



JOHNS HOPKINS
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ROHDE STORIES

Lighting the Path Forward

Charles Rohde Memorial Symposium
Tuesday, January 23, 2024

Charles A. Rohde, PhD, professor and chair emeritus in Biostatistics, passed away on January 23, 2023 at the age of 85. During more than a half-century on the faculty, Chuck played a major role in shaping education programs in Biostatistics and the School. As department chair from 1981 to 1996, he built the Department into one of the nation's best by recruiting and mentoring many outstanding junior faculty and students. His faculty mentees ultimately became: chair of the schoolwide master of public health degree program, two department chairs, two school of public health deans, and a university president. Faculty and students remember him as a fierce and lifelong advocate for them.

Rohde Stories: Lighting the Path Forward, is a half-day symposium to tell Rohde Stories and stimulate creative ideas about how his legacy can light the path ahead to ever-more influential contributions to the public's health, including the role of biostatistics, data, and evidence in that.

After an opening session about the Rohde Half-Century+ (1965-2023), the program will comprise three sessions of Rohde stories about his scholarship, mentorship, and leadership. The stories will be told by Dr. Rohde's colleagues, mentees, students, and friends.

Please join us and tell your Rohde Stories.

AGENDA

11:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m. **Box lunch**

12:40–4:55 p.m. **Sessions**

12:40–1:10 p.m. **Welcome and Context: The Rohde Half-Century**

Chair: Scott Zeger, Professor of Biostatistics, BSPH

- Welcome from the Department of Biostatistics: Elizabeth Stuart, Chair and Professor of Biostatistics, BSPH
- Welcome from the Bloomberg School of Public Health: Ellen J. MacKenzie, PhD '79, ScM '75, Dean and Bloomberg Distinguished Professor
- The Rohde Half-Century: Karen Kruse Thomas, BSPH Staff Historian

1:15–2:20 p.m. **Scholarship Stories**

Session Chair: Brian Caffo, Professor of Biostatistics, BSPH

- Leena Choi, PhD '05, Professor of Biostatistics and Biomedical Informatics, Vanderbilt University
- Fan Li, PhD '06, Professor of Statistical Science, Biostatistics and Bioinformatics, Duke University
- Yong Chen, PhD '10, Professor of Biostatistics, University of Pennsylvania
- Dan Scharfstein, Chief and Professor of Biostatistics, University of Utah

2:20–3:35 p.m. **Mentorship Stories**

Session Chair: Jeanette Lee, PhD '77, Professor of Biostatistics, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

- 1970's- 80's:
 - Ellen J. MacKenzie, PhD '79, ScM '75, Dean and Bloomberg Distinguished Professor
 - Maureen Maguire, PhD '83, ScM '77, Director of the Center for Preventive Ophthalmology and Biostatistics, University of Pennsylvania
 - Marie Diener-West, PhD '84, Chair of MPH Program and Professor of Biostatistics, BSPH
- 1981-1985:
 - Ron Brookmeyer, Dean, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health and Distinguished Professor of Biostatistics
 - Kung-Yee Liang, President, National Health Research Institutes of Taiwan; Former President, National Yang-Ming University
 - Scott Zeger, Professor of Biostatistics, BSPH
- 1990's -2000's:
 - Jeff Blume, PhD '00, Quantitative Foundation Associate Dean for Academic and Faculty Affairs in Data Science, University of Virginia
 - Therri Usher, PhD '16, Mathematical Statistician, FDA
 - Kathryn A. Ziegler-Graham, PhD '07, Associate Professor of Statistics; Director of Statistics and Data Science, St. Olaf College

3:45–4:55 p.m. **Leadership Stories**

Session Chair: Marie Diener-West, PhD '84, Chair of MPH Program and Professor of Biostatistics, BSPH

- Conversation with Chairs:
 - Karen Bandeen-Roche, Professor of Biostatistics, past-Chair of Biostatistics, BSPH
 - Elizabeth Stuart, Chair and Professor of Biostatistics, BSPH
- Conversation with Deans—Future of Schools of Public Health and the influence of Biostatistics on public health:
 - Ellen J. MacKenzie, PhD '79, ScM '75, Dean and Bloomberg Distinguished Professor
 - Ron Brookmeyer, Dean, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health and Distinguished Professor of Biostatistics

5:00–6:00 p.m. **Cocktails**

6:00–8:00 p.m. **Private dinner** for family and invited guests.