

Dr. Monroe's talk was titled "Today's Public Health Challenges: Superpowers and Stumbling Blocks." She discussed how culture, politics, and human nature can contribute to the spread of disease and the sometimes extraordinary measures that must be taken to inform the public about health crises and protect vulnerable populations. Drawing on her decades of work with the Center for Disease Control, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, and the World Health Organization, Dr. Monroe showed how some of the most recent outbreaks such as Ebola and H1N1 were identified and controlled by dedicated public health officials.

The Sundwall Lectureship was developed to honor the work and outreach efforts of Dr. David N. Sundwall, a graduate of Utah's medical school and longtime public servant for local and national groups. The lecture is held annually and features people who have distinguished themselves in public health service. Past speakers included Dr. David Sundwall for the inaugural lecture and Alfredo Morabia, MD, PhD, MS, MPH, PD, FRCPE, Professor of Epidemiology at Queens College City University of New York and Editor-in-Chief of the American Journal of Public Health (AJPH) in 2018.

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