Press Release

Health and Safety Historians Receive 2018 Rachel Carson Award

AIHA’s Environmental Issues Committee has announced that Dr. Gerald Markowitz and Dr. David Rosner are the co-recipients of the 2018 Rachel Carson Award for their outstanding contributions towards advancing the public’s awareness of environmental safety and health issues, problems and solutions that adversely affects the community and the environment.

Markowitz and Rosner have co-authored and edited numerous books and articles on occupational safety and health, including: *Lead Wars: The Politics of Science and the Fate of America’s Children; Are We Ready? The Public Health Response to 9/11; Deadly Dust: Silicosis and the Politics of Occupational Disease in Twentieth Century America, and Deceit and Denial: The Deadly Politics of Industrial Pollution.* Both men testified for three days in a 2013 lawsuit that resulted in a landmark $1.1 billion judgment against three major companies, which were ordered to remove lead paint from 4.7 million older homes in California cities.

Dr. Markowitz and Dr. Rosner will give a presentation about their work at the AIHce2018 Environmental Issues Committee Meeting on Tuesday, May 22, at 7pm at Marriott Philadelphia Downtown Room 301 in Philadelphia, PA. The presentation is open to all conference attendees. The award will be presented on Wednesday, May 23, at the AIHce2018 Mark of Excellence Breakfast.

Gerald Markowitz, PhD, is a Distinguished Professor of History at John Jay College of Criminal Justice and the Graduate Center, City University of New York. In 2017 Dr. Markowitz was elected member of the National Academy of Medicine, National Academies of Science.

David Rosner, MSPH, PhD is the Ronald H. Lauterstein Professor of Sociomedical Sciences and professor of history in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Columbia University. He is also Co-Director of the Center for the History and Ethics of Public Health at Columbia's Mailman School of Public Health.