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I began my professional career as an urban planner and transitioned into the health field with degrees in health planning and in health policy. Over the course of my career I have had the opportunity to work in different capacities in a wide range of settings: service institutions, academe, and advocacy groups. I am currently retired, and volunteer as a docent at the Smithsonian Institution. The current moment seems particularly both propitious and challenging for the field of public health. Globally, the COVID-19 pandemic has underscored (often by default) the importance of complete and timely data, accurate and clear messaging, and wide political support. And in the United States, health care coverage is once again emerging as a key issue in the upcoming election. The faculty, students, and alumni of the Mailman School are therefore well placed to influence events and ensure that the health of the public remains a priority. I look forward to working with the Alumni Board.