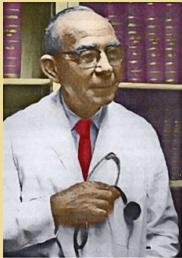


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~~~ MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ~~~

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The planning for the Southern Regional Meeting in New Orleans next February is well underway and the Call for Abstracts is posted on our website. I am excited to share some previews of the program in this letter.

First, we have changed the format of the joint session with our sister society, the Southern Section of the American Federation for Medical Research (S-AFMR), to create a more integrated program that reflects our close relationship and common endeavors. Dana Rizk, this year's Chair of the S-AFMR, and I will deliver brief addresses at the beginning and then the joint session will proceed with all of the wonderful elements it has always included, but in a more seamless order. The presentation of the SSCI Mentor of the Year Award will be highlighted early in the session, and we will close with the awarding of the Founder's Medal as the capstone 'feel good' moment. In between, we have an outstanding Presidential Symposium on 'HIV-Mediated Tissue Injury in the Era of Antiretroviral Therapy' featuring Dr. Mary Klotman, Dean of the School of Medicine at Duke University and Dr. Sushma Cribbs, a member of the SSCI Council and Associate Professor of Medicine at Emory University. We will also include featured short presentations by our trainee and junior faculty research awardees. In addition, the presentation of travel awards will be streamlined so that we can honor the awardees but without losing momentum and enabling us to focus on the featured presentations.

Second, I am delighted to announce that the SSCI is creating the Nathan Solomon & Irene Oransky-Solomon Medical Student Research Awards. These awards will recognize and encourage excellence in investigation by medical students during research training. These new awards are made possible by a generous endowment from Nathan and Irene's son, Solomon, a longstanding member of the SSCI and Professor of Medicine at the University of Tennessee who has attended every Southern Regional Meeting for more than four decades. The first- and second-prize winners will receive \$1,000 and \$750, respectively, and will receive their awards during the joint SSCI/S-AFMR session. I want to personally thank Dr. Solomon for his incredible generosity and creating an award that honors his parents. You truly embody the ideals of the SSCI, and we are all grateful.

I also want to update everyone on the Fund for Academic Medicine ('FAME') established by the SSCI to create an endowment that will support our society's activities for many years to come. Our goal is to endow this fund with \$1.5 million by 2022, and we are more than halfway there. We are fortunate to be able to use revenue from our immensely successful journal to help with this effort, but we need the support of our members to make this dream possible. So, please consider making a contribution (or even an annual contribution) to FAME and help ensure that the SSCI remains a vibrant force in promoting the ideals of academic medicine throughout the 21st century.

Finally, the SSCI Council has engaged in thoughtful discussions about the role of the SSCI and how we can expand membership without sacrificing any of the guiding principles that created this wonderful society more than 70 years ago. In this context, we will be proposing some fundamental changes to our members and will vote on these measures in February. I look forward to seeing everyone in New Orleans and can assure everyone that the SSCI Council and I are committed to making this an exciting and successful meeting. Your engagement will ensure that outcome. Please encourage your trainees and junior faculty to submit their work for presentation.

Warmest regards,

David M. Guidot, MD
President, SSCI

Call For Abstracts for 2019 Southern Regional Meeting February 21 - 23, 2019

For more information visit the SSCI website: www.ssciweb.org

****Abstract Deadline is October 12th****

Please encourage your colleagues and trainees to submit their work and attend our exciting and stimulating scientific sessions and workshops.

Abstracts being presented at the 2019 Southern Regional Meeting will be printed in February's issue of *Journal of Investigative Medicine*.

RECAP OF THE 2018 SOUTHERN REGIONAL MEETING

The Southern Regional Meeting endures as the regional meeting for mentoring the next generation of clinical and translational scientists. From February 22 -24, 2018, the Southern Regional Meeting (jointly hosted by SSCI, SAFMR, SSPR, APA and SSGIM) attracted 761 attendees (~499 trainees/students) and 684 abstracts from over 47 institutions in 21 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Many thanks go to everyone who worked to make this year's meeting a success. The Program Planning Committee was chaired by Dr. Mel Wilcox, the 2017 President of the SSCI. In keeping with our mission, SSCI presented 4 SSCI Young Investigator Awards, 20 SSCI Nephrology Young Investigator Forum Awards, and 10 SSCI Cardiovascular Case Report Scholar Awards. In collaboration with the Southern Section of the AFMR, 4 Junior Faculty, 35 Trainee, and 35 Student Travel Awards were presented. The combined investment in these awards totaled approximately \$100,000, with approximately \$78,000 of that amount paid by SSCI. There was a sustained focus on mentoring during the poster presentations, and 4 posters received SSCI Poster Awards. The critical importance of supporting the next generation of medical investigators was evident during the Chairs' Breakfast when Chairs from across the region introduced promising trainees that represent the future of our profession. In the upcoming year, SSCI will continue to capitalize on the talents of its members to expand on mentoring in support of the next generation of clinical and scientific leaders.

One of the major highlights of our meeting is the presentation of the Founders' Medal Award, which was created in honor of Dr. Tinsley Harrison. This year's Founders' Medal Award was presented to Dr. Daniel Villarreal from SUNY Upstate. Dr. Villarreal's dedication and contributions to SSCI have been unwavering for many years, and the recognition is richly deserved. We count on current and future members to continue this level of dedication to further the mission of SSCI.

The Tinsley Harrison Award recognizes the best original manuscript published in The American Journal of the Medical Sciences in 2018. This year's award was presented to Irene Sarosiek from Texas Tech University, El Paso for her work entitled "Gastric PH and Therapeutic Responses to Esomeprazole in Patients with Functional Dyspepsia: Potential Clinical Implications".

To recognize the importance and contributions of mentors, the *Mentor of the Year Award* was presented this year to L. Gabriel Navar from Tulane University School of Medicine.

The theme of the 2018 meeting was "The Microbiome". There were outstanding plenary session lectures on both Friday and Saturday. At the SSCI Presidential Symposium, Gary D. Wu of Perleman School of Medicine University of Pennsylvania spoke on "The Gut Microbiome in Health and Disease" followed by Dr. Martin Rodriguez from University of Alabama at Birmingham who presented "Therapeutic Interventions for the Human Gut Microbiota". The Joint Plenary on Saturday featured Dr. James Versalovic from Baylor College of Medicine who spoke on "The Pediatric Gut Microbiome in Health and Chronic Disease" and Dr. Colleen Kraft from Emory University whose presented "Elimination of Multi-Drug Resistant Organisms Using Fecal Microbiota Transplant".

If you did not attend SRM 2018, we encourage you to join your colleagues and bring your trainees to SRM 2019, which will be held February 21 - 23, 2019 at the Hotel InterContinental New Orleans.

The [Fourth Annual Karl T. Weber Distinguished Lecture in Cardiovascular Medicine](#) was again held as part of the successful Cardiology sessions at the Southern Regional Meeting.

Its goal is in keeping with the SSCI mission: to disseminate incremental knowledge.

Its objective is to have an invited senior clinician scientist, accomplished in their field and an established opinion leader, deliver a state-of-the-art lecture in cardiovascular medicine during the Cardiovascular Club Session of the annual SSCI meeting.

The lecture was delivered by [Dr. Daniel Villarreal](#), Professor of Medicine, SUNY Upstate Medical Center. The title of his lecture was "Novel Nephrocentric Perspectives in the Pathophysiology and Management of Heart Failure".



Daniel Villarreal, MD

2017 NEW MEMBERS

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Information regarding this process can be found on our website: www.ssciweb.org.
The society encourages you to nominate successful and qualified members from your
institution or other academic centers. A thriving membership is fundamental to
sustain our scholarly objectives.

SSCI YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARDS

The SSCI Young Investigator Awards are offered to recognize and encourage excellence in investigation by physicians and medical students during research training.

Eligibility: Medical students, combined MD/PhD students, interns, residents and post-doctoral physicians who are in research training or were in research training June 2018 are eligible. Post-doctoral research training may be considered to extend for a period of up to 3 years and time spent in strictly clinical fellowships need not count against this. The applicant must be

the first author of the abstract submitted in competition for the award and will plan to present the paper during the scientific sessions of the Southern Regional Meetings.

Please note that it is not necessary for the senior author to be a member of the SSCI.

Procedure: Abstracts will be submitted for the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Southern Society for Clinical Investigation according to the usual procedure described in the instructions on awards consideration accompanying the abstract form.

Deadline: The submission deadline of the abstracts and application for the SSCI Young Investigator Award is **October 12, 2018.**

****Please note that nomination letters from the senior investigator or mentor and the Division Director or Department Chairman are required and should include a statement of the candidate's role in the study. In order to be eligible for consideration of these awards, the nomination letter(s) should be uploaded on the website at the time of abstract submission.**

SSCI COMMITTEE UPDATES

Membership Committee

Co-Chair: Sushma Cribbs
Emory University School of Medicine
Co-Chair: N. Stanley Nahman
Augusta University

Membership in the SSCI has remained relatively stable for the past few years, and we are proud to house some of the most talented and engaging academicians in the southern region. We recognize that our members represent the core of this organization. For this reason, the Membership Committee has continued to look for ways to attract candidates for membership. New initiatives include expanding academic opportunities for junior members and defining a clear membership track for the rising tide of academic clinician educators. To help address this issue and raise awareness of the academic needs of the academic clinician educator, the 2019 SRM will feature several SSCI-sponsored clinician educator talks, workshops, and presentations each day of the meeting. We anticipate audience engagement with SSCI mentors will raise awareness of the academic value of SSCI membership to our clinician educator colleagues and encourage participation in the organization. We also remain open to your recommendations and suggestions. Please share them with either committee co-chair at skomaku@emory.edu or nnahman@augusta.edu. Remember also that the membership nomination deadline is September 15, 2018. Nomination forms and additional information can be found at: www.ssciweb.org/membership.php

Mentoring Committee

Committee Chair: Dan Villarreal
SUNY Upstate Medical University

The SSCI sponsored mentoring activities that promote exciting collegial interaction and recognize scholarly excellence continue to be successful and well received by faculty, trainees, and students. These include oral and poster mentored presentations, the Poster Award competition, the Mentor of the Year Awards, and a one-on-one clinician educator-trainee mentoring program. Moreover, the SSCI is pleased to announce that the SSCI Research Scholar Program directed to support the research career and professional development of outstanding young clinician scientists, has been launched at our 2018 New Orleans meeting. Additional information is included on page 8 of this in newsletter. Instructions and submission forms can be found on our website at <https://www.ssciweb.org/ssci-research-scholar-award.php>.

As always, the SSCI is grateful to everyone who enthusiastically contributes to the society's missions and to the success of its scientific sessions. Please forward your comments/suggestions to the committee chair at villarrd@upstate.edu.

SSCI COMMITTEE UPDATES

Publications Committee

Committee Chair: Don Rockey
Medical University of South Carolina

The Publications Committee is pleased to report on a highly successful transition year in 2017-2018 for the American Journal of the Medical Sciences (AJMS). Our new Editor, Dr. Jesse Roman, and team have now been in place for just over a year, and we have seen the implementation of a number of new policies and initiatives. For one, the editorial team has made a further commitment to reducing the time from submission to final decision, and this time reached an all time low of 13 days in 2017. The Journal has also now developed several new and special pieces, including a "History of Medicine" section and featured editorials. Submissions to the journal remain strong, with a excellent balance of clinical and basic science investigations. Finally, the fiscal health of the journal is exceptionally strong with enhanced royalty payments, and reduced operational costs for 2017.

We are extremely excited about the future of the journal, and the Publications Committee would like to specifically encourage SSCI members and their colleagues to submit their outstanding work to the journal.

The Publications Committee continues to encourage SSCI members to be engaged in the AJMS, and especially encourages authors to submit their work to the journal.

Fundraising Committee

Committee Chair: David Guidot
Emory University

Our generous member supporters thus far this year are listed on the following page. Unrestricted gifts today have ranged between annual, cash gifts of \$50 to \$10,000. Gifts restricted to support a particular area of medicine, lectureship, scholarship or travel award have ranged from \$1 to \$50,000 either annually or over a period of up to 5 years. Each and every one of these gifts is important, makes a difference, and ensures our continued ability and commitment to serve our mission to promote the highest level of scientific medical inquiry, and to nurture the next generation of clinician scientists. For more information or to make a gift, please contact Joan Kemp at jkemp5@tulane.edu.

The SSCI is dedicated to keep our mission alive and healthy for 2018 and beyond, but we need your support.

Nathan Solomon & Irene Oransky-Solomon Medical Student Research Awards

The SSCI would like to acknowledge and thank Dr. Solomon S. Solomon, Professor of Medicine at the University of Tennessee, for his generous donation to FAMe to endow the Nathan Solomon & Irene Oransky-Solomon Medical Student Research Awards. Two awards of \$1,000 and \$750 will be given annually to medical students or combined MD/PhD students and are offered to recognize and encourage excellence in investigation by medical students in research training.

The 5th Annual Karl T. Weber Distinguished Lecture in Cardiovascular Medicine

will be presented by

**Jorge Jalil, MD
Professor and Chair of Medicine
Catholic University
Santiago, Chile**

Fund For Academic Medicine (FAMe)

President David Guidot, MD and the Council of the Southern Society for Clinical Investigation gratefully acknowledge the following donors for their leadership gifts and pledges in support of the SSCI Fund for Academic Medicine. This Fund supports travel and other awards in concert with the Society's mission to mentor futuregenerations of medical investigators and to promote careers in academic medicine.

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**2019 SSCI Presidential Symposium
"HIV-Mediated Tissue Injury in the Era of Anti-Retroviral Therapy"**



**HIV and the Kidney:
From HIVAN to Reservoir**

Mary Klotman, MD
Dean, School of Medicine
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**HIV-related Lung Disease:
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THE 2019 SOUTHERN REGIONAL MEETING

The 73rd Annual Meeting will be held February 21-23, 2019 at the InterContinental New Orleans.

Please make plans to attend as we have some special events planned for this meeting. Partners of this joint meeting include the Southern Section of the American Federation for Medical Research, Southern Society for Pediatric Research, Academic Pediatric Association and the Southern Society for General Internal Medicine.

The joint meeting will begin with subspecialty sessions and workshops, our traditional mentored poster session Thursday afternoon followed by the Thursday evening dinner symposium. Registration opens August 15, 2018. Register at ssciweb.org/southern-regional-meeting.php

Hotel Reservations: The hotel reservation form is also included in the Call for Abstracts.

NOTE: To obtain the special room rate at the Hotel use the SRM reservation link . When making your reservation by telephone, *you must mention the Southern Regional Meeting*, or you will not receive the special room rate provided to members by the hotel.

The cut-off date for hotel reservations at our discounted rate is January 20, 2019. After this date, rooms and rates are subject to availability. Make Your Reservations EARLY.

**Congratulations to
M. "Tonette" Krousel-Wood, MD
Recipient of the SSCI's 2019
Founders' Medal Award**

The award presentation ceremony will be held
during the SSCI/SRM meeting
February 21-23, 2019.



SSCI Research Scholar Award

The Mentoring Committee is pleased to announce the creation of the SSCI Research Scholar Award. This new award is designed to enhance the career development of promising young physician-investigators, particularly within the Southern Region of the United States. The award will supplement federal and non-federal career development awards for mentees that have either already been funded or that have received highly favorable scores and/or reviews. This new award is restricted to post-doctoral and junior faculty trainees who are being mentored by an SSCI member in good standing.

Application Deadline: October 1, 2018
Grant Recipient Announced: February 2019
Award Activation: March 1, 2019
Grant Amount: \$25,000 plus 10% indirect costs
Information and Grant Application can be found at www.ssciweb.org

Overview: To support developing physician-scientists with innovative research projects of excellence related to Internal Medicine and its subspecialties. This grant-in-aid will provide supplemental funds for mentored career awards of senior post-doctoral fellows or instructor/junior assistant professors whose extramural application has been funded or recently received a highly meritorious score and is likely to be funded in the next 12 months. Mentored federal (i.e., K01, K08, K23, VA-CSRD) or non federal (i.e., AHA Young Investigator Award) award applications will be considered. The duration of the award is one year. The successful award recipient will be known as "SSCI Research Scholar".

Focus: All basic, clinical, and population research broadly related to Internal Medicine and its subspecialties.

Target Audience: Proposals are encourage from applicants which: Hold a post-doctoral fellow or Instructor or Assistant Professor of Medicine appointment and be conducting research in an accredited institution or hold an MD, DO, MBBS or equivalent degree.

**18th Annual SSCI Nephrology
Young Investigators' Forum**

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Abstract deadline - October 12, 2018

Call for abstracts and additional information can be found at www.ssciweb.org.

Meet the Experts Breakfast

Friday, February 22, 2019

SRM 2019 will again be hosting the "Meet the Experts Breakfast" meeting for trainees and junior faculty. This session continues to be a tremendous success.

This session will feature three experts who will discuss "Selecting an Academic Job", "Choosing the Next Step in Your Career" and "How to Advance as a Clinician Educator".

Additional details regarding the "experts" will be provided in the meeting announcements. Please encourage your trainees and junior faculty to register and attend.

Clinician Educator One-on-One Mentoring Program

The SSCI is pleased to introduce the Clinician Educator One-on-One Mentoring Program at SRM 2019 on Saturday, February 23rd from 8:30am - 11:30am.

This program will feature twenty-five minute private sessions with a pre-registered mentee and pre-screened mentor. Any member of the SRM participating organizations with academic ranks of associate professor, assistant professor, or instructor who self-identifies as a clinician educator may apply for mentoring.

Mentor Invitation

The organizers are seeking mentors with particular interest and experience in assisting clinician educator faculty members to develop their careers.

If you are interested in participating, please send your CV and a few lines on your mentoring experience/specific interests via email to jkemp5@tulane.edu.

2019 SRM Workshops

- **Manuscript Preparation and Peer-Reviewed Publication:** This workshop will address multiple aspects of publication in scientific journals. Issues related to manuscript writing will include length, focus, adherence to journal formats, and referencing. The editorial process from submission to publication will be described in-depth with particular attention to ways in which authors can interact with journal editors. Another section will cover ethical issues in publication including review boards, authorship, duplicate publication, intellectual property rights, and conflict of interest. Course presenter is Dr. Thomas Welch, Editor at *The Journal of Pediatrics*.
- **Moving Your Clinical Case Presentation into a Published Manuscript:** In this workshop, aspects related to developing a clinical case presentation into a manuscript awaiting submission and choosing the optimal journal for submission will be discussed. The audience will view and discuss how two abstracts selected from the 2018 SRM meeting moved from a presentation to a manuscript.
- **Clinical Case Symposium:** The Adult or Pediatric Clinical Case Symposium is devoted to the presentation and discussion of clinical case abstracts highlighting diagnostic and/or management issues. Clinical case descriptions, unique characteristics, treatment/interventions, and results/outcomes are all suitable for presentation at the Clinical Case Symposium. There will be two concurrent sessions: Adult and Pediatrics. A subset of abstracts will be selected for presentation and there will be a discussion among the authors, participants and experts in the field. At the time of abstract submission, the appropriate abstract category must be checked in order to be considered for the Adult or Pediatric Clinical Case Symposium.

Big Data for the Clinician: An Approach to Data Mining Using the United States Renal Data System

Thursday, February 21, 2019 • 3pm - 4pm

N. Stanley Nahman, Jr, MD, Professor of Medicine, Augusta University
 Jennifer L. Waller, PhD, Professor of Biostatistics, Augusta University

This workshop will introduce an approach to data mining for those new to the field using a large public dataset. Individual speakers and a panel discussion will include practical approaches to data extraction, applicable statistical methods, and comments about the strengths and limitations of this form of clinical research. Actual USRDS queries from the Augusta University data mining group will be utilized.

Have you recently changed institutions? Perhaps your email address or phone number has changed or you've been promoted. If so, please take a quick moment to update your profile online at www.ssciweb.org.

This will help us keep you up-to-date on Society news.

While you're there, why not sign up to be a mentor, update the Classification, Research and Educational Interests fields and upload a recent photo!

Career Development Course: Career Advancement for the Clinician Educator

Tactical Issues and Strategic Concerns

“Tactical Issues” will provide practical advice on day-to-day activities essential to master for today’s clinician educators and will include: Time Management; Setting Expectations; Balancing Supervision and Autonomy; Bedside Patient Care and Teaching; and Formative and Summative Assessment. “Strategic Concerns” will address overarching issues in career development and include: Career Development Planning; Maintaining Your Career Direction; Roles and Responsibilities of Mentors and Mentees; Transforming Projects into Publications; and Documenting for Career Advancement.

The SSCI would like broaden the participation of the membership in leadership. Members are invited and encouraged to apply to be members of the Standing Committees of the SSCI. The committees primarily meet by conference call, generally 1- 4 times year. If you are interested, please submit a letter of interest and your CV to Joan Kemp.

Committees include: Finance/Audit * Governance * Mentoring * Membership * Publications * SRM Program * Website
Don't sit on the sidelines. Be someone who wants and CAN make a difference in the Society!

Renal Club Dinner Symposium

Circadian Rhythm of the Kidney

Thursday, February 21, 2019

Michelle L. Gumz, PhD

Assistant Professor of Medicine

Division of Nephrology, Hypertension and Renal Transplantation

University of Florida

SSCI Visiting Professor Program (VPP)

The SSCI continues to have an unwavering devotion to its tripartite mission: the advancement of overall knowledge and sharing of incremental knowledge, information and ideas; a commitment to the mentoring of future generations of medical investigators; and fulfillment of its vision.

The VPP’s purpose: to sponsor senior members of the Society who would volunteer their time and share their knowledge through a visitation to an academic medical center. The visit is sanctioned by the SSCI through the formal approval of a submitted application by the hosting center. The application would include the agenda and specific objectives of the visit. A Visiting Professor Program Committee of the SSCI Council would make the determination of applicant selection.

Five visiting professor programs were approved by Council for 2018 and include (1) [Dr. Richard McCallum](#), Professor of Medicine at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center-El Paso, to speak at Marshall University; (2) [Dr. Michael Bronze](#), Professor and Chairman of the Department of Medicine at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences, to speak at the University of South Carolina; (3) [Dr. David Guidot](#), Jeffrey R. Pine Chaired Professor of Medicine and Director of the Division of Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care & Sleep Medicine at Emory University or [Dr. Michael Hart](#), Professor and Assistant Dean of VA Research at Emory University to speak at Texas Tech University; (4) [Dr. David Guidot](#), Jeffrey R. Pine Chaired Professor of Medicine and Director of the Division of Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care & Sleep Medicine at Emory University, to speak at the Thomas Jefferson Korman Respiratory Institute; and (5) [Dr. Mel Wilcox](#), Professor of Medicine and Surgery at University of Alabama at Birmingham, to speak at the University of Mississippi.

The 2019 application deadline is May 1, 2019. We greatly encourage you to utilize the valuable resources available to your students/trainees/fellows within the SSCI. For more details about this program and how your institution can enhance its training opportunities, please visit www.ssciweb.org.

SSCI MENTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Mentoring is a fundamental determinant of success in the biomedical sciences and is a major mission of the SSCI. These awards recognize outstanding mentors who are members of our organization and who have demonstrated a longstanding commitment to mentoring students, trainees, and/or junior faculty. Moreover, through their positive impact on the mentee's careers, they have advanced medical education and research for the benefit of the community at large.

Award Criteria

Mentor award nominations will be evaluated based on the positive educational and/or research experiences of the mentors' trainees, including the impact of mentorship on their subsequent professional and personal success. Key roles of a mentor include:

- > A wise and trusted advisor
- > Career and professional guidance
- > Intellectual growth and development
- > Positive role modeling

Award Categories

- > Student Mentor (includes medical and graduate students)
- > Postgraduate Mentor (includes residents, fellows and other postdoctoral trainees)
- > Junior Faculty Mentor

Eligibility Criteria

Nominees must be SSCI members in good standing.
 Nominees may include physicians, scientists, and educators in the various clinical disciplines of the biomedical sciences.
 Nominees should have a sustained outstanding record of mentoring over time.
 Nominators must be a previous or current mentee(s) of the mentor or be a colleague of the nominee with personal knowledge of the nominee's mentoring qualities and excellence.
 There must be a primary and secondary nominator providing written nominations and documentations.

Ineligibility Criteria

- > Previous recipients of the SSCI's Mentor of the Year Award are not eligible.
- > Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- > Self nominations will not be accepted.

Nomination Packages

The nomination packages must include:

- Primary and secondary nomination letters including nominators' relationship to nominee.
- Nominee's curriculum vitae.
- List of former and present mentees with current status/location.

Nominating letters should summarize the nominee's impact on mentoring with clear examples of the positive outcomes on students, trainees, and/or junior faculty. If the nominator(s) is a mentee, a narrative of how the mentor influenced his/her career (s) and those of others should be included.

Nominations will be reviewed and scored by the SSCI Mentoring Committee based on the award criteria outlined above.
 Nominations should be submitted to Joan Kemp at jkemp5@tulane.edu no later than **October 31**.

Notification and Award Presentation

Award recipients will be notified by mid-December. The award presentation ceremony will be held during the SSCI/SRM meeting February 21-23, 2019.



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Editor-in-Chief Dr. Jesse Roman (middle) promotes the AJMS at the 2018 Southern Regional Meeting with SSCI President Dr. David Guidot (right) and Councilor Dr. N. Stanley Nahman (left).