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Welcome
all Spouses, Significant Others and Guests
to the
Thirty-Fifth Annual Meeting

Program Schedule

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2016

Registration in the Sullivan Foyer
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2016

Registration in the Sullivan Foyer
6:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

7:00 a.m. **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
Sullivan Foyer

FIRST SCIENTIFIC SESSION

8:00 a.m. Welcome and Introduction of New Fellows
from President Ingrid Nygaard, MD

8:15 a.m. AAOGF / ABOG Scholar
*“Molecular Imaging Guidance of Surgical and
Targeted Therapeutics in Ovarian Cancer”*

Leslie Randall, MD
University of California, Irvine
Irvine, CA

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Melissa Gilliam, MD, MPH
University of Chicago
Chicago, IL

9:00 a.m. Panel Presentation:
“Professional Fatigue and Burn-out”

Linda Brubaker, MD, MS
Loyola University Medical Center
Chicago, IL

Jeffrey M. Fowler, MD
The Ohio State University
Columbus, OH

Steven Gabbe, MD
The Ohio State University
Columbus, OH

9:00 a.m.. Spouse & Companion Breakfast
(9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.)
Location: Private Dining Room, Rural Society

A breakfast featuring a presentation by Dr. Charles Saltzman, President of the International Federation of Foot and Ankle Societies and Chair of Orthopaedics at the University of Utah, entitled “Throw Away Your High Heels and Starve a Foot Surgeon”.

10:00 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. AGOSTED Talk
“Stillbirth: We Can Do Better!”

Robert Silver, MD
University of Utah Medical Center
Salt Lake City, UT

10:45 a.m. Charles Hunter Oration
“Generations at Risk? Environmental Challenges to Reproductive Health”

Tracey Woodruff, PhD, MPH
University of California, San Francisco
San Francisco, CA

All Members, Spouses, Significant Others and Guests are Invited to Attend

12:00 p.m. AGOS Leadership Roundtable Luncheon:
“Be Institutionalized”

Location: Richardson

For Registered Members Only

5:30 p.m. **AGOS / AAOGF Welcome Reception**
(5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.)
Sullivan Ballroom A, B and C

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2016

Registration in the Sullivan Foyer

6:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

6:30 a.m. **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
Sullivan Foyer

7:30 a.m. AGOS Annual Business Meeting
In Memorium
Sullivan Ballroom

8:00 a.m. AAOGF Annual Business Meeting
Sullivan Ballroom

SECOND SCIENTIFIC SESSION

8:30 a.m. AAOGF / SMFM Scholar
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Kaiser Permanente
University of California, San Diego
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- Catherine S. Bradley, MD, MSCE
University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics
Iowa City, IA
- Charles Saltzman, MD
University of Utah Hospital
Salt Lake City, UT
- 10:15 a.m.** Break
- 10:45 a.m.** AGOS Reproductive Health Scorecard
Annual Update
- Jay Iams, MD
The Ohio State University
Columbus, OH
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“Birth and Pelvic Floor Disorders: Who cares?”
- John O. L. DeLancey, MD
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Ann Arbor, MI
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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Friday, October 7, 2016

Sullivan Ballroom

12:00 p.m.

Ingrid Nygaard, MD
University of Utah Hospital
Salt Lake City, UT

“Reflections on Surgical Innovation”

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2016

Registration in the Sullivan Foyer

7:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

7:15 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Sullivan Foyer

THIRD SCIENTIFIC SESSION

8:15 a.m. AGOSTED Talk

“Uterine Transplantation - Lessons Learned So Far”

Tommaso Falcone, MD, FRCSC, FACOG
Cleveland Clinic
Cleveland, OH

8:30 a.m. ABOG Endowed Lecture

*“The Bonus Narrative: How Our Differences
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George D. Wendel, Jr., MD
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11:30 a.m. Adjournment

ABOG ENDOWED LECTURE

The American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society (AGOS) was awarded a grant from the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ABOG) and the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology Education Foundation (ABOG-EF) for the purpose of an endowed lectureship focusing on education in women's health.

The 2016 Endowed Lectureship will be presented by **Scott E. Page, PhD** on "*The Bonus Narrative: How Our Differences Make Us Better at What We Do*".

Presentation Summaries

AAOGF / ABOG Scholar:

“Molecular Imaging Guidance of Surgical and Targeted Therapeutics in Ovarian Cancer”

Leslie Randall, MD
University of California, Irvine
Irvine, CA

Advanced ovarian, primary peritoneal, and tubal peritoneal surface carcinomas (PSC) are the deadliest gynecologic cancers. Despite valiant effort, an effective screening strategy has yet to be identified, and progress must focus on improving patient selection for effective therapy. Bevacizumab, a monoclonal antibody that binds and inactivates circulating vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF), has demonstrated efficacy against these cancers alone and in combination with cytotoxic chemotherapy, but carries significant risk in terms of toxicity and cost. There is clinical need for non-invasive imaging that might not only predict which patients will benefit most from anti-VEGF therapy but also might serve as a pharmacodynamics tool to increase our understanding of how anti-VEGF therapy interrupts tumor growth. Our lab optimized the SKOV3ip1 nude mouse model for imaging, and we are now investigating the uptake of ¹²³I- bevacizumab as measured by single photon emission computed tomography (SPECT) and MRI. In addition, we performed a phase II clinical trial evaluating the sensitivity, specificity, and positive predictive value of OTL-38, an indole-cyanine green (ICG)-labeled folate, for near-infrared image-guidance during ovarian cancer surgery.

AGOSTED Talk:

“New Designs in Adolescent Health”

**Melissa Gilliam, MD, MPH
University of Chicago
Chicago, IL**

This TED-Style talk will describe innovative research addressing the sexual and reproductive health of adolescents locally and globally. At Ci3, an interdisciplinary research center at the University of Chicago, Dr. Gilliam brings disciplines ranging from English, to public health, to economics, to social work together with storytellers, gamers, and designers. Together they co-create with youth to design and study novel solutions to major social and health problems facing diverse adolescents.

Panel Presentation:

“Professional Fatigue and Burn-Out”

Linda Brubaker, MD, MS

Jeffrey M. Fowler, MD

Steven G. Gabbe, MD

As leaders in our field, we have an obligation to foster cultures of wellbeing and resilience. Dr. Gabbe will discuss career phases and challenges of academic medicine. The demanding training with long hours, high-stakes exams, indebtedness, and pressures related to career advancement, and postponement of life choices are challenges. Integrating work with one's personal life is another challenge; support from family, friends and mentors is critical. Dr. Fowler will discuss the harmful impact of burnout, which is associated with worsening physical and mental QOL, significant psychosocial problems and low career satisfaction. While burnout is harmful to physicians and patients, it is also destabilizing & costly to the health care system; burnout is associated with medical errors, malpractice, patient satisfaction, job turnover and early retirement. Dr. Brubaker will comment on institutional practices, including efforts to modify systems and identify concerning physicians behaviors. Top priorities include excessive workloads, systems (inefficient environments), life-work integration, autonomy/flexibility/control and the value of physician work.

AGOSTED Talk:

“Stillbirth: We Can Do Better!”

**Robert Silver, MD
University of Utah Medical Center
Salt Lake City, UT**

Stillbirth is responsible for over 2.6 million deaths per year throughout the world. This is tragic because many are preventable. Indeed, the dramatic reduction in stillbirth during the last century in high income countries is one of the great success stories in modern obstetrics. Progress is being made in low and middle income countries as well. The worldwide rate of stillbirth decreased from 24.7 per 1,000 total births in 2000 to 18.4 per 1,000 total births in 2015. However, this is still far too many given the dramatic discrepancy in stillbirth rates among countries and even communities. For example, 10 countries account for two-thirds of stillbirths. Also, the U.S. stillbirth rate of about 6 per 1,000 is considerably higher than almost 30 countries with similar standards of living. Similarly, the rate of reduction in stillbirth in the U.S. is quite low compared with other high income countries. Since 2000 the annual rate reduction in stillbirth in the U.S. was 0.4% compared to 6.8% in the Netherlands. Finally, there is considerable disparity in stillbirth rates in the U.S. with higher rates in minority and socio-economically disadvantaged women. Variation in stillbirth rates and reduction in stillbirth in some but not all populations underscores the feasibility of stillbirth reduction. It also highlights a failure to do so.

We must overcome barriers to stillbirth reduction. First, it is crucial to acknowledge the medical, emotional and economic burden of stillbirth and decide to make it a main concern. Second, we need to overcome fatalism about stillbirth since many are preventable using medical knowledge currently available. Third, we need to prioritize the optimal evaluation and management of stillbirth. Perinatal autopsy is rarely done in the U.S. outside of a few academic centers. Reasons include a shortage of perinatal pathologists and numerous cultural obstacles to autopsy. Financial issues also negatively impact stillbirth in the U.S. Fourth, remarkably little resources currently fund stillbirth research. In addition to medical research, investigations should address optimal bereavement and resource allocation for stillbirth. Fifth, metrics including classification systems need to be standardized across states and countries and accurately tracked. This should include review of cases with multidisciplinary teams and safe feedback for clinicians. Finally, every effort should be made to remove disparities in stillbirth across groups and communities.

Charles Hunter Prize

“Generations at Risk? Environmental Challenges to Reproductive Health”

**Tracey Woodruff, PhD, MPH
University of California, San Francisco
San Francisco, CA**

Exposure to toxic environmental chemicals, like BPA and phthalates in plasticizers and flame retardants in furniture, occurs everywhere every day. Women’s health professional societies recently declared that evidence linking such exposures to disruptions in healthy human reproduction and development is strong. Growing concern comes from the rise in childhood chronic diseases, which may be due in part to increasing production of industrial chemicals. Clinicians and the public are challenged by lack of comprehensive scientific summaries of the evidence and inadequate information or controls on toxic chemical use.

Tracey Woodruff, PhD, MPH, will discuss her work at the UCSF Program on Reproductive Health and the Environment, whose mission is to create healthier environments for reproduction and development by preventing harmful chemical exposures through advancing scientific inquiry, clinical care, and improved public policy. Dr. Woodruff will discuss recent links found between chemicals and reproductive and developmental health, how to make sense of the complex science, and how clinicians can engage in efforts to prevent harmful chemical exposures for their patients and families.

AAOGF / SMFM Scholar

“Treating Prediabetes In the First Trimester – A Randomized Controlled Trial”

Hilary A. Roeder, MD

**Kaiser Permanente University of California, San Diego
San Diego, CA**

OBJECTIVE: In women with prediabetes (HbA1c \geq 5.7% and/or fasting glucose \geq 92 mg/dL) in early pregnancy, we sought to determine if immediate treatment improved maternal and neonatal outcomes.

STUDY DESIGN: This RCT enrolled women with prediabetes at \leq 15+0 weeks (wks) gestation between 2013-2015. Participants were randomized to 1st trimester (tri) or 3rd tri treatment of hyperglycemia including nutrition counseling, glucose monitoring, and medications as needed. The primary outcome was the proportion of infants with neonatal umbilical cord C-peptide $>$ 1.77 nmol (90th percentile (%)). Secondary outcomes were neonatal fat mass and maternal gestational weight gain (GWG).

RESULTS: A total of 202 women were randomized; 45 dropped out prior to delivery leaving 157 for analysis (82 with 1st tri and 75 with 3rd tri treatment). There was no difference in C-peptide >90th% between groups (1.5% vs. 6.7% in 1st and 3rd tri groups respectively, $p=0.19$). There was also no difference in fat mass ($361\pm155\text{g}$ vs $377\pm171\text{g}$, $p=0.91$), or macrosomia (1.6 vs 5.0%, $p=0.35$). Maternal GWG was 22.6 ± 12.9 lbs and 23.9 ± 11.2 lbs in the 1st and 3rd tri groups ($p=0.88$).

CONCLUSION: In this population of women with prediabetes, treatment in the 1st tri did not appear to significantly improve maternal or neonatal outcomes. Caution should be used in initiating an intensive GDM treatment protocol for women with prediabetes.

AGOSTED Talk:

“High Fat Diet and Obesity May Create a Permissive Tumor Microenvironment: Giving All New Meaning to ‘You Are What You Eat!’”

**Angeles Alvarez-Secord, MD
Duke University Medical Center
Durham, NC**

“Dis-moi ce que tu manges, je te dirai ce que tu es.” Anthelme Brillat-Savarin famous quote from 1826 translates “Tell me what you eat and I will tell you what you are.” The food we consume can influence the state of our minds and health. Ominously, current data suggest that high fat diet (HFD)-induced obesity may lead to accelerated cancer growth. In a novel mouse serous ovarian cancer model (K18-gT121+/-; p53fl/fl; Brca1fl/fl (KpB)), mice fed a HFD were obese and had larger cancers compared to mice fed a low fat diet (LFD). We hypothesized that HFD and obesity may yield a permissive tumor microenvironment and enhance tumor growth by promoting a pro-angiogenic state. Using KpB mice we identified 16 angiogenic genes that were differentially expressed in HFD vs LFD mice. The candidate genes were evaluated in high grade ovarian serous cancer (HGSC) specimens. TGFA demonstrated increased expression in the KpB mice, HGSC tumors from obese women, and tumors from HGSC patients with short survival times. Further evaluation is required to establish that obesity drives TGFA gene regulation and to determine the mechanistic role of TGFA. Considering the poor prognosis of ovarian cancer and the epidemic

proportions of obesity in our country, it is imperative to understand obesity's role in ovarian cancer, and host-tumor interactions. The big question now - Are going to eat that piece of brownie sundae cheesecake?

Panel Presentation:

“The PROMISE of PROMIS: How Technology Helps Us Better Understand Patients”

David Cella, PhD

Catherine S. Bradley, MD, MSCE

Charles Saltzman, MD

Many Ob-Gyn outcomes are based upon patient self-report of symptoms and functional ability. The over-abundance of different measures of the same underlying concepts such as pain, fatigue, depression, anxiety, sleep, and sexual function, has paradoxically limited understanding and therefore impact of self-reported health outcomes. Item response theory (IRT) is a family of measurement models that offer unprecedented opportunities for measurement precision and standardization. The Patient Reported Outcomes Measurement Information System (PROMIS) provides a wide range of self-report outcome measures that use IRT to evaluate and monitor physical, social, and mental health in adults and children. It can be used with the general population as well as individuals living with chronic conditions. PROMIS measures can be administered as fixed questionnaires, or as highly-precise computerized adaptive tests (CATs). In clinical settings, where important content may be lacking in the PROMIS library, this content can be added to enhance clinical relevance, building on the existing PROMIS base. This session will summarize the PROMIS value proposition, demonstrate how institutional commitment and technology can enable a health system to

monitor PROMIS metrics in clinical care, inform treatment decisions, and standardize outcome reporting. It will also summarize some Ob-Gyn efforts to incorporate and expand upon PROMIS measures, including an update on symptom phenotyping and outcome measurement being done in an NIDDK-sponsored lower urinary tract dysfunction network (LURN).

AGOS Reproductive Health Scorecard Annual Update

Jay Iams, MD
The Ohio State University College of Medicine
Columbus, OH

Annual Review of Reproductive Health Metrics: US rates of HPV immunization, Gynecologic Cancer, Teen Pregnancy, Multifetal Pregnancy, Preterm Birth and Infant Mortality.

Joseph Price Oration

“Birth and Pelvic Floor Disorders: Who cares?”

John O. L. DeLancey, MD
Norman F. Miller Professor of Gynecology
University of Michigan Medical School
Ann Arbor, MI

Logic suggests that vaginal birth is impossible. Injury to the pelvic floor during vaginal birth is, therefore, not surprising. What is surprising is the dearth of scientific investigation about the injury mechanisms and long term consequences of damage during birth. One in 10 American women undergoes surgery for pelvic floor disorders, particularly urinary incontinence and pelvic organ prolapse that are usually a result of a birth injury. The Obstetrician-Gynecologist is uniquely responsible for caring for woman both during birth and later for pelvic floor disorders. The discovery of birth-induced levator ani injury and fact that this is present in 55% of women with pelvic organ prolapse but only 16% of normal women highlights the need to understand what causes this injury and how to prevent it. So why has scientific progress in understanding birth-induced injury and prevention lagged behind other discoveries? Key roadblocks to progress include the lack of scientists in relevant disciplines, appropriate investigative techniques and a comprehensive disease model. Modern multidisciplinary groups, biomechanical modeling and advanced imaging, including 3D stress MRI, are beginning to overcome these blocks. Testing hypotheses about sites of connective tissue failure and interactions

between connective tissue and muscle loss will lead to new paradigms to identify at risk women before birth so that targeted prevention can be planned.

AGOSTED Talk:

“Uterine Transplantation- Lessons Learned So Far”

Tommaso Falcone, MD, FRCSC, FACOG

Cleveland Clinic

Cleveland, OH

Uterine factor infertility (UFI) is a condition that affects approximately 1.5 million women around the world. Adoption and surrogacy are considered acceptable options for many women with UFI. For others, due to social, ethical, cultural and/or religious reasons, these options are not permissible. In many countries around the world, maternal surrogacy is illegal, leaving no option for UFI patients to conceive a biological child. Recently, uterine transplantation has been proposed as an alternative method of treating UFI. Uterine transplantation is intended as a life *enhancing* procedure, not a *lifesaving* procedure, and is considered to be similar to transplants of the face, extremities and pancreas. Uterine transplantation is considered an “*ephemeral*” transplant, and is not intended to last for the duration of the life of the recipient. From a technical point of view, uterus transplantation is considered a vascularized composite allograft (VCA). There are two models for obtained organs, deceased and live donor. The report by the Swedish group on their experience with live donor demonstrates a high degree of surgical complexity. The two graft losses were attributed to thrombosis and infection. The main concern was with the living donors. The authors state that it required 10-13 hours to harvest the uterus. The dissection of the deep pelvic veins for anastomosis was

noted as an especially challenging part of the procedure. Because of the potential risks to the donor the Cleveland Clinic program proceeded with deceased donor program.

ABOG Lecture:

“The Bonus Narrative: How Our Differences Make Us Better at What We Do”

**Scott E. Page, PhD
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, MI**

Empirical evidence suggests that cognitive and identity diversity contribute to exceptional group performance. The most cited papers, and most important patents disproportionately include diverse members. Yet, many studies show little benefit from diverse group composition. In short: diversity can improve outcomes, yet does not always do so. An analytic dive into the question of when and how diversity produces benefits reveals several insights. First, diversity matters most on hard problems (hence, the evidence on patents and papers). Second, realizing the benefits of diversity depends on inclusive practices (hence, the lack of inclusion partly explains poor performing diverse groups). Third, no “magic diversity bonus” exists. Instead, differences in perspectives, heuristics, models, and categories combine in ways that we can understand and leverage.

Panel Presentation:

“Aligning Residency Training with the Changing Practice Patterns in Obstetrics and Gynecology”

Dee E. Fenner, MD

George D. Wendel, Jr., MD

Hal C. Lawrence, MD

John R. Potts, III, MD

Sandra Carson, MD

In this panel discussion we will explore how our current residency and fellowship programs are preparing the next generation of obstetricians and gynecologists. We will look at projected workforce requirements, scope of practice, and specialty considerations. The discussion will examine the role of the specialist and subspecialist, impact of duty hours, and how the specialty works with the American Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME/RRC). The American Congress of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG), Council on Resident Education (CREOG), and the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ABOG) leadership will discuss their strategies for aligning the residency training with practice patterns and the healthcare needs of women.

2015 New AGOS Fellows

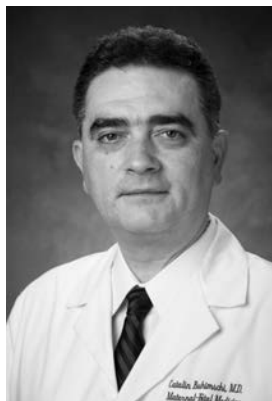


Vanessa M. Barnabei, MD, PhD

**University at Buffalo, Jacobs School of Medicine
and Biomedical Sciences
Buffalo, New York**

Vanessa M. Barnabei is Professor and Chair at the University at Buffalo and Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. She received her PhD in genetics and MD from the University of Virginia in 1981 and 1985, respectively. Her Ob/Gyn training was at Prentice Women's Hospital of Northwestern University. She then held fulltime faculty appointments at George Washington University (1989-1998) and the Medical College of Wisconsin (1998-2012) prior to moving to Buffalo in October 2012. Research and clinical interests include cytogenetics, menopause and hormone therapy, disorders of the vulva, and resident and student education in Ob/Gyn and women's health. Current projects also include reduction of teen pregnancy in Western New York and assessment of the perinatal microbiome as a predictor for adverse pregnancy outcomes. She was an investigator with multiple seminal clinical trials on hormone therapy, including the PEPI study, HERS trial and the Women's Health Initiative. Dr. Barnabei is active in ACOG District 2, serving on the Advisory Council, the Safe Motherhood Initiative Steering Committee, the LARC Task Force, co-chair of the program committee for 2015 annual meeting, and co-chair of Section 6. In addition to her role as department chair, she serves as Medical Director for Quality and Patient Safety for women's services within the Kaleida Health System. Dr. Barnabei has 2 adult children; in her spare time she enjoys tennis, travel, and trying new wines.

2015 New AGOS Fellows



Catalin S. Buhimschi MD, MMS

**The Ohio State University College of Medicine
Columbus, Ohio**

After a postdoctoral fellowship in Basic Reproductive Sciences at the University of Texas, Dr. Buhimschi entered residency program in OBGYN at University of Maryland, from where he graduated in 2001. Dr. Buhimschi completed his fellowship in Maternal-Fetal Medicine (MFM) at Yale University. In 2004 he joined Yale faculty where he served as Director of the MFM Fellowship and Director of the Perinatal Research Programs. From 2011 to 2013, Dr. Buhimschi was Director of MFM Section, and Chief of Obstetrical Services at Yale-New-Haven Hospital (interim). Since 2013 Dr. Buhimschi is Director of MFM Section and Vice-Chair - Department of OBGYN at The Ohio State University (OSU) College of Medicine. He also is the recipient of the Frederick P. Zuspan Endowed Chair. For over two decades, Dr. Buhimschi has committed his career to translational clinical and basic science research. He is first or senior author on over 135 original research publications. He is Co-Editor of the “Drugs for Pregnant and Lactating Women” textbook and associate editor of the American Journal of Perinatology. Dr. Buhimschi received many excellence research prizes from the SMFM including the 2006 “March of Dimes Best Research in Prematurity” award. In 2014, Dr. Buhimschi was elected President of the Perinatal Research Society. Currently, Dr. Buhimschi is member of the NIH/NICHHD - Pregnancy and Perinatology study section, member of the SMFM fellowship committee and board examiner for ABOG. Dr. Buhimschi is PI on an R01 grant awarded to pursue research in the field of fetal injury and antenatal damage, and on the NICHHD MFMU-Network grant at OSU. Dr. Buhimschi’s research projects are funded by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, USAID, and March of Dimes Foundation.

2015 New AGOS Fellows



William H. Catherino, MD, PhD

**Uniformed Services University
of the Health Sciences
Bethesda, Maryland**

Dr. Catherino is recognized internationally as an outstanding clinician, researcher and educator in obstetrics and gynecology and reproductive endocrinology and infertility. He possesses great expertise in the clinical management of infertility patients and is highly skilled in the latest ART developments. Dr. Catherino provides care to patients who are referred from sites throughout the world. He is a Professor with tenure and Department Research Head for the Department of OB/GYN at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and the Associate Program Director for the Combined Federal Fellowship in REI. Based on his laboratory findings, Dr. Catherino's well-funded and prolific research team has developed multiple model systems to better study human leiomyomas, including in vivo and 3-dimensional in vitro human models, and has successfully introduced multiple novel medical therapies for leiomyoma treatment. He trains and tutors students at various educational levels, from high school, baccalaureate, post-baccalaureate, medical school, graduate school, residency, post-doctoral fellows, clinical fellows, and staff clinicians, and is an oral boards examiner. He has taught at national and international venues on a wide array of reproductive topics since 2001. Dr. Catherino developed and served as Chair for the first Postgraduate Course on Uterine Leiomyomas for the Fibroid Special Interest Group at ASRM and is scheduled to provide an update as Chair in 2017.

2015 New AGOS Fellows



Marcela G. del Carmen, MD, MPH

**Massachusetts General Hospital,
Harvard Medical School
Boston, Massachusetts**

Marcela G. del Carmen, MD, MPH is Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Biology at Harvard Medical School and Medical Director of the Massachusetts General Physicians Organization (MGPO). In that role, she leads over 3,000 MGPO physician members. She graduated from medical school and completed her residency training in gynecology and obstetrics at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and Hospital and fellowship training in gynecologic oncology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. del Carmen holds a Master's in Public Health from Harvard School of Public Health. She has served on the Ovarian Cancer Committee for the Gynecologic Oncology Group, is a member of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology PROLOG task force, and serves as oral examiner for the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology for both general gynecology and gynecologic oncology. Dr. del Carmen is the recipient of numerous teaching and service awards including the National Council on Resident Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology (CREOG) Award, the Howard Ulfelder Teaching Award, the CINE Golden Eagle Award, CBS Cares, and the McGovern Award for Clinical Excellence. Dr. del Carmen's research focuses on disparities in gynecologic cancer outcomes in underserved minorities and rare gynecologic malignancies.

2015 New AGOS Fellows



Oliver Dorigo, MD, PhD

**Stanford University
Stanford, California**

Oliver Dorigo, MD, PhD, is Director and Associate Professor in the Division of Gynecologic Oncology at Stanford. He is directing the Gynecologic Oncology Clinical Care Program at the Stanford Women's Cancer Center, the Clinical Research Group for Gynecologic Oncology clinical trials, and the Gynecologic Oncology Fellowship program. He is the Director of the Mary Lake Polan Gynecologic Oncology Research Laboratory which is focused on the development of novel therapies in particular immunotherapy for ovarian cancer. Dr. Dorigo received his medical degree from the University of Heidelberg Medical School in Germany, followed by residency training in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Munich, Germany. He joined the Cancer Gene Therapy at the Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center in San Diego, CA, and participated in early clinical trials using gene therapy for cancer disease. Dr. Dorigo completed his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine, Los Angeles, CA. He then joined a PhD program at UCLA, and earned his degree in Molecular Biology while working on the development of a new gene transfer system. Dr. Dorigo completed a clinical fellowship in Gynecologic Oncology at UCLA /Cedars Sinai Medical Center. His research has been published in various scientific journals, including Journal of Virology, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Journal of Immunology, Cancer Research and Cancer Gene Therapy.

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Yasser Y. El-Sayed, MD

**Stanford University
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Dr. Yasser El-Sayed is Charles B. and Ann L. Johnson Professor and Director of the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine and Obstetrics. He is also the Co-Director of the Johnson Pregnancy and Newborn Service, Obstetrician-in-Chief Lucile Packard Children's Hospital and Associate Dean Maternal and Child Health. As such he oversees the many dimensions of obstetrical services – research, clinical, educational and administrative - across the hospital and medical school. His academic focus has been on randomized controlled trials in obstetrics, and he has a long history of successful leadership in clinical trials and collaborative research.

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Eve Espey, MD, MPH

**University of New Mexico,
Department of ObGyn
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Eve Espey, MD MPH is Professor and Chair of the Department of Ob/Gyn of the University of New Mexico, where she also serves as Family Planning fellowship director. She is President of the Society of Family Planning and heads the Medical Advisory Committee for the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy. Dr. Espey's area of advocacy and research interest is family planning and abortion. She serves as Chair of the American College of OB-GYN's Long Acting Reversible Contraception Work Group and President of the New Mexico Perinatal Collaborative. She has been recognized with a number of teaching awards locally and as a national faculty mentor for Medical Students for Choice. She has numerous publications in the area of family planning and medical education and has been involved in international family planning work. Dr. Espey is committed to the care of underserved women and to improving the health and lives of New Mexico women.

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Henry L. Galan, MD

**University of Colorado School of Medicine
Aurora, Colorado**

Dr. Galan is presently Professor of Ob/Gyn the University of Colorado School of Medicine, Director of the Maternal-Fetal Medicine Fellowship, and Co-Director of the Colorado Fetal Care Center at Children's Hospital. His laboratory continues to be focused on placental vascular development and nutrient transfer in both human and ovine pregnancy with focus on physiologic and molecular mechanisms underlying normal fetal growth and IUGR. Umbilical volume blood flow studies developed in the ovine models with diffusion methodologies have validated the use of triplex mode ultrasound to determine volumetric flow in human pregnancies. These volume flow measurements have been used to assess relative placental transport rates of essential amino acids and polyols in human pregnancies. More recently, there has been focus on uterine blood flows recognizing that one must assess both blood flow from the mother to the uterus (uterine blood flow) and from the placenta to the fetus (umbilical circulation) in order to better understand disorders of fetal growth as it relates to placental insufficiency in singleton and multiple gestations.

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Victoria L. Handa, MD, MHS

**Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
Baltimore, Maryland**

Dr. Handa attended the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, followed by Ob/Gyn residency at the University of California San Francisco. Her first academic appointment was at Duke University, followed by fellowship in Urogynecology at UC Irvine. After 6 years on the faculty of the University of California Davis, she joined Johns Hopkins in 2001. She currently serves as Professor of Gyn/Ob, Deputy Director for Gyn/Ob at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, and Chair of Gyn/Ob at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center. Her clinical practice focuses on pelvic floor disorders, including incontinence and pelvic organ prolapse. At the Johns Hopkins Women's Center for Pelvic Health, she leads an interdisciplinary team in Urogynecology, Urology, Colorectal Surgery, and Physical Therapy. She served as the FPRMS Fellowship Director at Johns Hopkins until 2014. Dr. Handa is the recipient of several teaching awards, including a CREOG National Faculty Award for Excellence and several institutional awards for teaching and mentorship. Dr. Handa's research has been supported by NIH funding for almost 15 years. Her current research focus on the long-term impact of childbirth on the later development of pelvic floor disorders. This research has led to more than a dozen publications, a 2011 Pitkin Prize from ACOG, the 2007 President's Award from the Society for Gynecologic Surgeons, a 2011 award from the American Urogynecologic Society, and the 2015 American Journal of Ob/Gyn Impact Award.

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R. Phillips Heine, MD

**Duke University Medical Center
Durham, North Carolina**

Dr. R. Phillips Heine is a Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology and Pediatrics at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, NC. He currently serves as the Director of the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, Vice Chair for Administration Affairs, and Medical Director for the Women's Clinical Services Unit (CSU) in the Duke University Health System. Dr. Heine completed his clinical training in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of North Carolina during which time he developed an academic interest regarding infection and its role in women's reproductive health and specifically adverse pregnancy outcome. He subsequently completed a Sexually Transmitted Diseases research fellowship in the laboratories of Fred Sparling and Priscilla Wyrick at the University of North Carolina and went on to complete a Maternal-Fetal Medicine fellowship at the University of Colorado. After fellowship Dr. Heine became a faculty member at the University of Pittsburgh and an investigator at the Magee Women's Research Institute. During this time he served as Resident Research Coordinator and Associate MFM fellowship director prior to his move to Duke University. His current clinical and research interests focus on the role of infection and inflammation in preterm birth and other adverse pregnancy outcomes. He also has a specific interest in the use of immunizations in pregnancy for both the prevention of disease in the mother and the newborn.

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Deirdre J. Lyell, MD

**Stanford University School of Medicine
Stanford, California**

Dr. Deirdre Lyell is a professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology in the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine at Stanford University, Associate Director of the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, and Director of the Maternal-Fetal Medicine fellowship. She is a clinician and researcher, very involved professionally in the clinical management of and research on placenta accreta, long-term complications at cesarean delivery, and the treatment, causes and prevention of spontaneous preterm birth. In 2010 she formed and continues to direct the Program in Placental Disorders at Stanford, a multidisciplinary placenta accreta program that provides radiologic diagnosis, consultation, patient management and a research program for women with placenta accreta. Dr. Lyell has also designed and executed large multicenter, randomized clinical trials of tocolytic medications. She has also collaborated successfully in other types of research projects, including within the March of Dimes Prematurity Research Center at Stanford where she serves on the Animal and Human Subjects and Large Data Set steering committees. In 2015 Dr. Lyell graduated in the inaugural class of the Stanford Medical School Dean's Leadership Academy, and have served on several institutional and national committees including within the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine.

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Amanda Nickles Fader, MD

**Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
Baltimore, Maryland**

Dr. Fader is an Associate Professor and Director of the Kelly Gynecologic Oncology Service in the Johns Hopkins Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics. She is also the Director of the FJ Montz Fellowship in Gynecologic Oncology. Dr. Fader received her medical degree with highest honors at the Medical College of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University. She completed an OB/GYN residency at Magee Women's Hospital, University of Pittsburgh and fellowship training in gynecologic oncology at the Cleveland Clinic. Dr. Fader is internationally recognized as a leading expert in surgical quality, in minimally invasive gynecology surgery innovations as well as rare tumors of the ovary and uterus. She has authored more than 100 peer-reviewed publications and is the current president of the Mid-Atlantic Gynecologic Oncology Society. She is also a member of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network Uterine, Cervix and Vulvar Cancer Committees, the NRG/GOG Rare Tumor Committee and sits on the editorial board of Gynecologic Oncology and Journal of Minimally Invasive Surgery. Her research centers on minimally invasive surgical innovations in gynecologic oncology, surgical quality, and clinical trials for the treatment of rare gynecologic malignancies.

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Margareta D. Pisarska, MD

**Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
Los Angeles, California**

Dr. Margareta D. Pisarska, is the Director for the Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. She is the IVF Director and the Scientific Director of the Andrology Lab. She is an Associate Professor at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and the David Geffen School of Medicine. She has been continuously funded through the NIH, initially in ovarian function and more recently in placentation and pregnancy outcomes. She cares for patients with Reproductive Endocrine and Infertility issues, with an expertise in ovarian dysfunction and treatment of the infertile couple, including Assisted Reproductive Technologies. In addition to training and teaching medical students, residents, clinical fellows, and post-doctoral fellows, she has recently become the Director of the Garrett Student Clinical Rotations for the Cedars-Sinai Graduate Program in Biomedical Science and Translational Medicine. Dr. Pisarska has been a Division Member of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility Division and was recently elected to be the Chief of the Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility for the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. She serves as the Chairperson for the Patient Education Committee for the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM) and is member of the ASRM Practice Committee. She has served on NIH study sections both as a permanent member and as an ad hoc member.

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Anthony C. Sciscione, DO

**Christiana Care Health System
Newark, Delaware**

Dr. Anthony Sciscione is Director of the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine Residency Program Director Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Jefferson Medical College and is Director of the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine and Residency Program Director at Christiana Hospital in Delaware. He is a Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Jefferson Medical College. Dr. Sciscione was awarded his doctorate in osteopathic medicine in 1987 from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed a residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the Medical Center of Delaware, and a fellowship in maternal-fetal medicine at Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions. In 2002, Dr. Sciscione completed the APGO–Solvay Educational Scholars Program. Dr. Sciscione has been part of multiple research projects and served as a principal investigator in the MFMU of the NICHD. His primary research interests are focused on the induction of labor and activity restriction in pregnancy. He has authored or co-authored over 140 articles, chapters and abstracts in the field of maternal-fetal medicine, served as an editor for Obstetrics & Gynecology and is currently an Associate Editor for the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He has been very active in the USMLE and is currently on the management committee. He is currently District III Vice Chair and has served on several committees for ACOG including the CREOG education and OB Practice Bulletins committees.

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Alan T. N. Tita, MD, PhD

**University of Alabama at Birmingham
Birmingham, Alabama**

Dr. Tita is tenured Professor, Maternal-Fetal Medicine specialist, perinatal epidemiologist at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), and PI of UAB's NICHD/NIH Maternal-Fetal Medicine Units (MFMU) network center. His focus research areas include obstetric and perinatal infections and preterm birth, optimal timing of delivery, medical and obstetric complications of pregnancy, obstetric and global health. Dr. Tita has a strong track record of mentoring junior faculty and trainees. He peer reviews for major obstetric and general medical journals and has served on multiple NIH scientific review panels and committees. He serves as consultant editor for Obstetrics and Gynecology and editorial board member for American Journal of Perinatology. He is an adhoc consultant for the World Health Organization.

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In Memoriam

In Memoriam



Thomas B. Clarkson Jr., DVM
December 1, 2015

Thomas Boston Clarkson Jr., DVM died at the age of 84 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He was an Honorary Member of AGOS. Thomas Clarkson was born on June 13, 1931 in Decatur, Georgia. He attended the University of Georgia, where he received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree. He joined the faculty of the School of Medicine at Wake Forest University in April 1957 and continued on the faculty there until his retirement in April 2015. He developed one of the nation's leading biomedical research programs and was a driving force behind Wake Forest's rise to international prominence in Comparative Medicine through studies of animal models to understand human diseases. In 1960 he established the

nation's first training program in Comparative Medicine, a program continuously supported by the NIH throughout his life. Beginning in 1964, he developed what became the 200-acre Clarkson Campus (formerly the Friedberg Campus) as home for the Center for Comparative Medicine research. It is recognized today as one world's top facilities for animal research. Dr. Clarkson was named the first Chair of Comparative Medicine, a position he held for 37 years before stepping down to focus on his research into postmenopausal estrogen therapy and dietary interventions. His work with non-human primates over the course of nearly 60 years has expanded our understanding of the effects of dietary cholesterol and a variety of pharmacological and hormone therapy alternatives on atherosclerosis and the effects of social behavior and stress on health and heart disease in post-menopausal females. He received more than \$60 million in research funding and maintained continuous funding from 1959 until his retirement in 2015. He authored 328 journal articles and 85 book chapters. He had a spontaneous warmth and sense of humor, which made him a great speaker. He built an international network of collaborators and leaders. He mentored and inspired generations of students, clinicians, and scientists as a professor and visionary researcher.

Among his many honors, Dr. Clarkson was elected to the National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine in 1986, one of only nine veterinary members. He held an Award of Merit for Distinguished Service from the American Heart Association, served on the AHA Board of Directors, and chaired its Council on Atherosclerosis. He was also a member of the North American Menopause Society (NAMS), which he joined at its founding in

1989 and served six years on its board. In his honor, the organization established the annual Thomas B. Clarkson Outstanding Clinical & Basic Science Research Award. He was also an Honorary Member of the American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society, the most prestigious and oldest academic society in the field of obstetrics and gynecology.

Dr. Clarkson is survived by his wife JoAnn Harrison Clarkson, three children, and numerous grand- and great-grandchildren. He loved his farm and was passionate about his miniature horses, miniature donkeys, chickens, and pygmy goats.

The mark Dr. Clarkson has left on the Wake Forest University School of Medicine is indelible. Apart from naming the research campus after him, the institution has also established The Thomas B. Clarkson, DVM Lectureship in Comparative Medicine to bring visiting experts in comparative medicine to Wake Forest University School of Medicine in honor of Dr. Clarkson's enduring legacy.

*– Submitted by Eberhard Mueller-Heubach, MD,
AGOS President (2005-2006)*

In Memoriam



Arthur Lyman Haskins, MD

January 14, 2016

Dr. Arthur L. Haskins died January 14, 2016 from complications of dementia. He was 98.

Born in Philadelphia in 1917, he was the son of Arthur L. Haskins, a salesman, and Julia S. Ingersoll, a homemaker. Because of the nature of his father's work, he moved frequently until settling in the early 1930s in Brighton, N.Y., a suburb of Rochester.

Dr. Haskins earned a medical degree in 1943 from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and joined the Navy that same year. He was an intern at Brooklyn Naval

Hospital in New York from 1943 to 1944 and he served as a medical officer until 1947.

He completed an internship in obstetrics and gynecology at St. Louis Maternity and Barnes Hospitals in St. Louis in 1948, and was an associate resident in obstetrics and gynecology at those institutions from 1949 to 1950. In 1951, he completed a residency in obstetrics at St. Louis Maternity Hospital and one in gynecology at St. Louis Maternity and Barnes Hospitals. After training he became an instructor in obstetrics and gynecology at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis from 1952 to 1954, where he developed a lifelong interest in reproductive endocrinology.

In 1955, Dr. Haskins was invited to become chairman of the new combined department of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, where he remained until his retirement in 1980. Dr. Haskins and his collaborators in the department did early and important work in reproductive endocrinology, studying the effects of estrogen, progestins, and gonadotropins in women. He is also remembered for accepting the first black resident to the hospital at a time when there was still a separate entrance to the hospital for blacks and white patients were not allowed to be examined by black physicians.

Dr. Haskins was an avid pilot and enjoyed flying to medical conferences. He also liked vacationing at a family cottage at Farley's Point on Lake Cayuga in New York and reading science fiction.

He was preceded in death by his wife Kathryn Sarah

Haskins (nee Burke) and son Mark I. Haskins, and is survived by daughter Kathy Haskins Fick and her husband Brian, sons Arthur L Haskins III and his wife Leslie, and D. Burke Haskins, MD and his wife Lisa, as well as 10 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

– Submitted by John O. L. DeLancey, MD

In Memoriam



Alan Ilardus Klopper, PhD, FRCOG
November 5, 2014

Arnold Ilardus Klopper was born February 8, 1922, in Ventersburg, near Bloemfontein, South Africa. He died from pneumonia at age 92 on November 5, 2014, in Portlethen, Aberdeenshire, Scotland. He was an internationally renowned scientist and passionate champion for human rights. The only child of an Afrikaner policeman and his wife, who was of English parentage, he accompanied his father as a boy on his beat in rural areas, where he saw first-hand the poverty and illness endured by the local population that undoubtedly influenced his social activism later in life.

Klopper began his study of medicine in 1943, when he

received a scholarship to the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg and also took a BSc course in biochemistry. As a student, his views were at odds with the National Party that promoted apartheid. After they came to power in 1948, he moved to London, where he trained in obstetrics and gynaecology at Chase Farm Hospital, Mildmay Hospital, and the British Hospital for Mothers and Babies.

Klopper moved to Edinburgh in 1952 to join the Medical Research Council's clinical endocrinology research unit in Edinburgh, which was led by Guy Marrian. There, he conducted his most important research. The unit was focused on developing methods for measuring urinary oestrogen, progesterone, and luteinizing hormone metabolites. Klopper was perhaps best known for developing an assay for pregnanediol using the colorimetric method—an important technique for assessing fetal well-being before the development of fetal ultrasound. Klopper went on to investigate changes in oestriol and pregnanediol outputs in conditions such as pre-eclampsia, abortion, rhesus incompatibility, and intrauterine fetal growth restriction. His PhD work concerned the determination of urinary pregnanediol and its physiological significance in women's bodies.

In 1956, Klopper was recruited by Dugald Baird, to join the Medical Research Council's obstetric unit at Aberdeen University Hospital, where he had substantial clinical commitments. He was appointed to a personal chair in reproductive endocrinology in October 1973, from which he established an infertility donor insemination service and was known as a strong advocate of women's right to choose. He was a prolific author of textbooks and had a role

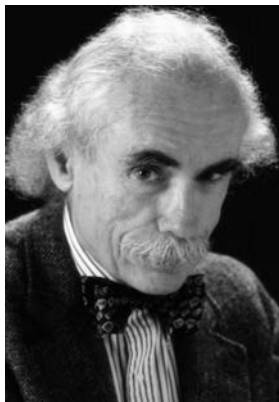
in advising WHO on the development of a gynecological service in Uganda, which involved numerous visits to the country.

Klopper had a passion for social activism that was likely based on his experiences accompanying his father. In 1945, he was elected president of the National Union of South African students—which he ran as a non-racial organization—and organized a medical student strike at Johannesburg's University of the Witwatersrand in support of black people working as anatomy demonstrators. Later he continued to campaign against the segregation and oppression of the black population and was also active in the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

While a student, Klopper met his wife, Mary Turvey, a social scientist who shared his left wing leanings. Mary, whom he married in 1944 and who preceded him in death (2006), was fluent in French, Italian, and German, and had worked with the intelligence corps in Kenya deciphering Italian coded military communications. Klopper devoted much of his retirement to country pursuits, including fly fishing on the River Dee, shooting grouse and pheasants, and entering gundog trials.

– Submitted by John O. L. DeLancey, MD

In Memoriam



Lawrence D. Longo, MD, DHC (Hon)
January 5, 2016

Born October 11, 1926, and raised in Los Angeles, California, Dr. Lawrence D. Longo passed away on January 5, 2016. He attended Pacific Union College as an undergraduate and obtained his medical degree from the College of Medical Evangelists (now Loma Linda University School of Medicine). He served his internship and residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the Los Angeles County Hospital.

Dr. Longo began his career as an obstetrician/gynecologist; however, he had a burning life-long passion for research. To pursue this calling, he returned to Loma

Linda University in 1973 and established the Center for Perinatal Biology, a premier center of research in the field of developmental physiology that bears his name. Dr. Longo's early work on the relation of carbon dioxide to fetal oxygenation was the basis of his contributions to several of the Surgeon General's reports on Smoking and Health. He also played a key role in legislation that required warning labels on cigarette packages regarding the hazards of smoking for the pregnant woman and her fetus.

Dr. Longo served as a scientific consultant to the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, and the National Research Council. He also served on an advisory panel of the Environmental Protection Agency, which made recommendations leading to the enactment of the Clean Air Act. His recent work explored the epigenetic basis of maternal dietary deprivation, hypoxia, and other stress on gene regulation in the fetus, with the development of hypertension and related diseases in the adult. Dr. Longo's research was funded by the National Institutes of Health and other agencies for almost five decades. He authored more than 350 scientific papers, and authored or edited 20 books.

In 1987, Dr. Longo spearheaded the organization and funding of the Reproductive Scientist Development Program (RSDP) that recognized the importance of physician-scientists in medical research. His efforts to expand the research capabilities of academic obstetrics and gynecology departments culminated in this national program (currently in its 28th year) that trains committed young obstetrician gynecologists for a career in fundamental biomedical sciences.

Dr. Longo received numerous honors and awards for his contributions to medicine, including Fellowship *ad eundem* by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Great Britain (1994) and the President's Distinguished Scientist Award by the Society for Gynecologic Investigation (1996). He was also awarded the degree Doctor Honoris Causa by the University of Uruguay in 2011.

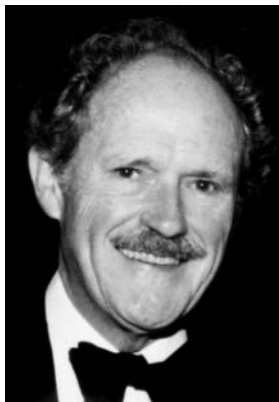
As a renowned bibliophile, he was known for his work in the history of medicine and chaired the Classics of Obstetrics and Gynecology Library. His recent work was derived from his own personal medical history collection, in collaboration with Dr. Lawrence P. Reynolds and is entitled "Wombs with a View"—a volume of illustrations of classic works from the 15th to 19th century with accompanying essays noting both the significance of the image and the background on the life and work of the authors. His medical history book collection was one of the premier collections in the world. Showing his true altruism and generosity, he donated this collection to the public domain. The Lawrence D. and Betty Jeanne Longo Collection of Reproductive Biology, a comprehensive collection that Dr. Longo amassed over a period of 60 years on the history of human reproduction, is currently at the Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens (San Marino, CA).

Dr. Longo will be remembered as an internationally recognized and respected physician in the specialties of Physiology and Obstetrics & Gynecology, and as a researcher, mentor, teacher, missionary, innovator, medical historian, and ambassador of academic scholarship.

Dr. Longo was a wonderful husband and father. He imparted his appreciation for art, learning, and languages to his four children and four grandchildren. His love for his family, dedication to his work, and commitment to service is an inspiration to us all.

*Submitted by John O. L. DeLancey, MD with
primary contributions from Ronald R. Magness, PhD
and Lubo Zhang, PhD*

In Memoriam



James A. Merrill, MD
January 16, 2014

Dr. James A. Merrill, former Executive Director of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and a nationally known academic physician, died on January 16, 2014. He was 88 years old. Dr. Merrill received his BA from the University of California, Berkeley in 1945, and his medical degree from the University of California, San Francisco, in 1948. After serving in the U.S. Air Force Medical Corps, Merrill returned to UCSF in 1953, where he completed residency training and became an assistant professor in Obstetrics and Gynecology. In 1957, he was named a Markle Scholar in Medical Science.

In 1961, when he was only thirty-five years old, Dr.

Merrill became Professor and the first Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine. He chaired the department until 1983, when he was appointed Executive Director of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and moved to Seattle. In 1993, Dr. Merrill retired, and he and his wife moved to Moraga, California.

Dr. Merrill considered himself primarily a medical educator. Regardless of how intense his other duties—which included administrative, research and clinical—were, his primary allegiance was to the education of fellow physicians. No group superseded medical students in this, his major passion. Teaching time was inviolate. At once fiercely demanding and inspiring, he received the University of Oklahoma's Regents' Award for Superior Teaching in 1969, and he was repeatedly selected by medical students to receive the Aesculapian Award for teaching.

His many publications included a co-edited textbook. His work continues to be recognized at the University of Oklahoma by the James A. Merrill Chair in Obstetrics and Gynecology and the James A. Merrill Award, given annually to a third-year medical student for academic and clinical excellence in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Dr. Merrill was never one to shy away from controversy, and in fact enjoyed defending issues and practices that were not well-accepted at the time. These included access to care for all, contraception, training of Nurse Practitioners, the presence of fathers in the delivery room, and gender re-assignment surgery. He was a humanist who reveled in ethical controversies and designed his arguments in a

logical and enthusiastic fashion. He was instrumental in co-founding two organizations: The Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics and The International Society for Advancement of Humanistic Studies in Gynecology. In the presentation he prepared for the latter organization in 2011, he continued to advocate for the dignity of patients—particularly women. He admonished doctors to “relate to the patient, not to yourself.”

Dr. Merrill led an exciting and robust life combining his medical and artistic pursuits; today he would be considered a Renaissance Man. His breadth of knowledge in medicine was astonishing. During the preparation of board examinations, his knowledge far exceeded that of specialists in Reproductive Endocrinology, Gynecologic Oncology, and Maternal/Fetal Medicine—in addition to generalists. He was usually right, and bargaining was never an option. He had a subtle tongue-in-cheek sense of humor, although paradoxically, he could also be impish at times. In another life, he could have been a very successful thespian.

James Merrill represented the best in our field. He had tremendous integrity and honesty. This is best exemplified by controversies surrounding the boards; many thought that he was arbitrary in his decisions, but in truth he ran the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology “strictly by the book.” He often said that if he didn’t like what was in the book, in the next publication of the guidelines, it would be necessary to “change the book.”

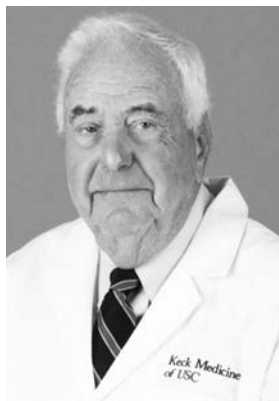
He was the classical “tough teacher” that one only appreciates in retrospect. He garnered tremendous respect from all who interacted with him. He also had

an inscrutable side. Overall, Dr. James Merrill was a brilliant character and looked the part—just picture his countenance.

He married Patricia Gallagher in 1949 and together they raised four daughters. He was devoted not only to his family, but also to all the people he liked.

*– Submitted by Alan H. DeCherney, MD
and John O. L. DeLancey, MD*

In Memoriam



Daniel R. Mishell Jr., MD

May 4, 2016

Daniel R. Mishell Jr., MD, a longtime professor and former chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Keck School of Medicine of USC, died May 4, 2016. He was 84.

Dr. Mishell earned his bachelor and medical degrees from Stanford University, then went on to an internship at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. He received his residency training in internal medicine at Bellevue Hospital (Cornell University) and in obstetrics and gynecology at UCLA. He also did a research fellowship in reproductive endocrinology at Uppsala, Sweden. He performed his

military service in the U.S. Air Force for two years in the midst of his medical training.

During his time at UCLA, Mishell performed the first immunoassays of human chorionic gonadotrophin in urine and serum, which revolutionized pregnancy testing. He also was the first to describe serum gonadotropin and steroid patterns throughout the menstrual cycle, which allowed women to determine when they were most fertile and most likely to conceive.

A national and international pioneer in the fields of contraception, infertility, and reproductive endocrinology related to menopause, Dr. Mishell was recruited to USC from UCLA in 1969 and went on to serve as chairman from 1978 to 2005. He was appointed the Lyle G. McNeile Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology in 1989. He remained a valued and highly respected member of the department until his retirement on April 4, 2016. Dan was the consummate teacher. He was both feared and revered by the residents. He received the first teaching award given by the residents in 1973. During his career, he trained over 400 residents to provide excellent health, an accomplishment in which he took great pride.

Mishell's original research resulted in the development of the numerous devices and hormonal treatments used for contraception today, as well as technologies that allowed women who desired pregnancy to more easily conceive. He worked to develop the copper IUD and Norplant, and also conducted the first study of the use of steroid-impregnated vaginal rings for contraception. Other interventions he tested included low-dose birth control pills and injectable

and implantable contraceptives.

Mishell was the recipient of numerous prestigious honors. He was named as an honorary member of the Sociedad Mexicana de Nutricion y Endocrinologia, A.C., elected as Fellow ad eundem of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, and received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Society of Family Planning. He was elected president of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology from 1986 to 1990, and chairman from 1990 to 1994. He also served as president of the Pacific Coast Fertility Society and the Society for Gynecologic Investigation and served as advisor, board, and council member for numerous national and international committees, task forces, and councils.

Mishell was editor-in-chief of the journal *Contraception* for more than 40 years, as well as the quarterly *Dialogues in Contraception*. He was an editor or associate editor of every major journal in the field. He published well over 350 scientific and clinical articles and chapters. He was one of the original four authors of the textbook *Comprehensive Gynecology*, as well as co-author of a number of gynecologic textbooks and senior editor of *Yearbook of Obstetrics and Gynecology* for 16 years.

Mishell is survived by his wife, Carol, and his three children, Sandra, Daniel III, and Tanya.

– Submitted by Edward J. Quilligan, MD
and John O. L. DeLancey, MD

In Memoriam



Warren Harland Pearse, MD
November 16, 2015

Dr. Warren Pearse died peacefully on November 16, 2015, at the age of 88. Dr. Pearse was born in Detroit, Michigan, on September 28, 1927. He earned his undergraduate degree from Michigan State University and his medical degree from Northwestern University. Following two years in the Army Medical Service, he completed his residency at the University of Michigan under Dr. Norman F. Miller. He initially joined his father in Detroit, Michigan, to practice obstetrics and gynecology. He later moved to Gallipolis, Ohio, and then to Omaha, Nebraska, where he joined the University of Nebraska faculty. He rose to the rank of chair at the University of

Nebraska Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. In 1971, he moved to Richmond, Virginia, to become Dean at the Medical College of Virginia. In 1975, he accepted the position of Executive Director of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), where he remained until his retirement 18 years later in 1993.

Dr. Pearse accomplished many goals in his career. He was an obstetrician–gynecologist in private practice, a university department chair, and a medical school dean. The culmination of these goals was his leadership of ACOG, which has had a significant and lasting effect on the profession of obstetrics and gynecology. Dr. Pearse had the insight to move ACOG from its founding home in Chicago, Illinois, to Washington, D.C., in 1981. He recognized the need for ACOG to become more politically active, visible, and on the front line in the advancement of women’s health care. On the heels of the ACOG move to Washington, Dr. Pearse was able to acquire funding through a donation from the estate of Jay Bay Jacobs, MD, for the construction of the ACOG headquarters office building. Upon his retirement, the building was renamed the Warren H. Pearse Building in his honor.

During his academic and administrative career, he made substantial contributions to our field as a strong advocate for women. In 1990, he founded the Jacobs Institute of Women’s Health and was the Founding Editor of *Women’s Health Issues*. During his time as executive director, he made important contributions to issues facing obstetrics and gynecology. He performed a detailed analysis of work force issues in the field and provided honest, clear-eyed evaluations of the changing nature of the work force as

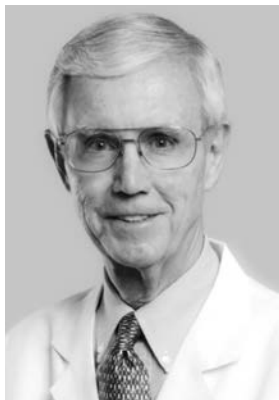
obstetricians and gynecologists took on larger roles as primary care physicians. He also evaluated the emergence of women in practice and the retirement patterns of ob/gyn specialists, and played a key role in the development of subspecialties and the nature of residency education. In 1989, he foresaw the rapid changes in information that have come to pass and was intimately involved in addressing the liability crisis that deeply affected our discipline. In the midst of transformative changes, he remained a voice of wisdom and championed the honest, reasoned approach to change.

Retirement afforded Dr. Pearse the time to enjoy boating on the Chesapeake Bay, model railroading, curling, vacationing in Wisconsin, and traveling the Lincoln Highway. He loved history and was especially interested in early medical history, World War II, and Queen Victoria. Dr. Pearse was a devoted Nebraska Cornhuskers fan, and he enjoyed puns, jokes, and limericks.

His wife of 62 years, Jacqueline Langan, preceded him in death. He is survived by his four loving daughters—Kathy LaFayette (Larry) of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Susan Miles (Joseph) of Ashland, Virginia; Laurie Hudgins (Stephen) of Blacksburg, Virginia; Mara Burke (Richard) of Iowa City, Iowa—as well as his sister Mary Ray, brother-in-law Jack Ray, sister-in-law Connie Stanilus, 10 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren.

– *Submitted by Hal C. Lawrence III, MD
and John O. L. DeLancey, MD*

In Memoriam



William Nelson Spellacy, MD
October 8, 2015

William Nelson Spellacy, an icon of American obstetrics and gynecology who chaired departments in three medical schools, died at aged 81 on October 8, 2015 in Tampa, Florida. His death was caused by complications from a fall experienced two years earlier.

A regular contributor to AGOS meetings, Dr. Spellacy was among a fast-disappearing cadre who attained Fellowship in the organization by virtue of election to its two predecessor societies, the American Gynecological Society and the American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Election to each involved presentation

and rigorous evaluation of an original thesis, steps Bill accomplished in successive years in the early 1970s.

Bill was educated at the University of Minnesota for both undergraduate and medical studies, graduating with honors in both cases. He then completed residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the same institution. As a resident, he did landmark original research on the effect of pregnancy on maternal insulin levels. This report, published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, was the first of his more than 500 research publications that covered an astonishingly wide array of subjects, with a common focus on pregnancy and its complications.

Following relatively brief terms on the faculty of his alma mater and then the University of Miami, he began a remarkable academic odyssey that would take him successively to the chair of three medical school departments—the University of Florida, the University of Illinois, and the University of South Florida. He spent about a decade at each stop, and in each location he built an outstanding academic department. In 2002, he stepped down from the chair at South Florida but continued in full time teaching and research, including the role of residency program director, until his final illness.

He participated actively in national and international organizations, often in leadership roles, but took special care to ensure that these activities did not interfere with his obligations at home base. Recognition of his great abilities led naturally to his election to the presidency of many organizations, among them the Society For Gynecologic (now Reproductive) Investigation, the Association of

Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics, and the Society of Perinatal Obstetricians (now Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine). He shaped the specialty as a director of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and he served on the Council of the National Institute of Child Health and Development, along with numerous editorial boards. He brought to all these positions an unwavering objective, a thoughtful approach, and a remarkable ability to think strategically.

Honors and recognitions came to him in abundance. He was elected to the Institute (now National Academy) of Medicine and the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists as a Fellow *ad eundem*. In 2012, he received the Dean's award of his medical school and gave the commencement address.

He was a charismatic and inspirational teacher and mentor—admired and even revered by students, residents, and fellows. Especially adept in faculty development, he found ways to encourage, guide, and when necessary, subtly correct junior faculty colleagues. By his own example, he taught all that every patient deserves respect and dignity, along with the very best care. All of these qualities were levied with a subtle but keen sense of humor.

Bill was an avid long-distance runner and completed marathons on several occasions. Family relations were especially important to him. He is survived by his wife Lynne Larsen, three children (Kathleen Spellacy, William N. Spellacy, Jr., and Kimberly Schroeder), and six grandchildren.

If it is true, as Mohammed tells us, “A man’s true wealth is the good he does in this world,” few of us will ever know anyone as wealthy as William N. Spellacy.

– Submitted by Dr. Roy M. Pitkin, MD

In Memoriam



Richard Symmonds, MD

February 7, 2016

Dr. Richard (Dick) Symmonds died on February 7, 2016 at the age of 93. At a very young age, Dick would routinely accompany and assist his father, a rural Missouri physician, on house calls, where he developed an early appreciation of the rigors and gratification inherent in the profession. As a student-athlete, he attended Central Missouri Methodist College and subsequently matriculated at the Duke University School of Medicine. He was a member of the Duke University Medical School basketball team and participated in what is chronicled in “The Secret Game” by Scott Ellsworth as the first interracial basketball game in Durham, N.C.

Following service in the U.S. Naval Reserve, Dr. Symmonds initiated his fellowship in obstetrics and gynecology at the Mayo Clinic and joined the staff there as an obstetrician and medical gynecologist in 1953. His desire became to garner surgical privileges, which were predicated on the completion of a residency in general surgery. He accomplished this in 1958, which afforded him a staff appointment in the Department of General Surgery. The latter required participation in “general surgery call” and initially complicated certification in obstetrics and gynecology due to lack of gender specificity.

Dick’s extraordinary surgical expertise was readily apparent in his individual design and execution of procedures addressing, but not limited to, congenital anomalies, pelvic floor dysfunction, and gynecologic malignancies. Reflecting his high daily volume, timely outcomes analyses were readily generated, which he considered paramount not only for improving the subsequent outcomes of his practice, but for sharing via publications with fellow surgical colleagues. He advanced through the academic ranks to Professor in 1970 and chaired the Division of Gynecologic Surgery until his retirement in 1983. Recognizing the need for additional surgical training for numerous complex gynecologic diseases, Dr. Symmonds initiated an advanced pelvic surgical fellowship at Mayo, which was the forerunner of the current gynecologic oncology fellowship. His foresight in recognizing the importance of and instituting surgical training in the upper abdomen for gynecologic oncologists was fundamental for accomplishing cytoreductive surgery as practiced today. Dick viewed mentorship as a lifelong endeavor and savored consultative interactions even after retirement.

Dr. Symmonds was a member of several specialty organizations, serving in various administrative capacities including President of the Society of Gynecologic Surgeons and the Society of Gynecologic Oncology.

Most importantly Dick served as a consummate role model for his children and their families. He is survived by Dege, his wife of 72 years; daughter Terry Symmonds Scott (Steven) of Salt Lake City, Utah; sons Dr. Richard E. Symmonds Jr. (Julia) of Temple, Texas and Dr. Jeffrey B. Symmonds (Andrea) of Boise, Idaho; and eight grandchildren.

– Submitted by Karl C. Podratz, MD, PhD

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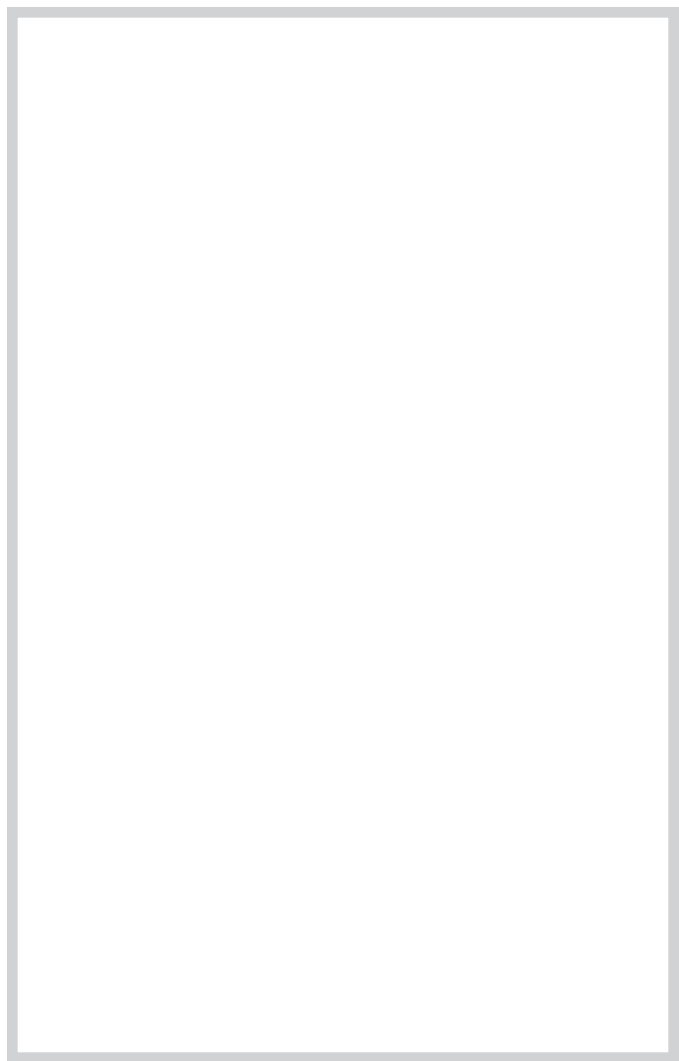
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