

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS

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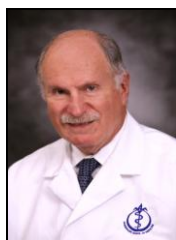


We are pleased to announce that **Beverly Taylor, M.D.**, has agreed to serve as the interim chair of the Department of Community Health and Preventive Medicine effective July 1, 2009. Taylor joined the faculty of Morehouse School of Medicine in the Department of Family and Community Health in 1984.

During her tenure at MSM, she has served in and fulfilled many administrative roles. She became the first director of the Preventive Medicine Residency Program in 1985 and continues in that role today. Under her leadership, the preventive medicine residency program has maintained full accreditation through the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education.

She has served as the interim chair of the Department of Community Health and Preventive Medicine on two other occasions 1991-1992 and 1995. She became vice chair of the Department of Community Health and Preventive Medicine in 1996 during which time she supervised the successful completion of the first accreditation of the Master of Public Health Program through the Council on Education in Public Health. Her research has been in the areas of breast health education, community engagement and in graduate medical education and training.

Taylor is a member of the American College of Preventive Medicine, the Association for Teaching, Prevention and Research, the American Academy of Family Physicians, and the Georgia Academy of Family Physicians. She currently serves on the Residency Advisory Committee of the Preventive Medicine Residency Program for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and just completed serving as the Chair of the Physician's Training Award in Preventive Medicine Review Board, of the American Cancer Society.



Daniel Blumenthal, M.D., M.P.H., has been the chair of the Department of Community Health and Preventive Medicine for the past 25 years. During his tenure, he has made innumerable contributions to MSM and the Department of Community Health and Preventive Medicine. Under his leadership, the Department has grown from a full time faculty of five to its current 40. He has served as PI or equivalent on approximately \$67 million in grant awards. There have been numerous peer review publications, greater than 8 million dollars in funding, and the MPH program has received international acclaim.

In addition, Blumenthal noted after reading a draft of this announcement, "I have the distinction of having taught every medical student who graduated from Morehouse School of Medicine."

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He served as a VISTA Volunteer physician in Lee County Arkansas, as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer with the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, and as a Medical Epidemiologist with the World Health Organization Smallpox Eradication Program in India and Somalia. While at the CDC, he served in the Nutrition Program and the Parasitic Diseases Branch. Dr. Blumenthal received the Morehouse School of Medicine Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award in 2005. In April 2009 he received the Distinguished Achievement Alumni Award from the Emory Rollins School of Public Health and in May 2009 he received the Morehouse School of Medicine Research Award at Class Day.

We are pleased that Dr. Blumenthal will be continuing in his roles as Professor of CHPM and Associate Dean for Community Health at MSM.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Beverly Taylor and in extending our heartfelt gratitude for Dr. Daniel Blumenthal for his incomparable service to Morehouse School of Medicine. The Department will soon be sharing news regarding its plans to celebrate Dr. Blumenthal's years as Chair.

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