

MPH '92, DrPH '00 Term: 2006-2020

Current Emerita Member



Nina Rothschild earned her MPH in Sociomedical Sciences in 1992 and her DrPH in Health Policy and Management in 2000 and has worked at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) since graduation, first in the Bureau of Maternal, Infant, and Reproductive Health; then in HIV Prevention in the Bureau of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control; subsequently in HIV/AIDS community planning; and currently in the Informatics, Data, and Outbreak Response Unit in the Division of Disease Control.

She has accumulated considerable emergency management experience, having been deployed by the Health Department during Legionnaires' Disease, Ebola, Hurricane Sandy, H1N1, and COVID. In the course of DOHMH's response to COVID, she has worked as a Team Leader in the City's Points of Dispensation (PODs) where vaccines are dispensed; as Continuity of Operations Deputy Team Lead; and as a project manager with the Messaging Work Group of the Community Advisory Board associated with the City's contact tracing program known as Test and Trace or T2. She is also conducting a literature review on vaccine hesitancy.

While working at the Health Department, Nina also spent four semesters teaching health program planning, implementation, and evaluation and human sexuality to undergrad and graduate students as an adjunct faculty member at Lehman College of the City University of New York. During her tenure with the Mailman Alumni Board, Nina has served as chair of the Governance Committee; chair of the Development Committee; Board Secretary; and on the editorial board of the digital Mailman alumni newsletter, E-Mailman. She also served as President Elect and President of the Public Health Association of New York City (PHANYC) and as co-chair of its Policy Committee. Prior to embarking on a career in public health, Nina earned an MA in English Literature from Columbia and graduated summa cum laude from Barnard College, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa after her junior year. Nina is a 2020 recipient of the University's highest Alumni Medal Award, which recognizes alumni for building Columbia's community.