CWRU Hosts Lead Safe Conference

The Lead Safe Living: 2003 Childhood Lead Conference, co-sponsored by the CWRU Center for Science, Health and Society, the City of Cleveland Department of Public Health, and the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, hosted 11 speakers who addressed health and behavior problems associated with lead toxicity in the Cleveland area and discussed the development of new strategies for eliminating these problems. Speakers included various experts on lead toxicity as well as government representatives, including Cleveland Mayor Jane Campbell. Also in attendance were more than 250 participants from the community, the CWRU faculty, the Cleveland Municipal School District, and representatives from the city, county, state and federal governments.

Left to right: Bruce Lanphear, M.D., M.P.H., University of Cincinnati, who spoke on the Legacy of Lead: Childhood Lead Poisoning in the 21st Century; Patricia Britt, councilwoman from Ward 6 and chair of the City Council’s Public Health Committee; Matt Carroll, acting director, Cleveland Department of Public Health; and Nathan Berger, M.D., director of the CWRU’s Center for Science, Health and Society.