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Fernando Treviño Named GSBS Distinguished Alumnus 2000

Fernando M. Treviño, Ph.D. was named GSBS Distinguished Alumnus during the May 2000 commencement ceremonies held at Levin Hall on UTMB campus.

Dr. Treviño received his Ph.D. in preventive medicine and community health in 1979 and is currently professor and founding dean of the School of Public Health at the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth. He serves as a past president of the World Federation of Public Health Associations based in Geneva, Switzerland.

Dr. Treviño served as director of the Center for Cross-Cultural Research and associate professor of preventive medicine and community health at UTMB from 1986 to 1991. From 1991 to 1993, Dr. Treviño served as dean of the School of Health Professions and professor of Health Administration at Southwest Texas State University. As Dean he served as the chief academic officer of the nation's largest school of health professions with 2,000 students majoring in one of 11 different health occupations.

Dr. Treviño served as the executive director of the American Public Health Association in Washington, D.C. from 1993 to 1996. He was only the seventh person in 124 years to have served as the chief executive officer of this association, the oldest and largest society of public health workers in the world and the largest publisher of public health books and journals. He also served as the executive editor of the *American Journal of Public Health*.

Dr. Treviño has published and lectured extensively on national statistical data policy and Mexican American and minority health issues. In honor of his service to the American

Public Health Association, they established the annual Fernando M. Treviño Award for Excellence. He is the recipient of the Surgeon General's Certificate of Appreciation and he received a letter of citation in 1995 from President William Clinton for his health care reform efforts. Dr. Treviño received the 1998 Executive Director's Citation from the American Public Health Association. He was elected an honorary fellow of the Polish Society of Hygiene and is one of only 100 persons in the world elected as an honorary fellow of the Royal Society of Health in the United Kingdom.



Fernando Treviño was named Distinguished Alumnus of 2000 at GSBS Commencement ceremonies held on the UTMB campus in Levin Hall. Dr. Treviño has worked with Nobel laureates, academicians and policy leaders, including presidents and health ministers throughout the world. He commended the school for the "excellent job UTMB is doing to prepare scientists who can compete anywhere with anyone."

Dr. Treviño was nominated by his colleagues, Kyriakos S. Markides and James Hokanson, faculty members in the UTMB Department of Preventive Medicine and Community Health.