

SEE YOU IN PASADENA FOR THE 2019 ACE ANNUAL MEETING!

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF
EPIDEMIOLOGY ONLINE
MEMBER NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2019 — ISSUE #4

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Message from the President 1

Update from the Membership
Committee..... 2

New Executive Director
Appointed 3

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR ACE PROFILE TO INDICATE YOUR WILLINGNESS TO MENTOR

This is another reminder to please update your profile on the [ACE website](#) by logging-in and signing-up to be a mentor or request a mentor by completing these fields in your profile. **[Read the article published in the March issue of the Annals of Epidemiology for more details about the mentoring program.](#)** Please contact Mentoring Committee Chair, Angela Liese, with any questions.

ACE OFFICE

American College
of Epidemiology

230 Washington Avenue Ext.
Suite 101
Albany, NY 12203

ph. 518.240.1210
fax: 518.463.8656
e. office@acepidemiology.org

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.



ACE | AMERICAN
COLLEGE OF
EPIDEMIOLOGY

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



This spring has been a busy time for ACE. In March, the board together with many committee chairs engaged in a full-day strategic planning retreat, identifying our strengths and opportunities as well as challenges we may face moving forward. Following up, a working group has been crafting mission, vision, and values statements that describe who we are, what we do, and how we comport ourselves as the premier professional organization focused on the discipline of epidemiology. The emerging strategic plan is a work in progress, and it is my hope that the plan will enable ACE to become an ever more vibrant voice in the coming years.

Plans are nearly complete for our annual meeting in Pasadena in early September, and we are initiating a process of planning out of future meetings with a longer lead time. Our staff have been extremely supportive of our efforts to streamline the admissions process, utilize the functionality of our improved web presence, and engage our members more directly in the work of ACE.

2019 ACE Annual Meeting Highlights

We are just days away from the kickoff of the 2019 ACE Annual Meeting. We hope you are as excited as we are to bring together all members of the College for a few days of education, networking, and fun!

This year we are especially excited for our Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony to be held on Monday evening, September 9th. If you are going to be in Pasadena make sure to attend this event and help acknowledge the superior work your colleagues have accomplished this past year.

The countdown has begun! Be sure to check your email in the days leading up to the meeting for the most current event updates. See you there!

UPDATE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

**Maurizio Macaluso, MD, DrPH, FACE
Chair**

The Membership Committee continues to pursue its goal of increasing recruitment of new members and retention of existing members. We are exploring new recruitment strategies by partnering with other organizations and are partnering with the ACE office in designing a win-back campaign to promote membership renewal among members who have recently lapsed. We take this opportunity to remind you that if your membership has lapsed during the past year, you do not need to re-apply for membership. Contact our ACE office and they will be happy to help you pay your dues and fully reinstate you. If you know of any lapsed ACE members who are no longer receiving the Newsletter and are at risk of having their membership revoked, please forward this information to them.

The Membership Committee recognizes the importance of highlighting the value that being a member of the College adds to a professional career, and intends to promote awareness by compiling testimonials by key individuals and sharing them among the members. Going forward, in each newsletter the Membership Committee will showcase Fellows, Members, or Associate Members. We'll ask them a little bit about their work, and find out what ACE membership means to them. We begin with our Chair (a Fellow) and Vice Chair (a Member).

We are looking for new members at all ranks and invite you to contact us if you are interested in learning more about our work and contributing.



Maurizio Macaluso, MD, DrPH, FACE ([Maurizio.macaluso@cchmc.org](mailto:maacaluso@cchmc.org)) serves as Chair of the Membership Committee and as a member of the Board of Directors. He served as Program Chair and Local Host for the 2018 ACE meeting in Cincinnati.

As an epidemiologist, I have enjoyed a varied and stimulating career: I

started focusing on cancer epidemiology and occupational exposures in Italy, moved to the USA and pursued a doctoral degree in a School of Public Health, broadened my research interests to reproductive health, successfully pursued an academic career at UAB where I continued my research and taught methods, then moved to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention where I led a branch focusing on surveillance and research on women's health. More recently, I returned to academia at one of the best pediatric research centers in the world: Cincinnati Children's.

Throughout these changes, one aspect of my professional life has been reassuringly stable: I have been a Fellow of the American College of Epidemiology for the past 20+ years, and consistently found this organization to be my "professional home." The ACE membership encompasses all of the research topics and work environments I have encountered, and then more. ACE is a home for epidemiologists engaged in academic research, government programs and policy making, consulting and industry. Its gender and racial/ethnic diversity is steadily growing, helped by a constant influx of new epidemiologists who join as Associate Members and move through the ranks of Member and Fellow. ACE has given me the opportunity to engage in collaborations with national leaders through the activities of our committees. Membership includes a discounted individual subscription to the Annals of Epidemiology, which I enjoy reading and contributing to; and discounted registration at our annual meeting, an excellent venue for networking, a cozier environment than other meetings offer. I was honored to host the 2018 ACE meeting in Cincinnati, and look forward to attending the 2019 meeting in Pasadena. I hope to see you again there!



Sarah Geiger, PhD, MS, MACE, FAHA (geiger@niu.edu), serves as Vice Chair of the ACE Membership Committee.

My training is in environmental and chronic disease epidemiology, specifically exposure to common environmental pollutants and intermediate cardiovascular disease outcomes among children and youth in both the

US and China. I am an investigator on the NIH ECHO (Environmental influences on Child Health Outcomes) Program, and former Chair of the Illinois Public Health Association Epidemiology and Health Statistics Section. I am also active in program evaluation for statewide CDC-funded programs and am passionate about collaborating with public health practitioners at the state and local levels on applied research projects.

As a newly tenured faculty member at a large state university, I have benefited tremendously from the intimate networking ACE provides, not just at the annual meeting, but through other ACE programs that you can engage in from your home base! For example, I've gained SO much from the ACE Mentoring Program. I was personally linked with a Fellow in the College, based on my own stated mentorship needs, and that person has provided not only research advice, but guidance in professional development, career strategies, and so much more. Also, ACE has been the perfect place to develop my professional service. In addition to a committee leadership role, I've also been engaged in multiple other activities such as abstract reviewing for the annual meeting. Other organizations are so large that it can seem like pulling

teeth to become meaningfully involved, but with ACE, there are plenty of opportunities for everyone—Associate Members, Members, and Fellows—and the result is what feels like a family of epidemiologists that I know on a first-name basis. Please note that the Membership Committee will support a Job Fair at the Annual ACE meeting in Pasadena. The event we piloted in 2018 in Cincinnati was well received and we will use the information entered in the conference registration form to identify attendees who are interested in participating as prospective job applicants or prospective employer (or both!). We will request preliminary information (a letter of research interest and a c.v. from prospective job applicants, a description of the organization and of the specific positions available from the prospective employers) and use one hour on Sunday afternoon to convene the group and facilitate employer-candidate discussions, leaving binders for consultation at the registration desk. If you have expressed an interest through the registration process, we will reach out with more information. If you are interested in taking part in this event and have not indicated that through the meeting registration process, please contact the ACE office, Maurizio Macaluso or Sarah Geiger and we will contact you.

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR APPOINTED

The Board of Directors has appointed a new Executive Director to serve the College and its members. Meagan Bowker, CAE, took up the post on May 16, 2019 and jumped right in to learning about ACE, its members, operations and needs.

Meagan Bowker is an Association Manager with Capitol Hill Management Services where she effectively provides management and development to organizations by acting as the liaison between management, the board of directors, and all volunteer leaders.

Meagan has demonstrated success in overseeing strategic planning and the implementation of her association partners' long and short-term goals. In addition, she has significant experience in managing professional certification programs, membership management, event planning, and project management within the best practices of association management.

Meagan is an action-oriented, adaptable, and innovative association professional who has developed excellent organizational management, communication, problem-solving, and program administration skills. She demonstrates an outstanding ability to maintain her composure under pressure and to work with each level of an organization, from supporters and sponsors to members and boards of directors. Her ability to create strong working relationships have made her an asset to both CHMS and our association partners.

Meagan is a Certified Association Executive (CAE) and was named the 2019 Rising Star by the Empire State Society of Association Executives for demonstrating extraordinary potential for future leadership in association management. She is also a graduate of the Empire State Society of Association Executives Association Leadership Academy. Meagan serves as Vice Chair of the Strategic Partnership Committee with the Empire State Society of Association Executives.

ACE Welcomes Meagan!

