

**The University of Southern Mississippi
Executive Master of Public Health
Class of 2009 Student and Faculty Award Recipients**

During the Department of Community Health Sciences Commencement Celebration on May 8th, 2009, two graduating Executive Master of Public Health (EMPH) students and one EMPH faculty member were recognized for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the program.

4.0 Grade Point Average Award

Linda Croff-Poole, MPH (EMPH Class of 2009) was the recipient of the "4.0 Grade Point Average" scholar award. Linda completed the Executive MPH program with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Linda was presented this award by Dr. E. Gordon Whyte, EMPH Program Director.



Pictured: Linda Croff-Poole, MPH (left), Dr. E. Gordon Whyte (right)



Best in Class – Capstone Project Defense

Rick Liwanag, RN, MPH (EMPH Class of 2009) was the recipient of the "Best in Class – Capstone Project Defense Presentation" award. Rick received the highest overall marks from the EMPH Capstone Faculty Panel.

Rick was presented this award by Dr. E. Gordon Whyte, EMPH Program Director.

Pictured: Dr. E. Gordon Whyte (left), Rick Liwanag ,RN, MPH (right)

Executive MPH Outstanding Faculty Award

Thomas F. McIlwain, Ph.D., M.P.H., was the recipient of the "Executive MPH Outstanding Faculty" award. This award was voted on by the EMPH Class of 2009.

Dr. McIlwain was presented this award by the EMPH Class of 2009 Student Representative, Lou Ann Cavett, MPH (EMPH Class of 2009).



Pictured: Lou Ann Cavett, MPH (left), Dr. Tom McIlwain (right)