

8:00 p.m.

## *FSAS Award Ceremony*

**Recipient of the 2008 Lorraine Wetherell Family Studies Alumni Society Distinguished Service Award:  
Keith Bellizzi '03, Ph.D.**

**Presenters:**

Gayle Stewart Carroll, '97 M.A.; Shirley Randazzo, '77, '84 M.A., FSAS Board Members.

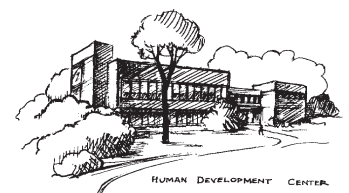
**Introduction:** Thomas Blank, Ph.D., Professor

Keith Bellizzi graduated from the School of Family Studies with his doctoral degree in 2003, and shortly thereafter moved to Maryland for a three-year fellowship at the National Cancer Institute. He was selected into the preeminent cancer prevention fellowship program which provides three years of training, plus a “full-ride” to get a Master’s in Public Health, which he received from George Washington University in 2004. The goal of the fellowship program is to train leaders in the field of cancer prevention and control. Currently, Keith is a Health Scientist in the Office of Cancer Survivorship at the National Cancer Institute where he conducts research and helps set the national agenda for cancer survivorship research. His research and publications have focused on the quality of life of older cancer survivors; the role health behaviors play in attenuating late effects of cancer; resilience and growth in the aftermath of cancer; and caregiver and family issues. His work has received national and international recognition and has been featured in diverse media outlets, including The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times, The Australian Financial Review, Cure Magazine and the Hartford Courant.

Keith married his college sweetheart, Danielle, and they have three beautiful daughters, Sarah who is 6 years, Taylor who is 3 years, and Marissa who is 9 months.

In 2005, Keith was selected as one of three CaPSURE (Cancer of the Prostate Strategic Urologic Research Endeavor) scholars to examine the quality of life of prostate cancer survivors in a 10-year longitudinal study supported by the University of California at San Francisco. This work was recently published in the Journal, Urology. Keith was also awarded a Legacy Fund Scholarship from the Canadian Association of Gerontology to present his research at the World Congress of Gerontology in Brazil. Also in 2005, Keith was one of twenty-four cyclists selected, out of 1,100 applicants, to the Bristol-Myers Squibb Tour of Hope National Team. The Tour of Hope is a 9 day bike ride from San Diego to Washington, DC, covering 3,300 miles, to raise public awareness about cancer research and survivorship issues. Driven by their ties to cancer, the team of 24, consisting of cancer survivors, advocates, caregivers, physicians, researchers and 7-time Tour de France Champion, Lance Armstrong - rode day and night, rain or shine while stopping along the way at rallies sharing their experiences and stories and inspiring those fighting cancer. In recognition of his commitment to cancer survivorship efforts, manifest in his research, public speaking and outreach activities, Keith received a governor’s citation from Governor Robert Ehrlich, from the State of Maryland, in 2006.

The Department of Human Development and Family Studies is thrilled to welcome Keith and his family back to Connecticut and to our program this fall. We look forward to hearing more about Keith’s research and outreach activities in the field of cancer survivorship.



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