberle worked for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention both in the USA and 14 other countries as a medical epidemiologist focusing on infectious diseases, public health informatics, reproductive health, and contraceptive safety and efficacy. He also directed state infectious disease control programs in two states, and has published extensively on medicine, public health, and zoology.

Christopher W. Olsen, DVM, PhD

Professor of Public Health in the Department of Pathobiological Sciences
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the School of Veterinary Medicine
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Dr. Christopher Olsen is Professor of Public Health in the Department of Pathobiological Sciences and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Wisconsin-Madison. He received his DVM degree from Cornell University in 1982 and then, after 6 years in clinical practice, he returned to Cornell and received his PhD in virology in 1992. He completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1995 and has been on the faculty since that time. Dr. Olsen's research interests are devoted to influenza viruses, in particular public health aspects of influenza in pigs and the genetic factors that control transmission of influenza viruses between people and animals. In addition, he has very strong teaching interests in zoonotic infectious diseases and in building bridges between the veterinary medical and human medical professions. He is also Coordinator of International Activities for the School of Veterinary Medicine, a member of the UW-Madison Center for Global Health Steering Committee and the UW-Madison Master of Public Health Steering Committee, and he teaches courses in veterinary virology and veterinary public health and zoonotic diseases. He is the recipient of several faculty honors, including the Norden Distinguished Teacher Award, election to the University of Wisconsin-Madison Teaching Academy, and the Walter F. Renk Distinguished Professor Award.

William J. A. Saville, DVM, Dipl ACVIM, PhD

Associate Professor, Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine
The Ohio State University's College of Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Saville graduated with distinction from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan in 1977. After graduation, he was in private veterinary practice until 1993. At that time, he came to Ohio State as an internal medicine resident. After completion of the residency and a PhD in Epidemiology, he was offered a job in the Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine in the College of Veterinary Medicine at OSU. He is currently an Associate Professor in the department. Dr. Saville's main research focus is the study of EPM. He leads a team of researchers which includes clinicians, a neuropathologist, parasitologists and an epidemiologist to study this important equine disease. In addition, he is also Chair of the Education and Communication subcommittee for the Ohio West Nile Virus Work Group. He is also on the AAVMC Public Health Task Force. Currently Dr. Saville is the Interim Department chair for the Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine at The Ohio State University's College of Veterinary Medicine.
