

# Member Spotlight

## Jamie Stang, PhD, MPH, RD

*2013 Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Medallion Award*

For over 27 years, Dr. Stang has contributed to the profession through her exceptional service to the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (Academy) at the national, state, dietetics practice groups (DPG), and district/local levels, as well as other related food and nutrition organizations.



Dr. Stang is a faculty member and former chair of the Public Health Nutrition program at the University of Minnesota. She also directs the Leadership Education and Training Program in Maternal and Child Nutrition. During her tenure as chair, Dr. Stang developed a Coordinated Master Program (CMP) in Public Health Nutrition with a focus in rural and disadvantaged populations. She also developed the only public health nutrition Peace Corps Masters International program, a program that combines study toward a MPH degree in public health nutrition with a 24-month Peace Corps experience.

Within the Academy, Jamie has held several positions including member and vice-chair of the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) and member of the Council on Future Practice, the Public Health Nutrition Task Force, the Research Committee, and the Academy Nominating Committee. Dr. Stang is a member of five Dietetic Practice Groups in the Academy, and has served in many leadership positions within the Public Health Community Nutrition Practice Group (PHCNPG) specifically, which includes chair. During her three-year tenure as chair, the PHCNPG membership increased by almost 40%.

While her current areas of practice are public health nutrition and higher education, she continues to influence the field of nutrition and dietetics as a whole. She has contributed to numerous peer reviewed articles, abstracts, and book chapters, as well as multiple monographs and white papers. More recently, she co-authored "Population risk factors and trends in health care and public policy"(published in the March 2012 JAND supplement).

Outside the Academy, Jamie is very active in the Association of State Public Health Nutritionists (ASPHN). She is a founding member of the MCH Nutrition Council and serves on the workforce development committee which surveys public health and community nutrition professionals and leaders about their current work responsibilities, as well as what they perceive to be the future work-force needs. This data is used to forecast the job market for public health/community nutrition professionals. She is also the president of the Association of Graduate Programs in Public Health Nutrition.

Her research interests include community-based participatory research methods to reduce obesity and diabetes among women, children and families and improving food security among disadvantaged populations.

Margaret Tate, MS, RD, HOD delegate for the PHCNPG and a leader in public health nutrition, summarizes the accomplishments that Jamie has made on the profession:

"When I first began practicing in public health nutrition, the most influential academic nutritionist was Mildred Kaufmann from the University of North Carolina. Mildred played a key role in moving public health nutrition to where it is today. I see Jamie fulfilling that role today. She is an inspirational role model for both young professionals entering the profession and those of us that have practiced for years. She is the frontrunner in addressing issues and concerns that impacts public health nutrition. She is a visionary leader that approaches all situations in a low-key common sense manner. Jamie is the 'go to person' when you need to get something done. She is indeed a mover and shaker in public health nutrition and the profession of dietetics."