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Midway through the fall semester, I am pleased to report that we are continuing to see an increase in those choosing public health as a career—and in the role of public health as a dynamic part of modern society. I am happy to announce that in response to the challenges facing public health, Senior Vice Chancellor Arthur Levine has recently committed to invest $1 million in initial recruitment support for tenure-stream junior faculty during the next year.

It is gratifying to report that GSPH’s student enrollment as a whole is rising up more than 25 percent in the past three years. Research funding also continues to rise dramatically. The latest figures from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) show that we are now third among all schools of public health in both total NIH funding and research grant funding. Because the two schools ahead of us, Johns Hopkins and Harvard, are both private schools, we can again claim the top spot among state-related schools of public health.

The outreach and scholarly accomplishments of our community public health programs are also a particular source of pride. These programs are located in specialized centers such as the Center for Minority Health, the Center for Public Health Practice, and the Center for Healthy Aging, and they are integral parts of our academic departments, such as the Pitt Men’s Study (of the Department of Infectious Diseases and Microbiology), which recently marked its 20th anniversary. I am also pleased to report some positive developments for GSPH on the faculty end, including the expansion of our Epidemiology Data Center, renovation of the dean’s office suite, an increase in lab space for the Department of Infectious Diseases and Microbiology, and further remodeling of Parran and Crabtree Halls.

The expansion of our programs has led to an increased need for space—we are now renting more space in Oakland than we have available in Parran and Crabtree Halls. Fortunately, there is increasing recognition of the importance of providing additional space for GSPH, and the University will soon be embarking on a ten-year planning cycle that we hope will bring even more good news for our school.

More schools of public health are developing and expanding across the nation, including in our region. I especially want to note the pre-accreditation of the Drexel University School of Public Health in Philadelphia and let you know that cooperative programs linking our two schools are moving forward. These types of collaborations are particularly important in Pennsylvania, which ranks last in the per capita size of its public health workforce. Calvin Johnson, the secretary of health for our commonwealth, visited GSPH recently to make sure our students were aware of Pennsylvania’s tremendous need for a trained workforce. It is estimated that about 35 percent of the state-employed public health workforce will be retiring in the next few years, leaving many opportunities for our graduates.

In the past months, GSPH has had the opportunity to work with the state on several specific projects, including the Pennsylvania Asthma Summit that GSPH hosted during the summer. Despite the dire predictions of many, including me, as to the potential turnout in mid-August, we had more than 250 people attend the event. This reflects the importance of asthma as a public health problem, as well as the hard work of Lois Michaels and many others who were responsible for the great success of this project.

Earlier this year, the Pennsylvania Department of Health awarded approximately $4.2 million to GSPH’s Center for Minority Health, now celebrating its 10th year, to establish tobacco cessation programs for ethnic, racial, and disparate populations.

In late summer, GSPH hosted a working group of world experts, who provided a synthesis and analysis of information concerning the environmental factors involved in emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases, which was one of two topics chosen by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to put in front of the world’s environmental ministers at its annual meeting. We were proud to serve as the venue for this exciting event, as this was the first time UNEP had chosen a topic related to human health.

Another area of expansion here at our school is alumni donations, which have increased both in number of donors and amount donated. Especially notable has been the development of a number of new scholarship programs, which are valuable in recruiting students to public health in general and GSPH in particular. I want to extend many thanks to our alumni and friends, whose contributions are so important to the future of the school.

Finally, as I move through my last year as dean of the Graduate School of Public Health, let me again thank everyone for what has been an exciting and rewarding experience for me. Working with GSPH faculty, staff, students, and alumni has been the high point of my long career. My best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season and New Year.
Metabolic Syndrome Predicts Future Cardiovascular Risk in Women

A group of risk factors called metabolic syndrome, rather than body mass index (BMI), predicts future cardiovascular risk in women, according to research from the multicenter Women’s Ischemia Syndrome Evaluation (WISE) study, published in February in the journal Circulation.

Women with three or more of the following criteria are classified as having metabolic syndrome: waist circumference greater than 80 centimeters, fasting triglycerides greater than 150 milligrams per deciliter (mg/dl), HDL cholesterol less than 50 mg/dl, hypertensive blood pressure levels greater than 150/90 mm Hg, and fasting glucose greater than 100 mg/dl.

The study found that that while overweight women were more likely to be dysmetabolic (have diabetes or metabolic syndrome) than women of normal weight, only metabolic status and not weight per se predicted cardiovascular disease. Specifically, compared to women of normal weight and metabolic status, dysmetabolic women of normal weight were 3.1 times more likely to have obstructive coronary artery disease, overweight and obese women with normal metabolic status had no increased prevalence of coronary artery disease. Similarly, at all levels of weight, women with normal metabolic status had a lower risk of death or a major cardiovascular event over three years than dysmetabolic women. For example, the three-year rate of a major cardiovascular event was 4.6 percent among obese women with normal metabolic status compared to 17.7 percent among obese women who were dysmetabolic.

“One possible explanation for this finding is that measurement of BMI to define overweight and obesity does not quantify the magnitude or ratio of subcutaneous-to-visceral fat in a given individual. The visceral fat area, which is associated with insulin resistance, appears to be an important link among many components of the metabolic syndrome, such as dyslipidemia and hypertension,” said Rinaldo.

In addition to the University of Pittsburgh, other WISE study centers include the University of Alabama at Birmingham, the University of Florida at Gainesville, and Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh.

GB Virus C Co-infection in HIV-Positive Men Linked with Increased Survival

Researchers from the Multicenter AIDS Cohort Study (MACS) have found an intriguing association between GB virus C and decreased risk of death among HIV-positive patients. The findings were published in a March issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

GB virus C (GBV-C), thought to be a cousin of hepatitis C, appears to slow the progression of HIV infection. “To my knowledge, this is the first time a virus co-infection with HIV has been shown to be protective,” said Charles Rinaldo, Pittsburgh MACS principal investigator and chair of the Department of Infectious Diseases and Microbiology at GSPH.


Condom Use Decreases Risk for Recurrent Pelvic Inflammatory Disease

A clear association between regular condom use and a reduced risk for recurrent pelvic inflammatory disease and related complications such as chronic pelvic pain and infertility has been shown in a prospective multicenter study led by researchers from GSPH. The report by the Pelvic Inflammatory Disease Evaluation and Clinical Health study appeared in the August issue of the American Journal of Public Health.

Pelvic inflammatory disease (PID) is a common and serious infection of the upper genital tract. According to the study, women whose partners consistently used condoms were half as likely to have an episode of recurrent PID as those whose partners never used condoms. Findings were statistically significant, showing that women who reported regular use of condoms by their partners were 60 percent less likely to become infertile.

“Bacteria that cause cervical infection can travel into the upper genital tract and trigger PID,” said Roberta Ness, GSPH professor and chair of the Department of Epidemiology and the study’s first author. “Many different organisms can cause the disorder, but most cases of PID are associated with sexually transmitted diseases such as gonorrhea or chlamydia.”

In the United States, more than a million women will have an episode of acute PID each year, with the rate highest among teenagers, according to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases of the National Institutes of Health. More than 100,000 women become infertile each year as a result of PID.
Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy Predicts Cardiac Events in Women with Chest Pain

GSPH researchers have developed a way to predict cardiovascular outcomes in women who exhibit no clinical signs of coronary artery disease. The study, from the Women’s Ischemia Syndrome Evaluation (WISE), used magnetic resonance spectroscopy (MRS), also known as magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), which analyzes biochemical balances within heart cells. WISE is a National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute-sponsored four-center study of coronary artery disease. The study, consistent of unstable angina, which led to repeat angiograms and hospitalization. "Women with no discernible arterial blockage who have persistent chest pain or other symptoms present a challenge to the diagnostician," said Johnson.

"Cardiovascular MRI shows great promise as a new strategy for evaluating women," Sheryl F. Kelsey and Marian B. Olson, also from the GSPH Department of Epidemiology, were among the members of the research team. Researchers monitored changes in the myocardial compounds phosphocreatine (PCr) and adenosine triphosphate (ATP) after minor stress testing. The ratio of these biochemicals has been shown to predict risk of cardiovascular death in patients with dilated cardiomyopathy, or chronic weakening and enlargement of the heart muscle.

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Addressing the HIV/AIDS issue in Bosnia is a challenge on many levels.

“The infrastructure of the health system was really decimated as a result of a war,” says Frank. “They’re very far behind in understanding the scope of the epidemic there.”

For starters, adds Day, there aren’t good statistics on the epidemic. In fact, there has been reluctance to acknowledge the problem. “In the past they had always said, ‘Don’t worry, it’s being taken care of, we’ve got it under control,’” he says. In addition to their initial work in Bosnia, Frank and Day are also beginning to develop AIDS proposals in Russia, where Day has worked on public health issues involving radiation and other environmental problems since 1990.

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As a result of their meeting in Banja Luka, Frank and Day are negotiating a formal relationship between the University of Banja Luka and the Graduate School of Public Health. “REES already has a relationship with the university, and we wanted to establish a further relationship around the public health issues,” says Frank. “We had lunch with the minister of health and his new physician and they’re very interested in doing more proactive things around AIDS surveillance and education.”

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While in Bosnia, Frank and Day were also invited to meet with Serbian Prime Minister Dragin Mikerevic in Banja Luka, the capital of the Republic of Srpska. Pitt’s Center for Russian and East European Studies (REES) has had a formal relationship with the University of Banja Luka. REES Director Robert Hayden was instrumental in helping Frank and Day get an initial meeting with the Bosnian ambassador to the United States, which led to the opportunity to network with the prime ministers and the invitation to come to Bosnia.

Frank and Day hope they can offer technical assistance to develop prevention programs in Bosnia. Treatment, they point out, is expensive and complicated. Side effects of combination therapy can be unpleasant, and it’s not clear how long someone can stay on the drugs. “I think U.S. models might be helpful to them. For example, using peer educators is one thing that we’ve learned in the United States,” says Frank. “They’re the ones who can really get the message across—other people who have HIV or drug use problems.

“We don’t have all the answers here in the United States,” Frank adds. “But we have learned some hard lessons. As people who are offering education and technical assistance to places like Bosnia, I think we can help them think through some of these things so they don’t have to learn the lessons the hard way like we did.”

The most important thing they offered during the visit, Day believes, is advice on problems that Bosnia will run into as the epidemic matures. “We know what they’re going to run into because we’ve seen what’s happened in the United States and in other countries,” he says. “If they can start planning for those and thinking about how they’re going to handle them ahead of time, then current programs can be much more successful.”

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Many of the events taking place during A Decade of Minority Health are outreach programs planned by center-organized health disparity working groups. Each working group focuses on one of the seven priority areas charted by a national initiative to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities. These priorities include cancer screening and management, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, HIV/AIDS, immunizations, infant mortality, and mental health.

“We have now had two full years of demonstrating what can be done when you partner with a community and let the ideas of the working groups serve as the guiding light for our community-based interventions,” says Thomas.

The center also has instituted the Community Research Advisory Board (CRAB), composed of 60 leaders from the community. The board provides a forum to educate members of the minority community about research and also to educate researchers about the importance of community-based research that is both scientifically sound and culturally competent.

As the Philip Hallen Professor of Community Health and Social Justice, Thomas points to the significance of his title. “It’s a bully pulpit with some degree of moral authority to give voice to those segments of our community that are poorly served, underserved, and never served,” he says. “Our mission here is to build a bridge to those communities; to build trusting partnerships with those communities, and to translate evidence-based scientific research into practical steps people can take to improve their lives, to promote their health, and prevent disease.”

In January, the center announced a $10 million fundraising campaign to support its ongoing efforts. “With that 10-year birthday we recognized that we needed to set our goal around sustainability,” says Thomas. “We have a big job ahead of us. The problems didn’t occur overnight; they’re not going to go away overnight. But there will be no solution without the engagement of the community. We’ve demonstrated that by using a public health approach, we can work together today to build a better tomorrow for everyone.”

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The karyotypes, showing structural and numerical alterations of chromosomes, were the most abnormal Gollin had ever seen. She knew they needed to be studied. “It’s probably the ball and ran.”

Fifteen years later, she’s still running. There are 30,000 new cases of oral cancer diagnosed in this country each year, the highest incidence among the head and neck cancers. Diagnosed early, the cure rate for oral cancer is 80–90 percent. However, most oral cancers are discovered at a later stage, resulting in 8,000 deaths annually—a rate that hasn’t changed in decades. As a geneticist and a cancer researcher, Gollin is working to reverse those statistics. “You have to understand the biology of disease,” she explains, “in order to determine how to detect it early or cure it without killing all the other cells in the body.”

In 1993, Gollin set out to collect 200 tumor and blood specimens from consenting patients with oral cancer. “It’s probably the largest series ever collected,” she says. “And we’re still analyzing the data.” From the tumor specimens, the researchers made paraffin blocks to study the cells after they were fixed, as pathologists do. They stained them with antibodies, looking for alterations in particular proteins. DNA was prepared from a small population of the tumor cells, and the DNA sequencing of certain genes was used to see if mutations were present. Finally, they cultured the cells to develop a set of cell lines. “You only get a 25 to 30 percent success rate in the culture of tumors. So we developed about 50 cell lines,” Gollin says. “But we can cryopreserve and culture those cell lines and study them for many years.”
In about half of head and neck cancers, "breaks," says Gollin. "Then different with two connection points are distrib parts or segments. The dividing chro meters from a dividing oral cancer cell. The colors in the origin of specific chromosomal segments. Multicolor chromosomes are the result of chromosome breakage and rejoining, with the breaking most likely having resulted from the damaging effects of cigarette smoke."

Gollin is also interested in the DNA repair process. Cells "spell check" their DNA prior to copying it and fix any errors by a process called DNA repair. The errors may be caused by chemicals, radiation, or oxidants in the cells, and the latter of which actually naturally, Gollin and his students have found that we could take a sample of blood that we had frozen down within the first year of the person's infection, determine the amount of HIV in that blood, and compare it to the amount of virus for other people in our study. The level of virus was extremely accurate in determin ing whether that individual would develop full-blown AIDS as long as 20 years later. That finding was really a breakthrough. It's been used in the 10 years since then as the number one parameter to tell whether a person's HIV infection is progressing well or not."

The MACS study continues to reap results. Recently, researchers discovered a protec tive interaction between GB virus C and HIV. (See related story in the 20th-anniversary issue of GBV C and HIV. The MACS study has continued to produce results. An April event commemorating the anniversary of the Pitt Men's Study was held on April 16 to honor the study's participants and to reflect upon the study's many accomplishments during the past 20 years. The event included a keynote address by David Ostrow, psychiatrist and certified addictions counselor; Richard Centers, co-investigator and associate professor of infectious diseases and microbiology; and Gollin, "Gollin says, have poor survival rates compared to patients without the abnormality."

In 2002, Gollin's doctoral student Xin Huang published a detailed map of 11q13. Scientists, know ing that the segment contained the gene cyclin D1, which helps to regulate cell division, had hypothesized that the amplification of this gene was involved in cancer. Huang's map of the sequence revealed the presence of at least nine different genes, including two new ones, which Gollin dub his group as one of the largest and longest running scientific studies of gay and bisexual men in the world. Participants in the study return every six months— some have been doing so for 20 years now—and are asked to provide blood samples and answer questions about their health, habits, and state of mind. In addition to Baltimore, MACS also has recruitment offices in Chicago, Los Angeles, and New York. With such longitudinal data and a repository of blood samples, the study has played a key role in helping scientists trace out more and more of an understanding of the mechanism and disease path of HIV infection. "There have been more than 800 publications that have come out of the MACS," says Anthony Silvestre, co-investigator and associate professor of infectious diseases and microbiology. "These include the earliest study that clearly identified certain sexual acts as responsible for transmitting the virus; studies that looked at the amount of virus that was in semen, studies that identified the fact that young men 10 years into the epidemic were still getting infected with HIV at very high rates. Those were all very important contributions to deal ing with the epidemic."

"We were able to maintain a low level of incidence of HIV infection in this community in large part, I firmly believe, because of our study—even though prevention was not and is not the primary purpose of our study," says Rinaldo. "We weren't the only people doing prevention by far, we were there at the beginning. It saved lives."
Foster Lecture Series Enriches Understanding of Alzheimer’s Disease

Early in Jay L. Foster’s battle with Alzheimer’s disease, his family realized not only how little they knew about the disease but also how difficult information was to come by. The former vice president of L.B. Foster Co. died from complications of the disease in 2002 at the age of 83. But his family never forgot their struggle to better understand what was happening. As a result, Foster’s wife Betty, son Lee, and daughter Penny Alpern established the Jay L. Foster Memorial Lecture Series in Alzheimer’s Disease. The family’s initial commitment provides funding for 10 lectures. “We wanted to do something to promote research and more understanding of Alzheimer’s,” says Lee Foster, “but also get information out to the lay community.”

The inaugural lecture, “Current Status of Mild Cognitive Impairment,” was delivered in April 2002 by Ronald C. Petersen, professor of neurology at Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and director of Mayo’s Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center. Now at the halfway point, the series has showcased outstanding researchers from across the country discussing issues such as risk factors, dementia epidemiology, and the relationship to cardiovascular risk. A distinguishing feature of the series is that the speaker first presents a community lecture attended by a lay audience. Later that same day, the speaker delivers a scientific lecture to the academic community. The most recent pair of lectures was presented this past April by Richard Mayeux, codirector of the Taub Alzheimer Disease Research Center, and Isabel De Foster after the lecture.

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“We are honored to be working with the Fosters in offering the Foster Memorial Lecture Series,” says GSPH Dean Bernard Goldstein. "Both the scientific and lay communities in Pittsburgh have benefited greatly from the knowledge shared by the experts who have participated, and we look forward to highlighting more of the important research taking place in the area of Alzheimer’s disease through future lectures.”

Foster Lecture Series Enriches Understanding of Alzheimer’s Disease

Richard Mayeux (left) of Columbia University speaks with Steven DeKosky, professor and chair of the Department of Neurology and director of Pitt’s Alzheimer Disease Research Center, and Isabel De Foster after the lecture.

Left to right: Penny Foster Alpern and husband Charles Alpern; Mary Bano, lecturer and professor, Mount Sinai School of Medicine; Nathaniel Foster; Isabel De Foster and husband Lee Foster.

Lee Foster—who sits on the lecture series committee along with his sister Penny, faculty from Pitt’s public health and medical schools, and members of the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association—has been pleased with the series. “We hope we can continue this until all of the issues are resolved,” he says. “As long as we believe there is a void and that we can contribute in some way towards filling it, we’ll continue to do this. I think my father would be absolutely delighted to know his name and life are being memorialized in this way.”

Audio of April’s scientific lecture by Richard Mayeux can be heard by visiting http://cidde-mol.cidd.ne.pitt.edu, clicking on Graduate School of Public Health from the list on the left side of screen, and then choosing the appropriate lecture. Audio can only be accessed using Microsoft Explorer.

Dean’s Day 2004

In an impressive exhibition of student projects, GSPH students showcased their research and practice activities at the 2004 Dr. Herbert Rosenkranz Dean’s Day competition this March. Eight students were recognized with awards ranging from $500 to $1,000 in such categories as best overall project presentation, most significant contribution to the public health field, excellence in environmental health, and best poster. Established in 1999 by former dean Herbert Rosenkranz, Dean’s Day provides a forum for GSPH students to display their projects and to receive recognition and awards for superior research and practice.

Doctoral Degree Student Awardees

1st Place: Adam Soloff (IDM): “Studies of Adenoviral-Based Vaccines in the Primate Model of HIV-1 Infection”
2nd Place: Kirsten St. George (IDM): “Treatment of Cytomegalovirus (CMV) Infection (a major post-transplant infectious disease complication) with the Drug Ganciclovir”
3rd Place: Caterina Rosano (EPI): “Correlation between Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Brain Abnormalities, and Physical Functional Decline in People as They Age”

Master’s Degree Student Awardees

1st Place: David T. Hughes (MMPH): “Assessment of the Cost-Effectiveness of Early Goal Directed Therapy Used in the Therapeutic Treatment for Severe Sepsis Syndrome” (a condition characterized by infection-induced inflammation and organ dysfunction)
2nd Place: Benjamin Nri (IDM): “Examination of the Interaction between Malaria and HIV”
3rd Place: Elizabeth A. Schaefer (IDM): “Findings on the Antiviral Effect of Miltegristem on HIV”

Sunita Dodani received the Rosenkranz Award, which is presented to the project making the most significant contribution to public health, for her proposal to establish a world-class school of public health within the domain of Aga Khan University (Karachi, Pakistan) in collaboration with the University of Pittsburgh and Global Health Network. Dodani is a PhD student in epidemiology.

For her studies on the geographic and socioeconomic risk of hospitalization for asthma in Allegheny County, Rosemarie Ramos won both the Delta Omega Poster Award for best poster and the Keleti Prize, which is awarded to a project demonstrating excellence in environmental health. Ramos is pursuing her doctorate in the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health.

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Top: GSPH doctoral student Sherianne Gleason (left) discusses her poster presentation with GSPH Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Education Sandra Quinn.

Second from bottom: Daniel Ochiel (left), an infectious diseases and microbiology student, shares his poster with James Butler, visiting assistant professor with the Center for Public Health Practice.

Bottom: Dean Bernard D. Goldstein (left) with the 2004 Dean’s Day winners, left to right: David Huang, Kirsten St. George, Rosemarie Ramos, Elizabeth A. Schaefer, Adam Soloff, and Benjamin Nri.
In Mommy's Garden: A Book to Help Explain Cancer to Young Children
Written by Neyal J. Ammary; Illustrated by Christopher Raymond (Canyon Beach Communications, 2004)

As a young child, Neyal J. Ammary (MPH ’03) didn’t understand what was wrong with her playwright Rachel’s mother. “Her mom wasn’t always around, but when she was there she used to limp and she wore a scarf on her head,” Ammary recalls. “I was always scared to ask questions.” Her death is a confirmation that “human life is valuable,” she says. “One terrorist activity—jumped into action and not to be frightened, like we some day.”

In Mommy’s Garden, in demand by cancer centers as well as individuals in the United States and Canada, can be ordered online at http://books.canyonbeach.com/inmommysgarden.

Ammary serves as a fellow at the Office of Education and Special Initiatives at the National Cancer Institute, where she develops cancer-related publications and Web resources for children and young adults.

Public Protection from Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Terrorism

When the Baltimore-Washington Chapter of the Health Physics Society decided last year to change the topic of its annual meeting and summer school for 2004 from instrumentation and homeland security, its leaders turned to Allen Brodsky (SU ’76) to serve as academic dean. Brodsky is a senior scientist at Science Applications International Corp. and adjunct professor of radiation science at Georgetown University Medical Center.

Brodsky—who has grave concerns about the country being ready to handle radioactive, biological, and chemical terrorist activities—jumped into action immediately, determining topics and lining up an illustrious group of speakers in a week’s time. (Planning time for the summer sessions usually occurs three years in advance.) “I figured troops are getting shot at over in Iraq,” he says. “I can give forth a little bit to help out, too. So I took it on.”

The resulting text, Public Protection from Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Terrorism, is a primer for those responsible for dealing with terrorism. Brodsky brought to the project 50 years of experience as a health physicist for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Naval Research Laboratory, and the Atomic Energy Commission. The first and third appendices are written to provide the first handbooks for emergency responders while with the Atomic Energy Commission. The 34 chapters and 13 appendices of Public Protection are divided into three broad subject areas, Brodsky says: “the pre-attack phase, including the planning and preparations prior to the attack; the immediate post-attack phase, including the immediate actions to minimize exposures and maximize life-saving in the early minutes and hours after attack; and the recovery phase, including the follow-up care of injured and traumatized persons and an emotional and technical record, with guidance information on recovery of property and resources.”

Three chapters and six appendices of data and radiation assessment measurement methods were written by Brodsky himself. “One of the chapters includes my experience with Dr. Neil Wald professor emeritus of environmental and occupational health, managing radioactively contaminated patients from Western Pennsylvania, showing that we did not receive significant exposure ourselves,” he says.

Brodsky hopes that the book will ultimately be used by planners as well as those who train first responders. “Human life is valuable,” he says.” "One way to save lives is by educating people properly on how to deal with radiation and not to be frightened, like we some day are, with small amounts.”

Catherine Mary Kimmel ’69

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GSPH deeply appreciates the generous gifts from all donors who provided much needed support in fiscal year 2004 (July 1, 2003–June 30, 2004).
When the National Advisory Committee to the Department of Health Policy and Management (HPM) met in Pittsburgh last fall for its second annual meeting, its members took part in many of the strong efforts of the department: a talented and committed faculty, an impressive level of funding for research, diversity of course work, numerous experiential learning opportunities for students, and the successful leadership of Dean Bernard Goldstein and Chair Judith Lave.

"We have an absolutely terrific committee—people who are leaders in the industry," says committee Chair Diane Petersen (’75), president of Houston, Texas-based health-care consulting firm D. Peterson & Associates. She noted that the department invited practitioners as well as academicians from other programs to come in and take a hard look at the program.

"Every year we go through an environmental assessment of the industry and then look at the curriculum. What needs to be strengthened? What could be dropped? What kind of teaching methods could be changed to give students more management skills? We meet with the students, too. We have lunch with them and ask them for their observations on the program and how well they feel they’re prepared to march out into their first jobs."

Among the recommendations made by the committee is an enhanced recruitment effort to increase the number of students from programs other than medicine in the program. In addition, the committee suggests providing more advising and placement support for students and building support of the program in the healthcare industry.

"Most of the people on the committee have some tie to the Pitt program," says Petersen. "Many of us are graduates of the program, so we want to see nothing but the greatest strength in the department and the best reputation in the nation."
Public Health Week Events Focus on Eliminating Health Disparities

The Center for Minority Health kicked off National Public Health Week with an event called “Get Moving” at the Petersen Events Center. Concurrent with the center’s 10-year anniversary and National Minority Health Month, the event focused on the prevention of diabetes and heart disease and featured a community wellness fair demonstrating strategies for increased physical activity.

Other National Public Health Week events included faculty and student presentations of research addressing global health disparities, bulletin board presentations throughout GSPH, a film social featuring the movie Mars Evers’ Boys, a blood drive, and the walking tour known as the Walking Health Bus. In addition, the Doctoral Student Organization collaborated with the Department of Biological Sciences on a question-and-answer session about advanced degrees in public health. Attracting students at all levels of their undergraduate careers, the session featured GSPH students who addressed academic preparation for graduate school, the application process, curricula, and careers.

Keeping with this year’s theme of Eliminating Health Disparities for National Public Health Week, GSPH hosted a series of events from April 3–9 addressing the critical need for equality in health across all populations.

As the cornerstone of the week’s events, Pennsylvania Secretary of Health Calvin B. Johnson joined Dean Bernard Goldstein, Allegheny County Health Department Director Bruce Dixon, and Center for Minority Health Project Director Ray Howard at a briefing on health disparities.

During the briefing, Michael Meit, director of the Center for Rural Health Practice (CRHP) at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, announced the release of the report “Bridging the Health Divide: The Rural Public Health Research Agenda,” which was compiled from discussions that occurred at last fall’s National Rural Public Health Research Agenda meeting sponsored by GSPH. The meeting brought together more than 60 public health researchers, national organization representatives, and practitioners from as far as Hawaii to identify and articulate areas of public health research that can influence policy and practice and impact the health of rural populations. The resulting report is designed to help guide public health in rural areas.

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**Doctoral Students Awarded Dean’s Scholarships**

Four GSPH doctoral students have been awarded $2,500 Public Health Dean’s Scholarships for the fall 2004 semester. Alina Bodea-Crisan (BCHS) earned her MD in Romania, where she administered and designed health and community development projects for one of the first international nongovernmental organizations to establish missions in Romania after the fall of the communist regime. Alana Gregg (EPI) holds two bachelor's degrees from West Virginia University, one in education and the other in animal and veterinary science. She works as a part-time research assistant for Françoise Modugno. Shalini Reshmi-Skarja (HuGen) works as a graduate student researcher in Susanne Goldin’s lab and is a teaching assistant. Recently she was accepted to participate in the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital graduate student symposium. Nadra Tyus (BCHS) works with the HIV/AIDS Working Group at the Center for Minority Health and is a board member at Addison Behavioral Care Inc. in East Liberty, where her goal is to “increase their exposure in the public health community so that the children in this agency will experience a better quality of life.” The Public Health Dean’s Scholarships are presented to students who demonstrate financial need, merit, and service to the community, and whose funds can be applied to tuition, books, computer expenses, travel to professional meetings, dues for professional organizations, and other school-related expenses.

**Scholarship for the Next 5000 Presented to Four Students**

Scholarships from the GSPH Scholarship Endowment: Campaign for the Next 5000 have been awarded to four students in the amount of $2,500 each.

Dean Bernard D. Goldstein established this fund along with several alumni to commemorate the graduation of the 5,000th student from GSPH in April 2002. The award provides partial tuition support to deserving GSPH students and is awarded based on financial need, merit, diversity, and service to the school. Jill Montgomery is a master’s degree student in infectious diseases and microbiology. In addition to taking classes, she works in an IDM lab, where she spends evenings and weekends. Ina Jones, a doctoral degree student in BCHS, was highly recommended for her maturity, motivation, and commitment to minority health issues, particularly those arising from HIV/AIDS in African American women. Linda Berry will join GSPH as an MPH student in epidemiology this fall. While a student at Pennsylvania State University, she participated in several community service projects, including peer mentoring and recruitment programs. She was also a member of the Student Awareness Committee on Multicultural Affairs. Genevieve Barrow, a native of Montevilla, Liberia, is a student in the Department of Biostatistics. Her interests include psychometrics and global health issues.

**Fitzpatrick Scholarship Fund Recipient Announced**

H. Thomas Berlin Jr., a master's degree student in the Department of Health Policy & Management, has received the Fitzpatrick Professor Emeritus Thomas B. Fitzpatrick Award. Thomas received a BA in neuroscience/premedicine and government from Franklin & Marshall College and has served as an administrative resident at the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System, as well as a health care manager for Maxum Healthcare Services. The scholarship fund was established in 1986 by multiple donors in remembrance of GSPH Professor Emeritus Thomas B. Fitzpatrick.

Albert Schweitzer’s philosophy of reverence for life, which challenges students to act on their idealism by serving needy individuals and communities. This one-year endowed grant was established in the spring of 2002 by the Pittsburgh Schweitzer Fellows Program. The Pittsburgh Schweitzer Fellows Program is one of six such programs in the nation, based on

**Aboha and Browne Named First Duncan Student Research Fund Recipients**

Alexander Aboha, an MPH/MPhil student in the Department of Behavioral & Community Health Sciences, is the first recipient of the Dr. Edgar and Lauraine Duncan Endowed Fellowship for Student Research. Established by Dean Bernard D. Goldstein to honor longtime faculty member Edgar Duncan, this fund offers permanent financial support to deserving master’s or doctoral degree students who have demonstrated need. Duncan was the first African American student at GSPH in 1954 and later held the positions of associate dean for academic affairs and interim director for GSPH’s Center for Minority Health.

**And the Award Goes to...**

Rosemarie Ramos (MPH ’03), a doctoral student in the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, has been selected to be one of 19 students nationwide who will present research at this year’s national Delta Omega poster session. The event will take place as part of the American Public Health Association annual meeting in Washington, D.C., in early November. Ramos won both the Delta Omega Poster Award and the Keleti Prize at this year’s Dean’s Day competition (see page 15).

Three GSPH students have been named Schweitzer Fellows for the 2004–05 term: Shelley Bhattacharya is a physician currently serving a policy fellowship and enrolled in the multidisciplinary MPH program; Shirelle Hopper-Scherch is a social worker and doctoral candidate in behavioral and community health sciences; and Ijomma Maureen Muo is a medical student in the multidisciplinary MPH program. The Pittsburgh Schweitzer Fellows Program is one of six such programs in the nation, based on

**Inaugural C.C. Li Lecture Presented by Aravinda Chakravarti**

Aravinda Chakravarti, PhD, delivered the inaugural C.C. Li Memorial Lecture, titled “Genes for Common Diseases: Association Studies,” in April to an audience of nearly 180 people in Perrin Hall’s Public Health Auditorium. Spon- sored by the Department of Human Genetics, the lecture was established in honor of C.C. Li, professor emeritus of human genetics and biostatistics, who died October 20, 2003.

As he spoke, Chakravarti, a GSPH professor of biostatistics and human genetics from 1980 to 1994, also paid tribute to his mentor’s memory with anecdotes and photographs. “If you want to affect the world, teach the students,” Chakravarti recalled. Li often advising his younger colleague, “He always wrote books for students and for the next generation,” he said.

In fact, Chakravarti had been a student himself in 1972 at the Indian Statistical Institute in Calcutta when first introduced to Li in Li’s classic 1965 textbook Human Genetics: Principles and Methods. Chakravarti noted his appreciation, even as an undergraduate, of Li’s clear, straightforward writing and scientific brilliance. “But most of what he did in education has been a lifelong labor of love on his part,” said Chakravarti. “This education not only had to do

With teaching students the rudiments of genetics or the rudiments of statistics, but what genetics means, how genetics affects our lives, and how important it is to be objective in science.”

Chakravarti is director of the McKusick- Nathans Institute of Genetic Medicine at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and editor of the journal Genome Research. His research is aimed at genome-scale analysis of the human genome and understanding the molecular genetic basis of common genetic disorders using contemporary genomic tools. He is an expert on computational biology and a geneticist known for his studies of pre-disposing genetic factors in such common and complex human diseases as diabetes, heart disease, and mental illness.

Editor’s Note: To learn more about the C.C. Li Memorial Lecture or the C.C. Li Endowed Research and Education Fund established by Dr. and Mrs. Li and friends, or to hear audio of Chakravarti’s lecture, please visit GSPH’s web site at www.publichealth.pitt.edu/ specialevents/lictorus/index.html. Audio can also be accessed directly by visiting http://videomdl.cci.ccm.pitt.edu, clicking on Graduate School of Public Health from the list on the left side of screen, and then choosing the appropriate lecture. Audio can only be accessed using Microsoft Explorer.
The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health has awarded Pitt an estimated $14.5 million to develop novel approaches to improving the outcomes of pediatric heart transplant recipients. The grant brings together experts in pediatric cardiology and transplant medicine, transplant surgery, immunology, pharmacology, infectious diseases, molecular genetics, and biostatistics from the School of Medicine, GSPH, and the Thomas E. Starzl Transplantation Institute, as well as from Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC. David T. Rowe, associate professor of infectious diseases and microbiology, will serve as principal investigator of one of three clinical studies to be conducted. Through studies of Epstein-Barr virus (EBV) infection and immune response, Rowe and his colleagues will track EBV viral loads and the behavior of the virus leading to post-transplant lymphoproliferative disease.

Robert Ferrell, professor and former chair of the Department of Human Genetics, will serve as co-investigator on a second study examining genetic markers that may be predictive of an individual’s transplant outcome. While mortality is lower among the reasons African Americans do worse with transplants than other groups, Sheryl F. Kelsey, professor of epidemiology and Maria Mori Brooks, associate professor of epidemiology, will lead one of four cores supporting the center’s clinical projects.

Behavioral and Community Health Sciences

Assistant professors Ravi Sharma and Kenneth Jaros are among 11 Pitt faculty whose teaching proposals have been selected for funding under the Advisory Council on Instructional Excellence’s Innovation in Education Awards program. Their project, “Community Health Needs Assessment: A Problem- and Computer- Based Interactive Learning Approach,” will use a problem-based approach to teaching students the process of community health needs assessment through computer-based interactive learning. The awards, instituted in 2000 by Provost James Maher, encourage instructional development and teaching excellence throughout the University’s schools and departments.

Biostatistics

The Department of Biostatistics has added four new faculty members to its ranks, all assistant professors in biostatistics. Lan Kong collaborates in the CRISMA Laboratory (Clinical Research, Investigating, and Systems Modeling of Acute Illness) at the Department of Critical Care Medicine and earned both her MS and her PhD at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Chien-Cheng (George) Tseng focuses his research on developing statistical and computational methods for large scale genomic data. He earned his PhD at Harvard University. Abdus Wahed earned his doctorate in statistics at North Carolina State University. His research interests lie in multistage randomization designs, censored data analysis, survival analysis, longitudinal data analysis, and causal inference. Yookyung Kim has centered her research on applications of measurement and statistical theories to health science research. She also serves as assistant professor of health and community systems at the School of Nursing.

Environmental and Occupational Health

GSPH Dean Bernard Goldstein is a voting member on a landmark World Health Organization (WHO) committee that will decide whether formaldehyde should be listed as a known human carcinogen. A recent report from the National Cancer Institute indicated a possible increase in leukemia incidence in epidemiological studies of workers exposed to formaldehyde. Goldstein, an internationally recognized expert on environmental health issues, attended a meeting of WHO’s International Agency for Research on Cancer in Lyon, France.

In April, Goldstein gave a luncheon talk at the United Nations Delegates Dining Room titled “Precautionary Principle and Environmental Health: U.S.-European Differences,” cosponsored by the governments of Ukraine and Croatia.

Goldstein will also head a committee for the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences documenting research opportunities for the new incoming director of the center. The committee is called the Fifth Task Force for Research Planning in Environmental Health Sciences.

As secretary-general of the International Union of Toxicologists (IUTOX), Professor Meryl Karol had the opportunity to welcome Professor Dr. Her Royal Highness Princess Chulabhorn Mahidol of Thailand to the Third International Congress of Toxicology held in Bangkok, Thailand, in February. Princess Chulabhorn, an accomplished toxicologist, delivered the keynote lecture at the event following Karol’s opening address. IUTOX represents more than 19,000 toxicologists in 38 countries with the aim of promoting acquisition, dissemination, and utilization of knowledge of toxicology.

In June, the department and GSPH bid farewell to Niel Wald, a 41-year party in the GSPH lounge. Wald retired from his position as professor in EOH in March after 41 years of service to the school and the University as a specialist in radiation health. Wald is now a professor emeritus in the department.

Epidemiology

Roberta Ness, professor and chair, has been named to the prestigious American Society for Clinical Investigation (ASCI), also known as the “Young Turks.” ASCI is an honor society for physician-scientists ages 45 or younger at the time of their election who have exceptional records of scholarly achievement in biomedical research.
Two new faculty members have joined the department. Nicholas G. Castle graduated with distinction with an MHA from Wilkes University in 1994 and completed his PhD in health policy and administration at Pennsylvania State University in 1994. He most recently worked as a health policy analyst at Rand Corp. Julie M. Donohue earned her doctorate in health policy at Harvard University. She has been at Harvard since 1998, most recently in the McGraw School’s Department of Ambulatory Care and Prevention, where she worked as a pharmaceutical policy research post-doctoral fellow.

**Human Genetics**

Assistant Professor Michael Barnard received a $450,000 grant from the National Center for Research Resources (NCRR) to establish a shared computational resource to assist in statistical genetics, cytogenetics, and databasing research.

Robert Ferrell has resigned as chair of the department for health reasons. Professors Daniel Weeks and Iyas Kamboh will assume leadership of the department for the next year. Weeks has been with GSPH since 1990 and also served as professor in GSPH’s Department of Biostatistics. Weeks’ research focuses on statistical human genetics in the area of mapping susceptibility loci involved in complex human diseases. Kamboh has been with GSPH’s Department of Human Genetics since 1991 and previously served as an assistant professor at what was the Human Genetics Division of the Department of Biostatistics. His research interests include the genetics of cardiovascular disease, Alzheimer’s disease, and phospholipid autoantibodies. Kamboh is a member of the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute and is the winner of a 2003 Excellence in Science Award.

Professor Susanne M. Gollin has been appointed a member of the Immunology Devices Panel of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. She has also been invited to serve on the Scientific Committee of the 10th International Congress on Oral Cancer, which will take place in Crete, Greece. In addition, Gollin chaired a session on cancer genetics at the biennial 38th American Cytogenetics Conference in Stevenson, Wash., where she also presented a lecture titled “Haplosufficiency for Damage Response Genes in Tumor Cells with 1q13 Amplification.”

**Infectious Diseases and Microbiology**

Charles R. Rinaldo Jr., professor and chair, is the recipient of a Method to Extend Research in Time (MERIT) Award from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for his research on methods of improving immune control of residual HIV-1 viral infection during highly active antiretroviral therapy. Fewer than five percent of NIH-funded investigators are selected to receive MERIT Awards.

The University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing honored Linda Frank with a Distinguished Alumni Award at a gala dinner in May. Frank’s distinguished career has included the development and implementation of training curricula for prison healthcare providers, probation and parole officers and peer educators within state correctional facilities, and service on a number of state and national AIDS planning coalitions, councils, and boards. Frank is an assistant professor and principal investigator/executive director of the Pennsylvania/Mid-Atlantic AIDS Education and Training Center, and directs the communicable disease and behavioral health MPH program.

**Centers**

The Heinz Endowments has awarded GSPH a $50,000 planning grant and $200,000 in additional funding to establish a Center for Environmental and Community Health. Using a community-based approach to assess and improve environmental health, the center will be a model for building alliances designed to mobilize multiple stakeholders to improve local environmental health and well-being. A unique component of the center is its adoption of a community-derived definition of environmental health to guide its activities, which will include socioeconomic as well as lifestyle and behavioral factors that influence health. In addition to conventional environmental hazards such as air and water pollution, the center will address the impact of urban sprawl and bad neighborhoods on health and well-being.

The center will also consider modifiable health-related environmental risk factors (e.g., smoking and nutrition) as well as the physical and social environmental determinants that influence individual actions. The center will initially focus its efforts on food, homes, neighborhoods, and outdoor air pollution—four environmental issues that are especially important for local health and wellness.

**Ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Epidemiology Data Center.** Left to right: Dean Bernard D. Goldstein, Arthur S. Levine, senior vice chancellor for the health sciences and dean of the school of medicine; Epidemiology Data Center Director Catherine Detra, professor, Department of Epidemiology; Roberta Ness, professor and chair, Department of Epidemiology, and Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg.
The Honorable Tommy Thompson (left) presents an award to Stephen Thomas and the Center for Minority Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' 40th anniversary celebration of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

In July, the Center for Minority Health (CMH) was one of seven programs nationwide to be honored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services during a 40th anniversary celebration of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The recognition was a result of the center’s achievements in closing the gap on eliminating racial and ethnic health disparities.

CMH has received approximately $2.1 million from the Pennsylvania Department of Health to provide state-wide technical assistance to ethnic, racial, and disparate populations; primary contractors; and service providers to establish/evaluate education programs. This continues a contract between the Department of Health and CMH, which has been in effect since 2005 and comes from the tobacco settlement fund for the Pennsylvania Tobacco Prevention Clearinghouse.

Stephen Thomas, director of CMH and Philip Hallen Professor of Community Health and Social Justice, has been selected to serve on the National Academies/National Research Council Committee on Physical, Medical, and Mental Health Standards for Youth Population Military Recruitment. The committee will critically examine current physical and medical standards for military enlistment with the goal of informing military policy-makers of factors that should be considered in designing standards that can help predict success in military jobs.

The Harvard School of Public Health chose Thomas to receive the 2004 Alonzo Smythe Yerby Award. Harvard sponsors this award to recognize public health leaders in the country who serve as role models, particularly for those of disadvantaged backgrounds. The annual award and accompanying lecture commemorate Yerby’s commitment to community welfare and the health concerns of the poor.

In January, Thomas delivered the Nicholas C. Tucci Lecture titled “The Color Line: Why Race Matters in the Elimination of Health Disparities” at the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy. The lecture provides a forum for nationally recognized speakers to discuss pharmacy-related issues and coincides with the school’s annual Pharmacy Week celebration.

On April 15, the University of Pittsburgh launched the Center for National Preparedness (CNP). An initiative of Vice Provost for Research George Klimzing, the center aims to increase multidisciplinary research and collaborative efforts from researchers, engineers, policy experts, and clinical faculty from all areas within the University. The center will be co-directed by Margaret A. Potter, associate dean of public health practice; Bernard Hildreth Jr., director of the School of Law; and Ken Sochos from the School of Information Sciences.

In June, David Piposzar (MPH ’98) resigned from his position as executive director with the Center for Public Health Preparedness. Piposzar will continue teaching courses for GSPH’s emergency preparedness and disaster response certificate program with assistant professor of behavioral and community health sciences Gail Cairns.

Michael Meit, director of the Center for Rural Health Practice at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford and cochair for rural preparedness with the Center for Public Health Preparedness, has been appointed to the National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services (NACRHHS), a group charged with advising the secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on rural health and human services issues. NACRHHS is a 21-member citizens’ panel of nationally recognized rural health experts reflecting wide-ranging, firsthand experience with rural issues, including medicine, nursing, administration, finance, law, research, business, public health, aging, welfare, and human services. Meit will serve as the committee’s expert on rural public health.

In April, the Center for Rural Health Practice launched “The Public Health Divide: The Rural Public Health Research Agenda.” Based on the findings of 57 rural public health researchers, the report frames issues affecting rural health and provides ideas and suggestions for future research activities that will advance efforts to develop initiatives and programs to reduce health disparities between rural and nonrural programs. Visit www.nph.pitt.edu/crhp to view the report in PDF format.

Healthcare providers from seven states gathered in Harrisburg, Pa., for two days in March to participate in the First Regional Conference on Case Finding and Secondary Prevention, a Proactive Response to Prevention in Primary Care. Sponsored by the Pennsylvania/Mid-Atlantic AIDS Education and Training Center in collaboration with the Bureau of Communicable Diseases in the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the conference focused on new federal guidelines for HIV prevention and updated health professionals on new treatments for HIV/AIDS patient care and HIV prevention. The conference featured presentations and panel discussions with health specialists on a range of topics, including best practices for rapid HIV tests, secondary prevention, drug risk assessment, and behavior change.

These two organizations also collaborated on the HIV Treatment and Medication Update Meetings for Human Service Professionals, a series of one-day programs in March and April. The series described current treatment options and Pennsylvania programs available for individuals with HIV/AIDS; provided ethical decision-making models for application in practice settings; and examined legal issues concerning HIV testing, confidentiality, and HIV patient rights.

In his second visit to GSPH in as many years, Nobel Prize nominee Gino Strada, co-founder and chief surgeon of Emergency, a humanitarian organization aiding victims of war, brought home the hard realities of war through a presentation about his work with civilian war victims in the war-torn countries of Iraq and Afghanistan. Following a screening of the documentary The Desert Rainbow, which details Emergency’s activities in Iraq during 2003, Strada gave an overview of the emergency medical services the organization has provided to nearly a million patients since 1994 in regions including Sierra Leone, Cambodia, and Rwanda. Emergency’s medical coordinator, Kate Rowlands, then discussed Emergency’s work in Afghanistan, with a particular focus on the newly established maternity center in the Panjshir Valley.

In his introduction of Strada and Rowlands, Alberto Colombi (MPH ’97) said, “Emergency builds and runs hospitals so that the wounds can be the beginning of healing. The hospital is a practical metaphor—not just the place to mend broken bodies, but also the place to restore human relationships based on respect and solidarity.” Colombi is an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Behavioral and Community Health Sciences and corporate medical director of PPG Industries.

Emergency is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to providing humanitarian support to civilian war victims, who, according to Strada, make up 90 percent of all war victims. The organization has been present in Iraq since 1995, and it has established two surgical centers there (in Sulaimaniya and Erbil) with a third center under construction in Kirkuk. Emergency also runs three rehabilitation and social reintegration centers, a pediatric burn unit, an adult burn unit, a spinal unit, and 22 first aid posts, employing more than 700 Iraqi health staff. Emer- gency began its operations in Afghanistan in 1999 and currently operates two surgical centers there (in Anahab and Kabul), with a third center under construction in Lashkar Gah. Also in Afghanistan, Emergency runs 26 public health clinics and first aid posts, a prison program, and a pediatric and maternity center. The Afghan centers employ more than 500 local health staff.
Epidemiology, she is the principal investiga-
tor of a National Institute of Aging train-
ing grant in aging epidemiology and serves as co-investigator of four major National Institutes of Health-sponsored observa-
tional studies. She has authored more than 200 publications and has taught Epidemiology of Aging at GSPH for 15 years. In addition to her GSPH degrees, Cauley holds a BSN from Boston College.

Chair of the Department of Epidemiology at the University of North Carolina School of Public Health for the past eight years, David Savitz (PhD ’82) has focused his research and teaching on the areas of reproductive, environmental, occupational, and cancer epidemiology. He is also a member of the Linberger Comprehensive Cancer Center. Savitz earned his master’s degree in preventive medicine from The Ohio State University. “I am honored to be recognized with this award,” Savitz said. “As a graduate, [I know that] the value of my degree depends not just on the school as it was then, but on its current fortunes as well. In the short time that Bernie Goldstein has been dean, the achievements really are remarkable and make me prouder than ever to have graduated.”

Marlene Lugg (MPH ’80, DrPH ’83) has devoted countless hours to service organizations including the Girl Scouts of the USA, Boy Scouts of America, and the American Red Cross. She has been a volunteer Girl Scout leader for nearly 50 years, is a merit badge counselor with the Boy Scouts, and the author of the current national requirements for the Boy Scouts’ Public Health Merit Badge. She was the first scout leader to receive the national Take Pride in America Award, the first to be named to the National Environ-
ment Programme’s list of 500 Outstanding USA Conservingists, and the first and only female scout leader to receive the William T. Hornaday Gold Medal for environmental service. She currently is a Leave No Trace master educator, as well as a volunteer instructor with the American Red Cross, teaching first aid/ CPR and emergency response courses within her community. Lugg is an immunization coordinator/project manager with Kaiser Permanente in Panorama City, Calif., where she coordinates and manages immunization practice, conducts outreach programs, and serves as co-investigator on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-funded Vaccine Safety Datalink study. “I remember with gratitude the many instructors who made it possible for me to learn and love the field of public health,” said Lugg. “From Dr. William Emans, I learned epidemiology, and [Russell] Rychek was a new instructor in the department at that time. Others included Nathan Hershey, [Gordon] MacLeod, and [Gerald] St. Denis, Professor Ray Elling and his family became lifetime friends.” Lugg is the 2004 recipient of the Margaret Glominger Award, presented annually to a GSPH alumnus who has made a significant contribution to GSPH or to the commu-
nity through dedicated service. During her acceptance remarks, Lugg spoke movingly about Glominger, her former classmate for whom the award is named.

Left to right: David Savitz, Jane Cauley, Allen Brodsky, and Marlene Lugg were award winners at the annual alumni dinner in April.

With the perturbing rise in the prevalence of asthma, the Pennsylvania Department of Health asked GSPH to host a summit on the chronic respiratory disease. In August, GSPH brought together more than 200 leaders in the academic and service communities as well as local and state government for a daylong conference. The meeting was in preparation for the development of an asthma control plan to meet federal Healthy People 2010 objectives for asthma.

“The purpose of the summit was to bring together various stakeholders and vested parties regarding asthma in Pennsylvania,” said Mark V. White (MPH ‘80), who was recently appointed the asthma epidemiologist for the Pennsylvania Department of Health. “We wanted to identify the scope of the asthma problem in Pennsylvania, dispel some of the myths, generally increase awareness of the consequences of untreated or mistreated asthma, and inventory the existing resources. The bottom line was to get a baseline handle on where we are in Pennsylvania regarding asthma—find out what we know and who is doing what.”

Asthma is one of the leading chronic illnesses of children under 18 years of age in the United States, said White. Nation-
ally about 5 percent of all adults and about 7 percent of children under 18 have been diagnosed with asthma.” Statistics suggest that in the past decade the prevalence of asthma may have increased by as much as 42 percent. In the 2002-03 school year, 9.2 percent of Pennsylvania schoolchil-
dren had physician-diagnosed asthma, White said.

The opening session of the summit, titled “Why Asthma, Why Now?” offered an overview that featured speakers from federal, state, and local governments, including Calvin Johnson, Pennsylvania’s secretary of health; Dawn Jacobson from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; and Bruce Dixon, director of the Allegheny County Health Department. Herb Semelk, head basketball coach at North Carolina State University, followed with the keynote address “Asthma, Athletics, and Aspira-
tions.” Other general sessions included presentations on a family’s life with asthma, coalition building, and reaching Healthy People 2010 goals to eliminate health disparities and increase the quality and length of healthy life.

In the afternoon, participants rolled up their sleeves in workshop sessions covering school- and work-related issues, exercise and asthma, indoor and outdoor environ-
mental issues, community education and outreach, insights and opportunities for prevention, and access and barriers to care. C. Michael Blackwood (MHA ’80), president and CEO of Gateway Health Plan, William Calhoun, medical director of the Ailma, Allergy, and Airway Research Center at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, and Arthur Frank, professor and chairman of the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health at Drexel University, helped conclude the program by offering a summary of the day’s discussions and related goals for the future. GSPH Dean Bernard Goldstein presented the open-
ing and closing remarks.

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New Alumni Society Officers Elected
Among the important business that took place during the annual meeting of the GSPH Alumni Society in June was the election of officers for the 2004–05 term. Elected president of the society was Karen Peterson (MPH ’70), former assistant professor of behavioral and community health sciences at GSPH who also served as coordinator of the department’s MPH and DrPH programs. Ursula McKenzie (MPH ’97) was elected vice president, while Chad Ritke (MPH ’03) was elected member-at-large for a two-year term. Re-elected or continuing for a second year were Linda Fowler (MPH ’96, DrPH ’97) as secretary/treasurer and Kristi Riccio (MPH ’02) as corresponding secretary. In addition, Rosemarie Ramos (MPH ’03) will continue as member-at-large.

Biographies of each officer are available in the alumni section of the GSPH Web site.

1960s
Ronald Kathren (MS/Hyg ’62) of Richland, Wash., received the 2003 Distinguished Scientific Achievement Award from the Health Physics Society. Kathren is professor emeritus of the U.S. Transuranium and Uranium Registries at Washington State University Tri-Cities.

1970s
Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) honored Ralph W. Hinson (MPH ’70) by establishing a new National President’s Award in his name. The Ralph W. Hinson Research in Practice Award will be given annually to someone whose research is of great value to MADD’s mission. Hinson is a professor of social and behavioral sciences and associate dean for research in the Boston University School of Public Health and is an expert on community and legal interventions to reduce alcohol-impaired driving.

1980s
Virginia “Ginger” Carpino (Woomer) (MPH ’83) is a social worker at Fauquier Hospital in Warrenton, Va. She serves on the hospital’s education, ethics, and spirituality committees and is on the board of Hospice Support of Fauquier County. She also serves as liaison reporting to the Planetree Steering Committee at Fauquier Hospital.

1990s
Daniel Lackland (DrPH ’90) is professor and director of graduate training at the Medical University of South Carolina. He is also president-elect of the American Heart Association’s Mid-Atlantic Affiliate. Lisa K. Ryan (PhD ’92) is an assistant professor at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. Her research centers on the pathogenesis of influenza virus and the host response of the immune system, focusing on plasmacytid dendritic cells and defensins. She gave birth to her third child, Michael Diamond, in June 2001.

2000s
In Mummy’s Garden: A Book to Help Explain Cancer to Young Children, a book written by Noyal J. Ammara (MPH ’93) while she was still a student at GSPH, has been published by Canyon Beach Visual Communications (http://books.canyonbeach.com/immommygarden; see a profile of the book on page 16). Ammara was also chosen for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ (DHHS) Emerging Leaders Program, a two-year assignment that provides training in departmental core competencies as well as multiple job rotations so participants can become familiar with the people and programs across the DHHS. Kristine Cucchetti (MPH/MPA ’04) is the administrator of marketing and development in GSPH’s Office of the Dean, where she assists in the coordination and execution of marketing, alumni development, and public relations programs and events.

Devona Delach (MPH/MPA ’04) is a Presidential Management Fellow with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in Baltimore, Md. This two-year fellowship program is designed for those with an interest in the analysis and management of public policies and programs and allows rotations to other federal agencies during the first year. Delach will work as an analyst assisting in the implementation of the new Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003.

Kimberly Faulkner (PhD ’04) is a post-doctoral fellow with GSPH’s Department of Epidemiology. Faulkner’s recent work includes an article in the May 2004 issue of Annals of Epidemiology—“Hearing Sensitivity and the Risk of Incident Falls and Fracture in Older Women: The Study of Osteoporotic Fractures.”

Idethia Harvey (DrPH ’04) has assumed a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Michigan through the Kellogg Community Health Scholars Program. Harvey is a former Albert Schweitzer Fellow and was the recipient of the Women’s Studies Student Research Fund Award.

Laryssa Howe (PhD ’04) is studying veterinary medicine in New Zealand.

Wilfred Johnson (DrPH ’04) is currently serving as a research associate with the Glennan Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology at the Eastern Virginia Medical School.

Zhiwei Zhang (PhD ’03) is a tenure-stream faculty member at the University of North Dakota.

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In Memoriam

Dr. Arlene W. Caggiula, associate professor emeritus in the Department of Epidemiology, died on May 22, 2004, at the age of 62. Dr. Caggiula was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1941. She earned her master’s degree from the University of Delaware in food and nutrition science and her Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh’s School of Education, where she researched ways to educate adults on health and nutrition. At GSPH, she received numerous grants from the National Institutes of Health to carry out research on the best nutritional approaches to prevent and treat hypertension, high cholesterol, and renal disease. Dr. Caggiula was instrumental in the Multiple Risk Factor Intervention Trial conducted in the 1970s, through which she designed nutritional programs and counseling that successfully reduced participants’ hypertension and cholesterol. She was also an active researcher in the Women’s Health Initiative. At the time of her death, Dr. Caggiula was writing a Norwegian cookbook combining her passion for cooking, her heritage, and her professional nutrition skills. Dr. Caggiula is survived by her husband, Anthony R. Caggiula, professor emeritus in the Department of Psychology.

Mr. Erwing “Butch” H. Crawfis, of Bellefonte, Ohio, died on January 26, 2004, at the age of 64. Mr. Crawfis served as administrator of Mary Rutan Hospital in Bellefonte for 30 years. As chief executive officer and president of the hospital, he helped build a modern, state-of-the-art healthcare system, including an imaging center that bears his name. Mr. Crawfis received his BS in education from The Ohio State University in 1961 and his master’s degree in public health administration from GSPH in 1970. Mr. Crawfis began his career in 1970 as an assistant administrator at Community Hospital in Springfield, where he served until 1974. He later served as regional director and chair of the board of the American Academy of Administrators with diplomat status, as well as chair of the Ohio State Health Network, the West Central Ohio Regional Healthcare Alliance, and the Ohio Health Network’s political action committee. In addition, Mr. Crawfis was a member of The Cancer Network of West Central Ohio.

Mr. Ewing was married to the former Barbara J. Caggiula. They had three daughters, two granddaughters, and nine grandchildren.

Dr. Joshua B. Mancuso, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, died on February 8, 2009, at the age of 83. Dr. Mancuso served as professor of public health and head of the graduate program in medical care administration at GSPH in the early 1960s. He is best known for his pioneering work in health policy advocacy. Dr. Mancuso began his career at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC) in 1947, where he held a variety of positions including vice chancellor for health affairs, professor of health planning, and director of program planning in the division of health affairs. He was also the founding director of UNC’s Health Services Research Center, which was renamed the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research in 1994. He is survived by his son Samuel, brother Sheldon, sister Lucille Ellison, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Mr. Theodore Rubin (Ph.D ’35) died January 4, 2004, in Ventura, Calif. A retired defense and aerospace statistician, Dr. Rubin taught biostatistics at the University of California at Los Angeles, University of La Verne, and California State University at Northridge. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, three children, and four grandchildren.

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Dr. Evelyn Han-Li Wei (Ph.D ’99), 33, died January 23, 2004, after being struck by an automobile while walking near her home in the Regent Square neighborhood of Pittsburgh. Dr. Wei earned a BS in psychology from Pitt in 1993 and a PhD in psychiatric epidemiology at GSPH in 1999. Her doctoral thesis—a study of predictors of teenage fatherhood—was selected for discussion at a student workshop by the Society for Epidemiologic Research in 1996. Since 2002, Dr. Wei had served as senior research principal at the Pittsburgh Youth Study, part of UPMC’s Life History Studies Program at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic. She had worked with the program for more than 10 years, lending her efforts to projects focused on neighborhood violence, child development, substance use and violence, and demographic factors in juvenile delinquency, among others. Dr. Wei’s mother, Yuling L. Wei, is a senior research associate in the Department of Epidemiology and has been affiliated with GSPH since 1981. Dr. Wei is also survived by her husband, father, and grandmother, as well as many in-laws, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

The family requests that contributions be made to the University of Pittsburgh Evelyn L. Wei Memorial Fund at the University of Pitts- burgh, Graduate School of Public Health, 1295 Scaife Hall, 646 Scaife Hall, Pittsburgh, PA 15260. Gifts to this fund will support epidemiology students’ travel to conferences and meetings.

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January 12–14, 2005
Center for Minority Health
5th Annual National Minority Health Leadership Summit
IBEW Conference Center
5 Hot Metal Street, Pittsburgh

January 14, 2005
GSPH Open House for Prospective Students
GSPH, 9:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
Contact: Diane Kline, Student Affairs, 412-624-5200, dkline@gsphdean.gsph.pitt.edu

Pittsburgh Bioterrorism Lecture Series
January 18, 2005
“Public Health: Drafted to Protect America?”
Elin Gursky, Principle Deputy for Biodefense, National Strategies Support Directorate, ANSER
University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Room 6, Scaife Hall, 4-6 p.m.

January 25, 2005
“Biosecurity in the 21st Century”
Monica Sochoch-Spana, Senior Fellow, UPMC Center for Biosecurity
University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Room 6, Scaife Hall, 4-6 p.m.
Contact: Stefanie Fiddner, 412-383-2400, fddners@edc.pitt.edu
For more information, visit www.cphp.pitt.edu/upcphp.

March 31, 2005
Parran Lecture/50th Anniversary of Groundbreaking of Parran Hall
Noreen Clark, Dean, University of Michigan School of Public Health
GSPH, G23 Parran Hall, 3 p.m.

April 4–10, 2005
National Public Health Week

April 19, 2005
Jay L. Foster Memorial Lecture in Alzheimer’s Disease
William Klunk, Associate Professor of Psychiatry, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, and Associate Director, University of Pittsburgh Alzheimer Disease Research Center

Community lecture: “Alzheimer’s Disease and Pittsburgh Compound–B: Progress in Diagnosis and Drug Discovery”
IBEW Conference Center
5 Hot Metal Street, Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Scientific lecture: “From the Outside Looking In: Imaging Amyloid in Alzheimer’s Disease”
GSPH, A115 Crabtree Hall, 4:30 p.m.
Contact: Kristine Cecchetti 412-624-1294, kcecchetti@gsphdean.gsph.pitt.edu

April 30, 2005
GSPH Convocation
IBEW Conference Center
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