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Transforming the Future of Public Health in Missouri

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Dr. Dalen Duitsman is Director of the Ozarks Public Health Institute (OPHI) and full Professor in the Master of Public Program (MPH) at Missouri State University. He received his doctorate in Public Health/Health Education and his M.S. from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.

Dr. Duitsman came from Iowa State University to Missouri State University in the fall of 1996. In 1998 he was charged with developing and implementing the MPH degree, which has grown into a thriving academic program. Graduates of the program hold public health positions throughout the country and a significant number of students have gone on to pursue doctorates or medical degrees.

In February of 2001 Dr. Duitsman was appointed by the Missouri State University Board of Governors to be the Director of OPHI. OPHI provides education, training, and research support to community partners throughout the state. Through Dr. Duitsman's leadership, OPHI has developed a wealth of experience administering grants and contracts as well as designing, implementing and evaluating community based interventions. Since OPHI is a University-wide Institute, Dr. Duitsman is able to unite university resources with community stakeholder resources to develop and implement broad based research initiatives.

Dr. Duitsman's experience and expertise includes the creation of partnerships and coalitions. He also serves on a number of state, regional, and local boards, committees and coalitions. He is currently the President of the Missouri Institute of Community Health, is on the Board of the Missouri Public Health Association and is a member of the Steering Committee for the Transforming the Future of Public Health initiative.