

Rogan honored for lifetime achievement

By Eddy Ball

NIEHS lead researcher Walter Rogan, M.D., will receive an award this fall for his significant and lasting contributions in maternal and child health (MCH) epidemiology.

Rogan, who is head of the Pediatric Epidemiology Group, at NIEHS, will receive the Zena Stein and Mervyn Susser Award for Lifetime Achievement during an awards luncheon Sept. 18 at the [2014 CityMatCH Leadership and MCH Epidemiology Conference in Phoenix](#).

(<http://www.citymatch.org/conference/citymatch-conference/2014/Home>)

The purpose of the award is to recognize an internationally or nationally known expert, or team of experts, who have contributed broadly and substantially to the advancement of the field of MCH epidemiology throughout their careers.

The award is especially significant, because it is presented by the Coalition for Excellence in MCH Epidemiology, which is made up of representatives of 16 national health organizations, to only one recipient a year, and only when deemed merited, so not necessarily every year. It was named in honor of two MCH pioneers - Columbia University epidemiologists [Zena Stein, M.D.](#),

(<http://www.mailman.columbia.edu/our-faculty/profile?uni=zas2>)

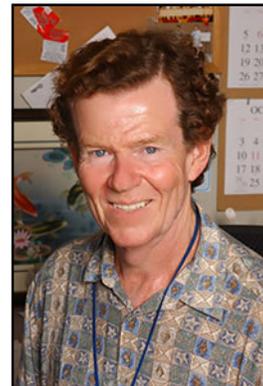
and [Mervyn Susser, M.D., D.P.H.](#),

(<http://www.cumc.columbia.edu/dept/sergievsky/fs/susser.html>)

who is also Stein's husband and collaborator.

Writing on behalf of the coalition in a July 10 message, awards committee chair Mark Klebanoff, M.D., explained, "There was unanimous consensus that Walter's work to generate new data, turn that data into useable information, and apply that information to policy over a nearly 40-year career was monumental and deserved recognition."

In her message of congratulations, NIEHS Epidemiology Branch head Dale Sandler, Ph.D., wrote to Rogan, "This is a terrific honor and well deserved."



Rogan's latest publication is a study of blood lead and emotional and behavioral problems in a cohort of Chinese children (see [story](#)). He was nominated for this latest award by NIEHS colleague Allen Wilcox, M.D., Ph.D. (Photo courtesy of Steve McCaw)

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