



THE 2014 WALTER F. SNYDER AWARD

for Achievement in Advancing Environmental Health

Presented by NSF International and the National Environmental Health Association to

PRISCILLA OLIVER, PH.D.

Dr. Priscilla Oliver is a Senior Life Scientist with the Office of the Regional Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Atlanta. She also serves as the U.S. EPA Region 4 Regional Program Manager for Partnerships for Sustainability Healthcare, working with state agencies and hospitals throughout the southern U.S. to reduce overall hospital waste and prevent pollution. This program was first formed as a voluntary partnership with the American Hospital Association and other agencies.

Dr. Oliver lectures in environmental health at Morehouse College and Spelman College. She helped start the Morehouse School of Medicine Master of Public Health (MPH) Program and serves on the MPH Curriculum Advisory Board. She has previously taught at Kennesaw State University, Troy University and Clark Atlanta University, and started the Atlanta University Center Faculty Environmental Health Forum.

Dr. Oliver is dedicated to mentoring students in environmental and public health. She founded the Physician and Undergraduate Student Educational Partnerships Foundation, and has advised and supervised students with clinical shadowing, service projects and internships at the Atlanta Veterans Administration Medical Center, U.S. EPA, Georgia State University, medical facilities, health agencies and various non-profit organizations.

As a member of the Eastern Kentucky University National Environmental Health Diversity Recruitment Task Force, Dr. Oliver helped develop a mentoring and recruitment strategy to enhance student and faculty diversity. This group has become known as the National Council on Diversity in Environmental Health. As

a site reviewer for the National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council, she helps colleges obtain accreditation of their environmental health academic programs. In addition, Dr. Oliver serves as a mentor for aspiring students and junior faculty.

Dr. Oliver has helped implement community public health programs including Atlanta health fairs providing free HIV testing and an American Liver Foundation liver diseases support group for inner-city patients at Grady Memorial Hospital. She created a program for Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center employees to participate in the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency/U.S. EPA National Take-Back Initiative which removes unwanted prescription drugs from the environmental waste stream.

She was responsible for the Community Action for a Renewed Environment program, which helps communities reduce exposures to toxic pollutants, and has worked with the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council providing advice and involving stakeholders in actions. She was also instrumental in developing the Sustainability Initiative for Colleges of the South and Historically Black College and Universities.

Dr. Oliver is a long-time NEHA member, including serving as Co-Chair, Chair and Technical Advisor of the Hazardous Materials and Toxic Substances Section. She received the NEHA Presidential Citation and letters of appreciation for her longtime service to the NEHA Technical Editorial Advisory Board and as a peer reviewer for the *Journal of Environmental Health*.

She secured a grant and served as project director for a Morehouse School of Medicine longitudinal study of lead poisoning in pregnant women and children. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has sought Dr. Oliver to serve on several panels to award environmental public health grants for enhancing cities and communities.

Dr. Oliver has received a Certificate of Appreciation from the U.S. House of Representatives for her service as a Legislative Fellow to the Health and Environment Subcommittee, and won the Anthony M. Rachal Award of Excellence from Xavier University (New Orleans) for many years of service on the Youth Motivation Task Force.

Earlier in her career, she worked as a life scientist inspecting municipal and industrial wastewater facilities for the U.S. EPA and as a biologist managing environmental impact statements and assessments for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

“Priscilla Oliver’s achievements reflect the principles expressed by Walter F. Snyder and the public health mission of NSF International,” said Kevan P. Lawlor, NSF International President and CEO. “Her service educating, mentoring and encouraging students toward careers in environmental health, as well as her work in community health and professional organizations, demonstrate her strong commitment to the promotion of environmental and public health. These accomplishments make her a very worthy recipient of the Walter F. Snyder Award.”

“As a trailblazer, Dr. Oliver has accomplished much on behalf of environmental health goals by teaching, being an active member of the community and conducting research. She is highly regarded and respected for her ability to encourage environmental health education, service and collaboration. But most of all, you will just not find a person who is more passionate and more able to excite you about contributing to the good causes that Priscilla works so hard on,” said Nelson Fabian, Executive Director and CEO of NEHA.

Walter F. Snyder

Executive Director, National Sanitation Foundation (Now NSF International), 1944 - 1965

For ten years, Walter F. Snyder directed the environmental health program for the City of Toledo, Ohio. Through his studies and first-hand experience, he was convinced that progress on countless vital problems of public health could best be resolved by bringing representatives of government, industry and user groups together on neutral ground where they could discuss their differences and reconcile their viewpoints. In 1944, Walter F. Snyder resigned from his position in Toledo and returned to the University of Michigan to help found the National Sanitation Foundation at the School of Public Health. He served as Executive Director until his death in 1965.



The Walter F. Snyder Award is presented annually by NSF International and the National Environmental Health Association to a recipient who has achieved peer recognition for outstanding accomplishment in the field of environmental health, for notable contributions to public health and the quality of life, for work with all interests in solving environmental health problems, for utilizing voluntary consensus standards to attain environmental health objectives, and for leadership in securing action toward advancement of environmental health goals.

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