

May–October 2013  
**AWARDS &  
RECOGNITIONS**

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**Sandra Cianciolo, MPH**, won the 2013 Innovation + Inspiration Staff Award, sponsored by the School's Research and Innovation Solutions office. Cianciolo is project coordinator for the National Training Institute for Child Care Consultants, a project led by Jonathan Kotch, MD, Carol Remmer Angle Distinguished Professor of MCH.

**Penny Gordon-Larsen, PhD**, NUTR professor, was elected vice-president of The Obesity Society, the leading scientific organization dedicated to the study of obesity. Her four-year position will include leadership as president-elect, president and immediate past president.

**Martin Kohlmeier, MD, PhD**, NUTR research professor, received the 2013 Roland L. Weinsier Award for Excellence in Medical/Dental Nutrition Education from the American Society of Nutrition.

**Miriam Labbok, MD, MPH**, Professor of the Practice of MCH, received the Carl E. Taylor Lifetime Achievement Award from the APHA's International Health Section on Nov. 5.

**Ya-Ru Li (ESE)** and **Carmen Piernas Sanchez, PhD (NUTR)**, won the 2013 Gillings Dissertation Award, a \$5K prize to support their research and dissertation writing. The awards are managed by the School's Research and Innovation Solutions office. (See *sph.unc.edu/accelerate*.)

**Jane Monaco, DrPH**, BIOS clinical assistant professor, and **Morris Weinberger, PhD**, Vergil N. Slee Distinguished Professor of Healthcare Quality and Management in HPM,

were presented at the spring 2013 commencement with the School's highest awards for teaching and mentoring – the McGavran Award for Excellence in Teaching (Monaco) and the John E. Larsh Award for Mentorship (Weinberger).

**George Pink, PhD**, Humana Distinguished Professor of HPM, was honored by the National Rural Health Association with its Outstanding Researcher Award in May.

**Barbara K. Rimer, DrPH**, dean and Alumni Distinguished Professor of HB, was presented with the American Cancer Society's Medal of Honor in May. The award recognized Rimer's seminal cancer

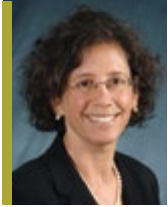
KEY TO DEPARTMENTS

- BIOS Biostatistics
- EPI Epidemiology
- ESE Environmental Sciences and Engineering
- HB Health Behavior
- HPM Health Policy and Management
- MCH Maternal and Child Health
- NUTR Nutrition
- PHLP Public Health Leadership



Drs. Morris Weinberger (left) and Jane Monaco received the Larsh, McGavran awards.

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Penny Gordon-Larsen



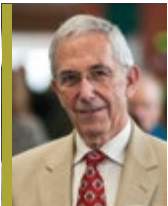
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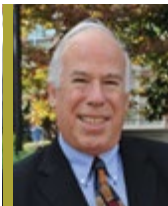
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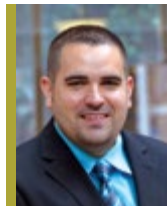
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Anna Maria Siega-Riz



Philip Singer



Jason Surratt

research efforts, particularly in breast cancer screening. The UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center also honored Rimer at a gala on Sept. 27 for her significant contributions to cancer research.

**Ivan Rusyn, MD, PhD**, ESE professor, was named to the National Research Council committee, “Design and Evaluation of Safer Chemical Substitutions – A Framework to Inform Government and Industry Decisions.” The Council is under the auspices of the National Academies (*nationalacademies.org*).



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Dean Rimer (second from right) accepts the ACS Medal of Honor.

**Ernest Schoenfeld, DrPH**, longtime leader at the School and lecturer in PHLP, received the Association of Public Health Laboratories’ Presidential Award in June. The award recognizes achievements in laboratory science and creative approaches to solving public health challenges.

**Anna Maria Siega-Riz, PhD**, was one of 15 nationally recognized experts selected to serve on the 2015 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee. Siega-Riz, professor of EPID and NUTR, will make recommendations for the eighth edition of the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans*, a document that will be the foundation for national nutrition programs, standards and education.

**Philip C. Singer, PhD**, ESE emeritus professor, won the Association of Environmental Engineering and Science Professors’ (AEESP) 2013 Charles R. O’Melia Distinguished Educator Award.



**\$20 MILLION**

Awarded by the NIH-FDA to Dr. Kurt Ribisl to create a UNC Center for Regulatory Research on Tobacco Communications

**Jason Surratt, PhD**, ESE assistant professor, won the prestigious Sheldon K. Friedlander Award from the American Association for Aerosol Research for dissertation research showing how natural emissions from trees help increase fine particulate matter, thereby affecting air quality and human health.

**Myron Cohen, MD**, Yeargan-Bate Eminent Distinguished Professor of Medicine, Microbiology and Immunology, and Epidemiology, received the North Carolina Award for Science, the state’s highest civilian honor.