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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.



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## Message from the American College of Epidemiology President, Steven Jacobsen, MD, PhD



Summertime greetings! I hope everyone had a safe and healthy start to the year and have some time planned to get away in the summer.

For nearly a year and a half now, we've all been steeped in the throes of the pandemic. It has been a huge awakening for many about our continued vulnerabilities to new and emerging infections. It's been a time of loss for many of us. It also has been a crazy and tumultuous time with the politicization of public health measures. My sincere thanks to the many of you bringing your epidemiologic expertise to bear across the spectrum.

This period also has drawn a huge amount of attention to our discipline. Two years ago, could you have imagined newscasters, elected officials and lay people using terms like bend the curve, herd immunity, incidence and vaccine efficacy and effectiveness so commonly? And using them correctly? Some might say that this has been the year of the epidemiologist.

To that end, I hope that you have registered for our annual meeting [https://whova.com/web/acean\\_202109/](https://whova.com/web/acean_202109/). Our Annual Meeting Planning Committee, along with our committee chairs have put together an outstanding virtual program: From Womb to Tomb: Insights from Health Emergencies. The preliminary agenda is available on our website but please check regularly for updates. Following our pre-meeting workshop offerings on September 8, Dr. Michael Osterholm will be the first keynote speaker, opening the meeting on Thursday September 9. He is Regents Professor, McKnight Presidential Endowed Chair in Public Health and the director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy (CIDRAP) at the University of Minnesota and Fellow of the American College of Epidemiology. He served as a member of President-elect Joe Biden's 13-member Transition COVID-19 Advisory Board and will be sharing his insights about the current state of the pandemic.

The annual meeting program will be organized into three tracks: COVID-19, General Epidemiology and Social Equity. While tracks will run concurrently, registrants will be able to watch recordings of the sessions they miss asynchronously. The program committee has identified timely and important topics and a set of speakers who will share their insights and interact with attendees. The call for late breaker abstracts is currently open for those who wish to present their most recent findings. Also, the awards committee is accepting nominations for awards presented by the College [https://whova.com/web/acean\\_202109/Abstracts](https://whova.com/web/acean_202109/Abstracts), including a special award for work related to the pandemic. The meeting will conclude Friday afternoon, June 10.

I want to close with a special heart-felt 'Thank you' to our officers, board and committee members and leaders for their continued support of the college. We are a volunteer organization and depend on individual's willingness to pitch in and help. A huge thanks also to Meagan Bowker, Executive Director for the American College of Epidemiology. She is the one who makes things happen.

I look forward to 'seeing' you at the Annual Meeting. In the meantime, please stay safe and be well.

Steven J Jacobsen, MD, PhD, FACE  
President, American College of Epidemiology

## CALL FOR NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

The American College of Epidemiology is seeking an editor for the newsletter. Serving as editor provides an opportunity to serve the college and interact with members across the various committees.

If you are interested in this position, please contact either Nicholas Ollberding ([nicholas.ollberding@cchmc.org](mailto:nicholas.ollberding@cchmc.org)) or Julie Smith-Gagen ([jsmithgagen@unr.edu](mailto:jsmithgagen@unr.edu)) for more details.

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERS UPDATE:



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**OUTGOING AM DIRECTOR**  
 STATE EPIDEMIOLOGIST,  
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 OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES

The Associate Members kicked off 2021 with their first quarterly call in March. During this call, the Directors sought suggestions for programming and support that would be most useful to Associate Members, and were provided great feedback. Upcoming events include an epi methods book club and the second year of our Peer Review training program which is a collaboration with the ACE Publications Committee. The program includes virtual modules created by Elsevier, a live virtual webinar hosted jointly with the Publications Committee, and an abstract practicum.

Associate Members are encouraged to provide support to the College by acting as a Liaison on an ACE committee. As of now there are AM Liaison openings for the Membership, Ethics, and Minority Affairs committees. Please reach out if you are interested in getting involved by emailing us at [aceassocmember@gmail.com](mailto:aceassocmember@gmail.com)!

## CALLING ALL EPIDEMIOLOGISTS.....

### WAYWAY M. HLAING, ETHICS COMMITTEE CHAIR



Have you read the American College of Epidemiology (ACE) ethics guidelines<sup>1</sup> lately? The official ethics guidelines of the ACE were adopted by the board of directors in 1999 and printed in the ACE's official journal in 2000.<sup>2</sup> As our

field of epidemiology continues to evolve, we are facing new ethical challenges while conventional ethical issues remain.

The Ethics Committee has kept the original guidelines intact but the committee has been supplementing them with ethico-epidemiology related topics by sponsoring symposia in ACE annual meetings and publishing in the *Annals of Epidemiology*. The committee members believe it is time to revise the original guidelines. We are inviting all interested ACE (*associate, regular, fellow or emeritus*) members to join us in helping shape the guidelines.

These are the guidelines for all of us – from the earliest epidemiology trainees to the most senior epidemiologists and in-between.

If you are interested in joining our committee or in contributing to this worthy project, please contact either Jennifer Salerno ([salernoj@mcmaster.ca](mailto:salernoj@mcmaster.ca)) or Ken Goodman ([kgoodman@med.miami.edu](mailto:kgoodman@med.miami.edu)) who are co-leading this effort.

1. <https://www.aceepidemiology.org/ethics-guidelines>

2. American College of Epidemiology. Ethics Guidelines. *Ann Epidemiol.* 2000;10:487–497.

## MINORITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE UPDATE:

### BERTHA HIDALGO AND CATHY CRITCHLOW

#### Greetings!

It gives me great pleasure to update you on the activities of the Minority Affairs committee (MAC). We are gearing up for this year's annual Minority Affairs Workshop to take place virtually September 2021. Stay tuned for more information, or follow along for updates on the ACE website. ACE website: <https://www.aceepidemiology.org/2021-annual-meeting>.

Our committee has grown exponentially this year, still we eagerly welcome new members. Please contact us 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 2-3pm CST. All calls take place using GoTo Meeting, which has been a great way to get to know others virtually!

We are 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.

Sincerely,  
 Bertha Hidalgo and Cathy Critchlow  
 Minority Affairs Committee

## UPDATE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

**SARAH GEIGER, PHD, FAHA, MACE (CHAIR) AND EDWIN VAN WIJNGAARDEN, PHD, FACE (VICE CHAIR), AND JOEL BEGAY, MPH (MANAGER)**

Hello readers! Spring has sprung and with it comes a sense of hope for a future beyond the brutal master that is COVID-19. Relief is mixed with sadness as we remember those who lost their lives, and those living in areas of the country and world that are not yet out of the woods. Please know that our hearts and minds are with you as you continue to navigate the many personal and professional affects that the pandemic has had on your life.

We won't take much of your time but do have a few important and exciting updates. Probably most importantly, we recently worked with the ACE office to launch our annual "win-back" campaign, where we reached out to any and all of those whose ACE memberships had lapsed. This year we took a slightly different approach and cast our net more broadly. Instead of targeting only recently lapsed members, we went back farther to those whose memberships had lapsed, dating back to 2017. To date, we have had more than 24 lapsed member renewals and are thrilled to welcome them back to the ACE family! We hope that continued follow-up with those who have not yet renewed will result in even more renewals. With this success, we also feel a renewed responsibility to ensure that the member benefits ACE offers are strong and differentiated to our Associate, Member, and Fellow levels. We will continue to work on various member retention activities going forward, but for now we turn our focus to planning for the Annual meeting in September. The Membership Committee plans to offer a virtual job fair again this year (*FREE with meeting registration for employers AND job-seekers*), so please indicate your interest in the job fair within the meeting registration.

Please keep reading as we continue our member profiles series! In this issue, we profile two new ACE Membership Committee Members, Dr. David Shonberg (MACE), and Dr. Larissa White (Associate Member). Thank you, David and Larissa, and welcome to the Committee!

### **David Shonberg, DDS, MPH, MACE**

Dr. Shonberg is originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Pittsburgh, a D.D.S. degree and Certificate in Prosthodontics from Northwestern University Dental School, and an M.P.H. in Epidemiology from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. His main professional commitment has been his full-time clinical prosthodontic practice in downtown Chicago. Currently, he is a Clinical



**David Shonberg, DDS, MPH, MACE**

Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois College of Dentistry, where he has been involved in dental implant and restorative materials research, and in teaching clinical prosthodontics and epidemiology. He has also served as an instructor at the Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, teaching evidence-based dentistry to general practice dental residents.

Dr. Shonberg is a Fellow of the American College of Prosthodontists. He has been active in calibrating prosthodontists in the use of the Prosthodontic Diagnostic Index, an instrument for stratifying patients based on anticipated complexity of treatment, and in a pilot effort to form a private practice-based research network. His current interests are oral and public health research and teaching, and helping to integrate clinical epidemiology into dental education and practice.

#### **1. Please describe how you joined ACE: what attracted you to the College?**

*As a clinician in the dental specialty of Prosthodontics, I really enjoyed my involvement in the American College of Prosthodontists. After completing my M.P.H., I've been looking for an analogous opportunity.*

#### **2. What has been the best experience you had as a Fellow/Member/Associate Member of the College?**

*Well, I've only been a member since November, 2020, but have already enjoyed meeting colleagues, and learning a little about their research and other interests.*

#### **3. What keeps you engaged in ACE?**

*Probably the biggest thing is the prospect of new friendships and future collaborations.*

#### **4. What career advantages do you see coming from continued membership in the College?**

*I look forward to networking with other ACE Members and Fellows, and participating in educational development workshops.*

#### **5. What are your expectations of what ACE can do for you?**

*I think that collaborating with my epidemiology colleagues for the benefit of the College is certain to enhance my understanding of the many dimensions of epidemiology research and practice.*

## UPDATE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CONT.

### Larissa Lee White, PhD, MPH, CPH

Larissa Lee White, PhD, MPH, CPH is a postdoctoral research fellow in cancer epidemiology at Kaiser Permanente Colorado's Institute for Health Research. Her research uses epidemiologic methods to identify health disparities and inform policy on how to improve cancer-related health services. Her current area of focus is on patterns of care associated with the diagnosis of cancer of unknown primary (CUP). She has received funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Geographic Management of Cancer Health Disparities Program (GMaP). Dr. White currently serves on the ACE Membership Committee.



Larissa Lee White, PhD, MPH, CPH

#### 1. Please describe how you joined ACE: what attracted you to the College?

*I joined ACE because my doctoral mentor is a longtime member. She recommended ACE as an organization which supports epidemiologic research by providing opportunities for members to receive training and assistance, showcase their work, and network with colleagues in our field.*

#### 2. What has been the best experience you had as a Fellow/Member/Associate Member of the College?

*The best experience I had as a member of the College so far is joining the Membership Committee and engaging with fellow peers on how best to expand ACE membership.*

#### 3. What keeps you engaged in ACE?

*The annual conference and Annals of Epidemiology keep me engaged in ACE. I learn about the research other members are completing and it inspires new ideas in my own research.*

#### 4. What career advantages do you see coming from continued membership in the College?

*The career advantages I see coming from continued membership in the College revolve around networking and continued training opportunities to grow my knowledge in the field.*

#### 5. What are your expectations of what ACE can do for you?

*My expectations of what ACE can do for me include occasions for peer-review and publication support, as well as keeping me connected to the larger world of epidemiology.*

## JOB POSTING

### UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT HOUSTON

(UTHealth) School Of Public Health  
Non-tenure Assistant Professor of Instruction  
Department of Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences

The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) School of Public Health is currently accepting applications to fill a full-time, 12-month non-tenure track teaching faculty position at the level of Assistant Professor of Instruction. This position may be located at any one of the six UTHealth School of Public Health campuses across the state of Texas (Austin, Brownsville, Dallas, El Paso, Houston, San Antonio). Candidates will be expected to teach 5-6 health promotion courses per year with at least 4 of those in introductory health promotion, behavioral science, and/or qualitative research courses. This appointment has the potential of promotion to the level of Associate Professor of Instruction.

**Position Qualifications:** A Ph.D. or Dr.PH. degree in behavioral sciences, health promotion, health education, or related disciplines is required. The candidate must have a strong interest in teaching, enthusiasm to work with students, and provide evidence of teaching excellence with good communication skills. Preference will be given to candidates who wish to focus their careers on the development and practicing of innovative teaching strategies and novel pedagogic technologies. A teaching statement is required for application consideration.

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Candidates should submit a teaching statement, a letter describing their qualifications and interests, unofficial transcripts of their degree, along with their curriculum vitae, and contact information for three professional references to: <https://www.uth.edu/hr/uthealth-careers>. Address correspondences and any questions to Melissa Peskin, PhD [Melissa.F.Peskin@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:Melissa.F.Peskin@uth.tmc.edu) - Search Committee Chair and please be sure to add HPBS Teaching Faculty Search to the message subject line.

## THANK YOU TO THE 2020 ACE ANNUAL MEETING ABSTRACT REVIEWERS AND EDITORS, INCLUDING THOSE WHO VOLUNTEERED DURING OUR SPECIAL ROUND OF LATE-BREAKER ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FOR COVID-19

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### ACE LAUNCHES NEW PEER-REVIEW TRAINING PROGRAM IN EPIDEMIOLOGY

**MARIA-GRACIELA HOLLM-DELGADO, MSC PHD  
PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR**



This past year in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, we launched the ACE Peer Review Training Program. It aims to provide Associate Members with peer-review training and opportunities, and represents a joint initiative between the Publications and Associate Members committees, chaired in 2020 by Dr. Sazid Khan.

Developed as a 3-module training program, trainees have the opportunity to learn about general aspects of scientific peer-review through a series of online video lectures. An in-person class session is also offered on the principals and practice of peer review in the field of epidemiology. During the session, trainees are encouraged through cooperative learning to draw upon content knowledge received during their graduate studies in epidemiology to evaluate an example abstract and formulate a review report. In the final module, trainees

gain hands-on-experience in scientific peer-review within ACE's flagship journal the Annals of Epidemiology. This year's practicum included peer-reviewing ACE meeting abstracts considered for publication in the Journal during the regular round of reviews. Several trainees were then recommended as manuscript reviewers for Annals of Epidemiology based on reviewer reports.

The training initiative is currently open to all Associate Members, although the practicum portion is limited to trainees with at least one year of coursework in epidemiology. Certificates are also emitted to mark completion of training. We want to take this opportunity to congratulate our graduates of the class of 2020 and thank all those who made the program a success in its inaugural year!

#### Congratulations to the ACE Peer Review Training Program Inaugural Class of 2020!

Wyatt Bensken  
Brittney Boakye  
Nadia Koyratty  
Ted Leinaar  
Kim Parra  
Kathy Zhao



## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Please join us for the 2021 ACE Annual Meeting! ACE invites the submission of abstracts to be considered for poster presentation at our Annual Meeting, which will be held virtually from September 8 - 10, 2021.

This year's meeting theme is From Womb to Tomb: Insights from Health Emergencies.

Abstracts from all areas of epidemiology are welcome. Abstracts addressing the meeting's theme are particularly encouraged.

**Accepted abstracts will be published in the program and the Annals of Epidemiology.**

**Next Abstract Submission Deadline:**  
**July 15, 2021, 5:00 pm EST**

## JOB POSTING

### **DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF EPIDEMIOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF BIostatISTICS, EPIDEMIOLOGY AND INFORMATICS**

University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine  
Location: Philadelphia, PA  
Open Date: Apr 15, 2021

The Department of Biostatistics, Epidemiology and Informatics at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania seeks candidates for the position of Director, Division of Epidemiology. This will be a Full Professor position in either the non-tenure clinician educator track or the tenure track. Expertise is required in the specific area of managing research and research infrastructure, having a demonstrated strong and continuous track record of externally funded research and impactful scholarship/publications, be skilled at raising funds from internal and philanthropic sources, and be inspiring and skilled at working with a wide range of investigators and staff. Candidates are expected to have an internationally recognized record of scholarship and have demonstrated successful academic research leadership experience. Applicants must have a Ph.D or M.D. or equivalent degree.

Candidates are expected to have a strong commitment to teaching and mentoring students. The Graduate Group in Epidemiology and Biostatistics (GGEB) offers a degree program leading to the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Epidemiology. Teaching responsibilities may also include participation in various academic programs and other medical school educational programs. Research or scholarship responsibilities may include having an internationally recognized record of scholarship, and demonstrating successful academic research leadership experience. The successful candidate will be a visionary leader, dedicated to faculty career development, and strong advocacy for collaborative and team-oriented research, as well as training the next generation of epidemiologists. The Division of Epidemiology is the academic home for 62 faculty, within a vibrant multidisciplinary academic department comprised of three divisions – Biostatistics, Epidemiology, and Informatics with approximately 100 faculty. We seek candidates who embrace and reflect diversity in the broadest sense. The University of Pennsylvania is an EOE. Minorities/women/individuals with disabilities/protected veterans are encouraged to apply.

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