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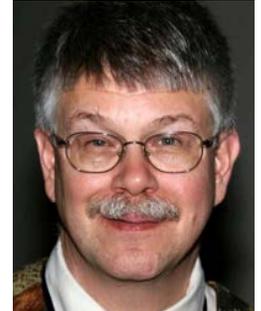
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The American College of Epidemiology was incorporated in 1979 to develop criteria for professional recognition of epidemiologists and to address their professional concerns.

ACE serves the interests of its members through sponsorship of scientific meetings, publications, and educational activities, recognizing outstanding contributions to the field and advocating for issues pertinent to epidemiology.



## Message from the American College of Epidemiology President, Russell S. Kirby, PhD, FACE



It's been a busy winter behind the scenes for ACE. We've been working diligently to staff ACE committees, process new member/fellow applications, and invite our former members back into the organization. Please contact the ACE office if you're interested in serving on a Committee to help ensure the association continues to meet the needs of our members.

It's been taking a little longer than usual to get caught up with admissions/promotion applications, but we are almost there and will send notifications soon. If you have an application pending, we appreciate your patience as we develop a more efficient process for going forward. If you have any questions, please contact the ACE office.

Please take a moment to log-in to the ACE website and update your profile and contact information. This rich data not only will help ACE in serving you better, but will also create opportunities for you, including obtaining or serving as a mentor, serving on various Committees, or participating in other ways with ACE.

Plans are nearing finalization for our **Annual Meeting** in September (details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter) – we hope you are making plans to attend ACE's biggest member event of the year. Come hear the latest in the field of epidemiology, learn important insights, network with colleagues, and enjoy your visit to the dynamic city of Pasadena, CA. Stay tuned for registration opening in early May, but you may reserve your hotel room now. New this year: ACE, in conjunction with the Epidemiology Foundation, is offering a variety of Annual Meeting Sponsorship opportunities. Please spread the word to help us keep costs down!

In late March, ACE leaders participated in a strategic planning retreat, where we discussed how best to strengthen ACE to best meet the needs of our members and serve the profession of epidemiology. I'm confident that ACE has a strong foundation to grow our programs and activities, and look forward to seeing these develop in the coming months and years.

### ACE Leadership at New Headquarters in Albany, NY



# AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EPIDEMIOLOGY 2019 ANNUAL MEETING

Annette Adams\*, PhD, MPH and Steven Jacobsen\*\*, MD, PhD

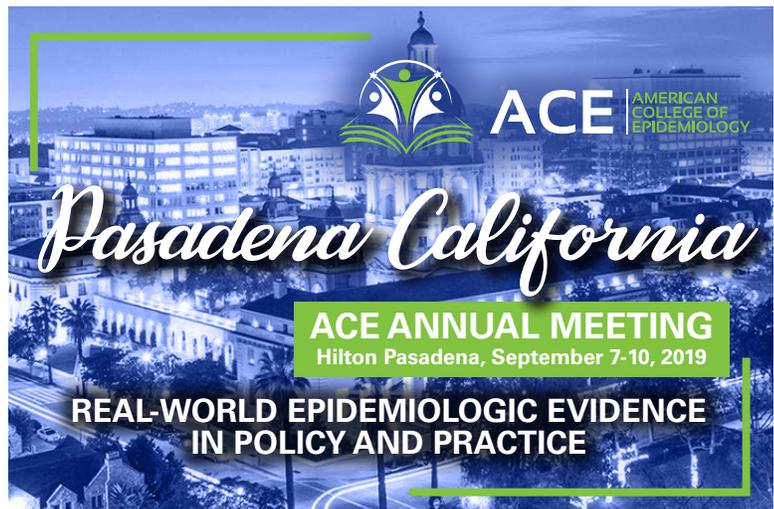
Program Chair\* and Vice-Chair\*\*

With “Real-World Epidemiologic Evidence in Policy and Practice” as the theme for this year’s meeting, we will highlight the contributions of epidemiology to the evaluation and change of clinical practice and the development of clinical and public health policy.

Epidemiologists represent the discipline that is focused on asking and answering questions about health and disease in human populations, often in observational settings. Questions asked and answered in real-world settings can provide important insights that may not be obtainable from the idealized settings of randomized controlled trials. Compared to randomized controlled trials, the use of real-world evidence can: a) significantly reduce time and cost of evidence development for regulatory and policy decisions; b) fill evidence gaps in under-represented populations; and c) fill evidence gaps about rare and long-term safety outcomes in larger populations.

Organizations such as the FDA are now required to consider real-world evidence to support their regulatory decision-making in areas such as drug, device, and vaccine safety. Information from real-life clinical settings, such as from electronic health records, is increasingly being used to address public health, regulatory/policy, epidemiological, and clinical questions. The goal of this year’s ACE Annual Meeting is to highlight research conducted across the spectrum of etiology to policy to implementation and dissemination based on real-world data.

The 2019 Program Committee is hard at work lining up an exciting program that will include speakers and panel members from clinical, academic, federal, and industry settings. We are planning for two Keynote sessions, one opening the meeting on Monday, September 9th, and a closing Keynote on Tuesday, September 10th. Sessions will cover topics such as Epidemiology and Politics; Machine Learning, Big Data and Causal Inference; Pragmatic Trials; Real-World Use of Epidemiology in Regulatory Decisions; Use of Systems to Put Data into Practice; Electronic Health Record Data; Social Determinants/Policy and Health Disparities; and Implementation Science. Additionally, there will be



sessions on Ethics, presentations of best posters and abstracts, sessions for Associate Members such as a Career Panel and Speed Mentoring, and plenty of opportunity to browse the posters.

This year’s Annual Meeting is being held at the Hilton Pasadena in Pasadena, California. The Minority Affairs Committee workshop will be held on Saturday afternoon, September 7th. Pre-meeting workshops will take place on Sunday, September 8th, and the formal meeting will be held on Monday and Tuesday, September 9th and 10th.

**Abstract submissions** to the meeting are now being accepted. The submission deadline is **May 1, 2019, at 5pm EDT**. We are also looking for **nominations for the Endowed Lectureship** – someone whose work has established or made groundbreaking contributions to a seminal area of epidemiology. Nominations can be sent by email to [ace.endowed.lectureship@gmail.com](mailto:ace.endowed.lectureship@gmail.com) by **April 30, 2019**. The nomination should include: 1) your name and contact information, 2) the nominee’s name and contact information, 3) why he/she should be selected for the Endowed Lectureship, 4) the impact of his/her work, and 5) a copy of the nominee’s CV.

Pasadena, CA, is a vibrant city located about 20 miles from Los Angeles. Warm, sunny weather during September makes this meeting a perfect time for an extended get-away. Take time to explore Pasadena’s sights and restaurants as well as nearby attractions, such as Los Angeles, Hollywood, and Disneyland. Detailed Pasadena visitor information can be found here: <https://www.visitpasadena.com/>

## A TRIBUTE TO DR. WILLIAM (BILL) JENKINS

Bertha Hidalgo, PhD, MPH, FACE

It is rare that a person leaves behind a legacy as impactful, meaningful, and extensive as that of Dr. William (Bill) Jenkins. Dr. Jenkins was a steward of science, public health, and above all, inclusion, equity, and justice. I learned quickly that the ground he and others paved for many of us continues to require hard work and diligence; something I had taken for granted until meeting him for the first time in 2015 when he spoke at our annual American College of Epidemiology's Minority Affairs Committee workshop. He was an inspiration to me, and thousands of others, and for that, we are all in his debt.

It is thus with great sadness that I share that Dr. Jenkins recently passed away in the company of his wife Diane, daughter Danielle, and several close friends. I send my sincerest condolences to his wife Diane and their family, and welcome you all to do the same.

I'd like to thank Dr. Victor Schoenbach for sharing this news with me so that I might share it with you all. Vic has archived a number of documents, presentations, and other materials in this folder: <http://go.unc.edu/BillJenkins>. Details for the memorial service on April 6th, 2019 at Morehouse are also located in that archive. He encourages you to add to the archive and/or attend the service if you're able/willing.



A lovely tribute has been also been posted at <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-019-00900-9>. Please take some time to peruse it. It is an excellent synopsis of Dr. Jenkins' impact and legacy.

## UPDATE FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Zuber Mulla, PhD, FACE  
Chair

Rohit P. Ojha, Dr.P.H., M.P.H., Director of the Center for Outcomes Research at JPS Health Network in Fort Worth, Texas, and Jareen Meizen-Derr, Ph.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.E., Professor of Pediatrics and Director of the Biostatistics, Epidemiology, & Research Design Core at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, recently joined the ACE Finance Committee. Dr. Meizen-Derr will serve as Vice Chair of the Committee. **The Finance Committee** is also composed of the following members: Drs. Maria C. Inacio, Farzana Kapadia, Larry Segars (Board of Directors Liaison), and Zuber D. Mulla (Chair).

For more information please contact Zuber Mulla at [zuber.mulla@ttuhsc.edu](mailto:zuber.mulla@ttuhsc.edu).



Dr. Meizen-Derr



Dr. Ojha

## UPDATE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

**Maurizio Macaluso, MD, DrPH, FACE (Chair) and Sarah Geiger, PhD, FAHA, FACE (Vice-Chair)**

The Membership Committee has undergone some change recently, including changes in membership! Maurizio Macaluso took on the Chair position after many years of service by Christine Branche. Sarah Geiger remains Vice Chair, and other members include Kate Applebaum, Joseph Holbrook (liaison to the Mentoring Committee), Charles Oke (liaison to the Minority Affairs Committee), Deven Patel (liaison to the Associate Members Committee), and Edwin van Wijngaarden (Liaison to the Mentoring Committee). We recently welcomed two new members as well— Dante Bugli and Magda Shaheen (liaison from the Admissions Committee)! Sarah Geiger has also agreed to serve as a liaison to the Admissions Committee, as we work to partner with Admissions on joint initiatives and further identify areas of overlap between the two closely related Committees. We want to take this opportunity to also thank Daniel Lackland, whose term has expired. We thank you, Dan, for your service to the committee, and all the institutional knowledge you brought with you!

In an effort to be more strategic in our committee's initiatives, we have outlined three distinct goals that we would like to share with you:

1. Increase membership annually. Specifically, we aim to increase the percent of lapsed members renewing their membership within one year, prevent lapsed membership by utilizing multi-year memberships, and developing a standard protocol for contacting lapsed members for renewal purposes.
2. Track membership trends. Specifically, we aim to develop a standard protocol for tracking membership trends and report these results to the Board of Directors annually.
3. In collaboration with the ACE office, evaluate and improve the information contained in the membership database.

Each goal has metrics attached, and we will continue to refine our evaluation process over time. Along the lines of taking a more strategic approach to committee activities, we will be working to create a manual of standard operating procedures, to include regular committee activities such as newsletter updates, standardized membership data reports, and more. But the most important activity we can undertake is to engage the ACE membership (Yes, YOU!) in cultivating its strengths, and in promoting ACE to others who have not yet joined.

Please help the Membership Committee and the College with the three goals listed above:

- 1) Make sure you renew your membership on time: the College maintains a whole range of activities and the membership dues are indispensable for the financial stability of the organization;
- 2) Tell your colleagues about the College, about the importance of keeping a focus on Epidemiology as a Profession, and recruit new members;
- 3) Keep your profile up-to-date in the membership database, we want to know about you;
- 4) Tell us what you would like for the College to do to help you in your professional development and advancement in career!

Speaking of membership data, we thought the readership might like a glimpse into a few membership statistics! As of March 2019, the membership database lists 496 active members. Of these, 62 (12%) are Associate Members, 225 (45%) are Members, 193 (39%) are Fellows, 9 (2%) are Honorary Fellows and 7 (1%) are Emeriti. Thirty-one members joined in 2018 (Associate: 6, Members: 23, Fellows: 2) and one joined in 2019 (Member), with 24 additional applications for membership currently under review. Of the approximately 87% of members who chose to report their gender, 56% are men and 44% women. The proportion of men is highest among Fellows (64%), Honorary Fellows (67%) and Emeriti (100%), whereas it is 51% among Members and 36% among Associate Members (although the proportion who do not report their gender is highest in this category, 32%). Among the 86% of members who report race/ethnicity, 69% are Caucasian, 11% Asian, 11% Black, 4% Hispanic and the remainder are in other or unspecified groups. The proportion of Caucasians is highest among Fellows (77%), Honorary Fellows (100%) and Emeriti (71%); it is 64% among Members and 51% among Associate Members. The gender and racial/ethnic diversity of our Associate Members is a strength of the College and needs to be cultivated! For the 406 (82%) of members providing employment information, 238 (59%) are employed in academic institutions, 47 (12%) in the federal government, 21 (5%) in state/local government, 22 (5%) in industry, 16 (4%) in private research firms, 21 (5%) are private consultants and 41 are retired or in "other" occupations.

If you want to know more about the Membership Committee, have feedback about our work, or would like to join, please contact Maurizio ([Maurizio.Macaluso@cchmc.org](mailto:Maurizio.Macaluso@cchmc.org)) or Sarah ([Geiger@niu.edu](mailto:Geiger@niu.edu)). We would love to hear from you!

## UPDATE FROM THE MINORITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**Bertha Hidalgo, PhD, MPH, FACE Chair**

The Minority Affairs Committee (MAC) is gearing up for this year's annual Minority Affairs Workshop at the annual ACE meeting. Our workshop will be held Saturday, September 7, 2019 from Noon – 5:00 p.m. For more information, email [bhidalgo@uab.edu](mailto:bhidalgo@uab.edu) or visit the ACE website: <https://www.aceepidemiology.org/2019-annual-meeting>. We will be offering travel assistance for those with childcare or family member care expenses that require out-of-pocket spending, so please reach out if you're interested learning more about that.

Our committee has grown exponentially this year, still we eagerly welcome new members. Please contact me if you are interested in joining the committee, helping with the planning, or if you would like to join our monthly calls, which take place the second Friday of every month from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. CST. I am very excited to work with existing and prospective members of the MAC and look forward to all that we will contribute to the College and the field of epidemiology this coming year.



## UPDATE FROM COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

**Julie Smith-Gagen, MPH, PhD, FACE Chair, ACE Communications Committee**

We are pleased to announce that Julie Smith-Gagen, Associate Professor, School of Community Health Sciences, University of Nevada, Reno, is the new chair of the **Communications Committee**. Dr. Smith-Gagen was formerly the Vice-Chair of the Minority Affairs Committee.

## NEW CAREER MENTORING PROGRAM: NEED A MENTOR OR WANT TO SERVE AS A MENTOR?

**Angela Liese, PhD, MPH, FACE Chair**

Career mentoring is beneficial for mobility, growth and development at all stages of an epidemiologist's career. ACE provides a variety of opportunities to be mentored and to mentor, facilitated through the Career Mentoring Committee. ACE has now moved to a new level of engagement in mentoring, offering a more inclusive and structured one-on-one mentoring program for epidemiologists to achieve their professional goals. This program has recently been formalized in the Mentoring Guidelines that were developed by the Career Mentoring Committee. The Mentoring Guidelines can be used as a resource for both mentee and mentor as they offer suggestions for specific areas for mentoring and guiding principles of the mentee - mentor relationship. It is the hope of the Career Mentoring Committee and ACE that the adoption of the mentoring program will contribute positively to the professional success of ACE members at various career stages and in various career paths. **Read the article** published in the March issue of the Annals of Epidemiology for more details. You may sign-up to be a mentor or request a mentor by completing these fields in your profile when logged into the ACE website. Please contact Committee Chair, **Angela Liese**, with any questions.

She takes over from Dr. Emily Vogtmann, whom we thank for her leadership and outstanding service to ACE. Other members of the Communication Committee include: Drs. Jan Eberth, Ed Trapido, Gregory Fant, Raza Syed, and Gregory Bond. Members interested in joining the Communications Committee should contact Dr. Smith-Gagen at [jsmithgagen@unr.edu](mailto:jsmithgagen@unr.edu).



## SPONSOR & EXHIBITOR OPPORTUNITIES AT ACE ANNUAL MEETING

**Kristen Phillips, MPA, CAE**  
Executive Director of ACE

### Help Us Help You! A Way to Keep Your Annual Meeting Costs Down

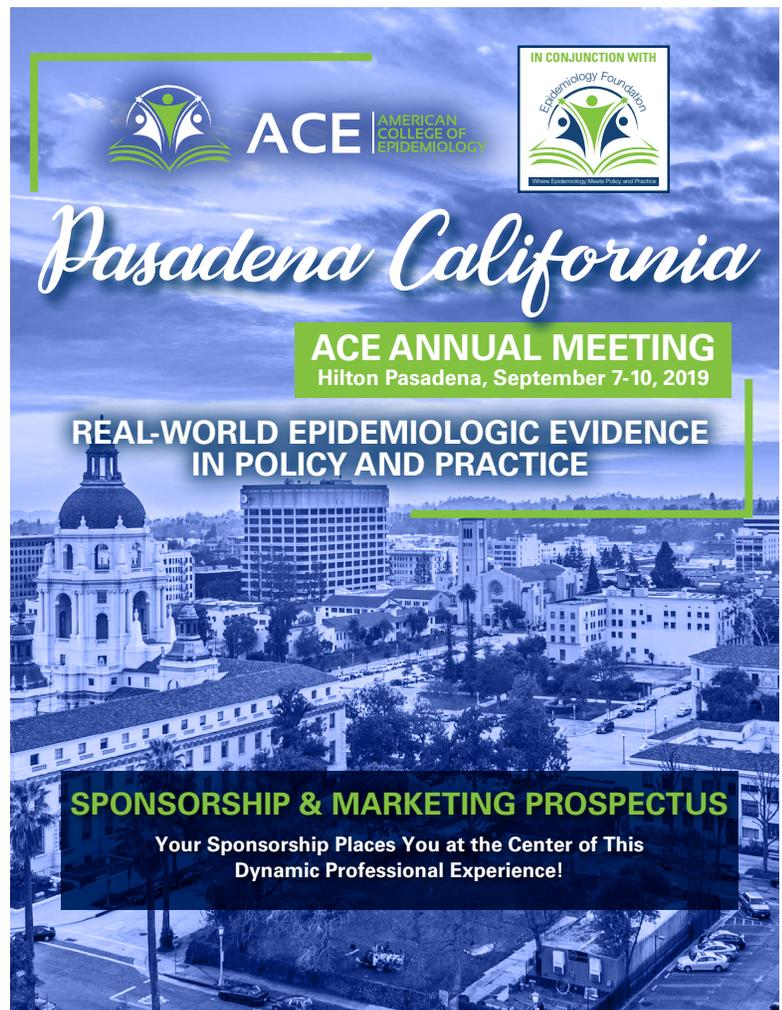
**Brand new this year!** In an attempt to raise additional funds for [ACE's Annual Meeting](#) and keep costs down, ACE, in conjunction with the Epidemiology Foundation, created this [Sponsor & Exhibitor Prospectus](#) that identifies opportunities for organizations and companies to showcase their products and services and get the best ROI for their investment. A wide range of opportunities for exposure are available including a sponsorship of the full meeting, off-site reception and awards night, breaks/meals, workshops, bags, giveaways, promotional advertising and ten individual Annual Awards; plus an option to exhibit on Monday, September 9, 2019.

Since this is the first time for this effort, we need to build contacts and **need your help in spreading the word.** Please forward [this prospectus](#) to those you think could support us and tell them you are a proud member of ACE.

## NEWS FROM YOUR EPIDEMIOLOGY FOUNDATION

**Edward Trapido, ScD., FACE**  
Epidemiology Foundation President

The ACE Research and Education Foundation, dba the Epidemiology Foundation, has been soliciting nominations for its annual Foundation Endowed Scholar. In last year's premiere of the Endowed Scholar award, Dr. Ross Brownson spoke on "Applying Epidemiology Across the Lifespan to Improve Health Care, Inform Health Policy, and Enhance Population Health." His presentation was a highlight at the conference. We now have six nominees, and will be announcing this year's winner shortly. Please submit any more nominations by email to [ace.endowed.lectureship@gmail.com](mailto:ace.endowed.lectureship@gmail.com) by **April 30, 2019.**



The image shows the cover of the 'Sponsorship & Marketing Prospectus' for the ACE Annual Meeting. The background is a blue-tinted aerial view of Pasadena, California, featuring the Pasadena City Hall. At the top left is the ACE logo (American College of Epidemiology) and at the top right is the Epidemiology Foundation logo. The text on the cover includes: 'IN CONJUNCTION WITH Epidemiology Foundation', 'ACE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EPIDEMIOLOGY', 'Pasadena California' in a large script font, 'ACE ANNUAL MEETING Hilton Pasadena, September 7-10, 2019', 'REAL-WORLD EPIDEMIOLOGIC EVIDENCE IN POLICY AND PRACTICE', and 'SPONSORSHIP & MARKETING PROSPECTUS'. A dark box at the bottom contains the text: 'Your Sponsorship Places You at the Center of This Dynamic Professional Experience!'.

**Honoring Donors:** The Epidemiology Foundation gratefully thanks all of the individuals who believe in and support the Foundation. Check out the Epidemiology Foundation's Honor Roll in this newsletter and [on the website](#). Help us forward the important work of epidemiology and protect public health by [supporting the Foundation](#). The Foundation will also provide financial support for several components of the 2019 Annual Meeting.

The Foundation is revitalizing its Board of Directors, beginning by adding Michelle Forman, Ph.D., FACE, the Distinguished Professor and Department Head of the Department of Nutrition Science at Purdue University. We are especially interested in expanding the Board to include epidemiologists who work for Corporations, Foundations, and Consulting Firms, to balance professional input from those who work in Government and Academia. The BOD discusses and makes recommendations for the promotion of the profession of epidemiology and public health and solicits funds to support the scientific, educational and the charitable mission of the Foundation.

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## NEWS FROM YOUR EPIDEMIOLOGY FOUNDATION CONT.

**Edward Trapido, ScD., FACE**  
**Epidemiology Foundation President**

Do you have a suggestion for BOD membership? If so, please send it to [info@myacefoundation.org](mailto:info@myacefoundation.org) and indicate why the individual would be a great addition. You can also nominate yourself! Ms. Kristen Phillips, MPA, CAE is the Executive Director of the Epidemiology Foundation and supports the BODs administrative and programmatic efforts.

The Foundation is looking to build its social media presence. Anyone willing to help us? Drop a line to [info@myacefoundation.org](mailto:info@myacefoundation.org).



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