

# **Lewis H. Kuller, MD, DrPH**

## **University Memorial Symposium**



**Thursday, March 23, 2023**  
**1:00-5:00pm**  
**University Club, Ballroom A**  
**and Zoom**



## Biography



Dr. Lewis "Lew" H. Kuller received his BA degree in 1955 from Hamilton College in Clinton, NY; his MD in 1959 from George Washington University School of Medicine; and his MPH in 1964 and DrPH in 1966 from the Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health. He trained in internal

medicine in Maimonides Hospital, Brooklyn, NY in 1959-1961 and in preventive medicine at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health in 1964-1965 and was board certified in preventive medicine. He was a faculty member at the Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health from 1971-1972, reaching the rank of Professor of Epidemiology. At the same time, he was also a faculty member at the Department of Preventive Medicine at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. Dr. Kuller was Chair and Professor in the Department of Epidemiology at the University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health from 1972-2002 and received the designation of Distinguished University Professor of Public Health in 1997. He served on the Department of Defense Armed Forces Epidemiological Board as a member from 1991-1994 and as President from 1994-1996. He was a fellow of the American College of Cardiology, the American Heart Association (AHA), and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He was also fellow of the AHA Councils on Epidemiology, Cerebrovascular Disease and Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Metabolism and he was also a founding member of the Nutrition Committee of the AHA. In 2014, Dr. Kuller was the recipient of the American

Public Health Association and Royal Society of Public Health John Snow Award and the 2019 recipient of the Peter J. Safar Pulse of Pittsburgh Award from the AHA. He has been on the editorial boards of many journals, including *Stroke*, *Atherosclerosis Thrombosis and Vascular Biology*, *Journal of the Alzheimer's Association*, *American Journal of Epidemiology*, and the *European Journal of Epidemiology*. Dr. Kuller authored and coauthored over 1,000 papers. He was actively involved in research related to inflammation, cardiovascular disease, and precipitants of heart attack. Later in his career, he was been involved in studies of the interrelationship between vascular disease, aging and Alzheimer's disease, and the potential prevention of dementia.

## The Lewis H. Kuller Scholarship Fund

Memorial contributions can be made to the Lewis H. Kuller Scholarship Fund, which supports tuition, books, fees, research, and travel for students in the Department of Epidemiology. Preference is given for doctoral students with an interest in cardiovascular disease epidemiology. To date, seven students have been supported since 2006.

Contact Sloane Astorino (sastorino@pitt.edu; 412-608-0058) for more information.



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# Agenda

## 1:00pm Welcome

Jane A. Cauley, DrPH  
Interim Chair, Department of Epidemiology  
School of Public Health  
University of Pittsburgh

Maureen Lichtveld, MD, MPH  
Dean, School of Public Health  
University of Pittsburgh

## Scientific Symposium

*Moderated by Jane A. Cauley, DrPH*

**1:10pm** Ross L. Prentice, PhD  
University of Washington  
“Lew Kuller’s Influence in the Women’s Health Initiative”

**1:35pm** Bruce M. Psaty, MD, PhD  
University of Washington  
“Lewis H. Kuller and Cardiovascular Health”

**2:00pm** Oscar L. Lopez, MD  
University of Pittsburgh  
“Accelerated Ab Deposition Is Associated with Incident Dementia and Mortality in Non-Demented Individuals Age 80+”

**2:25pm** Anne B. Newman, MD, MPH  
University of Pittsburgh  
“Aging Well Is Not a Secret”

*There will be a 10-minute break between sessions*

## 3:00pm Musical Interlude

David Bennett, cello  
Sarabande, from Suite for Unaccompanied Cello No. 1  
by J. S. Bach, 1717

**3:05pm Personal Tributes**

*Moderated by Donald S. Burke, MD*

David Siscovick, MD, MPH  
New York Academy of Medicine  
“Generativity”

Moyses Szklo, MD, DrPH, MPH  
Johns Hopkins University  
“Lew, My Advisor”

Manning Feinleib, MD, DrPH  
Johns Hopkins University  
“An Encomium for Lew”

**3:40pm Musical Interlude**

David Bennett, cello  
El Cant dels Ocells (Song of the Birds), Traditional,  
arranged by Pablo Casals

**3:45pm Family Tributes**

The Kuller Family

**3:55pm Musical Interlude**

David Bennett, cello  
Nina, attributed to Giovanni Battista Pergolesi, 1749

**4:00pm Wine and Cheese Reception**

***Music Notes:***

*These cello pieces were selected to reflect  
Dr. Kuller’s love of opera and classical music.*

## Speakers

### **Ross L. Prentice, PhD**

Dr. Prentice is Emeritus Member and former Director of the Public Health Sciences Division of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, where he also served as Senior Vice President for more than 25 years. He is Professor of Biostatistics at the University of Washington. He was Principal Investigator of the Coordinating Center for the Women's Health Initiative and continues as an investigator. He is a member of the National Academy of Medicine. Honors include an honorary doctorate from the University of Waterloo, the Zelen Leadership Award from Harvard University, and the Research Excellence in Epidemiology and Prevention Award from the American Association for Cancer Research and American Cancer Society.

### **Bruce M. Psaty, MD, PhD**

Dr. Psaty is Professor of Medicine, Epidemiology, and Health Systems and Population Health. He is Emeritus Co-Director of the Cardiovascular Health Research Unit at the University of Washington. His research interests include cardiovascular epidemiology, epidemiological methods, drug safety, pharmacoepidemiology, genetics, genomics, and pharmacogenetics. Dr. Psaty is the principal investigator on several large epidemiologic studies and has had major roles in the Cardiovascular Health Study, the Multi-Ethnic Study of Atherosclerosis, and the Trans-Omics for Precision Medicine Program. Elected memberships include American Epidemiological Society, Association of American Physicians, the National Academy of Medicine, and fellow of the American Heart Association.

### **Oscar L. Lopez, MD**

Dr. Lopez is Chief of the Division of Cognitive and Behavioral Neurology and Director of the Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at the University of Pittsburgh. He is Professor of Neurology, Psychiatry, and Clinical and Translational Sciences. Dr. Lopez's clinical interests include cognitive disorders and his research interests include clinical symptoms and progression of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, biomarkers, and risk factors for Alzheimer's disease in cognitively normal persons. He is a member of the American Academy of Neurology, the Royal

Society of Medicine, the American Neurological Association, the American Society of Behavioral Neurology, and the International Psychogeriatric Association.

### **Anne B. Newman, MD, MPH**

Dr. Newman is Distinguished Professor of Epidemiology and Professor of Medicine and Clinical and Translational Science in the School of Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh. She is the Clinical Director of the Aging Institute of the University of Pittsburgh and UPMC and UPMC Chair of Geroscience. She has defined key metrics of healthy aging in epidemiologic cohort studies and clinical trials designed to extend health span. She serves as a member of the National Institute on Aging Board of Scientific Counselors and was past Editor of the *Journal of Gerontology, Medical Sciences*. She is an elected member of the American Epidemiological Society and the Association of American Physicians.

### **David Siscovick, MD, MPH**

Though never at the same University, Dr. Kuller was a colleague and mentor for Dr. Siscovick's work on sudden death. A Professor Emeritus of Medicine and Epidemiology at the University of Washington, Dr. Siscovick is now a Senior Research Scientist at the New York Academy of Medicine.

### **Moyses Szklo, MD, DrPH, MPH**

Dr. Szklo was Dr. Kuller's first student at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Szklo is University Distinguished Professor of Epidemiology and Medicine at Hopkins, Editor-in-chief emeritus of the *American Journal of Epidemiology*, and Visiting Professor at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro Institute of Public Health.

### **Manning Feinleib, MD, DrPH**

Previously at National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), Dr. Feinleib directed the Framingham Heart Study and established the Framingham Offspring Study and the NHLBI Twin Study. He then was appointed Director of the National Center for Health Statistics. Upon retiring from federal service, he joined Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health as Professor of Epidemiology. He supported Dr. Kuller's many grants on heart disease.