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Message from the American College of Epidemiology President, Dr. Harold I. Feldman

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At the time of this writing, the American Medical Association has just issued a [statement that responds to the U.S. House of Representatives' passage of the American Health Care Act](https://www.ama-assn.org/ama-statement-house-passage-american-health-care-act) <<https://www.ama-assn.org/ama-statement-house-passage-american-health-care-act>>. The House bill will result in millions of Americans losing access to quality, affordable health insurance, the AMA declares. [A recent amendment to it](https://www.ama-assn.org/ama-urges-congress-oppose-amended-health-care-reform-bill) <<https://www.ama-assn.org/ama-urges-congress-oppose-amended-health-care-reform-bill>> would also allow states to seek waivers to weaken Obamacare insurance reforms that protect people with pre-existing conditions.

The House bill is just the latest turn in a startling series of events in the policy world that surrounds our work as epidemiologists. While no one devoted to population health can fail to notice the situation, each of us must respond in his/her own way. So I write to you today not in my role as ACE president, but instead as one epidemiologist long committed to safeguarding and improving the health of the public..

I find myself compelled to speak up on several fronts. I am alarmed to see that



the AHCA proposed slashing a [CDC fund specifically set up to prevent diseases](http://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-care/new-gop-health-care-bill-would-cut-fund-fight-killer-n730391) <<http://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-care/new-gop-health-care-bill-would-cut-fund-fight-killer-n730391>>. I am worried by [multiple attacks on the Environmental Protection Agency](http://www.cnn.com/2017/04/29/politics/trump-epa-cuts-infighting-climate-change/) <<http://www.cnn.com/2017/04/29/politics/trump-epa-cuts-infighting-climate-change/>>; the particulars are sure to change, but it will take a mighty effort to

Welcome new ACE Fellows:

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Timothy Cunningham, ScD

Suzanne W. McDermott, PhD

Anne B. Newman, MD, MPH

Mario Schootman, PhD

Steven Stellman, MPH, PhD

Zunyou Wu, MD, PhD

Message from the President continued...

shift the sentiment behind them, which seems to ignore the evidence that clean air and clean water are essential to human health. Still [under discussion at the moment](http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/329288-trump-officials-postpone-meeting-on-paris-climate-pact) <<http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/329288-trump-officials-postpone-meeting-on-paris-climate-pact>> is Trump's campaign promise to exit the historic 2015 Paris climate change agreement.

We experience an occasional bright spot. The spending bill recently approved by Congress not only averted earlier-proposed cuts to the National Institutes of Health; [it raised NIH funding by \\$2 billion](http://www.sciencemag.org/news/2017/05/how-science-fares-us-budget-deal) <<http://www.sciencemag.org/news/2017/05/how-science-fares-us-budget-deal>>. Yet the need for vigilance remains.

ACE members are employed in many different sectors, and I know that each of you will read my words from a different vantage point. I urge you to stay attuned to the latest news that carries potentially great implications for population health, and to speak up in a way that's appropriate for you.

ACE Membership Current Count by Categories* (as of June 12, 2017)	
Current Membership (renewed)	
Fellows (FACE)	270
Members (MACE)	332
Associate Members	71
Emeritus	43
Honorary Fellows	25
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	741

Please don't forget to submit your membership dues

ACE Member Highlight: Dr. Jennifer Gander



The prevalence of chronic disease, especially chronic kidney disease, continues to increase in the U.S. For patients that progress to kidney failure, kidney transplantation remains the preferred treatment for many patients, and is associated with improved quality of life, longer survival, and lower hospitalization cost compared to dialysis. However, there are significant disparities in access to kidney transplantation and the availability of kidney transplantation does not seem to keep up with the demand. Through her graduate work at the University of South Carolina and postdoctoral work at Emory University, Dr. Jennifer Gander recognized her basic interest was focused on improving healthcare access for vulnerable patient populations while building on her experience with predictive model analysis and translating statistically-based results to a patient's bedside.

ACE Member Highlight continued..

Dr. Gander continues to work alongside her mentor to develop a number of research questions and NIH funded projects aimed to 1) improve kidney transplant referrals in the Southeast (North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia), 2) increase patient interest in transplant through a dialysis facility-based peer mentor program, and 3) improve patient knowledge through educating patients on the short- and long-term benefits of transplant.

Dr. Gander is committed to the advancement of clinical epidemiology research through service, leadership, and mentoring. Dr. Gander has mentored more than 15 students in various stages of their academic career and served as the primary facilitator for a community-based coalition comprised of more than 45 southeastern partners from transplant centers, patient advocacy groups, non-profit organizations, dialysis facilities, and government agencies. Dr. Gander also served as the American College of Epidemiology Associate Director where she represented the views and suggestions of junior, associate member, epidemiologists to the American College of Epidemiology Board of Directors. Through her service as the American College of Epidemiology Associate Director, Dr. Gander gained the in-depth knowledge of the careful and thoughtful planning and teamwork required to continue the American College of Epidemiology's mission of promoting good science while remaining dedicated to epidemiologists' continued education.

Dr. Gander is grateful to the American College of Epidemiology for the ability to become involved in leadership activities while learning

ACE Career Mentoring Committee update

*By Carol J. Burns, Ph.D.,
M.P.H., FACE, Chair*

The ACE Career Mentoring Committee has been working diligently to develop mentoring guidelines for our members. Currently, any Associate Member, Member or Fellow may contact our committee with assistance in finding a mentor. To enhance this ad hoc process, the committee has created Mentoring Guidelines, which we will post on our committee website. Certainly, mentoring within the College is viewed as complementary to mentoring programs that may be in place at the mentee's home institution or organization. We hope that the added value of this mentoring program will be its focus on the profession of epidemiology, as all mentors are established epidemiologists.

The program is open to all members of the College. Mentors will be selected first from ACE Fellows. ACE members who are willing to mentor will be enlisted if needed. Our committee will find individual mentors for members who request one according to the interests expressed by the mentee. The expectation is that engaging in this mentor-mentee relationship constitutes a one-year commitment and that mentees and mentors schedule monthly meetings, or about 10 meetings per year.

Our committee is generating ideas enhance the networking opportuni-

ties at the Annual Meeting and to make mentoring one more advantage to being a member of the College. If you would like to join our committee we welcome new members.

ACE Membership Benefit: Annals of Epidemiology TOC Alerts

Paid membership in ACE includes access to the Annals of Epidemiology, the professional journal of the College. Articles can be accessed online. You can have a Table of Contents (TOC) sent to your email account, but, first, you have to sign-up. It takes a few steps to sign-up. Here are steps to help--

Basic steps:

Go to the Annals webpage:

[http://
www.annalsofepidemiology.org/](http://www.annalsofepidemiology.org/)

Notice "New Content Alerts" on the left-side of the page. Click.

On this page, "Create Account."

Under "My Account," update your information under "Account Info." Update Profile.

Under "My Accounts," notice "Alerts." Click.

Under "Journal Alerts," you are in the "Table of Contents Alert" area. Select the journal and frequency of updates. Then, "Save Changes."

Logout.

Now, you should receive the TOC Alert (Step 6) to the email address of your choice (Step 4).

Happy Reading!



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2017 American College of Epidemiology Annual Meeting The Methods of Translating and Disseminating Epidemiology into Public Health

Westin Hotel at the Canal • New Orleans, Louisiana
Sunday, September 24 - Tuesday, September 26

- **Keynote Presentation by Anthony S. Fauci, MD**, NIAID Office of Communications and Government Relations
- Untangling the Ethical Intersection of Epidemiology, Human Subjects Research and Public Health, Sponsored by Ethics Committee
- Harmonization of epidemiology and exposure data in systematic reviews
- Antimicrobial Resistance: Shaping Policy Solutions through Epidemiology
- Not Getting Lost in Translation: Advancing Policy-Relevant Epidemiologic Research on the Social Determinants of Health
- Annals of Epidemiology Best Paper Presentation

Preconference Workshops

- Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health
- Communicating Research Findings to the Media and Public
- The Medium is the Message: Crafting your results to impact policy and the public
- Workshop sponsored by the ACE Minority Affairs Committee

Monday Luncheon Workshops

Tuesday Breakfast Roundtables

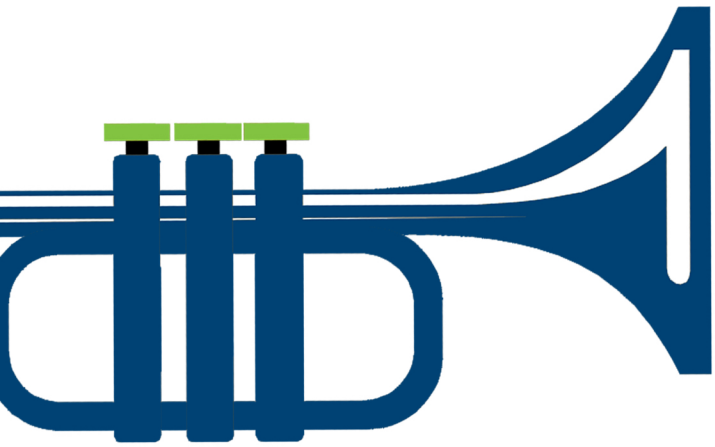
Poster Session

Please visit the ACE website for more detailed information at
www.acepidemiology.org



LATE BREAKER ABSTRACTS

ACE invites the submission of abstracts for our Annual Meeting



Westin Hotel at the Canal,
New Orleans, Louisiana,
September 24–26, 2017

Submit abstracts online at
www.evis.com/evis/jrnl/AEP

For additional information contact:
info@acepidemiology.org

Information about ACE and the
2017 Annual Meeting may be
found at our web site:
www.acepidemiology.org

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The **deadline** for
abstract submission is

August 4, 2017

Abstracts should be **300 words
or less** and structured into four
sections: Purpose, Methods,
Results, and Conclusions

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Update on the 35th American College of Epidemiology Annual Meeting

*Edward Trapido, ScD, FACE,
Meeting Program Chair,
Elizabeth Fontham,
DrPH, ACE Board Member*

Can you hear the jazz playing, smell the gumbo cooking, and feel the streetcar moving? It must be New Orleans getting ready for the **35th American College of Epidemiology Annual Meeting, which will take place on September 24th- 26th, 2017.** The theme of the meeting is the *Methods of Translating and Disseminating Epidemiology into Public Health.*



Dr. Anthony Fauci, the Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, will be the keynote speaker. Dr. Fauci has led the NIAID and the nation through AIDS, SARS, Ebola, and Zika. The NIAID has used epidemiology to develop practices in both the clinical and population domains.

The Multiethnic Affairs Committee will hold its workshop on Saturday, September 23rd, focusing on why compelling epidemiological data have not led to elimination of health disparities. Among the MAC Workshop aims are how epidemiology can help us understand

societal dynamics better, and improve their functioning, so that health disparities can be reduced or eliminated.

Saturday night will be a perfect time to stroll on the Riverwalk, eat some fresh shrimp or boiled crayfish, or go to Frenchman Street to hear the music.

On Sunday, September 24th, five workshops will be held! One is on dissemination and implementation research in health, another is on communicating research findings to the media and public, a third is on the medium is the message: crafting your results to impact policy and the public. A fourth workshop is on QGIS basics, and fifth, is a full-day workshop on extreme personal exposure biomarker levels: guidance for investigators. **Registration for all these workshops is available only with full meeting all-inclusive categories.**

The first plenary session of the meeting will occur on Monday at 10:45, on *how regulators use environmental epidemiology for public health protection.* **Dr. Heidi Erickson**, of Chevron Energy Technology, will chair the session, and **Dr. Carol Burns** of Burns Epidemiology Consulting; **Dr. Judy Lakind**, President of the International Society of Exposure; **Dr. Kyla Taylor**, who is at the NIEHS, and **Dr. Hubert Vesper**, at the CDC will be the speakers.

At 1:15 PM, there will be two concurrent sessions. The first is on “*Untangling the Ethical Intersection of Epidemiology, Human Subjects Research, and Public Health,*” moderated by **Dr. Ken Goodman**, of the University of Miami. Speakers include **Dr. Edward Peters**, of the LSU School of Public Health; **Dr. Susan Pinney**, of the University of Cincinnati Department of Environmental Health; **Dr. Stephanie Morain** of Baylor University’s Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy; and **Dr. Ross Upshur** of the University of Toronto.

The second concurrent session will be on “*Global and Domestic Perspectives on Refugee Health.*” **Dr. Olivia Carter-Pokras**, of the University of Maryland, will moderate this session. The speakers will be **Dr. Heike Thiel de Bocanegra**, from UCSD, **Dr. J. David Ingleby**, from the University of Amsterdam, and **Dr. Sonita Singh**, from the Payson Center for International Development at Tulane University School of Law.

Update on the 35th American College of Epidemiology Annual Meeting continued...



Advancing Risk Stratification for Precision Prevention: Methodologic, Clinical, and Ethical Consideration for Rare Diseases.

The speakers include **Dr. Teri Manolio**, of National Human Genome Research Institute, **Dr. Nancy Cook**, of the Harvard School of Public Health, and **Dr. Steven Coughlin**, of Augusta University.

The Annual ACE Poster Session will be Monday afternoon, followed by a host reception. After that, it's time to walk around the French Quarter, listen to the jazz, drink a Sazerac or some coffee at Café du Monde, eat some jambalaya or beignets, and take a streetcar (you can still take a streetcar named "Desire"). Save the World War II museum, the Voodoo tours, or visit to Tremé for another day.

Tuesday morning will feature breakfast roundtables, which includes the Mentoring Committees roundtables on careers in Pharma, Government, Academia, and NGOs. There is also a roundtable organized by the Ethics Committee on "Beyond Financial Conflicts of Interest".

At 9:25 AM on Tuesday, **Dr. Rebekah E. Gee**, Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, will address challenges our current political climate pose for the health of the public, and for the discipline of epidemiology, presenting "*Politics and Policy: Implications of Federal Actions on Population Health*"

The program doesn't stop there. Tuesday morning has two concurrent sessions to choose from. The first is on "*Advancing Policy-Relevant Epidemiologic Research on the Social Determinants of Health*," Chaired by **Dr. Daniel Kim**, of the Bowé College of Health Sciences, Northeastern University. He will also be a speaker, as will **Dr. Kelli Komro** of Rollins School of Public Health and **Dr. Peter Muennig** at the Mailman School of Public Health.

A second concurrent session is on "*What Elephant in the Room? What does the current political climate mean for epidemiology and its use in policy, rules, and enforcement?*" **Dr. Edward Trapido**, from LSU School of Public Health, will moderate the session and speakers will be **Dr. Cathy Critchlow**, from Amgen; and a former EPA scientist **Dr. Joel Schwartz**, of the Harvard T. H. Chan, School of Public Health.

After a break, the final plenary session will be on "*Antimicrobial Resistance: Shaping Policy Solutions through Epidemiology*," presented by **Dr. Susan Huang** from the University of California at Irvine, **Dr. Mike Lin** at Rush University, and **Dr. Ebbing Lauterbach** from the University of Pennsylvania, which will also moderate this session.

At 12 PM, ACE will hold its Awards Luncheon.

"Laissez les bons temps rouler!"

Register Today!!!

Sharing Epidemiology and Public Health Overseas

By Lynette Phillips, PhD, MSPH, and Gregory Fant, PhD, MSHS, MPA

Teaching, conducting research, or providing consultation in another country can provide experiences beyond that of simply what the job entails. In addition, it allows US scholars to fill gaps at overseas institutions. Two ACE members, Lynette Phillips and Gregory Fant, have worked outside the United States and share their experiences here.

Sharing Epidemiology and Public Health Overseas continued...

Both participated in the Fulbright Specialist program, and Gregory also cultivated a direct relationship with a public health institute. While the more well-known Fulbright Scholar program places teachers and researchers overseas for periods of four to 12 months, the Specialist program is designed for short length interactions, usually two to six weeks. The process involves anyone in an eligible discipline (listed here: <https://fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org/eligibility-specialists/>) applying to be placed on the roster. Then, either the specialist arranges with a specific program or is notified of open opportunities within their field. The host organization covers the cost of housing, transportation within the country, and food, and the Fulbright program pays for transportation to and from the country and the Specialist's stipend.

Epidemiology experiences in Columbia (pop: 48 million)

Lynette is an associate professor of epidemiology at Kent State University's College of Public Health. She taught a two-week intensive epidemiology and biostatistics course at the Universidad Nacional de Colombia in Bogota in June, 2016, to medical and public health master's students funded by the Fulbright Specialist program. Her arrangement started with a chance meeting and discussion at an international public health con-

ference between the chair of her department and the faculty member in Colombia. Once they agreed on the overall need and course plan, Lynette applied to the Specialist Roster while the faculty in Colombia applied to Fulbright as an institution. Within four months of her initial application, Lynette was en route to Bogota! Once she acclimated to the high elevation, she taught theory, methods, and SAS for six hours each day. The students reported a high level of learning and satisfaction with the course, and Lynette gained valuable information and contacts to bring back to students and colleagues in the US that will encourage collaboration across institutions. In fact, the experience was so positive that Lynette is searching for more opportunities within the Fulbright program and encouraging students and faculty to apply.

Epidemiology experiences in India (pop: 1.3 billion)

Gregory is a Federal Civil Servant (entering public service in 1997). He was accepted into the Fulbright Specialist Program in 2010 after returning from a week-long, personal visit to Cairo and realizing the possibility to impact public health through health promotion and disease prevention. In 2013, he was paired with a public health institute in India, the Jodhpur School of Public Health, and has since continued the relationship as a visiting faculty member. During the initial, 27-day visit to the public health institute, he presented on the application of managerial epidemiology to help guide public health activities for poor people living in the rural and desert regions of India; taught a two-part course in

applied epidemiology and a two-part course in biostatistics to forty MPH students from India, Nepal, Afghanistan, and the South-East Asia region; and provided faculty development activities (e.g., showed faculty colleagues different ways to measure student knowledge other than a traditional test) and academic, strategic planning advice to members of the institute.

Since 2013, he has conducted pro-bono visits at the invitation of the public health institute. Gregory is, now, a visiting professor of public health (epidemiology), traveling to India twice a year for visits lasting 10- to 15- days. During these visits, not only does he teach MPH courses in epidemiology, biostatistics, and global health, he also conducts professional development training sessions in field epidemiology for Indian medical and public health professionals, presents public health research findings at public health conferences in India, provides public health consultations in desert medicine and oral cancer screening and prevention, and networks with other professionals to develop population-level cancer prevention strategies in selected population centers in India. Participation in epidemiological and public health activities in India provides Gregory with an opportunity to share what he knows with his peers in India and the Region. More importantly, Gregory learns from medical and public health professionals in India how they are addressing the public health needs of the most populous, democratic country in the world.

ACE Announcements

2017 ACE Annual Meeting, New Orleans, September 24-26 **[Register Today!](#)**

[Call for Late Breaker Abstracts: Submission Deadline – August 4, 2017](#)

Publication Details for Newsletter

The Purpose of the ACE Newsletter

The purpose of the newsletter is to 1) disseminate ACE information of the workings of the college; 2) identify epidemiological and public health issues of note; and 3) provide a calendar of ACE events.

Newsletter “production” schedule [Publication Month (Collect; Organize)]:

Year 2017

- March (January; February)
- June (April; May)
- September (July; August)
- December (October; November)

We are looking for pertinent material to include in the newsletter. Please send potential content (between 300 to 500 words) to newsletter@acepidemiology.org. Be sure to include contact information for the submitter

Got Books?

The ACE is collaborating with the Library of Alexandria in Egypt to build research capacity in Arab and African countries. Only 8% of research publications come from developing countries. A primary reason for this is Statophobia, the fear of statistics, and not having access to research methods books. We have joined together to bring research methods to the Middle East and Africa.

We would appreciate if you could bring several research methods books to donate to the Library of Alexandria. At the ACE meeting, near the registration desk there will be boxes where you can place your old books. We want not only recent, but also historical research methods books.

and an indication for which edition of the newsletter the material is intended.

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Special thanks: We appreciate all those who submitted material for this newsletter and assisted in formatting and posting the content for ACE members.



If you contribute, we will give to you a nice little gift from Egypt. Please let Russ Kirby (rkiby@health.usf.edu) know if you can donate. Please contact Professor Emeritus, Ronald LaPorte, Ph.D.

American College of Epidemiology Research & Education Foundation

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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.

**“...dedicated to continued education and advocacy
for epidemiologists in their efforts to promote good
science and the public health.”**

Excerpt from the college vision statement

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