**News at a Glance**

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Several CEG investigators have recently merited major extramural funding awards, bolstering the Center's plans to become a global leader in the study of gene-environment (GxE) interactions and the advancement of precision-medicine based risk assessment, risk communication, disease monitoring, prevention, and therapies. New R01 and DoD awards for Drs. Kasper, Chen, Genter, et al., total more than $2,000,000 in new funding over the next 5 years.

**New Publications**


**COEC Director Erin N. Haynes, MS, DrPH; COEC Program Coordinator Rahael Shepler; and team member scientific writer Jen Veevers, PhD recently traveled to Cambridge, Ohio, to share with Guernsey County Commissioners and other civic leaders an update on an air quality study, funded by the CEG Pilot Project Program, that Haynes and her team conducted in Guernsey, Belmont, and Muskingum Counties. As reported in The Daily Jeffersonian on August 23, 2017, the study collected air quality samples that were subsequently analyzed for more than 60 volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and formaldehyde. Air quality in the county is of concern to local commissioners in light of proposed and ongoing natural gas extraction activity. The study was conducted in partnership with Guernsey County Emergency Management and other local community partners. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss preliminary results with the community before publication of the findings.**