

News



President's Letter

By Carol J. Rowland Hogue



It is with great pleasure and profound humility that I write to you as President of the College. It is a daunting task to try to follow in the footsteps of founders such as Abraham Lilienfeld and David Schottenfeld, our 2002 Lilienfeld Award recipient,

and the stellar list of past presidents who have served since ACE was founded in 1979. I am proud that ACE is an active organization, with members eagerly volunteering to work for the good of our profession.

The results of your labors make a difference. For example, this past year the Policy Committee closely tracked the National Institutes of Health process for defining its Boundary Panel and Integrative Review Groups. As each draft Boundary Panel was announced, the Policy Committee sent a letter explaining the need for epidemiologic studies to be reviewed by epidemiologists with an understanding of epidemiologic methodologies. Subsequently, we have learned that NIH will maintain its epidemiology study sections rather than distribute epidemiology

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Albuquerque Hosts One of ACE's Most Successful Meetings

By Paul H. Levine

The 21st annual meeting of the American College of Epidemiology held at the Sheraton Old Town in Albuquerque, New Mexico, proved to be the second best attended ACE annual meeting, drawing 274 registrants. After welcoming talks by President Richard Kaslow and Dr. Cosette Wheeler of the Host Committee, the keynote speaker former congressman Stewart Udall gave an entertaining and insightful perspective on the environmental issues facing the country. He detailed the past success bringing the radiation hazards of the nuclear testing and underground uranium mining to public attention and appropriate legislation, including his description of the important contributions of Past President Jonathan Samet who had arranged for Congressman Udall's presentation and introduced him. As Secretary of the Dept. of the Interior in the Kennedy administration, Rep. Udall had been a



Lilienfeld Awardee David Schottenfeld (left) and Keynote Speaker Stewart Udall (right). Photo by Paul H. Levine.

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logic proposals to panels that might lack a critical mass of members with epidemiologic expertise.

Concurrently, the Policy Committee tracked draft regulations promulgating the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). ACE joined other medical research organizations in recommending changes that should ease researchers' burden without increasing respondents' burden. Now that HIPAA regulations will be implemented in 2003, our work is just beginning. We need to track problems in doing our research related to the regulations. When you experience problems, I ask you to communicate your experience to the Policy Committee at our Web site (info@acepidemiology.org). Also, when you discover innovative methods to "live with" the rules, I ask you to share those as well. We will focus on this issue in September at our annual meeting in Chicago.

Still another concern we are addressing is the recent decision of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to stop releasing the Medicare Name and Address File directly to researchers. The Policy Committee is soliciting advice from our

members whether we should prepare a formal response to this change in policy.

In carrying out our mission to promote the professional development of epidemiologists through educational initiatives, we continue to offer outstanding continuing education workshops in conjunction with our annual meeting. After a year's hiatus, in 2003 we will also be providing workshops prior to the annual Society for Epidemiologic Research meeting in Atlanta. This newsletter includes a summary of our 2002 annual meeting in Albuquerque. I would like to personally thank Drs. Patricia Hartge and Roseanne McTyre for their tireless efforts over the last several years not only to lead event planning but also to develop an enduring structure for assuring consistently high quality presentations. Another major educational initiative, led by former ACE President Dr. Jonathon Samet, is the workshop on doctoral education. Held this month, and co-sponsored with the Association of Schools of Public Health, this workshop focuses timely attention on the core educational needs of the epidemiologic workforce. Last, but certainly not least, the Annals of Epidemiology

continues to improve, as measured by its impact factor. To improve the timeliness of reporting, we are happy to report that Elsevier will place the entire backlog of papers accepted by the Annals of Epidemiology on the ScienceDirect Web site.

Our mission does not stop with education, but continues with recruiting both Fellows and Members, particularly from underrepresented populations. This year for the first time our workshops included a free, day-long training session for epidemiologists and community partners, developed by our Minority Affairs Committee. We plan to offer a similar workshop in Chicago in 2003. ACE has endorsed an ambitious plan to increase the number of minority epidemiologists and to enhance epidemiologic research designed to improve the health of minority populations and eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities.

We welcome your active involvement as we strive to carry out our mission. Please feel free to communicate with me directly (chogue@sph.emory.edu) or through our Web site. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Retiring President Richard Kaslow discusses the transition with incoming President Carol Hogue at the Albuquerque meeting. Photo by Paul H. Levine.



David Schottenfeld (right), winner of the 2002 Lilienfeld Award, makes a comment to Clark Heath, Chairman of the Awards Committee, during his address to the membership. Mrs. Heath is on the left. Photo by Peter Kralka.

ACE 2002 Lilienfeld Award

By Clark W. Heath, Jr.

The 2002 Lilienfeld Award was presented to David Schottenfeld, MD, MSc, at the annual ACE meeting held in September in Albuquerque. Dr. Schottenfeld is the John G. Searle Professor of Epidemiology at the University of Michigan School of Public Health, and concurrently Professor of Medicine at the UM School of Medicine. His career amply meets the criteria for the Lilienfeld Award: distinguished contributions through research, teaching, and practice of epidemiology.

He is perhaps best known for his leadership of the annual summer course in epidemiology, held since 1987 at UM in Ann Arbor, and for his editing of the widely used cancer epidemiology text, "Cancer Epidemiology and Prevention." That text, first published in 1975 and then reissued in 1982 and 1996 with Dr. Joseph Fraumeni as co-editor, is now in the process of yet a further edition.

Dr. Schottenfeld received his MD degree from Cornell University in 1956 and thereafter completed three years of clinical training: one year at Duke University and two years at Bellevue and Memorial Hospitals in New York City. In 1959 he

entered the Epidemic Intelligence Service at CDC, serving his second year on assignment with Abe Lilienfeld himself at Johns Hopkins. That year led to a close relationship with Dr. Lilienfeld throughout the following years until Dr. Lilienfeld's death in 1984.

After a further year in clinical work at Memorial Hospital, Dr. Schottenfeld earned his MSc degree in 1963 at the Harvard School of Health. He then joined the staff of the Department of Public Health at Cornell Medical College in New York City where he remained for some 13 years, rising to the level of professor. In 1986 he assumed his present positions at UM, serving also as Head of the Department of Epidemiology from 1986 through 1991.

ACE was honored to present Dr. Schottenfeld with the Lilienfeld Award, to have him and his wife Rosalie at the annual meeting, and, on the occasion of the ACE Banquet, to hear his personal reflections regarding his career in epidemiology and his particular contacts with Dr. Lilienfeld himself.

UNC Graduate Wins 2002 ACE Student Prize Paper Award

By Clark W. Heath, Jr.

The 2002 Student Prize Paper Award was presented at the ACE Annual Meeting to Wiwan Sanasuttipun, Ph.D., M.S.P.H., for her paper entitled "Particulate Air Pollution and Lung Cancer: A Case-Control Study in Connecticut, Utah, and Idaho". Dr. Sanasuttipun is presently a Guest Researcher in the Epidemiology Branch of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS). Her paper represents work she did as a doctoral student in the Department of Epidemiology at the University of North Carolina (UNC). She received her doctoral degree at UNC in December 2001. Her co-authors on the paper were D.P. Sandler, C.R. Weinberg, D.L. Shore, C.M. Shy, and D.P. Loomis. The findings reported in the paper showed that long-term exposure to increased levels of total suspended particles in air significantly increased risk of lung cancer, the risk being greater in Connecticut than in the western states and the joint effects with smoking being multiplicative. In developing her research work, Dr. Sanasuttipun made use of a large case-control study already underway at NIEHS/UNC exploring the possible relationship of residential radon exposures to lung cancer risk. Instead of radon data, however, she made use of the national particulate air pollution data base maintained by the Environmental Protection Agency and estimated individual case and control exposure levels by means of computerized technology available through the geographical information system (GIS). Dr. Sanasuttipun presented her paper at the Annual Meeting on September 24.

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close observer of the Cuban missile crisis, which he cited as arguably the greatest danger to our country in the 20th century. He expressed concern over the current emphasis on bioterrorism, suggesting that the money and the energy being poured into an implied threat which may be less devastating than local needs also requiring competing funds. His comments were an excellent preview of the Policy Forum on "Epidemiology After 9/11: Time to Rearrange Priorities for Public Health?" That session was moderated by Carlos Camargo and included talks by Scott Lillibridge, Michael Stoto, and Brian Strom. The speakers highlighted the many federal, state, and local changes that have occurred since 9/11/01. All speakers encouraged members of ACE to play a more active role in this ongoing process. The current climate provides tremendous opportunities for those interested in bioterrorism preparedness and response, or in simply strengthening the US public health infrastructure. Even those who strongly oppose these changes—because of a concern about misplaced priorities—were encouraged to speak out in order to preserve a comprehensive and more balanced public health agenda. In the final half-hour, numerous members had an opportunity to voice a range of opinions about this controversial topic.

Dr. Kaslow, in discussing his term as President, noted that his emphasis has been on human determinants of infection and this has led him to concentrate on the evolution and adaptation of agent and host to the environment. He discussed ACE's history transforming itself into a very different organization with different challenges. In addition to the issues of bioterrorism and the changing epidemiologic perspective on hormone replacement

therapy, Dr. Kaslow focused on the Internet and the significant misinformation from supposedly reputable WEB sites. Dr. Kaslow closed emphasizing the importance of getting more members involved in the organization, more involvement with other health-care



Michael Stoto discusses bioterrorism concerns at Policy Forum

oriented groups urging modifications of the HIPPA regulations, and urging more thought as to how ACE can generate additional funds to implement its program as well as better ways of publicizing it.

The three panels on "Age, Sex, and Race: Towards a New Understanding for Epidemiology," were informative and attracted considerable discussion. These and other meeting activities, many of them described elsewhere in this Newsletter, included continued progress on the ACE Master Plan and a smooth transition in leadership, including the membership's acknowledgment of the many accomplishments under Past President Richard Kaslow and a warm welcome to new President Carol Hogue.

Several of the successful approaches that mark the ACE meetings continued to be well presented, well attended and well received. For the third consecutive year, Jack Taylor of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences updated the epidemiology community on the current status of molecular genetics which continues to be extremely

useful in the growing field of molecular epidemiology. The workshop on Multi-level Analysis in Public Health, conducted by Ana Diez Roux of the Columbia University School of Public Health and Ron Harris of the University of Texas, informed a packed audience on the appropriate applications of a variety of techniques to research investigations. A unique and successful workshop developed by Minority Affairs Chairperson Vickie Mays brought the Native American and Latino Communities together with interested attendees in a format that included visits into the communities.

The poster session had 106 excellent posters and awards were given to Jessica Davila (PhD from Baylor College of Medicine, Houston TX), Julie Kranick (MA from Columbia University, New York, NY), Lorraine Halinka Malcoe (PhD from the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque) and Sandro Galea (MD, MPH from New York Academy of Medicine, New York, NY). (See article on page 6.)

The uniformly excellent weather, the local hospitality and nourishments, and the provocative program provided a challenging model for next year's meeting in Chicago.



Incoming President Carol Hogue presents outgoing President Richard Kaslow with a plaque thanking him for his important contributions to ACE over the past year. Photo by Peter Kralka.



Symposia Target the New Epidemiology of Age, Sex and Race

Three symposia were presented at the Albuquerque meeting focusing on the changing parameters involving the well established parameters of age, sex and race in epidemiology.

Age

The first symposium, which focused on age, noted that as our population continues to age and our knowledge of the biology and needs of the aging increase, we continue to gain new information on the changing epidemiology of the aging. This first of three ACE symposia in Albuquerque, organized by Dr. Tamara Harris of the National Institutes on Aging and moderated by Dr. Paul Levine of The George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services, had four experienced speakers with different areas of concentration.

The first, Dr. Lenore Launer, also from the National Institute on Aging, focused on the risk factors for dementia measured in middle age vs. old age. Dr. Launer began with the crossover of cholesterol and blood pressure which if elevated, is a sign of poor health in the younger population and then is predictor of better health in the aged. She then noted that early body mass index and weight were more important than the same parameters at the time of a major event, the importance of gender (e.g. females have a higher incidence of specific problems after age 65 and education is more important in females than males), the data regarding whether Alzheimer's is a vascular disease, and the conflicts between prospective

studies and case-control studies on the relationship between smoking and Alzheimer's.

Dr. Beatriz Rodriguez from the University of Hawaii discussed problems related to research on diabetes in the aged. The classification of diabetes by the American Diabetic Association (ADA) and the World Health Organization (WHO) are not the same, and the epidemiologic data differ according to which classification is used. As an example of the problems, the ADA focuses on fasting blood sugar alone and not the two-hour post-prandial blood sugar (PPBS).

Dr. Richard Baumgartner from the University of New Mexico alerted many of the attendees to the issue of the causes and consequences of sarcopenic obesity in old age. Sarcopenia is slow erosion of muscle mass and is associated with low socioeconomic status in the aging population. It is also associated with cognitive impairment and there was considerable discussion about whether physical activity is a cause (no data) and whether it is preventable.

Dr. George Kaplan from the University of Michigan presented data from work he completed with his colleague, Jennifer Balfour, on the social determinants of aging. Dr. Kaplan put the problem of aging in a global perspective, noting that 2/3 of the elderly will be in developing countries. He also noted that there are now more centenarians than in the total past history of the world. In addition to

the contribution of income and education, Dr. Kaplan discussed the impact of neighborhood deprivation, including problems with traffic, trash, lighting, crime, transportation and noise.

A number of issues were raised in the Q&A period, such as the possible biases involved in who gets two-hour PPBS, whether the protective effect of NSAIDS for Alzheimer's should be used in a prevention trial, and the question of why sarcopenic obesity is associated with osteoporosis if obesity protects against osteoporosis.

Sex

The second panel, entitled "When Epidemiologists Think about Sex: Gender and Epidemiology," was moderated by Maureen C. Hatch of the National Cancer Institute and was co-organized by Marlene B. Goldman, New England Research Institutes, who opened with a discussion of gender gaps in cancer risks. She was followed by Michael D. Lockshin, of the Barbara Volcker Center for Women and Rheumatic Disease, who discussed the role of gender in autoimmune diseases. The third speaker in the panel, Roberta Ness of the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health, covered the topic of "The Influence of Reproductive Events on Later Cardiac Disease." Finally, Ellen Silbergeld, University of Maryland, addressed "Lessons Learned: How Should We Measure the Effects of Gender and Health on Disease?"

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Manuscripts "In Press" Go Online

Annals of Epidemiology, the official journal of the American College of Epidemiology, now offers the online service Articles in Press for all manuscripts accepted for publication. This service, available through Elsevier ScienceDirect, allows all accepted manuscripts to be posted on the World Wide Web within 15 days of receiving the author's corrected proofs. Authors will greatly benefit from this increased visibility and speedy, online publication process.

Articles in Press takes full advantage of the enhanced ScienceDirect functionality, including the ability to be cited. This is possible due to the innovative use of the DOI article identifier, which enables the citation of a paper before volume and issue numbers are allocated. The manuscript posted to Articles in Press will automatically be replaced online as soon as the final version has been published in the printed journal.

This service has been launched for *Annals of Epidemiology*, which you can access today via your institution's subscription to ScienceDirect at www.sciencedirect.com or the WHO HINARI initiative at www.healthinternetwork.org.



Meeting participants browse the many aisles of posters.

Posters on Breast Cancer Survival and Hepatocellular Carcinoma Win Awards in Albuquerque

By Irene Hall

The Albuquerque meeting attracted 106 abstracts for the poster session, more than any previous meeting. Two types of poster prizes were awarded, one for student posters and one for posters overall. First prize for the student award went to Julie Kranick for a poster entitled "Does Subsequent Pregnancy Influence Breast Cancer Survival" and Jessica Davila won first place overall for her poster on "Birth Cohort Effects and the Incidence of Hepatocellular Carcinoma."

Other awardees included Lorraine Malcoe whose poster addressed "Social Stressors in

Relation to Intimate Partner Violence Against Native-American Women" and Sandro Galea who won third place for a poster on "Changing Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Homicide Mortality in NYC 1990-98: the Role of Drugs."

The process this year, overseen by Irene Hall, involved two reviews with abstracts reviewed by a panel of seven reviewers and the posters evaluated by six judges, with Polly Marchbanks chairing the poster judges committee.



New Phone Number

In order to better serve our members, we have created a direct phone line to our staff. Now you can reach us with all inquiries at (919) 861-5573.

Our fax number, mailing address and e-mail address remain the same.

Minority Affairs Committee Inaugurates an Annual Preconvention Workshop

By Vickie Mays



The Minority Affairs Committee has hit the ground running this year thanks to the President's appointment of several new members and the leadership of Vickie

Mays, who was appointed its Chair.

The current activities of the Minority Affairs Committee build on its long history of commitment to increase the number of underrepresented minorities in the fields of epidemiology and biostatistics, to bring science and scholarship to the study of health problems of racial/ethnic minorities and to stimulate leadership in the College in the development of policies that support these goals.

In 2002 the committee, as part of its rebuilding effort, developed a strategic plan which appears on the ACE Web site. A highlight of that strategic plan is a yearly preconvention meeting with the goals to offer to the College and its attendees a scientific workshop that delves in depth into some aspect of minority health of interest to the work of epidemiologists, as a means of drawing those interested in minority health to the College as members and to increase the knowledge base in epidemiology on minority health issues.

This year's meeting, entitled "Community-Based Participatory Research in American Indian and Latino Communities: Epidemiologists in the Community," was a great success thanks to the dynamic presentations and hands-on small working groups with experts in CBPR. Approxi-

mately 50 workshop participants benefited from presentations and small group working sessions with Nina Wallerstein, Felicia Hodges, Helen Hazuda, Nancy Reifel, and Alex Ortega.

A highlight for all were the presentations by funding agencies who support community-based participatory research. Drs. Ronit Elk (ACS) and Willo Pequegnat (NIMH) were joined by NIEHS in providing tips and offering individual meetings to those interested in the funding of epidemiologic research that utilizes community-based participatory research methods.

In keeping with its goal of the development of minority epidemiologists, the meeting was attended by a group of middle school children from the nearby



Students pay close attention to a discussion led by Bill Jenkins at the Minority Affairs workshop. Photo by Victor J. Schoenbach.

pueblos. During the lunch hour the students participated in a slide show developed by Johns Hopkins graduate student Nora Lee. (You can see the young epidemiologists-to-be (above) at the annual meeting). The presentation was designed to increase the young students' knowledge of public health and in particular epidemiology.

Nora was joined by the committee's previous Chair Bill Jenkins, current Chair Vickie Mays, Vic Schoenbach, committee secretary (thanks for the photos), and



Johns Hopkins graduate student Nora Lee. Photo by Victor J. Schoenbach.

Willo Pequegnat (NIH) plus a visit from Board Member Camara Jones. Nora is interested in working with graduate students at other universities to expand this excellent outreach effort.

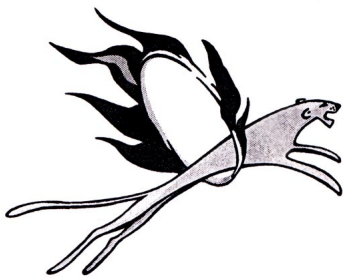
The Committee is indebted to the University of California's Office of the President's Special Assistant Dr. Rae Lee Sipiron for her organization of this event and the underwriting of the luncheon and transportation to bring the students to the meeting. Minority Affairs is looking forward to working with Dr. Shafdeen Amuwo and his graduate students at the University of Illinois at the Chicago meeting in continuing this tradition of outreach in the service of increasing the interest of racial/ethnic minorities in a career in epidemiology. If you think you would like to serve as one of the role model epidemiologists to discuss career options please contact me as we welcome your involvement in planning next year's activities. As outlined in the strategic plan, next year's preconvention meeting theme is Measurement Issues. Planning for the preconvention meeting will get underway sometime soon as Minority Affairs coordinates with the board.

During the Albuquerque ACE meeting, Minority Affairs activated two ad hoc

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EPIDEMIOLOGY ON THE FRONT LINE AND UNDER FIRE

Focusing attention on the practical and methodological issues
of conducting epidemiologic research today



**ACE ANNUAL
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SEPTEMBER 7-9, 2003

What can be learned to improve analytic epidemiologic methods after events such as cancellation of the main arm of the Women's Health Initiative study?

What methods may assist researchers deal with data collection issues arising from HIPAA, pressures on informed consent, and other challenges to clinical research?

Are cancer registries still viable? Why are there not surveillance programs for diabetes, asthma, and other major health threats?

Now that the genetic code is written, what is the need for population-based studies?

We propose to tackle these and other challenges to the discipline at the 2003 meeting.

If you would like to help plan the program, please contact Faye Davis (fayed@uic.edu) or Carol Hogue (chogue@sph.emory.edu).

ACE Board Encourages Members to Join a Committee

At the ACE Board meeting in Albuquerque, one of the discussion items was the importance of increasing involvement of members in a variety of committee activities. Working on committees is an excellent way for new (or established) members to learn more about ACE, helping themselves as well as the organization in its various projects.

Any members wishing to participate in committee activities should either contact the committee chairperson if a specific area is of interest or contact Peter Kralka at pkralka@olsonmgmt.com. There is also a form on ACE's Web site (www.acepidemiology.com) that can be used for printing and faxing to ACE headquarters at (919) 787-4916.

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Newsletter Opportunities

The ACE Newsletter is seeking two editors: an overall Newsletter Editor and a Photo Editor.

The Editor would be phased in over a few months, working with the current Editor and assuming responsible for future issues in mid-2003.

Photographs are important to the Newsletter in enhancing its appearance as well as helping members match names with faces. The Photo Editor is a new position and he/she would have the primary responsibility for planning the photographs for the next issue in conjunction with the Editor, selecting the best photos to match the planned stories, and developing a photo file useful for future issues. For more information about either opportunity, please contact Paul Levine at sphphl@gwumc.edu.

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committees. One co-chaired by Olivia Pokras Carter and Vickie Mays will look at the policy implications for epidemiologic research on racial/ethnic minorities of the California Racial Privacy Initiative. This initiative is designed to remove the collection of race/ethnicity by the State of California with the exception of specific areas. The Ad Hoc committee will explore the possible impact of this initiative on health research for racial/ethnic minorities. The committee will work with the Policy Committee after it has researched the issue to determine whether the College may want to take a position on the matter.

The second Ad Hoc Committee, chaired by Bill Jenkins, will evaluate the preconvention workshops held by Minority Affairs. Minority Affairs will then present to the board a proposal outlining a structure and request for these meetings to be held annually.

Any interested members who want to volunteer to work with Minority Affairs should contact the Chair at mays@ucla.edu. In particular, the Minority Affairs Committee is looking to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to begin the work of Curricular Offerings in Epidemiology on racial/ethnic groups. The strategic plan which is on the ACE Web site provides an overview of this project.



Aaron Blair leads a challenging breakfast roundtable on "Cancer Risks and Pesticides: Challenges in Environmental Epidemiology." Breakfast roundtables continue to be a popular feature of ACE sessions and this year's roundtable, organized by Patricia Hartge, included eight sessions attended by more than 60 participants. Photo by Paul H. Levine.

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Race

The third panel of the meeting, "Ethnicity and Epidemiology: Casting 'Race' in a New Light," was an exciting close to what had already proven to be a very stimulating meeting. Although measures of race have been associated with a wide variety of health conditions, what race means with respect to health status, and whether race means the same thing regardless of health condition remains largely unexamined. The panel successfully explored "race" as a proxy for socioeconomic status, culture, and genes, and introduced the notion that "race" measures exposure to racism in our "race"-conscious society. Incoming ACE President Carol Hogue moderated the session, Camara Phyllis Jones (CDC) presented four different approaches to measuring racism, Sylvia Guendelman (UC Berkeley) presented data highlighting the impact of acculturation on the health of recent Mexican immigrants, and Charles M. Rotimi (Howard University) explored the roles of genes and the lack of a genetic basis to "race."

Contributing to this article were Carol Hogue, Camara Jones and Paul Levine

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Call for Abstracts

Annual Meeting of the American College of Epidemiology



Epidemiology on the Front Line and Under Fire: Focusing attention on methodologic and practical issues of conducting epidemiologic research

Chicago, IL, September 7-9, 2003

The American College of Epidemiology invites the submission of abstracts for consideration for poster presentations. Poster presentations provide an opportunity for participants in the ACE annual meeting to share their work with interested colleagues in an informal, relaxed setting. Poster sessions are prominently scheduled during the meeting. Poster sessions will include poster discussion groups and oral presentations by some authors. Prizes will be awarded for the best student-prepared poster.

Your abstract will be published in the program and in the *Annals of Epidemiology*, the official journal of the American College of Epidemiology. Abstracts may be reformatted for journal publication so that all abstracts appear in uniform type. By following the instructions, you will guarantee that your abstract will appear as you intended. Instruction on submitting abstracts can be found at ACE's Web site at <http://www.acepidemiology.org/meetings/2003chicago/abstractform.doc>

Abstracts should be prepared according to the instructions provided. Abstracts must be received via e-mail **by April 1, 2003**. Please submit your abstracts to info@acepidemiology.org

FAX AND MAIL submissions will NOT be accepted.

Keywords

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| Cancer | Injury | Public Health Practice |
| Cardiovascular/Stroke | Methods | Reproductive |
| Clinical | Molecular | Social |
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| Emerging Infections | Nutrition | Women's Health |
| Environment | Occupational | |
| Ethics | Other | |

For additional information about the meeting or abstract submission, contact the ACE at (919) 861-5573 or email the college at info@acepidemiology.org.

Information about the College and the 2003 Annual Meeting may be found at ACE's Web site: www.acepidemiology.org.

Please consider attending one of the continuing education workshops on Sunday.



American College of Epidemiology Abraham Lilienfeld Award Call for Nominations

The American College of Epidemiology invites nominations for the Abraham Lilienfeld Award.
(Past awardees can be viewed at <http://www.acepidemiology.org/awards/LilienfeldAwardees.htm>)

The College's most prestigious award is given in honor of Abraham Lilienfeld, outstanding teacher, scholar, and founder of the American College of Epidemiology. Fellows and members of the College are invited to nominate appropriate candidates for this honor.

Please submit a letter stating the special qualifications and contributions of the candidate to excellence in epidemiology. A copy of the candidate's curriculum vitae must also be enclosed. **The deadline for receipt of nominations for the 2004 Award is October 31, 2003.**

The award is conferred each year at the Annual Meeting. The Lilienfeld Awardee has the opportunity to address Fellows and Members of the College during the Annual Meeting program. Lilienfeld Awardees also are recognized as lifetime Honorary Fellows of the College.

Please send your nominations to:

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American College of Epidemiology Student Prize – Call for Papers

The American College of Epidemiology invites submissions for the 2003 Student Prize.
This prize recognizes an outstanding scientific contribution by a student of epidemiology.
(Past awardees can be viewed at <http://www.acepidemiology.org/awards/StudentPrizePaperAwardees.htm>)

Students who are eligible for Associate Member status are invited to submit a paper.
To be eligible, students must be in training or have completed training no earlier than July 1, 2002.

The submitted paper should contain the findings of original research conducted by the student during training and should be suitable for publication. The style should follow the format of the *Annals of Epidemiology*. Papers submitted may be sole-authored, or, if co-authored, the student should be the lead author and the student's advisor must provide a letter documenting the roles of the student and co-authors.

The Student Prize will consist of:

- Financial assistance to attend the Annual Meeting of the American College of Epidemiology.
- Presentation of the paper at the meeting.
- Expeditious review of the paper for publication in the *Annals of Epidemiology*.
- A special recognition award from the College.

The deadline for receipt of submissions is March 31, 2003. Six copies of the paper and advisor's letter, if appropriate, and a cover letter indicating address for correspondence (please include postal and e-mail addresses as well as telephone and fax numbers) should be sent to:

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