

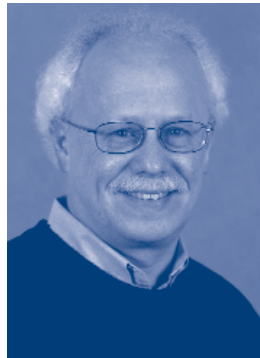
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A Letter from the Chair

Dear Epidemiology Alumni:

Welcome to the first edition of the Department of Epidemiology Newsletter. Since my arrival as Chair two years ago, the Department has grown in several ways. We now have a diverse mix of more than 200 graduate students from around the world and several new faculty members with



a variety of exciting research interests and backgrounds. To meet the growing needs of our students, we have expanded the curriculum with many new courses and internship opportunities. This year the School of Public Health got a new dean, Professor

Kenneth Warner; and we have watched with anticipation the construction of the new Public Health tower that will span the street between our two existing buildings.

One of my goals as Chair is to strengthen the Department's ties with alumni, and I created a new faculty committee for that purpose. The intent of this newsletter is to share with you periodically the news and accomplishments of our students, staff, and faculty. We welcome your ideas and assistance with our efforts to recruit the best students and faculty, refine our curriculum and training programs, and guide our graduates into productive careers. Please feel free to contact me at halm@umich.edu or 734-764-5435 to update us on your career developments, to reflect on the current state of epidemiology, and to offer suggestions for enhancing the Department's mission.

Sincerely,
Hal Morgenstern, Ph.D.
Professor and Chair

From the Alumni Committee Chair

We are excited to bring you the inaugural issue of *Epilogue*, our epidemiology alumni newsletter. The UM SPH Department of Epidemiology was founded in 1942 with Thomas Francis as chair, making ours one of the oldest epidemiology departments in the country. According to our database, the department has graduated approximately 1,830 alumni over these last sixty-three years, awarding over 200 doctoral and 1600 master degrees. The diversity of our active alumni is perhaps best demonstrated by their eighty-year span in age, from 23 to 103 years old. The department has grown substantially over these many years: in 1945 we graduated five students and in 2005 sixty-one students, reflecting the tremendous increase in students, faculty, research, and resources in the epidemiology department.



We consider our alumni a valuable asset and want to keep you informed about the many activities of the Department of Epidemiology. We plan to hold our first epidemiology alumni reception following a SPH-sponsored symposium entitled, "**Human Health and Animal Infection: An Epidemiologic Collision**" featuring Dr. Tony Fauci of the NIH and Laurie Garrett, Pulitzer-prize winning author of *The Coming Plague*. The symposium will be on January 24, 2006 from 9:00 am to 4:30 p.m. at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre on the University of Michigan campus. Our reception will immediately follow.

Please feel free to contact me or any of the alumni committee members listed below to share your thoughts about the newsletter, to tell us about yourself or simply to connect with a fellow epidemiologist. In future editions of *Epilogue* we plan to highlight the achievements and careers of our graduates so please let us hear from you.

Matthew Boulton, Chair
Department of Epidemiology Alumni Committee

Epidemiology Faculty & Research

Allison E. Aiello, Ph.D., M.S.

Multidisciplinary approaches for assessing antibiotic resistance in the community, clinical, and institutional setting; lifecourse SES, social context, and infectious diseases in elderly minority populations.

Jennifer L. Beebe-Dimmer, Ph.D., M.P.H.

Cancer epidemiology and prevention, with a focus on hormone-responsive tumors of breast, prostate and endometrium.

Lawrence F. Bielak, D.D.S., M.P.H.

Epidemiology of subclinical coronary atherosclerosis and coronary artery calcification.

Matthew L. Boulton, M.D., M.P.H.

Public health practice, applied epidemiology, outbreak investigation and control, epidemiology capacity, bioterrorism response and preparedness.

Brian A. Burt, Ph.D., M.P.H., B.D.Sc.

Epidemiology of oral diseases and conditions, prevention of oral diseases in public health, fluoride and oral health, disparities in oral health, and issues in provision of dental care.

Ana V. Diez-Roux, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H.

Social determinants of health, neighborhood health effects, cardiovascular disease epidemiology, epidemiologic methods generally and methodological issues related to the presence of multiple levels of analysis.

Christine A. Erdmann, Ph.D., M.P.H.

Breast cancer, cancer epidemiology, environmental epidemiology, spatial analysis.

Kathleen Ford, Ph.D.

Social and behavioral aspects of the AIDS epidemic, sexual behavior, and sexually transmitted diseases (U.S. adolescents and international populations).

Betsy Foxman, Ph.D.

Molecular epidemiology of infectious disease.

Sandro Galea, M.D., Dr.P.H., M.P.H.

Social and economic determinants of population health, epidemiology of mental health and drug use, consequences of disasters and mass trauma, and urban health.

David H. Garabrant, M.D., M.P.H.

Occupational and environmental epidemiology, cancer epidemiology, neuroepidemiology and neurotoxic agents, colon cancer, pancreas cancer, environmental exposure to dioxins

Sonja R. Gerrard, Ph.D.

Virus assembly and egress, genetic determinants of pathogenesis, viral evolution, emerging Bunyaviral diseases.

Mary N. Haan, Dr.P.H., M.P.H.

Neuroepidemiology, diabetes, eye disease, aging in women and minorities.

Sioban D. Harlow, Ph.D.

Women's health, occupational health, reproductive epidemiology, international health.

George A. Kaplan, Ph.D.

Role of behavioral, social, psychological, and socioeconomic factors in disease prevention and health promotion; role of "upstream" and "downstream" factors in maintaining health, delaying disease, and improving function.

Sharon LR. Kardia, Ph.D.

Genetic epidemiology with a focus on genetics of common chronic diseases, especially cardiovascular disease and hypertension.

James S. Koopman, M.D., M.P.H.

Analysis and control of infection transmission systems, theoretical basis for epidemiological analysis, causal modeling of epidemiological processes, complex systems, networks, public health surveillance.

Carl F. Marrs, Ph.D.

Molecular epidemiology of bacterial pathogens with focus on *Escherichia coli* in UTI, *Haemophilus influenzae* in otitis media and group B streptococcus in neonatal disease.

Daniel S. McConnell, Ph.D.

Estrogen and androgen assays or pathways.

JoLynn P. Montgomery, Ph.D., M.P.H.

Applied epidemiology and public health practice with specialization in control of communicable diseases, disease surveillance systems, and public health emergency preparedness and response.

Arnold S. Monto, M.D.

Occurrence, etiology and prevention of infectious diseases in industrialized and

developing countries, frequency and cause of respiratory infections in families living in the community.

Hal Morgenstern, Ph.D.

Musculoskeletal conditions, cancers, neuropsychiatric disorders, nonintentional injuries, cardiovascular disease, psychosocial aspects of disease, occupational and environmental health, research methods, and access to and quality of health care.

Suzanne E. Ohmit, Dr.P.H.

Clinical trials-vaccine evaluations. Longitudinal cohort studies.

Patricia A. Peyser, Ph.D.

Genetics and cardiovascular disease.

Nalini Ranjit, Ph.D., M.B.A.

Social epidemiology of cardiovascular disease, modeling of longitudinal data, life course approaches to health.

Amr S. Soliman, M.D., Ph.D.

Cancer, cancer epidemiology, international health, developing countries, special populations, field methods.

MaryFran R. Sowers, Ph.D.

Women's health, particularly the social and biological interfaces at the mid-life, endocrinology of chronic diseases including osteoporosis, the arthritides, diabetes and related inflammatory processes, impact of biological factors on functional limitations.

James P. Symons, Ph.D., M.S.

Women's health, especially postmenopausal and how the transition relates to health outcomes and status.

Mark L. Wilson, Sc.M., Sc.D.

Ecology of infectious disease, spatial pattern analysis, global change and health.

Zhenhua Yang, M.D., Ph.D.

Molecular epidemiology and pathogenesis of tuberculosis.

Lixin Zhang, Ph.D., M.S.

Emergence and maintenance of infectious diseases, integrated approach to study urinary tract infection using epidemiologic, molecular, statistic, simulation, and informatic tools, and mechanisms of microbial pathogenesis.

Updates

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Upcoming Events – Save the Date!

**Symposium—Animal
Disease and Human Health:
An Epidemiologic Collision?**
*Tuesday, January 24, 2006
9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre
Michigan League
911 North University
Ann Arbor
Symposium will be webcast live.*

Infectious agents transmitted from animals to humans have caused 11 of 12 of the major global disease outbreaks over the last decade, including avian influenza. Are human health and animal infections on an epidemiologic collision course? For information visit www.sph.umich.edu/micphp/.

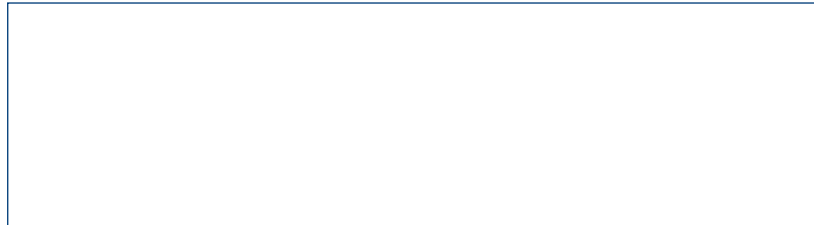
***Epidemiology Alumni
Reception immediately
following.***

**Michigan Epidemiology
Conference**
*Friday, March 31, 2006
Towsley Center
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“Progress on our beautiful new building complex is the most obvious physical manifestation that the School of Public Health is thriving.”—Ken Warner, Dean, SPH