

Gregory Stanley Allgood
B.S. 1981; M.S.P.H. 1983; Ph.D. 1986

Gregory Allgood, a public-health specialist at Cincinnati-based Proctor & Gamble, led a team that developed an inexpensive powder that, with a little stirring and time, causes impurities in water to coagulate and settle to the bottom. It precipitates not just impurities like particles of dirt or bacteria, but parasites like cryptosporidium and giardia, which can cause severe — sometimes fatal — intestinal illnesses. The product's brand name is PUR Water Purifier. It was named by Popular Mechanics magazine as one of the Top 10 World-Changing Innovations of 2008.

Allgood did more than help develop a miraculous life-saver: he convinced Proctor & Gamble not to stop production when the powder didn't generate much profit. Instead, Allgood persuaded the company to create the Children's Safe Drinking Water program, a non-profit unit of P&G. This program has since helped relief organizations around the globe provide people with more than one billion liters of clean, safe drinking water.

Allgood is a founding member of the Network to Promote Household Water Treatment and Safe Storage, jointly sponsored by the World Health Organization (WHO) and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). This network has led UNICEF and WHO to state that household water treatment is one of the seven key strategies to prevent the death of children in the developing world.

Allgood's work has earned him many awards including the World Technology Award for the Environment (2009), the Breakthrough Innovation Award from Popular Mechanics (2008), the Strategic Vision Award from the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and the Gold Medallion from Johns Hopkins University's Center for Communication Programs. Carolina's Department of Environmental Sciences and Engineering named him its Distinguished Alumnus of the Year in 2006.

Allgood travels around the world handing out packets of PUR and teaching people how to use them to make sure their water is safe to drink. He's been blogging about his experiences since 2005, and his posts make for fascinating reading.

For outstanding contributions to global public health, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is pleased to confer on Gregory Stanley Allgood this Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Mary Marshall Clark

B.A. 1975

Mary Marshall Clark is director of the Columbia Center for Oral History, previously known as the Oral History Research Office at Columbia University. She graduated from Carolina in 1975 with a B.A. in religious studies and psychology and went on to earn two master's degrees from Union Theological Seminary. Over the past decade, she has interviewed dozens of people whose life work changed the world, such as Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu and the late Congresswoman Bella Abzug.

Clark was instrumental in the founding of the International Oral History Association. She was the co-principal investigator, with Peter Bearman, of the September 11, 2001 Oral History Narrative and Memory Project, and directed related projects on the aftermath of September 11th in New York City. She has directed projects on the Carnegie Corporation, the Atlantic Philanthropies, the Council on Foreign Relations, the Japanese Internment on the East Coast, the Apollo Theater and Women in the Visual Arts. She has interviewed lead figures in the media, human rights, women's movements and the arts.

Clark writes on issues of memory, the mass media, trauma, and ethics in oral history. Her current work focuses on the global impact of torture and detention policies at Guantánamo Bay. She is an editor of *After the Fall: New Yorkers Remember September 11, 2001 and the Years that Followed*, published by The New Press in September, 2011. She is a distinguished lecturer for the Organization of American Historians.

Before beginning her work at Columbia, Clark was involved with the New York Times History Project, an effort to compile oral histories of Times employees. She has been president of the United States Oral History Association (2001–2002) and has served on the Executive Council of the International Oral History Association. Clark has lectured and delivered seminars at Columbia University's Teachers College, Barnard College, Sarah Lawrence College, the City University of New York and many other institutions. In addition, she has lectured in Brazil and the Netherlands on topics related to oral history and memory.

For outstanding contributions to the field of oral history, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is pleased to confer on Mary Marshall Clark this Distinguished Alumna Award

Deborah Parham Hopson
M.S.P.H. 1979; Ph.D. 1990

As associate administrator for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA's) HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB), Parham Hopson is responsible for managing the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 (Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program). The \$2 billion program funds medical care, treatment, referrals and support services for uninsured and underserved people living with HIV disease as well as training for health care professionals. Grantees funded by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program provide services to more than 530,000 people every year. In addition, as part of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, Parham Hopson directs a multi-million dollar global HIV/AIDS program with training, care and treatment activities in Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean.

Parham Hopson served as acting associate administrator of the HIV/AIDS Bureau between January 2002 and her permanent appointment and as the bureau's deputy associate administrator for two years prior to that.

Parham Hopson holds the rank of assistant surgeon general and rear admiral in the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service (USPHS), entering the Corps in 1984 with HRSA's Bureau of Community Health Services. She completed a variety of assignments in the HIV/AIDS Bureau, served as deputy chief of staff in the Office of the Surgeon General, and worked as a public health and budget analyst and chief nurse for the National Health Service Corps and other Bureau of Primary Health Care programs.

Prior to her USPHS career, Parham Hopson was a White House Intern, a Presidential Management Intern, and a research associate at the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine. Her clinical practice was in neonatal intensive care nursing.

She is the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) Meritorious Service Medal and Chief Nurse Officer Award, the Black Commissioned Officers' Hildrus A. Poindexter Award, the DHHS Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service, and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences Exceptional Service Medal.

Parham Hopson received her undergraduate degree in nursing and health from the University of Cincinnati and her master of science in public health and doctor of philosophy degrees in health policy and administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Public Health.

For outstanding accomplishment in the field of public health, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is pleased to confer upon Deborah Parham Hopson this Distinguished Alumna Award.

Jonathan T. M. Reckford
B.A. 1984

Jonathan Reckford is chief executive officer of Habitat for Humanity International. After graduating from Carolina and the Stanford University Graduate School of Business, he spent a number of years in the for-profit sector, holding executive and managerial positions at Goldman Sachs, Marriott, the Walt Disney Co. and Best Buy. In 1986 Reckford was awarded the Henry Luce Scholarship, which provided the opportunity to live and work for a year in Asia. He worked in marketing for the Olympic Organizing Committee, preparing for the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, South Korea, and coached the South Korean national rowing team. At the conclusion of his Olympic duties, and following an eye-opening, three-month journey through Southeast Asia, Reckford returned to the United States and began work on his M.B.A. degree. While he was acquiring the skills needed to succeed in the business world, a professor's words struck home with him: "The same skills that will make you a success in the for-profit world also are desperately needed in the not-for-profit world."

Always active in his local faith community, Reckford found an avocation helping pastors deal with the management side of church life. Eventually, in 2003, that volunteer service turned into full-time ministry when he became executive pastor of 4,300-member Christ Presbyterian Church in Edina, Minn. As much as he enjoyed that ministry, a surprise call informing him of Habitat's search for a CEO attracted him. A longtime admirer of Habitat's work, Reckford believed the organization was a good fit with his personal faith and values, and he felt that his business career had honed the skills needed to lead a nonprofit with excellence.

In 2007 Reckford published "Creating a Habitat for Humanity: No Hands But Yours." Reckford is a frequent visitor to Carolina. In 2009 he gave the Frank Porter Graham Lecture in Excellence at the tapping banquet of the Order of the Golden Fleece and was himself tapped into the Order. His honors include the Social Entrepreneur Award and Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Stevenson University (2012), an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Wake Forest University (2012), and the St. Paul's School Alumni Medal (2007).

For outstanding contributions to humanity through charitable endeavors, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is pleased to confer on Jonathan T. M. Reckford this Distinguished Alumnus Award.