



University of Pittsburgh
Graduate School of Public Health
Alumni Awards Ceremony

Wednesday, May 2, 2012
University Club

Welcome

Dinner

2012 Delta Omega Initiates

Marilyn Radke

Vincent Radke

Presentation of Alumni Awards

The Margaret F. Gloninger Service Award

John J. Zanardelli

Distinguished Alumni Awards

For Teaching and Dissemination: Joel Weissfeld

For Research: Edward W. Gregg

For Practice: James B. Pieffer

Awardee Group Photo

Distinguished Alumni Awards



For Teaching and Dissemination

Joel Weissfeld, MPH '82

Associate Professor of Epidemiology,
University of Pittsburgh Graduate
School of Public Health, Pittsburgh,
Pa.

Weissfeld serves as co-leader of the Cancer Epidemiology, Prevention, and Control Program at UPCI. He received his medical degree from Johns Hopkins University and a master of

public health in epidemiology from the University of Pittsburgh. He directs two important cancer screening trials supported by the National Cancer Institute (NCI): Pittsburgh screening center for the Prostate, Lung, Colorectal, and Ovarian (PLCO) Cancer Screening Trial; and Pittsburgh Lung Screening Study (PLuSS), which is part of the UPCI Lung Cancer Specialized Program of Research Excellence (SPORE). His work on the landmark Prostate, Lung, Colon, and Ovarian (PLCO) Screening Study has not only had enormous impact on the field of cancer screening, but also serves as an intellectual foundation and training ground for generations of students. He is also a major contributor to the NCI-funded National Lung Screening Trial (NLST). Weissfeld's major current interests relate to cancer prevention and control, evaluation of cancer screening tests, and descriptive epidemiology of prostate and colorectal cancer. In addition to the PLCO, NLST, and PLuSS studies, Weissfeld's other research projects relate to the application of modern computed tomography (CT) techniques to the early detection of lung cancer, the association between bone mineral density (and related measures of steroid hormone metabolism) and breast cancer risk, and the effectiveness of cancer control interventions in community settings. His intellectually rigorous yet gentle mentoring style has inspired many students, and has earned him, among other accolades, the James L. Craig Award for Teaching Excellence from our students.



For Research

Edward W. Gregg, PhD '96
Acting Director, Division of Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, Ga.

Gregg obtained his PhD in epidemiology from the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health in 1996. After a short period as an assistant professor at the University of Vermont College of Medicine, he went to work as an epidemiologist in the Division of Diabetes Translation at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In 2007 he became chief of the epidemiology and statistics branch for the division, which involves leadership and oversight of the National Diabetes Surveillance System and the integration of surveillance, epidemiology, health services, and economic studies at CDC to guide health policy for chronic diseases. This work has included contribution to or leadership of several national and international studies of diabetes prevention and control, including the TRIAD Study (Translating Research into Action for Diabetes), the Look AHEAD Study (Action for Health in Diabetes), and the NEXTD (Natural Experiments in Translation for Diabetes) Research Network. His specific research interests include surveillance of national and international trends in diabetes and cardiovascular disease as well as the impact of physical activity, weight loss, and lifestyle interventions on the risk of chronic disease and disability. He has authored or co-authored more than 160 articles, including numerous lead-author publications in JAMA, New England Journal of Medicine, and Annals of Internal Medicine, and recently co-edited the Oxford University Press book *Diabetes Public Health: From Research to Policy*. He is also active in teaching and mentoring students and developing public health scientists nationally, internationally, and locally as an adjunct associate professor at Emory University Rollins School of Public Health. He is currently serving an interim role as director of the Division of Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention.



For Practice

James B. Pieffer, MHA '86
Senior Vice President, Presbyterian
SeniorCare, Oakmont, Pa.

Pieffer oversees operations of retirement communities, assisted living facilities, subsidized housing units, and senior adult condominiums in Southwestern Pennsylvania. He is also president of SeniorCare Network, Inc., the management/consulting affiliate

of Presbyterian SeniorCare. Pieffer holds a master's degree in health administration from the Graduate School of Public Health at the University of Pittsburgh, and he is also a licensed nursing home administrator, certified retirement housing professional, and real estate sales person in Pennsylvania. He has more than 26 years of long-term care experience, all at Presbyterian SeniorCare. Pieffer also serves as a consultant for organizations in the areas of retirement housing, assisted living, housing management, long-term care facility management, strategic planning, new project planning, and board and organizational development for non-profits, hospitals, and religious organizations. He has overseen the development and construction/renovation of more than 40 facilities in Western Pennsylvania. He established collaborations with a variety of organizations including the Allegheny County Housing Authority to preserve senior housing assets. Pieffer has served on national and regional committees on assisted living and affordable housing. He is a frequent speaker for local, state, and national organizations and conferences. He has been a leader in promoting the "Service Enriched Supportive Housing" model, under which frail or at-risk seniors can remain in their homes while receiving health care services and management. This model has been shown to decrease hospitalizations and nursing home placements, in addition to improving quality of life. Pieffer has been married to his wife, Maria, for 25 years and they have two sons: TJ and Daniel.

Margaret F. Gloninger Service Award

This award is given annually to alumni who have made a significant contribution to the school or community through volunteer service.



John J. Zanardelli, MPH '79
President and CEO, Asbury Heights,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Zanardelli has been involved in the health care sector of our economy since 1969. He has served as an orderly, ambulance attendant/emergency medical technician, research assistant and since 1979 as a senior healthcare executive. He has worked in both the for-profit and not-for-profit organizations. He has been actively

involved in the training programs at the Graduate School of Public Health for over 30 years, where he has also taught classes, mentored students, and initiated and run several programs to bring practice and experience to students. For the past nineteen years, Zanardelli has served as the president and CEO of United Methodist Services for the Aging (UMSA), operator of Asbury Heights, which is located in Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania. Asbury Heights generates twenty-nine million dollars a year in consolidated revenues and is a comprehensive care community for older adults. He has a great interest in improving the lives of older adults incorporating evidence-based approaches to improving a person's ability to think, move, and feel. Academically, Zanardelli holds a BSEd from California State College, an MPH with a major in health care administration, a certificate in the evaluation of public health promotion and health education programs from Pitt, and a certificate in accounting from Pitt's colleges of general studies and business administration. In addition, he is an alum of Carnegie Mellon University's Tepper School of Business Program for Executives (PFE '99), and a past participant in Harvard Business School's Strategic Perspectives in Non-Profit Management and Performance Measurement for Nonprofit Organizations. Zanardelli is a member and past leader of Delta Omega. He is a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives. He and his wife Suzie have three children: Brandon, Stephen, and Robyn.

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Marilyn Radke, MD, MPH '77
Medical Officer for Special Projects,
Centers for Disease Control and
Prevention, Atlanta, Ga.

Radke is a public health medical officer at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Center for Environmental Health in Atlanta, GA. Her column, "Live Well," appears monthly in NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees) Magazine. She has worked in private

practice, research, teaching, and administration at the local, state, federal, and international levels. She was director of Charles County Health Department, practiced occupational medicine at Mankato Clinic, was director for medical affairs at United States Pharmacopeia, taught and conducted laboratory research in experimental hematology at Boston University, and administered international reproductive health programs in 15 countries. She completed her Fellowship in occupational and environmental medicine at Johns Hopkins, her preventive medicine residency at the University of Maryland, and medical school at West Virginia University. She is a graduate of Carlow College, and earned a master's degree in biology from Boston University and a master's degree in public health from the University of Pittsburgh. Radke is board certified in occupational and environmental medicine, in public health and general preventive medicine, and in medical management, and she is a certified physician executive. She earned a fellowship in the American College of Preventive Medicine, American College of Physician Executives, and American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine. Radke is a 2012 Carlow Laureate and a member of Delta Omega Honor Society for Schools of Public Health, Omicron Chapter.



Vincent Radke, MPH '77

Sanitarian, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, Ga.

Radke has worked at the environmental health services branch of the National Center for Environmental Health at the CDC since 2001. Presently, he is working on food safety issues, vector-borne disease, emergency preparedness, and training of environmental health specialists in those areas. He has been involved in numerous foodborne disease

outbreak investigations while at CDC. For the first eight years at the CDC, Radke was part of the Environmental Health Specialists Network working on a number of research studies looking at contributing factors and antecedents to foodborne illness. Prior to the CDC, he spent 22 years in the environmental health field at the state and local levels in Connecticut, West Virginia, Virginia, and Minnesota. He is a registered environmental health specialist and a certified professional in food safety, and holds a master of public health degree from the University of Pittsburgh. Prior to his environmental health days, Radke was part of the smallpox eradication program, first as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Ethiopia (1970–74) and then later as a technical advisor with the World Health Organization in Bangladesh (1976) and Kenya (1978–79). Presently, he is a board member of the American Academy of Sanitarians. He became certified in public health (CPH) in 2008 and is a member of the charter class. Radke has been president of both the National Capital Area Environmental Health Association and Virginia Environmental Health Association. He is a technical advisor to the National Environmental Health Association in the area of Disaster/Emergency Response. Radke has received The Order of the Bifurcated Needle from the World Health Organization in 1980. Also he has received the ADM Jerrold M. Michael Award from the National Capital Area Environmental Health Association in 1998 and 1999, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service during hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma in 2005, and the Distinguished Service and Professional Achievement Award from the environmental section of the American Public Health Association in 2006. Recently, he was honored with a 2011 EPA Bronze Medal Award.

Previous Distinguished Alumni Awardees

2009

Kenneth Miller (MS '70)
David Reed (MS '61)
Jeanne Zborowski (PhD '00)

2008

Gerald M. Barron (MPH '71)
James C. Helmkamp (PhD '83)
Paul M. Winkler (MPH '81)

2007

Agnes Bouldin (DrPH '88)
Anthony Lubiniecki (ScD '72)
Dietrich Stephan (PhD '96)

2006

Robert Geddis (MSHyg '73)
Marlene Lugg (MPH '66, DrPH '81)
Thomas White (MSHyg '72)

2005

Joseph Costantino (MPH '74, DrPH '76)
Constance Husman (MSHyg '74),
Gerald Katz (MSHyg '63)

2004

Jane Cauley (MPH '80, DrPH '83)
Allen Brodsky (ScD '66)
David Savitz (PhD '82)

2003

Galen E. Cole (MPH '87)
James M. Klingensmith (MPH '77, ScD '87)
Patricia W. Potrzebowski (PhD '74)

2002

Judith Badner (MSHyg '85, PhD '88)
Glenn Schneider (MPH '91)

2001

Brian Jacob (MHA '86)
Diane Peterson (MPH '74)
Beth Elaine Quill (MPH '82)

2000

Victor J. Catullo (MPH '98)
William T. Godshall (MPH '85)
Michael C. Waters (MS '67)

1999

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1998

Marie C. Baker (MSHyg '84)
Tood Schryer (MHA '92)
Carol Synkewecz (MPH '75)

1997

Mark A. Vojtecky (MPH '86)

1996

George Board (DrPH '83)
Harold E. Kennah (MS '85)
Daniel J. Schaid (MS '81, PhD '86)
Joyce E. White (DrPH '93)

1995

Lucile L. Adams-Campbell (PhD '83)
Ronette R. Briefel (MPH '76, DrPH '82)
Lawrence W. Keller (MSHyg '71)
Michael R. Peterson (DrPH '85)

1994

Jan R. Jennings (MPH '76)
Mohamed Sabet Mahdy (MPH '60, ScDHyg '63)
Grace E. Ware (MPH '73)

1993

Janine Jagger (MPH '74)
Akira Koizumi (MS '66)
L. Jon Schurmeier (MSHyg '70)

1992

C. Michael Blackwood (MPH '80)
John M. Lachin III (ScDHyg '72)
Carol K. Redmond (ScDHyg '66)

1991

Joanne Marie Andiorio (DrPH '84)
David Gur (ScDHyg '77)

1989

Mark H. Barnett (MPH '61)
Mary Ann Scialabba (MSHyg '63)

1986

Mostafa A. El Batawi (MPH '57, ScDHyg '59)
Sydney J. Cutler (ScDHyg '61)

1983

Lois G. Michaels (MSHyg '63)

Previous Margaret F. Gloninger Awardees

2010

Patsy Heslen Haslam

2008

Constance S. McCormick (MPH '85)

Shirley McIlvried (MPH '83)

2007

Laura Rosato (PhD '90)

Charles Vargo (MHA '84)

2006

Diego Chaves-Gnecco (MMPH '00)

2005

Marc Hiller (MPH '74, DrPH '78)

Samuel Koilpillai (MSHyg '76)

2004

Marlene Lugg (MPH '66, DrPH '81)

2003

Kimberlee Evert (MPH '88)

2002

Gerald C. Colvin (MA '86, DrPH '93)

Joan M. Mavrinac (MPH '88)

2000

Lynn Marie Weber (MPH '97)

1998

Scott Becker (MPH '80)

James Collins (MUN '87)

Anne R. Medsger (MSHyg '81)

Russell Rycheck (MPH '59, DrPH '65)

1997

John A. Armstrong (ScDHyg '67)

Maurice A. Shapiro (MEng '49 - UC Berkeley)

Robert B. Yee (MS '52[FAS], PhD '57 [FAS])

1996

William F. Gauss (MPH '83)

1995

Mary K. Conner (PhD '78)

Joanne F. McVay (MPH '75, DrPH '84)

1994

Kenneth L. Garver (PhD '75)

1993

Theresa A. Chalich (MPH '89)

Karen S. Peterson (MPH '70)

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events.

Foster Community Lecture

May 29, 2012, 1 p.m. Rodef Shalom Congregation
4905 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Speaker: Anne Basting, PhD, educator, scholar, and artist whose work focuses on the potential for the arts and humanities to improve our quality of life as communities and individuals. For over 15 years, Basting has developed and researched methods for embedding the arts into long term care, with a particular focus on people with cognitive disabilities like dementia. Basting is the executive director of the Center on Age and Community at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.

Plunge into Public Health

August 23, 2012

GSPH Welcome Back

August 27-28, 2012

American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting

October 27-31, 2012, San Francisco, CA

GSPH Open House

November 9, 2012



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