History

The Department of Population Health Sciences had its origin in the State Laboratory of Hygiene in 1959, and was known as the Department of Preventive Medicine until 2001. Alfred S. Evans was appointed the first chair of the Department and Director of the State Laboratory. Initial faculty in the Department also served dual roles as heads of laboratories and divisions in the State Lab. The Laboratory and Chair positions were separated in 1966.

The appointment of John Rankin as Chair in 1968 began a long period of expansion, particularly in the areas of pulmonary research and occupational medicine. Rankin is universally known in stroke medicine for the stroke outcome scale he published in 1957. He also began a health services/administration program, leading to a joint MA with the business school in 1972. This was followed by an MS in Epidemiology in 1978.

Donn D'Alessio became Chair of the Department in 1981. A PhD/MS program in Population Health was established in 1997, subsuming the previous degrees and was followed by growth in the number of faculty and research programs. In 1998 various units of the Department were unified into a central location in the WARF building.

F. Javier Nieto became Chair in 2002. Recent years have seen strong new initiatives in epidemiology, health services research, health economics and public health as well as growth in the graduate program and the addition of an MPH degree, as showcased in the upcoming symposium.

Conference Information:
http://pophealth.wisc.edu/PopHealth50

Conference location:
University of Wisconsin—Madison
Microbial Sciences Building
1550 Linden Drive
Madison, Wisconsin 53706

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August 27–28, 2009
Madison, Wisconsin
**Setting**

Madison will be waking up from its late summer slumber, as 40,000 students return to campus. Groups of starry-eyed but anxious freshmen and their parents will be on tour. The rowing team will likely be out on the lake and the marching band in practice.

The symposium will take place in the newly designed Microbial Sciences Building. Lunch and break time refreshments are included in the registration, but there will be time to sneak off for a legendary ice cream cone at Babcock Hall Dairy Store, kitty-corner from the conference site. The lake shore walking and bicycle paths along Lake Mendota are within a few blocks, inviting strolls to Picnic Point and the Terrace at the Memorial Union. Join friends for a lakeside soda or beer after a day at the symposium. Also within an easy walk is the lovely Allen Centennial Gardens with a pond and exquisite plantings.

Thursday night, a gala dinner will be served in the splendid Great Hall of the Memorial Union. Entertainment by Department faculty, staff and students will commemorate great moments in the Department’s history.

A block of rooms has been reserved for participants at the Hilton downtown close to the Monona Terrace Convention Center. The Capitol Square, State Street entertainment, shopping and restaurants are within easy reach.

**Symposium**

The symposium will feature keynote speakers, oral and poster sessions and panel discussions with the theme:

**POPULATION HEALTH SCIENCES IN WISCONSIN AND BEYOND**

Providing Evidence for Clinical Practice and Public Health

- **PHS in Wisconsin and Beyond:** Sessions will present outreach activities such as collaborations of PHS researchers, alumni and friends with state, national and international organizations and other academic institutions.
- **Providing Evidence:** Sessions will address research findings and methods in population health sciences.

**Sharokh Javaheri, MD**
Renowned researcher in sleep medicine.

**Kay Dickersin, PhD**
Director of the U.S. Cochrane Center Expert on using research findings to influence policy and medical practice.

**Dennis Fryback, PhD**
Leading authority on assessing health outcomes.

**Abstract submission:**
http://pophealth.wisc.edu/PopHealth50/

**Registration (includes lunch)**
(Fees increase after August 10, 2009)
http://pophealth.wisc.edu/PopHealth50/

- General Public/Faculty: $100
- UW Academic/Classified Staff: $40
- Students: $25

**Gala dinner**
Tickets are $25 per person for a full course dinner and entertainment. Visit the registration link above to reserve your space at the gala dinner celebration.

**Hotel Reservations**
Hotel rooms have been reserved for symposium attendees at:

The Hilton Monona Terrace Hotel
9 East Wilson Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53703
Telephone: (608) 260-2396

Rooms are $149 per night for 8/26 to 8/29.
Group Name: Population Health Sciences Symposium
Group Code: PHS
http://pophealth.wisc.edu/pophealth50/hotel

**Key Dates**
Abstract deadline: June 1, 2009
Notification of session allocation: June 30, 2009
Late breaker deadline: August 1, 2009
Late breaker notification: August 10, 2009
Early registration deadline: August 10, 2009