

## EDITOR'S CHOICE

Mary E. Northridge, PhD, MPH, Editor-in-Chief, *AJPH*,  
and Deborah Holtzman, PhD, MSW, Department Editor, *AJPH*



Mary E. Northridge



Deborah Holtzman

As a way to acknowledge contributions to the *American Journal of Public Health (AJPH)*, the editorial staff is proud to acknowledge our 2013 award winners for *AJPH* Paper and Reviewer of the Year. The award for *AJPH* Paper of the Year recognizes a published paper that substantially contributes to our knowledge and understanding of an important public health issue or has advanced a given public health policy or program. Criteria for selection include a paper that addresses an important and timely public health issue; is innovative, offering new knowledge or insights; has the potential to have a significant public health impact; and advances public health. The second category is the *AJPH* Reviewer of the Year, which was established to recognize a reviewer who has done the most to strengthen

a paper or papers prior to publication. Specifically, this award recognizes a reviewer who is willing to devote time, care,

and expertise and offers honest and constructive feedback to authors that ultimately enhances the quality of a paper. ■



Rosa Evora, center, of Brockton, MA, was overwhelmed by emotion at the finish line of the One Run for Boston on Boylston Street in Boston, MA. The One Run for Boston—a 3300-mile, coast-to-coast relay race to raise money for those affected by the Boston Marathon bombing—finished in Boston nearly 24 days after it began in Los Angeles, CA. Our heroes—the authors and reviewers who advance public health day in and day out through their dedicated service—will be honored at the American Public Health Association 141st Annual Meeting and Exposition to be held in Boston, November 2–6, 2013. Photograph by Aram Boghosian for *The Boston Globe*. Printed with permission of Getty Images.



Howard Frumkin

### AWARD WINNERS FOR 2013 *AJPH* PAPER OF THE YEAR

**Frumkin H, Fried L, Moody R. Aging, climate change, and legacy thinking. *Am J Public Health*. 2012;102(8):1434–1438.**

The paper by Frumkin et al., “Aging, Climate Change, and Legacy Thinking,” persuades readers

to think differently about a topic [see Northridge ME, Greenberg MR. Strengthening the evidence base for public health. *Am J Public Health*. 2005;95(11):1882]. The authors were able to connect two of the major public health issues of our era—the aging of the population

and the health effects of climate change—in a hopeful way by emphasizing the concern of older adults for legacy: leaving behind an intact world for their children and grandchildren. ■

**Moser Jones M, Benrubi ID. Poison politics: a contentious history of consumer protection against dangerous household chemicals in the United States. *Am J Public Health*. 2013;103(5):801–812.**



**Marian Moser Jones**

Marian Moser Jones and Isidore Daniel Benrubi's "Poison Politics: A Contentious History of Consumer Protection Against Dangerous Household Chemicals in the United States,"

is a deeply researched, subtly argued, and very effectively written paper that presents a penetrating case study of the American struggle to balance public health and safety considerations against the interests of business. It demonstrates that as household chemicals proliferated in the early 20th century, reformers pressured the federal government to enact legislation mandating warning labels on packaging for these substances, but manufacturers resisted.

Manufacturers, in fact, resisted broad regulation until the 1960s and 1970s when accumulating evidence for the frequent accidental poisonings of children became overwhelming. This history suggests that in the United States, protective household chemical regulation was a reactive rather than a proactive process in which business interests long triumphed over public health and safety considerations. ■

**Guanais FC. The combined effects of the expansion of primary health care and conditional cash transfers on infant mortality in Brazil, 1998–2010. *Am J Public Health*. 2013;103(11):2000–2006.**



**Frederico C. Guanais**

Frederico C. Guanais's paper, "The Combined Effects of the Expansion of Primary

Health Care and Conditional Cash Transfers on Infant Mortality in Brazil, 1998–2010," is an innovative paper looking at the synergic effects of two government programs, from two different areas, on infant mortality. Using a relatively

innovative approach, the paper exemplifies something that the public health community has been emphasizing for ages: the importance of intersectoral approaches. ■

**Cannuscio C, Bugos E, Hersh S, Asch DA, Weiss EE. Using art to amplify youth voices on housing in security. *Am J Public Health*. 2012;102(1):10–12.**



**Carolyn Cannuscio**

In their Images of Health piece, Cannuscio et al. feature *A Place to Call Home*, an arts and advocacy initiative

in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The paper combines vibrant images and substantive feature writing. It showcases an important and innovative project on housing insecurity and public health. The striking images are featured not only as part of the paper but also on the cover.

Since publication, *AJPH* has received numerous compliments on both the piece as well as the program. This piece really defines what we think of as Images of Health—provocative, beautiful, timely, and important. ■

## AWARD WINNERS FOR 2013 *AJPH* REVIEWER OF THE YEAR



**jimi adams**

A special thanks to **jimi adams, PhD**, Arizona State University, for restoring the lost art of writing direct “Comments to Edi-

tor” as well as insightful “Comments to Author.” Perhaps not surprisingly, both *AJPH* editors and authors followed his advice, whether it meant rejecting a paper or strengthening it in the service of public health. He also fulfills the highest qualification of any peer referee for the *AJPH*: he publishes out-

standing science on topics that are core to our mission (see adams j, Moody J, Morris M. Sex, drugs, and race: how behaviors differentially contribute to the sexually transmitted infection risk network structure. *Am J Public Health*. 2013;103[2]:322–329). ■



**Janet Golden**

We happily recognize **Janet Golden**, PhD, Professor of History at Rutgers University where she specializes in the history of medicine, Ameri-

can social history, history of childhood, and women's history. Among other works, she has published “Message in a Bottle: The Making of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome” (2006) and “Healing of the World's Children: International and Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Child Health in the 20th Century” (2008). Janet is a go-to reviewer for manuscripts on child

health and women's health topics. She provides as many as a half dozen reviews per year, and her reviews are invariably probing, judicious, and well balanced. ■

---

*doi:10.2105/AJPH.2013.301624*