



October 2021

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While many of us are deeply engaged in the Annual Conference of the American Public Health Association, we wish you all well as we come to the end of October. Leadership will be back next month with their observations and welcome comments.

Tim Gibbs, MPH
Executive Director

Delaware Journal of Public Health

Dementia in Delaware



Dementia, also known as Major Neurocognitive Disorder, is an acquired impairment of cognitive, emotional, and behavioral function that affects an estimated 50 million people worldwide. The most common dementia is Alzheimer's Disease. Family caregivers, health care providers, and public services are working to improve the lives of the 19,000 people with dementia who live in Delaware.

This issue, we welcome Dr. James Ellison, the Swank Foundation Endowed Chair in Memory Care and Geriatrics at ChristianaCare as our guest editor. Dr. Ellison is a Professor of Psychiatry and Human Behavior and Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University, and is himself Editor in Chief of the *Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry and Neurology*.

[Read the Issue](#)

Upcoming Academy Events

APA Delaware 2021 Fall Conference

**Wednesday, December 1 &
Thursday, December 2, 2021**

Join co-sponsors the Academy/DPHA and the Delaware Chapter of the American Planning Association for the APA Delaware 2021 Fall Conference.

This two day conference will include panels discussing COVID-19 informed planning, and equity and planning. Academy/DPHA Board Member **Rita Landgraf** and Executive Director **Tim Gibbs, MPH**, as well as Delawarean **Alan Greenglass** will be speaking at this event.

[Learn More, and Register Here](#)

APA Delaware
2021 Fall Conference

Wednesday & Thursday, December 1 & 2, 2021
8:45 AM - 12:00 PM On-line ZOOM Webinar

WEDNESDAY SESSION

8:45 - 9:00 INTRODUCTION
9:00 - 9:30 KEYNOTE SPEAKER


David Edgell, AICP
Director of DE Office of State Planning Coordination

9:30 - 11:30 COVID-INFORMED PLANNING ACROSS MULTIPLE SECTORS (PANEL)

- Broadband/Technology**
Jason Clarke, Chief Information Officer
DE Dept. of Technology & Information
- Delaware Climate Action Plan (DCAP)**
Susan Love, AICP, Climate & Sustainability Programs
DE Dept. Natural Resources & Environmental Control
- Trends in Commercial Real Estate**
Sean O'Neil, Policy Scientist
Institute for Public Administration, UoD
Kathleen Gamma, Strategic Marketing Coordinator
Carl M. Freeman Companies
- Climate Change and Health**
Alan Greenblatt, MD, President
Physicians for Social Responsibility
- Public Engagement in the COVID Environment**
Phil Barnes, PhD, Faculty Director
SNF Ithaca Initiative, Biden School, UoD

11:30 - 12:00 CLOSING SPEAKER


Saundra Rose Johnson
Director of Statewide Equity Initiatives, State of Delaware

THURSDAY SESSION

8:45 - 9:00 INTRODUCTION
9:00 - 9:30 KEYNOTE SPEAKER


Susan Alice Wood, FAICP
Co-Author of APA's Planning for Equity Policy Guide

9:30 - 11:30 IMPLEMENTING EQUITY AND PLANNING (PANEL)

- Inclusion in the Sustainability Effort**
Jennifer A. Horney, PhD, MPH, CPH
Program in Epidemiology, UoD
Andrea Pierce, PhD
Biden School of Public Policy & Admin., UoD
- Delaware Statewide Equity Initiatives**
Saundra Rose Johnson
Director of Delaware Statewide Equity Initiatives
- Equity in Health Policy**
Rita Landgraf, Professor of Practice
College of Health Sciences, UoD
- Equity and Sea Level Rise**
Katie Spalden, Senior Associate
Georgetown Climate Center
- Substandard Housing and Public Health**
Timothy E. Gibbs, MPH, Executive Director
DE Academy of Medicine / DE Public Health Association

11:30 - 12:00 CLOSING SPEAKER


Leo R. Assenow, Jr., AICP
APA National President

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2021 Communicable Disease Summit



Monday, December 13, 2021

Join the Immunization Coalition of Delaware and the Delaware Division of Public Health for their yearly Summit on Communicable Disease. This year will likely be a hybrid conference, and will include various presentations with the overall theme "How 2020 Changed the World."

[Learn More and Register Here](http://www.delamed.org/CD2021)

Call for Abstracts

The Academy/DPHA, Maryland Public Health Association (MdPHA), and Pennsylvania Public Health Association (PPHA), are once again bringing together regional experts through a two-day virtual conference, with the theme, **"Strengthening Communities Through Trauma-Informed Public Health."**

The conference will cover public health topics with a trauma-informed lens. Abstracts are now being accepted on Climate Change and Trauma; Trauma in Children/Adverse Childhood Events; and Individuals Living with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

Abstracts may be delivered in either oral or poster presentation formats, and will be presented on either **January 13 or January 14, 2022.**

Students are encouraged to submit, and student posters will be automatically enrolled in a student poster competition. The winner will be eligible for a free 2-year membership in their local APHA affiliate, and win a \$250 gift card.

Abstracts must be received by December 1, 2021.

[Learn more](#)



National Updates



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APHA Annual Meeting and Expo

APHA's 2021 Annual Meeting and Expo will take place Oct. 24-27 and begin with the Opening General Session on Sunday. Activities like business meetings and poster sessions will be virtual and start on Oct. 18.

APHA is keeping a close watch on the evolving COVID-19 situation, and protecting the health and safety of our attendees is paramount. All in-person Annual Meeting attendees and contractors must be fully vaccinated and must wear a facial mask during all indoor activities at APHA 2021. Read the latest health and safety update from APHA Executive Director Georges Benjamin, MD, and make plans to join us in Denver or online.

[View the Schedule of Delaware Presentations and Events](#)

October is...

Breast Cancer Awareness Month
Down Syndrome Awareness Month
National Physical Therapy Month

[And Much More!](#)

Additional Resources

Delaware Division of Public Health - [The DPH Bulletin](#)

Trust for America's Health: Wellness and Prevention Digest - [Subscribe](#)

Johns Hopkins Infectious Diseases COVID-19 Grand Rounds - [View Schedule](#)

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