Inaugural Sutton-Tyrrell Lecture

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April 20, 2017, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
G-23 Pitt Public Health Laboratory Pavilion Auditorium
RSVP: www.publichealth.pitt.edu/sutton-tyrrell
Reception: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm, Pitt Public Health Commons

The Department of Epidemiology is pleased to welcome Susan Everson-Rose (EPI ’93) as the inaugural speaker for the Sutton-Tyrrell Lectures. These lectures, as part of our departmental community’s Epidemiology Seminar Series (EPIDEM 2250), will serve as the culmination of the academic year each spring, and honor the late Kim Sutton-Tyrrell, who dedicated over 25 years to the Graduate School of Public Health and the advancement of epidemiology as a pioneering and creative researcher, mentor, and faculty member.

All epidemiology students, faculty, postdocs, alumni, and staff are invited to attend by Dr. Anne B. Newman, department chair. Current and former trainees and student mentees of Dr. Sutton-Tyrrell as well as faculty collaborators associated with any of her grants are encouraged to join us.

Dr. Everson-Rose is an Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine, Associate Director of the Program in Health Disparities Research, and Director of the NIMHD-funded Center for Health Equity at the University of Pittsburgh. Continued on back.

Provost’s Award for Mentoring

DR. ANDREA KRISKA

Dr. Andrea Kriska, Professor of Epidemiology has received the Provost’s Award for Excellence in Mentoring. She is an expert in physical activity epidemiology, she has devoted her career to the study of diabetes and minorities by developing targeted interventions for these groups. She currently leads the study, “R18DK100933-02 Physical Activity and Sedentary Behavior Change; Impact on Lifestyle Intervention Effects for Diabetes Translation” as Principal Investigator and leads the Prevention / Lifestyle Intervention Area of Emphasis.

Dr. Kriska is an exceptionally committed and remarkably effective advisor and mentor for students, having served as the primary advisor and committee chair for 14 doctoral students, 22 master’s students, and 11 post-doctoral trainees as well as co-mentor to many others. Altogether, her students have published 69 manuscripts in top rated peer review journals with Dr. Kriska as their mentor. Her students are well prepared to be highly successful, going on to top positions, with continued excellence in research, education, and service.

Dr. Kriska is truly dedicated to the University of Pittsburgh and to the Department of Epidemiology’s goal of educating the next generation of epidemiologists. Her guiding principle is that her students complete the circle that defines her career. We congratulate Dr. Kriska on this prestigious -- and well-deserved -- award.

Dr. Andrea Kriska
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Minnesota. She maintains a number of ongoing collaborative relationships with Department of Epidemiology and University of Pittsburgh faculty.

Her presentation entitled “Psychosocial Factors and Cardiovascular Disease: Epidemiologic and Public Health Perspectives,” is an appropriate tribute to Dr. Sutton-Tyrrell, a former cardiology nurse who completed her public health graduate work at the University of Pittsburgh and became an internationally-renowned investigator, running ground-breaking national multicenter studies to identify and evaluate older adults and women at risk for cardiovascular disease.

Everson-Rose has over 20 years’ experience as an NIH-funded investigator, including on several large epidemiologic cohort studies (e.g., the Alameda County Study, the Kuopio Ischemic Heart Disease Risk Factor Study, the Study of Women’s Health Across the Nation, the Chicago Health and Aging Project, and the Multi-Ethnic Study of Atherosclerosis).

Most recently, her work focuses on mindfulness-based stress reduction interventions, and whether they can be used to effectively manage chronic disease and promote healthier lifestyles. Her nationally and internationally-regarded research also investigates the roles played by psychosocial risk factors in health disparities and vulnerable populations.

New Grants

DR. TONY FABIO
New NIH R21 “Disruptive Behavior Disorders in Children After Severe TBI: Family and Neighborhood Context”

DR. DARA MENDEZ
New NIH R01 “Postpartum Weight Retention and Cardiometabolic Disparities: The Effects of Contextual, Psychosocial, and Behavioral Factors”

Promotions

DR. TINA COSTACOU
Associate Professor

DR. SAMAR EL-KHOUDARY
Associate Professor

Secondary Appointment in Epidemiology

DR. NATACHA DEGENNA
Assistant Professor