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## **SOPHE Names New Editor-in-Chief of *Health Education & Behavior***

Washington, DC – The Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE) Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the appointment of John P. Allegrante, Ph.D., Professor and Chair of the Department of Health and Behavior Studies and Deputy Provost at Teachers College, the Graduate Faculty of Education of Columbia University, as editor-in-chief of the Society’s flagship peer-reviewed journal, *Health Education & Behavior (HEB)*. Beginning with Volume 38 (2/2011), Dr. Allegrante will succeed Marc A. Zimmerman, Ph.D., Professor and Chair of the Department of Health Behavior and Health Education at The University of Michigan School of Public Health, who has served as editor since 1998 and associate editor from 1995-1997. *HEB* is among the most highly cited peer-reviewed journals in the fields of public, environmental and occupational health.

Dr. Allegrante, who holds a joint appointment in Department of Sociomedical Sciences at the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, earned his baccalaureate degree with honors from the State University of New York College at Cortland in 1974 and a M.S. from the University of Illinois in 1976 and Ph.D. in 1979. He has had over two decades of continuous funding from the National Institutes of Health to pursue multidisciplinary behavioral research in disease self-management and health outcomes in people with chronic disease. He has produced an extensive bibliography of published papers in health education and health promotion and in clinical epidemiology and health services research. Dr. Allegrante is the principal editor of the anthology, *Derryberry's Educating for Health: A Foundation for Contemporary Health Education Practice* (Jossey-Bass, 2004).

“We are delighted to have such a distinguished scholar assuming the leadership of *Health Education & Behavior* to continue the journal’s outstanding legacy,” states Diane Allensworth, Ph.D., SOPHE President and Associate Director of Education Partnerships in the Department of Partnerships

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and Strategic Alliances at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. “Dr. Allegrante brings both breadth and depth of research experience in health education, public health, and medicine that promises to sustain and strengthen the journal’s premier position in behavioral science and health education.”

Dr. Allegrante was a W. K. Kellogg Foundation National Fellow from 1985 to 1988 and a Pew Health Policy Fellow at the RAND/UCLA Center for Health Policy Study from 1987 to 1988. He was named a Fulbright Senior Specialist in Public/Global Health in 2005 and a Fulbright Scholar in 2007. In 2009, Dr. Allegrante was named an International Scholar by the Open Society Institute and Soros Foundations Network. He also serves as co-chair of the Galway Consensus Conference on International Collaboration on Credentialing in Health Promotion and Health Education.

A Past President and Distinguished Fellow of SOPHE, Dr. Allegrante received the Distinguished Career Award in Public Health Education and Health Promotion from the American Public Health Association in 2003. He is a Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine and member of the Academy of Behavioral Medicine Research and Society of Behavioral Medicine.

*HEB* publishes authoritative and practical information on critical health issues for a broad range of professionals interested in understanding factors associated with health behavioral and health status, and strategies to improve social and behavioral health. The bimonthly publication is one of two peer-reviewed SOPHE journals published by Sage Publications since 1995. To learn more about *HEB*, visit <http://hpp.sagepub.com/>.

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