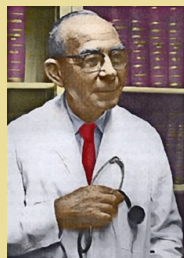


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## SSCI Newsletter August 2019



### ~ ~ ~ MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ~ ~ ~

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I am pleased to report that plans for our 2020 Southern Regional Meeting (SRM) are progressing well. The program will be informative, engaging and, in some instances, downright entertaining and is available on our website for your information. The meeting will feature many events that are enjoyed every year including our immensely successful poster session on Thursday afternoon showcasing the brightest young minds in our region. Our Friday morning plenary session with the Presidential Symposium entitled "Team Science Based Development of Monoclonal Antibody Therapy for Severe Asthma" is an excellent example of how translational researchers from T0 to T4 can work together to develop new and effective therapies for our patients. We will conclude the morning with the presentation of the 2019 Founder's Medal to Jim Oates, MD from the Medical University of South Carolina. Friday afternoon will have a variety of platform sessions presenting clinical cases and original research. The Saturday morning Joint Plenary session will be "The Lifelong Effects of Early Life: Perinatal Influences of Adult Disease". Saturday afternoon will have more platform sessions and feature a special session on translational science that will emphasize the theme of "Inflammation" and feature T0 to T4 research from a variety of clinical disciplines.

The social components of the SRM will be festive and exciting as always. This is the 75th Anniversary of the SSCI, and we will celebrate on Friday evening with a special event at the Roosevelt Hotel welcoming new members and reminiscing about where we started 75 years ago. I want to also remind everyone of the status of our philanthropic effort, the Fund for Academic Medicine (FAMe) <https://www.ssciweb.org/fame-welcome.php>. We have a special fundraising effort underway for our 75th anniversary about which I will expand in a future newsletter. Our new membership drive is kicking off this year. Remember that we now have three categories of membership. This information is located on our website <https://www.ssciweb.org/membership.php> which explains the requirement for the different categories and the August 15 application deadline for fellowship nominations.

Finally, I want to emphasize the unique character of our organization and annual meeting. The SSCI is truly a haven for translational researchers. I dream of the day when subspecialists from various clinical disciplines who are T0 to T4 researchers and clinical educators will regularly meet across clinical disciplines and across the translational spectrum to learn from challenge thinking of and forming collaborations with one another. I firmly believe there is no organization better positioned to accomplish this than the SSCI and no better venue than the SRM.

I look forward to seeing all of you in New Orleans next February for the 75th Anniversary of the SSCI at SRM 2020!

All best wishes,

Gailen D. Marshall, Jr., MD PhD, FACP, FSSCI  
President, SSCI

### Call For Abstracts for 2020 Southern Regional Meeting February 13 - 15, 2020

For more information visit the SSCI website: [www.ssciweb.org](http://www.ssciweb.org)

**\*\*Abstract Deadline is October 11th\*\***

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

Abstracts being presented at SRM 2020 will be printed in February's issue of *Journal of Investigative Medicine*.

## RECAP OF THE 2019 SOUTHERN REGIONAL MEETING

The Southern Regional Meeting endures as the regional meeting for mentoring the next generation of clinical and translational scientists. From February 13 - 15, 2019 the Southern Regional Meeting (jointly hosted by SSCI, SAFMR, SSPR and APA) attracted a record number of attendees at 839 ppl. (~565 trainees/students) and 728 abstracts from over 54 institutions in 22 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. Dana Rizk, the 2018-2019 President of the SAFMR. In keeping with our mission, SSCI presented 3 SSCI Young Investigator Awards, 2 Solomon Medical Student Awards, 6 SSCI Nephrology Young Investigator Forum Awards, and 9 SSCI Cardiovascular Case Report Scholar Awards. In collaboration with the Southern Section of the AFMR, 4 Junior Faculty, 44 Trainee, and 38 Student Travel Awards were presented. The combined investment in these awards totaled approximately \$98,000, with approximately \$76,000 of that amount paid by SSCI. There was a sustained focus on mentoring during the poster presentations, and 2 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.

The first SSCI Research Scholar Award was presented to Dr. Michael H. Woodworth from Emory University.

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. Tonette Krousel-Wood from Tulane University. Dr. Krousel-Wood'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 2019. This year's award was presented to Dr. Bashar S. Staitieh from Emory University for his work entitled "*Chronic Alcohol Ingestion Impairs Rat Alveolar Macrophage Phagocytosis Via Disruption Of Rage Signaling*".

The first Nathan Solomon & Irene Oransky-Solomon Awards were presented to Dr. Raza Ahmad from University of Queensland School of Medicine and Albert Vacheron from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, VA Medical Center Memphis.

To recognize the importance and contributions of mentors, the *Mentor of the Year Awards* were presented this year to: Student: Michael Mugavero, University of Alabama Birmingham Post-graduate: Colleen S. Kraft, Emory University Junior Faculty: Ruxana T. Sadikot, Emory University.

The theme of the SSCI Presidential Symposium was *HIV Mediated Tissue Injury In The Era Of Antiretroviral Therapy*, Dr. Sushma Cribbs from Emory University spoke on "HIV-Related Lung Disease: Where We Are In 2019" and Dr. Mary Klotman from Duke University presented "HIV and The Kidney: From HIV-Associated Nephropathy To Reservoir". The Joint Plenary theme was *Precision Medicine: The Future of Patient Care*. Dr. Matthew Might from the University of Alabama at Birmingham presented "The Algorithm For Precision Medicine", Dr. Bruce Korf from the University of Alabama at Birmingham spoke on "Paving The Way Towards Precision Medicine: The All Of Us Research", and Dr. Sharon Plon from Baylor College of Medicine presented "Evolving Use Of Genomic Sequencing In The Care Of Childhood Cancer Patients".

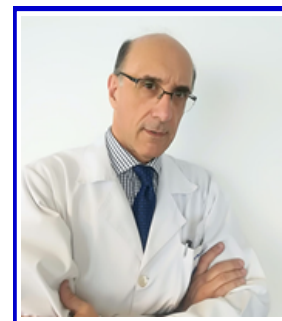
If you did not attend SRM 2019, we encourage you to join your colleagues and bring your trainees to SRM 2020, which will be held February 13 - 15, 2020 at the Hotel InterContinental in New Orleans.

The **Fifth 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. Jorge Jalil**, Professor and Chair of Medicine, Catholic University, Santiago, Chile. The title of his lecture was "*Reverse Remodeling in Heart Failure: New Mechanisms and Future Challenges*".



## 2018 NEW MEMBERS

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### **FELOWSHIP NOMINATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 15th**

Information regarding this process can be found on our website:  
[www.ssciweb.org](http://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.

Applications for our new "Member" category are accepted at any time.

## 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 2019 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 2020 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 11, 2019.**

**\*\*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: Calvin Thigpen  
University of Mississippi

We have continued to have stable membership in the SSCI 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. We have continued to expand academic opportunities for early career members including featuring several SSCI-sponsored clinician educator talks, workshops, and presentations at the 2019 Southern Regional Meeting. In addition, in February 2019, the SSCI voted to approve a change to the ByLaws to change the classes of membership to 3 main classes: Member, Fellow, and Emeritus. These membership changes are summarized as follows:

Any person holding a doctorate level degree is eligible to be a Member. They are not eligible to vote in SSCI elections or general meetings. Members will be able to follow the current procedure to apply to be a SSCI Fellow, which includes nominations by two current SSCI Fellows. Highly qualified individuals who are not members may apply for direct election to SSCI Fellows. All SSCI Members elected to membership on or before February 22, 2019 and are current on their dues, and all living past-Presidents of SSCI or Founders' Medal recipients, will be automatically advanced to SSCI Fellow.

Further information and nomination forms can be found at: <https://www.sscweb.org/membership.php>  
SSCI Fellow nominations are due on Thursday, August 15, 2019.

We are excited for this new change in our membership process and feel that this will increase our engagement with those in the early stages of their careers, for they are, the future of this Society.

### Mentoring Committee

Committee Chair: Dan Villarreal  
SUNY Upstate Medical University

The successful SSCI sponsored mentoring initiatives and activities which promote collegial interaction and recognize scholarly excellence continue to be well received by faculty, trainees and students. These include oral and poster mentored presentations, the Poster Award competition and the Mentor of the Year awards. Moreover, this year the SSCI launched The Research Scholar Program directed to support the research career and professional development of outstanding young clinician scientists. Nine excellent submissions from prestigious medical schools were received and we are pleased to announce that the award recipient is Dr. Michael H. Woodworth a Fellow in the Division of Infectious Disease at Emory University, for his work on temporal dynamics of MDRO eradication after Fecal Microbiota Transplantation. An update of his exciting mentored research will be presented at the 2020 SSCI Annual Meeting in New Orleans. Additional information on this award as well as instructions and submission forms can be found on our website at <https://www.sscweb.org/ssci-research-scholar-award.php>. As always, the SSCI is grateful to everyone who enthusiastically contributes to the society's missions and the brilliance of its scientific sessions. Please forward your comments/suggestions to the committee chair at [villarrd@upstate.edu](mailto:villarrd@upstate.edu).

## SSCI COMMITTEE UPDATES

### Website Committee

Committee Chair: Vin Tangapricha  
Emory University School of Medicine

The committee has been working hard to add additional features to the website. Members can now view selected lectures from past Southern Regional Meetings. Some of the key highlights include past career development workshops and plenary talks. Also, a new feature of the website is that prospective members and fellows of the SSCI can now apply electronically on the website. The committee believes that this new feature will make the membership process much more seamless. Members can send us new ideas for the website throughout the year. Follow us on Twitter at @ssciweb!

### Development Committee

Committee Chair: Richard deShazo

This is the 75th Anniversary of the SSCI, and we want to make this a very special year in the growth and continued success of our organization. The SSCI Council recently reorganized our development, philanthropy, and fundraising efforts with a new Development Committee in an effort to reach our \$1,000,000 goal for FAME (Fund for Academic Medicine.) The Council greatly appreciates those who have lead previous efforts and established the endowment and to those who have contributed to the FAME to date. The members of the new committee have been appointed by SSCI President, Gailen Marshall, but members interested in assisting the effort are encouraged to contact Dr. Marshall or the chair, Richard deShazo, by telephone at 601-506-1397 or email at [rdeshazo@umc.edu](mailto:rdeshazo@umc.edu).

The purpose of the FAME is to stabilize the financial operations of the Society which were previously depended on dues, meeting registration fees and industry sponsors, many of whom no longer are able to provide such support. Since all of the present financial support for the SSCI now is annual and variable, FAME will allow us to provide funds to continue to provide trainee travel awards, mentoring programs, the Research Scholar Award which provides pilot funding to junior faculty, and the continue with our very successful annual meeting.

It is the intention for the committee to contact each member of the SSCI in the coming months with request for a commitment directly to the endowment or to any of the numerous naming opportunities which honor individuals, institutions or others who have played important roles in the SSCI. Additional information and brochure is can be found at <https://www.ssciweb.org/fund-for-academic-medicine.php>. To make an online gift, please click on this link - <https://www.ssciweb.org/donate.php>.

## SSCI is Celebrating It's 75th Anniversary!!!



Please plan to attend the SSCI Reception on Friday, February 14, at 6:00pm in the historic Blue Room at the Roosevelt Hotel. As part of our 75th Anniversary Celebration, we are making real efforts to reach our \$1,000,000 goal in FAME. Please consider making a gift today! Visit our website at <https://www.ssciweb.org/fund-for-academic-medicine.php> regarding the various ways in which you can contribute!

### 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. This award 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 first Nathan Solomon & Irene Oransky-Solomon Award was presented during the 2019 SRM meeting to Dr. Raza Ahmad from University of Queensland School of Medicine and Albert Vacheron from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, VA Medical Center Memphis.

## The 6th Annual Karl T. Weber Distinguished Lecture in Cardiovascular Medicine

### *Prevention of Cardiovascular Injury Due To Oxidative Stress and Neurogenic Inflammation: A Tale of Two Metals*

*will be presented by*

**William Weglicki, MD**



## Fund For Academic Medicine (FAMe)

President Gailen Marshall, 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 future generations of medical investigators and to promote careers in academic medicine.

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## 2020 SSCI Presidential Symposium "Using Team Science for New Asthma Therapies"



*Molecular and Cellular  
Targeting of Inflammation in  
Type 2-Mediated Asthma*

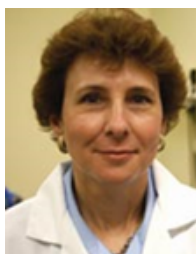
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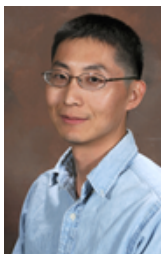
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## 2020 Joint Plenary Symposium "The Lifelong Effects of Early Life: Perinatal Influences of Adult Disease"



*Prenatal and Early Childhood  
Stress Exposure as a  
Risk Factor for Asthma*

**Rosalind J. Wright, MD MPH**  
Icahn School of Medicine at  
Mount Sinai



*ACEs and the Epigenome:  
Mechanistic Insight into the  
Origins of Chronic Disease*

**Shaoyong Su, PhD**  
Agusta University



*Prevention of Perinatal Virus  
Infections and their  
Long Term Morbidities*

**Sallie Permar, MD, PhD**  
Duke University

## THE 2020 SOUTHERN REGIONAL MEETING

The 74th Annual Meeting will be held February 13 - 15, 2020 at the InterContinental Hotel in 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, 2019. Register at [ssciweb.org/southern-regional-meeting.php](https://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.

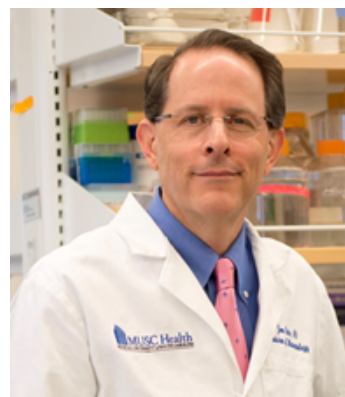
The cut-off date for hotel reservations at our discounted rate is **January 21, 2020**. After this date, rooms and rates are subject to availability. Make Your Reservations EARLY.

## Congratulations to

**Jim Oates, MD**

### Recipient of the SSCI's 2020 Founders' Medal Award

The award presentation ceremony will be held  
during the SSCI/SRM meeting  
February 13 - 15, 2020



## 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.

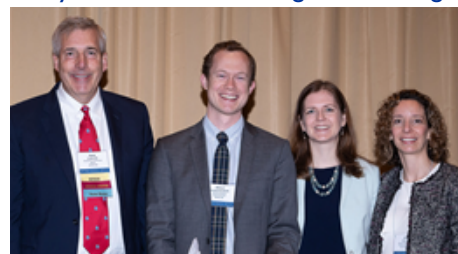
**Application Deadline:** October 1, 2019

**Grant Recipient Announced:** February 2020

**Award Activation:** March 2020

**Grant Amount:** \$25,000 plus 10% indirect costs

Information and Grant Application can be found at [www.ssciweb.org](http://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.

## 19th Annual SSCI Nephrology Young Investigators' Forum

**Wednesday, February 12, 2020**

**Abstract deadline - October 11, 2019**

**Call for abstracts and additional information can be found at [www.ssciweb.org](http://www.ssciweb.org).**

### Meet the Experts Breakfast

**Friday, February 14, 2020**

SRM 2020 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.



## Meet the Mentor Program

In efforts to continue to enhance the participation of clinician educators, we have added a Mentoring Session at the SRM 2020 Meeting. Mentors from different fields will meet with mentees to give career advice for both research and clinician educator tracks. Mentees will be matched with mentors who have particular experience, expertise and/or interest in their career path. Mentees may come with specific questions on their research or simply to learn more about the research opportunities in a particular field. Medical Students, Residents, Fellows, and Junior Faculty are invited to attend.

You may sign up for the session when you register for the meeting or onsite at the conference.

## 2020 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 towards 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 2019 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.

**Preparing a Competitive Grant: What Are the Reviewers Looking For?:** This workshop is designed to help investigators understand how reviewers think about grants submitted for different federal programs. The presenters are all experienced in both grant submission and in the grant review process. The attendees will gain perspective on how to express their proposal in a way that allows a more effective alignment of their research objectives with the criteria of research programs. Workshop Presenters are Robert T. Means, Jr, MD, Richard deShazo, MD, Tonnelle Krousel-Wood, MD, PhD and Hal Scofield, MD.

## SRM 2020 Clinician Educator Workshops

Workshop Leader: S. Calvin Thigpen, MD

### Career Advancement For Clinician Educator: Navigating The Day-to-Day

This is the 3rd year for this SRM workshop, which is designed to provide practical advice on day-to-day activities that are essential to master for today's clinician educators. Topics include: Time Management for Wellness and Achievement; Creating the Learning Environment; Leading Learners Through Technology; Understanding the Competency Trajectory; and Evaluating to Promote Improvement. Sessions will employ a variety of formats, including didactic lectures, audience participation, and small group break-outs. Attendees will be free to enter and leave the workshop to accommodate their individual needs.

### Career Advancement For Clinician Educator: Fulfilling Your Vision

Our educator faculty will be presenting this workshop for the 7th year in 2020 and will address larger issues in career development. Topics include: Creating a Career Vision; Staying on Course (Saying "No"); Utilizing the Mentoring Relationship; Advancement Through Scholarship; and Seeking the Necessary Challenges. Sessions will employ a variety of formats, including didactic lectures, audience participation, and small group break-outs. Attendees will be free to enter and leave the workshop to accommodate their individual needs.

## SRM 2020 Club Dinner Symposia

Thursday, February 13, 2020

7:00pm - 9:00 pm

### Blood Club Dinner Symposium

"Emerging Adults with Sickle Cell Disease:  
Improving the Transition Process and Treatment Engagement"

Jane Hankins, MD

University of Tennessee Health Science Center

### Gut Club Dinner Symposium

"Upper Gut Microbiota: A Separate World Than the Colon"

Richard McCallum, MD

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

### Renal Club Dinner Symposium

## Committee Membership

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!***

## Update Your SSCI Website Profile

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](http://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!

## 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.

Three visiting professor programs were approved by Council for 2019 and include (1) [Dr. Richard McCallum](#), Professor of Medicine at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center-El Paso, to speak at MUSC Department of Medicine ; (2) [Dr. Daniel Villarreal](#), Professor of Medicine, SUNY Upstate Medical Center was invited to to speak at the Texas Tech University Department of Medicine and (3) [Dr. Sushma Cribbs](#), Associate Professor of Medicine Emory Univirsity was invited to speak at the Department of Medicine at the University of Mississippi.

The 2020 application deadline is May 1, 2020. 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](http://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](mailto: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 13 - 15, 2020.



## **Congratulations to our 2019 Mentor of the Year Awardees**

**Student: Michael Mugavero**  
University of Alabama Birmingham

**Post-graduate: Colleen S. Kraft**  
Emory University

**Junior Faculty: Ruxana T. Sadikot**  
Emory University

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### Journal news from Jesse Roman, MD, Editor-in-Chief

*The American Journal of the Medical Sciences (AJMS)* is the official journal of the SSCI and one of the longest-standing journals in the U.S. (founded in 1820). Its mission is to advance knowledge through the publication of high-quality manuscripts involving bench-related or translational research.

Dear SSCI Members,

We are happy to announce that the 2018 Impact Factor (IF) for the *AJMS* continues to increase and is now 1.962, a 10% increase from the 2017 IF of 1.773 and the highest IF for the Journal of the past 22 years. This is due to the contributions of the Editorial Board, reviewers, and authors as well as the hard work of the Editorial Team. Our prior editor, Dr. David Ploth, did the hard work of setting us on the path to success and we are thankful. However, I want to highlight that the 2018 IF is the first to reflect the efforts of the current Editorial Team, which developed new concepts for the Journal and accelerated manuscript review. We have a long way to go, but I am optimistic that we will reach our objective in years to come.

In May 2019, the Journal featured an issue focused on pulmonary fibrosis. To date, these articles represent our most downloaded articles of the year. As the Journal enters its 200th anniversary in 2020, we look forward to featuring more focused issues and collections of articles.

In addition, in an effort to further promote the dissemination of information, please know that the *AJMS* is now on Twitter @AmJMedSci. We encourage you to follow our page and tag the Journal when appropriate.

We are proud to serve the Journal and the SSCI and anticipate further gains in visibility. We remain committed to advancing the mission of the SSCI by promoting discovery and the dissemination of information as well as the careers of junior investigators in academia.

Please keep the *AJMS* in mind when submitting your manuscripts.

Sincerely,

Jesse Roman  
On behalf of the AJMS Editorial Team

