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2025 GRADUATION CELEBRATION

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Milken Institute School
of Public Health

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MAY 15, 2025 | 5:00 P.M. | CHARLES E. SMITH CENTER

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Barbara Walczyk-Joers

*President & CEO
Gillette Children's*

Barbara Walczyk-Joers has served as President & CEO at Gillette Children's since late 2013. A leader in pediatric specialty care, Gillette provides subspecialized care to children who have complex, rare, or traumatic conditions affecting musculoskeletal or neurologic performance.

With more than twenty-five years of healthcare experience, Ms. Joers has a focus on strategic performance and organizational change management as well as health policy and advocacy. She has served in leadership roles in a variety of pediatric and adult healthcare settings, including academic healthcare centers, community health systems and independent children's hospitals.

A recognized thought leader in healthcare, Ms. Joers has been recognized as a transformative healthcare leader, one who appreciates and enjoys the complexities of navigating an ever-changing health care environment, while working to assure individuals' health and wellbeing are the focus.

Ms. Joers is a member of the Board of Directors of the Medical Alley Association. She is also an active participant in other organizations including Health Evolution, the International Hospital Federation, and the Minnesota Rare Disease Advisory Council.

Ms. Joers studied acute care hospital administration at Marymount University. She holds a Master's in Health Services Management and Policy from George Washington University and completed The Wharton School Corporate Governance certificate.

LETTER FROM THE DEAN



Lynn R. Goldman
Michael and Lori Milken
Dean of Public Health

Congratulations, Class of 2025!

Today, we celebrate your extraordinary achievement—earning a public health degree at a time when the world urgently needs your talent, your drive, and your voice. Your resilience, innovation, and unwavering commitment to the health and well-being of others have brought you to this moment, and we are incredibly proud.

At the Milken Institute School of Public Health, your education has been more than theoretical—it has unfolded in real time, in the heart of the nation's capital. You've studied alongside leaders shaping health policy, conducting research that informs federal decisions, and engaging with communities at home and abroad. You've learned what it means to not just witness change—but to lead change.

As you graduate, you enter a world facing extraordinary public health challenges. The climate crisis, persistent health inequities, rising mental health and substance use disorders, threats to reproductive rights, and the spread of both chronic and infectious diseases demand bold, skilled and informed leadership. The policy decisions that shape the future of our field need to be informed by considerations like science, equity, and a commitment to continuous improvement as well as empathy and respect for all people, including the health workforce.

But this moment is exactly why public health matters. And why we need you.

We need your voice in the rooms where decisions are made. We need your scientific rigor, your community-centered focus, your ability to bring people together to solve problems, and your fierce belief in justice. Whether your path takes you into research, advocacy, clinical work, global health, communications, or policy—your leadership will be essential to building more resilient, effective, and sustainable health systems.

You leave GW not only with knowledge and skills, but with something deeper: a purpose-driven calling. We hope you carry with you the values that define our community—respect for science, a commitment to social justice, and a belief that every person, no matter where they live or who they are, deserves the opportunity to live a healthy life.

On behalf of our entire faculty and staff, thank you for choosing this path. You are part of a proud, global alumni network of Revolutionaries—leading efforts across the globe. As alumni, your journey with GW is just beginning. Stay connected, stay curious, and stay engaged.

We can't wait to see where your journey takes you next—and how you will shape the future of public health. Raise High, Class of 2025! And go Revs!

With pride and best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn R. Goldman".

Lynn R. Goldman
Michael and Lori Milken Dean of Public Health

ORDER OF CEREMONY

PROCESSIONAL Faculty of the Milken Institute School of Public Health
Graduating Students of the Milken Institute School of Public Health

NATIONAL ANTHEM Alisa Stoddard
Master of Public Health, 2025

WELCOME Lynn R. Goldman, MD, MS, MPH
*Michael and Lori Milken Dean of Public Health and
Professor of Environmental and Occupational Health*

PRESENTATION OF EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS Akua Ofori
Master of Public Health, 2025

Undergraduate Tamara Henry, EdD

Graduate Maureen Byrnes, MPA

PRESENTATION OF STUDENT AWARDS Lynn R. Goldman, MD, MS, MPH

Milken Institute School of Public Health Dean’s Award Allegra Joanna Mbwetshangol
Master of Health Administration, 2025

Milken Institute School of Public Health Distinguished Scholar Aishwarya Grandhe
Bachelor of Science in Public Health, 2025

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER..... Lynn R. Goldman, MD, MS, MPH

STUDENT SPEAKER Lauren McCutcheon
Bachelor of Science in Public Health, 2025

ORDER OF CEREMONY

INTRODUCTION OF GRADUATION ADDRESSLynn R. Goldman, MD, MS, MPH

GRADUATION ADDRESS.....Barbara Walczyk-Joers, MHSA
President & CEO, Gillette Children's

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES.....Jane Hyatt Thorpe, JD
Senior Associate Dean, Academic, Student & Faculty Affairs

Bachelor of ScienceElizabeth Gray, JD
Program Director for Bachelor of Science in Public Health

Master of Health Administration
Master of Public Health
Master of ScienceJ. Zoe Beckerman, JD, MPH
Vice Chair, Department of Health Policy and Management

Doctor of Public HealthGene Migliaccio, DrPH
Associate Dean for Applied Public Health

Doctor of Philosophy Heather Young, PhD, MPH
Acting Associate Dean for PhD and MS Programs

**PRESENTATION OF THE MILKEN INSTITUTE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH
PROFESSIONAL OATH**.....Oath Committee Members listed on page 19

CLOSING REMARKSLynn R. Goldman, MD, MS, MPH

Tomorrow from 12:30 to 2:30, you are invited to celebrate the graduates at an Open House at the Milken Institute School of Public Health, 950 New Hampshire Ave, NW.

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES IN COURSE

The following lists include graduates from summer 2024, fall 2024, spring 2025, and summer 2025.

Degrees are conferred only upon those students who have completed all degree requirements by August 31, 2025.

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| Ivette Daley | Brenden Lavellee | Noah Radack | Kylen Zolotow |

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| Anna Adler | Anisa Amiji | Oladunni Ashiru | Kristin Barnes |
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| Jzane Burks | Bailey Cook | Brianne Dunigan-Tenety | Kristen Glick |
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| Aimee Caissy | Kristen Cooley | Maren Durant | Callie Goering |
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| India Hinton | Vaishnavi Karimpuzha | Grace Lee | Amanda Mchale |
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| Nora Stoner | Melina Triantos | Yi Hsuan Wang | Emma Wisniewski |
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| Sydney Struck | Cheng Tung | Brett Wargo | Michael Worthington |
| Shraddha Suresh | Grace Tuohey | Blair Warren | Alexis Wright |
| Malcolm Sutherland-Foggio | Leah Turton | Samia Warsame | Angela Wynder |
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DOCTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Elif Alyanak

Program: Health Policy

Dissertation Advisor: Janet Heinrich, DrPH, RN, Research Professor, Department of Health Policy Management

Dissertation: Exploring Expert and Stakeholders Beliefs on the Role, Evolution, and Future of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices

Graduation Term: Spring 2025

Sarah Michelle Axelson

Program: Health Behavior

Dissertation Advisor: Amita N. Vyas, PhD, MHS, Professor, Department of Prevention and Community Health

Dissertation: Exceptionalism or Inclusion: Abortion Conceptualization and Education Within CEPH-Accredited Schools of Public Health

Graduation Term: Spring 2025

Ashley Elizabeth Cecere

Program: Public Health

Dissertation Advisor: Janet Heinrich, DrPH, RN, Research Professor, Department of Health Policy Management

Dissertation: Barriers and Facilitators to Incorporating Community-Led, Health Equity Approaches in Public Health Emergency (PHE) Planning and Response and what the Federal Government can do to Address Them

Graduation Term: Fall 2024

Mary Elizabeth Chesney

Program: Public Health

Dissertation Advisor: George Gray, MS, PhD, Professor, Department of Environmental and Occupational Health

Dissertation: COVID-19 Related Harassment and Intimidation of Public Health Workers: A Qualitative Study

Graduation Term: Spring 2025

Elizabeth Arend Dutta

Program: Health Policy

Dissertation Advisor: Patricia Pittman, Professor, Department of Health Policy and Management, Director, Fitzhugh Mullan Institute for Health Workforce Equity

Dissertation: State Policy Facilitators and Barriers to Maximizing the Potential of the Certified Peer Workforce for Behavioral Health: A Mixed Methods Study

Graduation Term: Summer 2024

Michael Forde

Program: Health Behavior

Dissertation Advisor: Sean D. Cleary, PhD, MPH, Associate Professor, Department of Epidemiology

Dissertation: An Examination of Intrapersonal Factors Related to Behavioral Risk Outcomes Among Latino Youth in the Adelante Study: Mediation, Moderation, and Path Analyses

Graduation Term: Summer 2024

Alexandra Greig

Program: Health Policy

Dissertation Advisor: Anne R. Markus, PhD, JD, MHS, Professor, Department of Health Policy and Management

Dissertation: The Covid-19 Pandemic and the Role of Primary Care in Nelson-Tasman, New Zealand

Graduation Term: Spring 2025

Daryl A. Holder

Program: Public Health

Dissertation Advisor: Eugene Migliaccio, DrPH, MPH, Professor, Department of Global Health

Dissertation: User Perceptions and Use of A Clinical Workflow Analysis to Enhance Electronic Health Record Modernization Planning: A Facility-Led Quality Improvement Assessment

Graduation Term: Spring 2025

Christina Pablo Juan

Program: Global Health

Dissertation Advisor: Brandon Kohrt, PhD, MD, Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health, Global Health, and Anthropology, Director of the GW Center for Global Mental Health Equity

Dissertation: Social Connectedness through a Gender Equity Lens: Experiences of Global Mental Health Researchers and Postpartum Women in Nepal

Graduation Term: Summer 2024

Gregory Maxson

Program: Health Behavior

Dissertation Advisor: Melissa Napolitano, PhD, Professor and Interim Chair, Department of Prevention and Community Health

Dissertation: An Ecological Approach to Understanding Older Adults' Experiences with Active Transport

Graduation Term: Spring 2025

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Bryce Ho'okela Paha'a Mendez

Program: Public Health

Dissertation Advisor: Eugene Migliaccio, DrPH, MPH, Professor,
Department of Global Health

Dissertation: Congressional Oversight of the Military Health
System: Lessons Learned from the Walter Reed Army Medical
Center Scandal

Graduation Term: Fall 2024

Renee Rider

Program: Public Health

Dissertation Advisor: Leah Masselink, PhD, Associate Professor,
Department of Health Policy and Management

Dissertation: The Roles of and Demand for Genetic Assistants

Graduation Term: Spring 2025

Courtney Riggle-van Schagen

Program: Health Behavior

Dissertation Advisor: Carlos Rodriguez-Diaz, PhD, MPHE,
MCHES, Associate Professor, Department of Prevention and
Community Health

Dissertation: Migrant Deaths at the US-Mexico Border: An
Analysis of Narratives and Opportunities to Advance Graduate
Public Health Curricula

Graduation Term: Spring 2025

Sylvia Shirima

Program: Public Health

Dissertation Advisor: Ramin Asgary MD, MPH, MS, Professor,
Department of Global Health

Dissertation: From Policy to Practice: Exploring Public Health
Guidelines Adaptation Strategies in Sub-Saharan Africa and
Factors that May Influence the Implementation of Cancer
Survivorship Guidelines in Nigeria

Graduation Term: Spring 2025

Maria Jose Talayero Schettino

Program: Environmental-Occupational Health

Dissertation Advisor: Carlos Santos-Burgoa, PhD, MD, MPH,
Professor, Department of Global Health

Dissertation: The Association Between Structural Birth Defects
and Environmental Exposures in Mexico Through an
Environmental Justice Lens

Graduation Term: Summer 2024

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Sydney Bornstein

Program: Epidemiology

Dissertation Advisor: Manya Magnus, PhD, MPH, Associate
Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics

Dissertation: An Examination of Older Adults Seeking
Rehabilitation/Residential Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder
in the United States

Graduation Term: Spring 2025

Shikha Chandarana

Program: Social and Behavioral Sciences

Dissertation Advisor: Karen McDonnell, PhD, Associate Professor,
Department of Prevention and Community Health

Dissertation: Exploring the Influence of Acculturative Stress,
Social Support, and Family Norms on Intimate Partner Violence
(IPV) Victimization and Perpetration

Graduation Term: Fall 2024

DOCTORAL CANDIDATES

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (*continued*)

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Program: Social and Behavioral Sciences

Dissertation Advisor: W. Douglas Evans, PhD, Professor,
Department of Prevention and Community Health

Dissertation: An Investigation of Alternative Nicotine Delivery
Systems in User-Generated Content on Social Media: A Case
Study of IQOS on Instagram

Graduation Term: Fall 2024

Jasmine H. Kaidbey

Program: Exercise Physiology and Applied Nutrition

Dissertation Advisor: Allison Sylvetsky, PhD, Associate Professor
and Vice Chair, Department of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences

Dissertation: Tapping into Correlates of Drinking Tap Water in
the United States

Graduation Term: Summer 2024

Greta Martin

Program: Environmental Health

Dissertation Advisor: Susan Anenberg, MS, PhD, Professor and
Chair, Department of Environmental and Occupational Health

Dissertation: Quantifying Urban Nature and the Associated
Health Benefits Across Global Cities Using High-resolution
Satellite Imagery

Graduation Term: Spring 2025

Megumi Ichimiya

Program: Social and Behavioral Sciences

Dissertation Advisor: W. Douglas Evans, PhD, Professor,
Department of Prevention and Community Health

Dissertation: Determinants of E-cigarette Use Intentions and
Behaviors among US Young Adults: Risk Perception, Social
Media Use, and Social Media Ad Exposure

Graduation Term: Fall 2024

Lauren O'Connor

Program: Epidemiology

Dissertation Advisor: Anne Monroe, MD, MSPH, Associate
Professor, Department of Epidemiology

Dissertation: Characterizing Risk Factors for Severe Mpox and
Evaluating the Impacts of Mpox Vaccination among People
with HIV and People with an Increased Likelihood of HIV
Acquisition in Washington, DC

Graduation Term: Spring 2025

Isabel Platt

Program: Health Policy

Dissertation Advisor: Leighton Ku, MPH, PhD, Professor, Director,
Center for Health Policy Research

Dissertation: An Examination of the Effects of a Medicaid
Postpartum Depression Screening Requirement and Related
Federal and State Policies on Perinatal Mental Health
Diagnosis and Treatment among Medicaid-Insured Women in
Michigan

Graduation Term: Spring 2025

Sydney Pryor

Program: Health Policy

Dissertation Advisor: William Dietz, MD, PhD, Professor,
Department of Exercise and Nutritional Sciences, Director of
Research and Policy for the Global Food Institute, Director of
STOP Obesity Alliance

Dissertation: Understanding Dynamic Drivers of Beef
Consumption in the U.S.: A Systems Approach for Sustainable
Food Policy

Graduation Term: Summer 2024

DOCTORAL CANDIDATES

Rebecca Robbins

Program: Environmental Health

Dissertation Advisor: George Gray, MS, PhD, Professor,
Department of Environmental and Occupational Health

Dissertation: Exposure to Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals and
Adverse Reproductive Health Endpoints

Graduation Term: Spring 2025

Simone Blaire Sawyer

Program: Social and Behavioral Sciences

Dissertation Advisor: Olga Acosta Price, PhD, MA, Associate
Professor and Vice Chair, Department of Prevention and
Community Health

Dissertation: Black Youth, Power, and Change: Describing and
Evaluating Pathways for Marginalized Youth-Driven Public
Health Practice, Policy and Systems Change in Washington,
D.C.

Graduation Term: Spring 2025

Kimberly Soffen

Program: Health Policy

Dissertation Advisor: Patricia Pittman, Professor, Department
of Health Policy and Management, Director, Fitzhugh Mullan
Institute for Health Workforce Equity

Dissertation: Essays on the Relationship Between Labor
Protections and Turnover Among Hospital-Based Registered
Nurses

Graduation Term: Fall 2024

Wen-Chien Yang

Program: Global Public Health Sciences

Dissertation Advisor: Emily R. Smith, ScD, MPH, Associate
Professor, Department of Global Health, Exercise and Nutrition
Sciences

Dissertation: Enhancing Maternal and Newborn Health in Low-
and Middle-Income Countries: Assessment of Antenatal Care
Quality and Utilization of Antenatal Corticosteroids

Graduation Term: Fall 2024

Yue (Daniel) Zhu

Program: Epidemiology

Dissertation Co-Advisor: Heather Young, PhD, MPH, Professor
and Vice Chair, Department of Epidemiology, Environmental
and Occupational Health

Dissertation Co-Advisor: Julie Zito, PhD, Professor of Pharmacy
and Psychiatry, University of Maryland

Dissertation: Trends and Patterns of Psychotropic Medication Use
among Medicaid-insured Youth

Graduation Term: Spring 2025

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OF THE MILKEN INSTITUTE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

We, the 2025 graduating class of The George Washington University Milken Institute School of Public Health, vow to:

Provide holistic, community-centered care that honors the whole person, integrates social determinants of health, and champions health as a fundamental human right.

Advocate for health equity and social justice by refusing to be bystanders in the face of disparities, injustice, or preventable suffering.

Promote interdisciplinary collaboration and cross-cultural partnerships to share knowledge, resources, and innovations that strengthen public health systems locally and globally.

Pioneer innovative, science-driven interventions that are culturally grounded, sustainable, and responsive to the evolving needs of our communities.

Lead with ethical conviction, cultural humility, and accountability, ensuring that community voices remain central to our work.

Drive systemic change with courage, integrity, and compassion, inspiring others to join in breaking barriers and reimagining a healthier, more just world.

Pursue lifelong learning, education, and advocacy as tools to tackle global health challenges and protect population well-being across generations.

With our loved ones, peers, faculty, and mentors as witnesses, we pledge to uphold these values with empathy, reflexivity, and self-compassion—today and always—as we carry forward our commitment to public health.

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