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Message from the Chair

DEAR FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION FOR SMFM,

Mentorship is an integral part of the programs of the Foundation for SMFM. Our 2018 Annual Report highlights over 30 of our past awardees in a mentorship graphic that reveals the extent and variety of relationships created over the years between our awardees and their mentors and mentees through projects funded by the Foundation. We are committed to supporting the research and career development of the membership of the Society through our scholarships and grants that are available to members at various stages in their careers.

The Foundation received 128 applications for our six programs in 2018. In this annual report, you can read about the current recipients of all our awards including the SMFM/AAOGF Scholarship, ABOG Bridge Funding Award, Garite Mini-Sabbatical Grants, Quilligan Scholars Program, and Queenan Fellowships for Global Health. You will learn how their awards have impacted their careers and will lead to improvements in the care of women with high-risk pregnancies in the United States and around the globe. The Foundation was honored to create the Danielle Peress, MD Memorial Fund in 2018 and over $60,000 in contributions from her family, friends, and colleagues have been received since her tragic and untimely death in November 2017. The Danielle Peress, MD Memorial Fund has been established to honor Dani’s wishes – to further advance the field of MFM by supporting MFM fellows in their clinical or translational research endeavors during fellowship. Additional information and current applications for our programs are available at FoundationForSMFM.org/programs.

All our awards and programs require committee leadership and engagement to make the appropriate selections and for the ongoing mentorship and monitoring of our recipients. The dedication, time and effort of many individuals working behind the scenes with the Foundation Board and staff is a testament to the commitment we have to our awardees and the future of our specialty.

The Foundation’s mission is to advance care in pregnancy through research and education, and we rely on your contributions to sustain our programs. The number of SMFM members who give annually to the Foundation has increased substantially from 133 in 2014 to 612 in 2018. A list of all contributors begins on page 13, and we are grateful to every single person who has donated.

As in past years, the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology Education Foundation (ABOG) has continued support of our Bridge Funding Award. This award provides additional protected research time for our physician scientists as they persevere to attain independent funding. We have focused and increased our communications and partnerships with corporations and are extremely grateful of their continued support. We also extend a special thank you to AMAG Pharmaceuticals, GE Healthcare, and Samsung for their substantial contributions to our programs in 2018.

On behalf of the members of the Foundation for SMFM Board of Directors, thank you again for your investment in the future of maternal-fetal medicine. We could not create opportunities and programs for practicing MFM, fellows and residents without your generosity. We hope we can rely on you in 2019!

With gratitude and respect,

Mary E. D’Alton, MD
Chair, Board of Directors
The mentorship provided through my Foundation-funded projects was critical in securing NIH funding for my translational science projects. I would not be where I am today without my incredible mentors and I will be forever grateful for their time and guidance. Mentors who believe in you and your work are vital to a successful career.

JOY VINK, MD  
2012-2015 SMFM/AAOGF SCHOLAR AND 2015 BRIDGE FUNDING Awardee

As a Garite Mini-Sabbatical recipient in 2009, I learned the CVS technique from Dr. Laura Goetzl. Through this experience, I became more confident in performing the procedure independently and upon returning to my home institution in Boston, began my career performing CVS and teaching this skill to other fellows. I continued this work at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, where several of the MFM fellows I taught went on to teach other students in subsequent years.

DAN KATZ, MD  
2009 MINI-SABBATICAL GRANT RECIPIENT

The story of successful research may be told by one’s research family tree – our mentors and our supporters who make a profound impact on our career.

JOE HURT, MD  
2015-2018 SMFM/AAOGF SCHOLAR

Through mentorship opportunities as a Quilligan Scholar, I understand the importance of ‘paying it forward.’ My mentorship with Dr. Mary Norton began with connections and access to research opportunities in the California Prenatal Screening Program and evolved to encompass career and professional guidance. Because of the support I was provided by my mentor, I have worked to provide similar guidance for residents at my institution. This has involved setting up workshops for CV revisions and having conversations about how to narrow down their interests within MFM when making decisions about their future jobs. I have seen the benefit of having a role model support my development as a person and professional, and I am working to offer that support to others in my field now.

AMANDA YEATON-MASSEY, MD  
2014 QUILLIGAN SCHOLAR
Mentorship Programs Promote Mentorship

Responses from 2018 mentorship survey of past recipients of Foundation programs (N=59): SMFM/AAOGF Scholarship, ABOG Bridge Funding Award, Garite Mini-Sabbatical Grants, Queenan Fellowships for Global Health, and Quilligan Scholars Program.

34 AWARDEES

IDENTIFIED

77 MENTORS

AND

58 MENTEES
SMFM/AAOGF Scholars Program

Our premier research training scholarship, funded jointly with the American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Foundation (AAOGF), is designed for future academic physician leaders who seek additional research training in MFM. Applicants for this highly selective three-year award must have recently completed MFM subspecialty training or be in the second or third year of an ABOG-approved MFM fellowship program. The total annual funding for each scholar is $120,000.

CURRENT SCHOLARS

2019-2022 Scholar
Jacqueline Parchem, MD  2019-2022
University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth), McGovern Medical School

Modulation of neural tube development by amniotic fluid exosomes

Neural tube defects (NTDs) are common birth defects resulting from incomplete neural tube closure. Trauma from exposure of neural tissue to the amniotic environment leads to irreversible neurologic injury. The molecular mechanisms underlying NTD formation and secondary injury are complex and not well understood. Dr. Parchem is studying the role of cell-derived nanovesicles, called exosomes, in neural tube closure and NTDs. Using a combination of in-depth molecular analyses of human amniotic fluid samples and mechanistic studies in mouse and cell culture models, Dr. Parchem will test the hypothesis that amniotic fluid exosomes regulate neural tube closure and mediate responses to tissue injury in NTDs. Her mentor for the project is Dr. Raghu Kalluri from the Department of Cancer Biology at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.

2018-2021
Nandini Raghuraman, MD, MS
Washington University in St. Louis

Risks of intrapartum maternal oxygen supplementation: Mechanisms for harm in the mother and neonate

2017-2020
Adetola Louis-Jacques, MD
University of South Florida
Lactation and association with maternal gut microbiome and epigenetic programming

PAST RECIPIENTS

Jennifer Bushman Gilner, MD PhD  2016-2019*
K. Joseph Hurt, MD  2015-2018*
Hilary Roeder, MD  2013-2016*
Joy Vink, MD  2012-2015*
Jacob Larkin, MD  2010-2013*
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Antonette Dulay, MD  2009-2012*
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Francine Einstein, MD  2006-2009*
Janet Andrews, MD  2005-2008*
Donna Neale, MD  2004-2007*
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Rachel Humphrey, MD  2002-2004
Rodney Edwards, MD  2001-2003
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M. Sean Esplin, MD  1999-2001
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Kim Boggess, MD  1997-1998
Samuel Parry, MD  1996-1997
Stephen Hunter, MD  1995-1996
Susan Seligman, MD  1994-1995
Kee-Hak Lim, MD  1993-1994
Tracey Cowles, MD  1992-1993

*Funded jointly with AAOGF
Garite Mini-Sabbatical Grants

Dr. Thomas Garite was instrumental in the creation of the mini-sabbatical program during his tenure as Chair of the Board of Directors. Practicing MFMs and MFM fellows, including international members of the Society, receive funding for a research project or clinical experience with a mentor at another institution for up to eight weeks. The Foundation provides $10,000 in annual funding for one or more recipients.

2018

Michael Dombrowski, MD
"Point of Care Ultrasound Certification and Application to Maternal-Fetal Medicine"

Jose Enrique Sanin Blair, MD
"Modern Laparoscopic Techniques for Repair of Meningomyelocele"

PAST PROJECTS
- Obstetric Simulation Techniques
- Advanced Ultrasound Techniques
- Mood Disorders in Pregnancy
- Preterm Birth Mouse Model
- Placental Biology and Advanced Research Techniques
- Fetal Neuroimaging
- Chorionic Villus Sampling training

PAST RECIPIENTS
2018
Maisa Feghali, MD
"Metabolic Analysis for Treatment Choice in Gestational Diabetes Mellitus"

2016
Lucie Moravia, DO*

2015
Niamh Condon, DO*

2014
M. Camille Hoffman, MD
Pranita Nirgudkar, MD*

2013
Meg Hill, MD*
Steve Rad, MD*

2012
Erica Berggren, MD*

2011
Michelle Silasi, MD*
Lisa Moore, MD

2010
Mary Vadnais, MD*
Hai-Lang Duong, MD*
J. Michael Newton, MD, PhD*

2009
Erika Werner, MD*
Daniel Katz, MD*
Gretchen Koontz, MD
Caroline Stella, MD

2008
Camille Kanaan, MD
Lama Tolaymat, MD

*Maternal-Fetal Medicine fellow

Bridge Funding Award

The Foundation introduced a one-year bridge grant of $75,000 in 2015, made possible with generous support from the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ABOG) Education Foundation. The award is designed to stabilize a research program of a promising physician scientist on the path to obtaining independent research funding in the field of maternal-fetal medicine.

2018

Maisa Feghali, MD

"Metabolic Analysis for Treatment Choice in Gestational Diabetes Mellitus"

PAST RECIPIENTS
2017
Emily Miller, MD, MPH

2015
Joy Vink, MD
Quilligan Scholars Program

The Quilligan Scholars Program was established in 2013 in honor of Dr. Edward J. Quilligan, a leader and mentor in the field. The program provides mentoring and educational opportunities during the final two years of obstetrics and gynecology residency with the goal of recognizing and identifying future leaders in maternal-fetal medicine. Funded attendance at two SMFM Annual Meetings and a weekend biostatistics course are highlights of the program.

Class of 2019

Fei Cai, MD
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Ashley Hesson, MD, PhD
Tomi Kanninen, MD
Michelle Nguyen, MD
Sharon Stortz, MS, MD
Nicole Teal, MD, MPH
Gianna Wilkie, MD

PAST RECIPIENTS

2018
Irina Cassimatis, MD, MSc
Ukachi Emeruwa, MD, MPH
Jeff Federspiel, MD, PhD
Divya Mallampati, MD, MPH
Daisy Leon-Martinez, MD
Melanie Maykin, MD
Bridget Spelke, MD

2017
Maria Andrikopoulou, MD, PhD
Victoria Greenberg, MD
Anne West Honart, MD

2016
Aleha Aziz, MD, MPH
Michelle Debbink, MD, PhD
Jessica Page, MD
Kartik Venkatesh, MD, PhD
Sarah Wernimont, MD, PhD

2015
Yalda Afshar, MD, PhD
Jacques Balayla, MDCM
Mark Clapp, MD, MPH
Ahizechukwu Eke, MD, MPH
Ibrahim Hammad, MD

2014
Sarah Rae Easter, MD
Mohak Mhatre, MD
Malavika Prabhu, MD
Emily Scibetta, MD
Amanda Yeaton-Massey, MD
Queenan Fellowships for Global Health

The Queenan Fellowships for Global Health were established in 2014 in honor of Dr. John T. Queenan. The program offers multiple opportunities for research and education in obstetrics within resource-limited settings. Regular and Associate members of SMFM are eligible to apply. The goal of these fellowships is to train future leaders in perinatal health to provide bold and sustained advancement in obstetric practice in underserved areas around the globe.

**2018**

- **FB “Will” Williams, MD**
  Investigator-Initiated Research Project Award
- **D’Angela Pitts, MD**
  Visiting Teaching Fellowship
- **Febronie Muhorakeye**
  Queenan Travel Fellowship

**QUEENAN FELLOWS 2015-2018**

- Dr. Kelli Barbour (2015)
  Dr. Alisa Kachikis (2016)
  Dr. Megan Foeller (2017)
  International Agency Mentored Research Fellowship Switzerland
- Dr. Krishnan Manikandan (2017)
  Travel Fellowship India
- Dr. Rebekah McCurdy (2017)
  Visiting Teaching Fellowship Mali
- Dr. Stephanie Valderramos (2016)
  Investigator-Initiated Research Project Brazil
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  Dr. D’Angela Pitts (2018)
  Visiting Teaching Fellowship Ghana
- Dr. Ingrid Liff (2015)
  Investigator-Initiated Research Project Botswana
- Dr. Yusuf Ahmed (2015)
  Travel Fellowship Zambia
- Dr. Febronie Muhorakeye (2018)
  Travel Fellowship Rwanda
- Dr. Xiu Qui (2016)
  Travel Fellowship China
- Dr. FB “Will” Williams (2018)
  Investigator-Initiated Research Project Bangladesh
First-Year Fellows Retreat

The Foundation sponsors the annual First-Year Fellows Retreat with the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine. The Retreat provides new MFM fellows the opportunity to learn more about the Foundation and the Society, as well as meet and hear from experts in the subspecialty on topics ranging from career skills to work-life harmony. Many life-lasting friendships and professional associations are formed during this weekend. The 2018 retreat was held at Eaglewood Resort in Itasca, Illinois in October.

2018 FELLOWS RETREAT SPONSORS

- AMAG Pharmaceuticals Educational Grant: $25,000
- Ferring Pharmaceuticals Educational Grant: $22,000
- American Board of Obstetrics & Gynecology Educational Grant: $10,000
- The Fetal Center at Children’s Memorial Hermann Hospital | University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston: $10,000
- Thieme Medical Publishers/American Journal of Perinatology: $2,000

2017 Quilligan Scholars, now first-year MFM fellows
Thank you for supporting our mission to advance care in pregnancy through research and education. This report recognizes contributions made to all Foundation programs between January 1 and December 31, 2018.

Great effort was made to include all contributors in this report and to ensure the accuracy of names and titles. If we have erred, please accept our apologies and let us know so we may make corrections.

WHY I GIVE

“...I support the Foundation through a recurring monthly gift because I believe all mothers and children need advocates and the Foundation fosters the careers of MFMs striving to be those heroes. The Foundation supports the research and education of rising brilliant minds in our field, and I can’t think of a better way to honor those many mentors who guided me than to try to help others on their way.”

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