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Dear Friends and Alumni of the Department of Mental Health:

Usually I write you in June, but this brief letter is at the start of the calendar year to inaugurate our 50th anniversary year as a Department in the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. The Department of Mental Hygiene was formed under the leadership of Paul Lemkau in 1961.

We will be celebrating all year! The plans include:

- Producing a brief video and magazine celebrating our 50th year
- Dedicating the *Mental Hygiene Reading Room* in February
- Naming and installing the first *Ali and Rose Kawi Professor* in the spring
- Sponsoring a symposium on *Child Sexual Abuse: a Public Health Perspective*, on April 27
- Holding a Book Launch party when the book produced by the faculty, students and fellows of the department, entitled *Public Mental Health*, appears in May (more than 60 years after Lemkau's *Mental Hygiene in Public Health* appeared)
- Hosting an afternoon reception and discussion on the history of the department in June at our *Summer Institute in Mental Health Research*
- Sponsoring a symposium in September: *Mental Health and the New National Health Care Policy*
- Celebrating *World Mental Health Day* on October 10 with an afternoon speaker and wine and cheese.

There will be other events during the year posted on our web site (<http://www.jhsph.edu/dept/mh/>), which will include a logo designating this as the 50th anniversary year.

The department remains financially, socially, and intellectually healthy, with lots of applicants for our limited number of MHS, doctoral, and post-doctoral positions. We have a steady stream of successful applications for research funding. I will send more details in June.

Please write or email me (weaton@jhsph.edu) if you have comments or suggestions about these plans and the future of the Department of Mental Health. Thanks!

Sincerely,



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