



Gerardo Heiss was born in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, earning a medical degree from the University of Chile at Santiago in 1968. He went on to receive a master's degree in social medicine from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and a doctoral degree in epidemiology from UNC Chapel Hill. In 1976, Dr. Heiss joined the Department of Epidemiology, where he served as a respected member of the faculty for 46 years,

and as a W.R. Kenan Jr. Distinguished Professor since 2007. His dedication to the department, its students, and the field broadly has had a profound and lasting impact, and has been recognized by numerous prestigious awards, including the Edward C. McGavran Award for Teaching (1993), the Bernard G. Greenberg Alumni Endowment Award (1998), the John E. Larsh Award for Mentorship (2011), and the American Heart Association's Epidemiology and Prevention Mentoring Award (2015).

Dr. Heiss was internationally known for his leadership of many cardiovascular epidemiology studies, including the Postprandial Lipid and Atherosclerosis study, the Family Heart Study (FHS), the Women's Health Initiative (WHI), the Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities (ARIC) study, and the Hispanic Community Health Study/Study of Latinos (HCHS/SOL). A true visionary in the field, Dr. Heiss made lasting contributions to our understanding of risk factors and prevention of cardiovascular disease.

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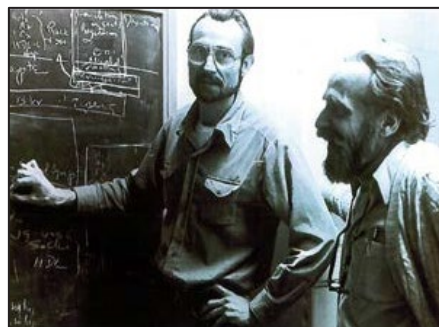
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Closing Remarks

Wayne Rosamond

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Reception

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