Advancing care in high-risk pregnancy through research and education

Pregnancy Foundation Post - November 2015

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"Through the Quilligan Scholars Program, I identified not only mentors but role models for my career and life. I look forward to embarking on my career, building these relationships, and hope to one day serve as a mentor."

"...the mini-sabbatical was rich beyond my expectations and became an incredibly interdisciplinary experience with great breadth and depth, clinical application to MFM, and invaluable networking."

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2016 Pregnancy Foundation/AAOGF Scholarship Award Recipient

We are pleased to announce that Jennifer Bushman Gilner, MD, PhD has been selected for the 2016 Pregnancy Foundation/AAOGF Scholarship Award for her work entitled "The role of regulatory T cells in the maternal-fetal rejection phenotype of preterm birth." Dr. Gilner is currently a third year fellow in Maternal Fetal Medicine at Duke University Health System, with prior PhD training in pathology and laboratory
medicine from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she also completed her medical training. She completed her residency training at Duke University Health System. Dr. Gilner’s primary research interest is in understanding mechanisms of preterm birth. Her overarching goal is to pair translational biomedical research with clinical practice at an academic medical center. She has received several research, leadership and teaching awards and has been first author on peer reviewed publications. The Pregnancy Foundation and AAOGF would like to congratulate Dr. Gilner and look forward to supporting and guiding her to further her training in the conduct of biomedical research.

2015 First Year Fellows Retreat

Once again, the Foundation co-sponsored the annual SMFM First Year Fellows Retreat, held this year at Eaglewood Resort Center in Itasca, IL. Our 2014 Quilligan Scholars are now MFM fellows who enjoyed attending the retreat!

The Foundation also launched a Fellows Class Gift campaign during the retreat - find out more about this on our website!

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Queenan Travel Fellow Award

Dr. Yusuf Ahmed has been awarded the 2015 Queenan Travel Fellowship. Dr. Ahmed is a Zambian obstetrician-gynecologist with training in obstetrics, gynecology, neonatology and public health and holds the position of Consultant Obstetrician Gynecologist at the University Teaching Hospital in Lusaka. With marked health disparities in Zambia, his current focus is to train and mentor health care workers and researchers to provide better care for women and newborns.
conduct research on positioning emergency obstetric and newborn care in Zambia within the framework of universal health care.

The Foundation will sponsor Dr. Ahmed's attendance at the 2016 Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA, where his group's poster "Adverse perinatal outcomes and vertical HIV transmissions among women with history of low birth weight infants in Lusaka, Zambia," will be presented at Poster Session II on Thursday, February 4, 2016.

Corporate Council Members

The Foundation would like to acknowledge and thank our 2015 Corporate Council members:


We look forward to welcoming Duchesney and Omnia Education in 2016!