

Rorie Recognized for 'Outstanding Achievements' in Public Health

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Associate Professor of Maternal and Child Health Jo-Anna Rorie was recently recognized by her alma mater for her exceptional career in public health.

Simmons College School of Health Sciences, where Rorie earned her Bachelor of Arts in Nursing, presented her with a 2009 Distinguished Alumna Award. The college's Dean

Gerald P. Koocher noted Rorie's multi-faceted public health career as a nurse, midwife, public health advocate, scholar and mentor as well as her impressive record of research and significant contributions to practice as outstanding achievements.

Rorie's career has included work in the United States Army Nurse Corps and the United States Public Health Service. She has expertise in the care and treatment of pregnant, incarcerated women and women with substance-abuse issues. She has also been widely recognized for her leadership in addressing Boston's infant mortality problem and shaping the delivery of health services to women at the Dimock Community Health Center, Beth Israel Hospital and the Neil J. Houston House. She is a graduate of the Yale School of Nursing, Harvard School of Public Health, and Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University.

The award was presented to Rorie at the college's Honors Colloquium, April 9, where she presented a talk on racial and ethnic health disparities.