

A Tribute to Paul Mazmanian, PhD

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We in the field of Continuing Education in the Health Professions are deeply saddened by the loss of Paul Mazmanian, PhD, who passed away in September 2021 after a brief illness.



Paul graduated from Wayne State University with a degree in Speech Education and Michigan State University with a Masters' Degree in Educational Administration. He "serendipitously and with encouragement" (as he described it) pursued a PhD in Adult and Continuing Education while serving as a research associate at the University of Michigan School of Medicine. These early days were also marked by success as a varsity athlete in football and as state wrestling champion.

He had a long and distinguished career at the Virginia Commonwealth School of Medicine, including oversight of the MPH Curriculum Committee, directing research and the Office of Continuing Education in Medicine and the Allied Health Professions, Associate Dean for Continuing Professional Development and Evaluation Studies, and Associate Dean for Assessment and Evaluation Studies. He rose to the rank of Professor in the Departments of Family Medicine and Epidemiology and Community Health and also held faculty appointments in the VCU School of Allied Health Professions. At his death, he was Professor Emeritus at VCU.

Paul was lead or co-author on many of the seminal papers in Continuing Professional Development, including studies on learning and change in physician performance, CPD effectiveness, evaluation, changing practice, and physician self-assessment. From 2000 – 2010, he served as editor of the *Journal of Continuing Education in the Health Professions (JCEHP)*. He also served on several Agency for Health Care Research and Policy and Institute of Medicine (National Academy of Medicine) panels, consulted with the National Cancer Institute on translating knowledge into clinical practice, and participated in the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation conference on Continuing Education in the Health Professions.

Beyond his monumental documented professional achievements, Paul was a mentor. His genuine curiosity and sincere interest in the work of others helped support and develop many who work in Continuing Professional Development in the Health Professions. Those of us who were fortunate to call him a friend miss the interesting and wide-ranging conversations and his dry sense of humor. Most importantly, Paul was a devoted husband to Pam, father to Aram and Joel (Margos), and grandfather.

In recognition of Paul's contributions to CPD in the Health Professions, the annual "JCEHP award for Excellence in Research" will henceforth be named the "*Paul Mazmanian JCEHP Award for Excellence in Research*".

Paul, we miss you. Thank you for all you have done. Rest in peace.