

1. Elizabeth Chrischilles, Ph.D., professor of epidemiology in the University of Iowa College of Public Health and a Faculty Associate has been appointed the first holder of the newly established Marvin A. and Rose Lee Pomerantz Chair in Public Health. Chrischilles' research addresses the economic evaluation of chronic disease therapies, factors related to medication use and effects among the elderly, disability measurement, pharmacoepidemiology, and health services epidemiology.

She is the principal investigator of the UI Center for Education and Research on Therapeutics (CERT), one of 11 such centers funded by the National Institutes of Health. The Iowa CERT focuses on improving the safety and effectiveness of medication use among older adults. She also has received the College of Public Health Faculty Teaching Award, the UI Collegiate Teaching Award, and the Wiederholdt Prize from the American Pharmacists Association. <http://news-releases.uiowa.edu/2007/may/053107chrischilleschair.html>