

The 16th Heinz Awards



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Lynn Goldman Receives Prestigious Heinz Award for Reducing Exposure to Pesticides, Toxic Chemicals Pediatrician, epidemiologist plays a powerful role in the health of children.

PITTSBURGH, September 21, 2010 – Teresa Heinz and the Heinz Family Foundation today announced Lynn Goldman, M.D., a pediatrician and epidemiologist, as a recipient of a Heinz Award for her work to protect people from toxic chemicals. Recently named dean of the School of Public Health and Health Services at George Washington University, Dr. Goldman previously served as a professor at the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health and as the EPA's assistant administrator for the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (formerly the Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances). Her treatment of children with preventable infectious diseases and lead poisoning during her residency inspired her to research and develop programs to stop negative health effects caused by chemical contaminants. She currently lives in Silver Spring, Maryland.

The Heinz Awards, in their 16th year, honor Dr. Goldman and nine other environmental innovators. She is acknowledged for her powerful role in advancing policies and public understanding of toxic chemicals. Dr. Goldman made a remarkable impact in strengthening the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) and expanding citizens' "right to know" about pollution in their community. These efforts led to the testing and discontinuation or limitations of a number of toxic chemicals in household, food and various other products and the empowerment of citizens to hold companies accountable for the management of dangerous chemicals. The reforms to the FQPA addressed children's sensitivity to pesticides in foods and exposures in household products for the first time.

"I have witnessed far too many children with preventable diseases. A call for regulation against potentially dangerous chemicals is critical to providing what every child is entitled to – nutritious food and a healthy environment," said Dr. Goldman.

The Heinz Awards annually honor the late U.S. Senator John Heinz's long-standing commitment to the environment. This year's awards, totaling \$1 million, recognize individuals who are addressing global change caused by the impact of human activities and natural processes on the environment.

"Several hazardous pesticides have been removed or restricted, thanks to Dr. Goldman," Teresa Heinz, chairman of the Heinz Family Foundation, said today. "She has been instrumental in securing reforms that limit pesticides in children's food resulting in lowering their accumulation in children's bodies."

Dr. Goldman has testified before Congress on numerous occasions, co-authored a report for the World Bank describing the impact of toxic substances in developing countries and has endlessly fostered the advancement of children's health. Returning to academia, she has carried out groundbreaking research on how chemicals affect newborn children. Her position at George Washington University will enhance her ability to protect public health.

In addition to Dr. Goldman, the 16th Heinz Awards are honoring the following individuals:

- **James Balog**, Extreme Ice Survey (Boulder, Colo.) *For his dramatic use of photography to document the devastation of global warming*
- **Terrence Collins, Ph.D.**, Carnegie Mellon University (Pittsburgh, Pa.) *For using “green chemistry” to detoxify hazardous chemicals and training the next generation of scientists*
- **Gretchen Daily, Ph.D.**, Stanford University and the Natural Capital Project (Stanford, Calif.) *For her achievements demonstrating the financial value of natural ecosystems*
- **Richard Feely, Ph.D.**, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory (Seattle, Wash.) *For his extraordinary efforts to identify ocean acidity as global warming’s “evil twin”*
- **Cary Fowler, Ph.D.**, Global Crop Diversity Trust (Rome, Italy) *For establishing the Global Seed Vault to conserve genetic diversity of the world’s food plants despite climate change*
- **Elizabeth Kolbert**, *The New Yorker*, (Williamstown, Mass.) *For her groundbreaking environmental journalism and devotion to informing readers*
- **Michael Oppenheimer, Ph.D.**, Princeton University (Princeton, N.J. and New York, N.Y.) *For assessing the impacts of global warming and air pollution, and working for policies to prevent future harm*
- **Daniel Sperling, Ph.D.**, University of California, Davis (Davis, Calif.) *For advancing sustainable transportation policies and accelerating the transition to low-carbon alternative fuels nationwide*
- **Frederick vom Saal, Ph.D.**, University of Missouri (Columbia, Mo.) *For uncovering health problems linked to the chemical BPA*

About the Heinz Awards

The Heinz Family Foundation, one of the Heinz Family Philanthropies, began as a charitable trust established by the late U.S. Senator John Heinz. His widow, Teresa Heinz, established the Heinz Awards in 1993 to honor and sustain the legacy of her late husband.

Nominations for the Heinz Awards are submitted by invited experts, who serve anonymously. Award recipients are selected by the board of directors for the Heinz Awards upon recommendation by a blue-ribbon panel of jurors.

In addition to the \$100,000 award for their unrestricted use, recipients are presented with a medallion inscribed with the image of Senator Heinz on one side and a rendering of a globe passing between two hands on the other.

The Heinz Awards will be presented at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. on November 15.

For more information about the Heinz Awards, Heinz Family Foundation or the recipients, visit www.heinzawards.net.