

[AAAAI Foundation and John W. Yunginger, MD FAAAAI Memorial Lectureship \(5th Year\)](#)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

1:15-3:45 pm

Presidential Plenary: Environmental Influences on the Microbiome: Impact on Allergic Diseases

Convention Center, Ground Level, Hall C

Lecturer: Kari Nadeau, MD, PhD

Interactions between Environmental Change, the Microbiome and Allergic Mechanisms

John W. Yunginger, MD, FAAAAI



The AAAAI Foundation is honored to commemorate the life and work of a great teacher, physician and researcher who made significant contributions to the allergy/immunology specialty with the creation of the John W. Yunginger MD FAAAAI Memorial Lectureship.

Dr. John Wallace Yunginger, known to colleagues as JY, was a physician-scientist who spent his career on staff at the Mayo Clinic (1973-2001). He was Board Certified by the American Board of Pediatrics (1969) and the American Board of Allergy and Immunology (1977). He served on numerous committees, both at Mayo and in national professional organizations.

Dr. Yunginger was a 1960 graduate of Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania and of Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia in 1964. He served his Internship at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pennsylvania from 1964-1965 and his Residency in pediatrics at Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia from 1965-1966 and at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, PA from 1966-1967. He went on to complete a Fellowship in allergy/immunology at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine. He was a veteran of the US Air Force, proudly serving as a Pediatrician on the Chanute AFB in Illinois.

Dr. Yunginger was a recognized authority on food, latex and insect allergies. He won numerous honors and awards for his work, both from Mayo and from national medical organizations. In 2001, he received the Distinguished Clinician Award from the AAAAI in honor of significant contributions to the field of allergy and clinical immunology. He authored 167 articles and 63 book chapters on various aspects of allergy and immunology. JY served twenty-seven years as director and then as President of the American Board of Allergy and Immunology, retiring in 2009.

Dr. Yunginger was born October 28, 1938 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania the only child of Lewis and Ethel (Wallace) Yunginger. On August 12, 1967, he married Jane Zubler in Farmers Mills, Pennsylvania. He is remembered as bringing grace, kindness and humility to his patients and colleagues, as well as a sense of humor, a boisterous laugh, and a twinkle in his eye

Kari Nadeau, MD, PhD



Kari Nadeau, MD, PhD, is the Chair of the Department of Environmental Health at Harvard School of Public Health. She practices allergy, asthma, and immunology in children and adults. She has published over 400+ papers, many in the field of climate change and health, and allergies and asthma. Dr. Nadeau is a member of the National Academy of Medicine and the U.S. EPA Children's Health Protection Committee. For more than 30 years, she has devoted herself to understanding how environmental and epigenetic factors affect the risk of developing immune dysfunction. Her laboratory has been studying exposomics and solutions-facing research with policy-oriented outcomes to track climate change mitigation and adaptation as these solutions pertain to quantifying health outcomes. She started 4 biotech companies, works in

climate and health inequity, co started a sustainability seed grant program, and works with the WHO and UN on several projects in global health. She works with the Salata Institute at Harvard and oversees the Harvard Center for Climate Health and the Global Environment. Dr. Nadeau was appointed as a member of the U.S. Federal Wildfire Commission in 2022. Dr. Nadeau earned her MD/PhD from Harvard Medical School in 1995, completing her doctoral work in biochemistry and immunology, followed by a pediatric residency, and fellowship in Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology Program, joined the Stanford faculty where she was the Naddisy Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics until 2022, and then joined Harvard where is now the John Rock Professor of Climate and Population Studies.