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## Stephen J. Bagnato Jr. '75g, '77g Edu



**Stephen J. Bagnato Jr.** is a developmental school psychologist and professor of psychology and pediatrics at the University of Pittsburgh in the School of Education and School of Medicine.

Bagnato also is director of the Division for Early Childhood Partnerships at the Office of Child Development. He is perhaps best known in Pennsylvania for his longitudinal studies funded by the Heinz Endowments (1997–2009) into the effectiveness of high-quality early childhood intervention programs on more than 15,000 at-risk preschoolers in more than 60 school district-community partnerships for Pennsylvania's Office of Child Development and Early Learning. He is also a member of the faculty of the Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities Center at the University of Pittsburgh. Bagnato was invited to become an inaugural member of the UNICEF Global Child Disability Assessment Initiative to compose a user's manual for the assessment of social-emotional competencies in children in low-resource countries. He has published more than 150 research studies and professional articles, as well as 11 books and assessment measures.

Bagnato received the Braintree Hospital's Annual National Award for Outstanding Applied Brain Injury Research for his intervention efficacy research on preschool children with acquired and congenital brain injuries. He was honored with the University of Pittsburgh Chancellor's Distinguished Public Service Award for his community-based consultation and research, and he received the 1995 Best Research Article Award from the American Psychological Association. Additionally, the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* placed Bagnato on its list of "Top 48 Making a Difference in Education," and in 2008, he received the Penn State College of Education's Excellence in Education Award.

Bagnato lives with his wife, Susan '85g, in Pittsburgh. They have two adult sons, Michael and Mark.