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**The American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society  
2021 President**



**Maureen G. Phipps, MD, MPH, FACOG  
Washington, DC**

**Maureen G. Phipps, MD, MPH, FACOG**, is the CEO of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. She is Professor Emeritus, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University and is currently serving as the 40th president of the American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society.

Prior to joining ACOG as CEO, Dr. Phipps served as professor and chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and assistant dean for Teaching and Research in Women's Health at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. She led numerous initiatives at Brown and Women & Infants Hospital and in Rhode Island, including directing the Brown and Women & Infants Hospital National Center of Excellence in Women's Health and leading the Rhode Island Task Force on Premature Birth. Her research and academic activities involve collaborations across departments, hospitals, and state agencies. Dr. Phipps was the principal investigator or co-investigator in numerous projects and programs funded through the National Institutes of Health and other agencies. Dr. Phipps' broad interest in women's health is geared toward improving the health of women, their families, and communities with a specific focus on under resourced and vulnerable women. In addition to promoting excellence in clinical care and research, she is dedicated to changing the culture of medicine through addressing health inequities and systemic racism, increasing inclusion, promoting the full range of access for everyone needing obstetrics and gynecologic care and supporting the next generation of women's health leaders.

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## **2020 New Fellows of The American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society**



**Bryann Bromley, MD**

**Massachusetts General Hospital**

**Boston, Massachusetts**

Dr. Bromley is board certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology and Maternal-Fetal Medicine. She attended Stanford University, where she received a B.S. and M.S. in Biological Sciences. Dr. Bromley received her M.D. from Cornell University Medical College in 1983 and subsequently completed her internship and residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital. She went on to do a fellowship in Maternal-Fetal Medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital. Dr. Bromley joined the Maternal-Fetal Medicine faculty practice at Brigham and Women's Hospital. In 1994, she returned to Massachusetts General Hospital as one of the founding members of the new division of Obstetrics, where she continues to practice as an active member of the obstetric ultrasound team. Dr. Bromley is also a partner in Diagnostic Ultrasound Associates, a private imaging practice. She has authored numerous papers on the prenatal diagnosis of fetal conditions and gynecologic abnormalities.

Dr. Bromley is a fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. She is a member of the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine and a board director of the Foundation for the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine. Dr. Bromley is a fellow of the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine, having served in numerous leadership positions within that society including several terms as director of the Ultrasound Practice Accreditation Council. Dr. Bromley is president of the Perinatal Quality Foundation and a board member of the Gottesfeld-Hohler Memorial Foundation for ultrasound education and research in Ob-Gyn.



**Seine Chiang, MD**  
**University of Washington**  
**Seattle, Washington**

At the University of Washington, Dr. Chiang currently serves as the chief of the UW Women's Health Division and Associate Medical Director of the multidisciplinary UW Women's Health Care Clinic. Over the past 27 years in academic medicine at UTMB, UAB, and now UW, She has enjoyed the privilege of mentoring and training the next generation of women's health specialists as the former course director for 2nd year Reproductive Endocrinology course, OBGYN clerkship director, OBGYN Continuity Clinic Medical Director, and most recently, the OBGYN residency Director for the past 14 years. Nationally, Dr. Chiang, has served on USMLE Step 2 IRC, ABOG Board of Directors, ACGME OBGYN Review Committee, and formerly on CREOG Executive Committee and CREOG Region V representative.

While Dr. Chiang has developed leadership and expertise in medical education, her love is clinical medicine, expanding access, and improving the care of women, particularly those who are underserved. Her clinical interest include office and surgical gynecology, management of genital dysplasia and HPV-related disorders, complex gynecology referrals from the 5 state WWAMI region, and minimally invasive surgery including robotics. In her "free" time, she enjoys kombucha brewing, sourdough baking, grafting fruit trees, cultivating my edible landscape, and spending time with her husband who is an anesthesia-critical care physician, her son and daughter, and two rescue puppies- Hans (German Shepard) and Lulu (blue nose pit bull).





**Mark DeFrancesco, MD, MBA**  
**University of Connecticut (retired)**  
**Cheshire, Connecticut**

Mark S. DeFrancesco, MD is a Past President of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG). He also served as the ACOG National Secretary, chair of several committees and task forces and also held section and district leadership roles. After almost 40 years, he has transitioned from a clinical role to an administrative role within his practice. He is one of the founders of Women's Health Connecticut, one of the largest ObGyn practices in the USA, and served as its Chief Medical Officer from 1997 – 2014.

In addition to his clinical and administrative roles, he has a strong background in accreditation. He was a board member for many years, and a past President of the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC). He also served as a board member and the Vice Chair of the Accreditation Association for Hospitals and Health Systems (AAHHS/HFAP), until its merger with the Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC). He continues to serve on the Board of the ACHC. During his active clinical years, Dr. DeFrancesco was a principal investigator for approximately 20 clinical research projects.

A graduate of Yale University, he received his medical education and did residency at the University of Connecticut. In the 1990's, he recognized the growing intrusion of business into healthcare and went on to earn an MBA from the University of New Haven. Dr. DeFrancesco has published multiple articles, abstracts and book chapters, and has been a frequent speaker on various clinical, patient safety and "Business of Medicine" topics. He was an Assistant Clinical Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Connecticut Health Center until his retirement from clinical practice. Prior to becoming a physician, Dr. DeFrancesco had a brief career in banking and also served as a State Representative in the Connecticut State Legislature.



**Emily DeFranco, DO, MS**

**University of Cincinnati College of Medicine**

**Cincinnati, Ohio**

Emily DeFranco, DO, MS is a productive clinician scientist conducting clinical research at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. Her primary research interest is in the area of preterm birth, focusing on both clinical trials for prematurity prevention and epidemiologic studies evaluating genetic and environmental influences on preterm delivery. She has published over 100 peer-reviewed scientific studies and has given over 200 scientific presentations at national and international scientific meetings. She is a patent holder from her sentinel work on progesterone for the prevention of spontaneous preterm birth. Her additional areas of research focus include infant mortality, birth spacing, social determinants of health and racial disparities in perinatal outcomes. She enjoys mentoring undergraduate students, medical students, and physicians in training in their acquisition of knowledge of hypothesis generation, study design, and application of clinical research.

Dr. DeFranco joined the faculty at UC in the Department of OB/GYN in 2008. She received a Master's Degree in Clinical and Translational research from the University of Cincinnati in 2010. She is the Director of the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, Professor and Vice Chair of Obstetrics at UC. She is board certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology and Maternal Fetal Medicine, and is a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.



**Jennifer Dietrich, MD, MSc**  
**Baylor College of Medicine**  
**Houston, Texas**

Dr. Dietrich is a Tenured Professor in the Departments of OB/GYN and Pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine. She is the Fellowship Director and Division Director for Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology, and has been the Chief of Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology at Texas Children's Hospital since 2007. She became Medical Staff President of Texas Children's Hospital in 2021. Dr. Dietrich grew up in Pocatello, ID and completed her undergraduate training with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Biology at Pacific Lutheran University. She obtained her Medical Degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin. She completed OBGYN residency at Baylor College of Medicine and went on to complete her Fellowship in Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology and obtained a Masters of Public Health and Clinical Investigation at the University of Louisville in 2006.

Dr. Dietrich is internationally known in her field for congenital anomalies of the reproductive tract, bleeding disorders, ovarian cysts and masses and ovarian torsion in children and adolescents. She served as the Associate Editor of Gynecology for the Journal of Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology for 14 years. Finally, she is a Past President of the North American Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology (NASPAG) and helped with the development of an MOC program and examination focused on Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology with ABOG.



**Siobhan Dolan, MD, MPH, MS, MBA**  
**Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai**  
**New, New York**

Siobhan Dolan, MD, MPH, MS, MBA, joined the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Science as Professor and System Vice Chair for Research in August, 2020. In her role, she is the Inaugural Director of the Division of Genetics and Genomics in OB/GYN where she is part of an institution-wide initiative led by Dean Dennis Charney of the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai to increase the integration of genetics and genomics into clinical care.

Board-certified in both Obstetrics & Gynecology and Clinical Genetics, Dr. Dolan graduated magna cum laude with honors from Brown University and received her medical degree from Harvard Medical School. She did her residency in OB/GYN at the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center and Yale-New Haven Hospital and her fellowship in clinical genetics at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She received a master's degree in public health from the Mailman School of Public Health of Columbia University. Recently, Dr. Dolan received an MBA from Cornell's SC Johnson Graduate School of Management and an MS in Healthcare Leadership and Policy from Weill Cornell Medicine.



**Eve Feinberg, MD**

**Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine  
Chicago, Illinois**

Dr. Feinberg is an Associate Professor at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and serves as the REI Fellowship Program Director as well as the Medical Director for Northwestern Fertility and Reproductive Medicine. She is the immediate past-President of the Society for Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility and is an Editorial Editor for Fertility and Sterility and the creator and co-host of Fertility and Sterility On-Air podcast.

Dr. Feinberg is a fierce advocate for women's health and reproductive choice and has written opinion pieces that have been published in the Washington Post, STATnews, Rewire, The Hill and Time magazine. She serves on the national medical committee for Planned Parenthood Federation of America. Dr. Feinberg is also the Founder and President of the Chicago Coalition for Family Building, a collaborative not-for-profit organization that provides financial assistance to individuals and couples who are struggling with infertility.



**Saketh Guntupalli, MD**  
**University of Colorado-Denver**  
**Dener, Colorado**

Saketh R. Guntupalli, MD, is Associate Professor and Director of the Division of Gynecologic Oncology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine at Denver and holds the Karen M. Jennison Endowed Chair in Gynecologic Oncology research. He formerly served as Vice-Chair for Clinical Affairs/Quality in the Department of OB-GYN and director of the fellowship program in gynecologic oncology. He received his undergraduate degree from the Johns Hopkins University and his medical degree from the University of Texas at Houston. After a 4-year residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Baylor College of Medicine, Dr. Guntupalli completed an additional 3-year surgical fellowship in gynecologic oncology and advanced pelvic surgery at Washington University in St. Louis. Dr. Guntupalli is a leading national and international expert in women's cancer and has lectured all over the world on surgical expertise and molecular mechanisms of cancer. He has authored over 80 clinical papers and has led multiple collaborative research studies focused on improving post-operative surgical outcomes as well as identifying novel therapies for the treatment of ovarian and uterine cancer.

Dr. Guntupalli has additional expertise in sexual dysfunction broadly in cancer patients and has authored a New York Times–reviewed book and multiple editorials in Forbes. He serves on multiple national committees including the Chair of Legislative Affairs for the Society of Gynecologic Oncology and as well as serving on the executive committee of the Western Association of Gynecologic Oncologists. He is a member of the editorial board of Obstetrics & Gynecology. In his spare time, Dr. Guntupalli is a close follower of national politics, hiker, and



**Lisa Harris, MD, PhD**

**University of Michigan**

**Ann Arbor, Michigan**

Lisa Harris, MD, PhD, is the F. Wallace and Janet Jeffries Collegiate Professor of Reproductive Health, and Professor and Associate Chair in University of Michigan's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. She is also a Professor of Women's and Gender Studies in UM's College of Literature, Sciences and Arts. She directs UM's Fellowship in Complex Family Planning, as well as the undergraduate Health Sciences Scholars Program.

After college and medical school at Harvard University, Dr. Harris completed residency at University of California, San Francisco. Because so many issues in reproductive health have to do as much with culture and politics as with biomedical sciences, she went on to earn a PhD in American Culture. She is now an active clinician, teacher and researcher. Her clinical work focuses on miscarriage and family planning. She teaches across disciplines and schools at UM. Her research is similarly interdisciplinary, exploring abortion stigma, experiences of abortion care providers, race and social class stratification of reproduction, and the role of doctors' voices in shifting culture for abortion. She is the recipient of a variety of awards, including the Association of Reproductive Health Professionals' "Preserving Core Values in Science Award," and the Society of Family Planning's Outstanding Researcher Award.



**Barbara Hoffman, MD**

**University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center**

**Dallas, Texas**

As a generalist in obstetrics and gynecology, Dr. Hoffman's academic area of expertise is technical writing and textbook production. She serves as an editor of Williams Obstetrics and of Cunningham and Gilstrap's Operative Obstetrics. Dr. Hoffman has also spearheaded initial development of the 1300-page, multi-authored Williams Gynecology and have functioned as senior editor of all four editions. Dr. Hoffman has co-authored several study guides, which complement both Williams texts.

She has participated as an oral examiner in Board Certification in Obstetrics and Gynecology for the past 10 years. Dr. Hoffman has served on the Maintenance of Certification Examination (MOC) Committee Gynecology since 2014. Dr. Hoffman is a member of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists task force to improve maternal care. As a surveyor in the Texas Levels of Maternal Care program, she completes physical hospital surveys to evaluate obstetrical care and clinical practices across the state. Goals are to share best practices and improve maternal care.

Clinically, Dr. Hoffman works at Parkland Memorial Hospital both in Labor and Delivery and in the Obstetrics and Gynecology Emergency Services units. Her bedside work with residents provides ample opportunity to identify essential teaching points, which improves patient care and our textbooks.





**Erica Johnstone, MD**  
**University of Utah**  
**Salt Lake City, Utah**

Erica B. Johnstone, M.D., M.H.S., is a gynecologist and reproductive endocrinologist in the Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility. Dr. Johnstone clinical interests include reproductive endocrine disorders and all types of infertility, and she also works with hormonal disorders in children and adolescents. Her research interests include polycystic ovary syndrome and ovarian aging. Dr. Johnstone received her bachelor's degree from Yale University, and earned her medical degree and completed her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Duke University. She joined the University of Utah Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology in 2010. She enjoys running, biking, and hiking with her husband and 2 young children.



**D. Yvette LaCoursiere, MD, MPH**  
**University of California, San Diego**  
**San Diego, California**

In the spirit of an academic generalist, Dr. LaCoursiere balances research, clinical care and education. Gratefully beginning her faculty career at the University of Utah, she returned to UCSD to complete the WRHR Program where she focused on maternal obesity. Since then, all of her clinical research has been interdisciplinary in nature, but after 2015, she has the added privilege of participating on the NIH's Prevention of Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms transdisciplinary consortium aimed at better understanding bladder health to improve the lives of women and girls. After her WRHR, she married her research and clinical interests and established the UCSD Maternal Weight and Wellness Program providing safe and compassionate care of women with obesity.

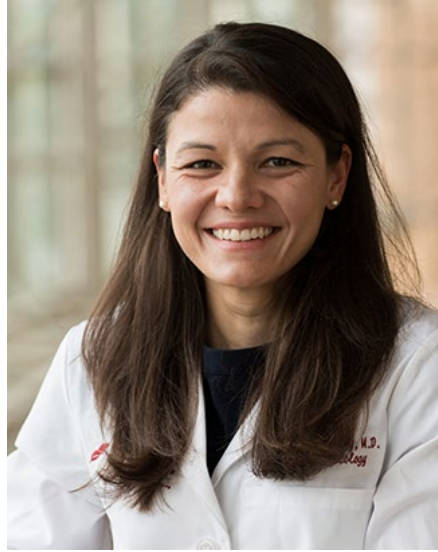
In all aspects of her work, learners are a cherished part of her team. She dedicates her time to teaching and mentoring OBGYN residents, since 2014 serving as the Residency Director. Additionally, she enjoys serving as a reviewer for over a dozen journals, reviewer and moderator for CREOG-APGO and ACOG Conferences. Shortly after participating in the APGO Scholars and Leaders Program, she served on the APGO Technology Committee and the SASGOG Presidential Task Force on General Division Profiles. She is now excited to serve on SASGOG Board of Directors, Vice Chair of Education and Vice Chair of the University's GME Committee. As expected from a residency director with two teenaged daughters, she relishes in the unpredictable.



**Shawn Menefee, MD**  
**Kaiser Permanente**  
**San Deigo, California**

Dr. Shawn Menefee is a clinician investigator and director of the Division of Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery at the Kaiser Permanente San Diego Medical Center. As co-director of the joint University of California, San Diego, and Kaiser Permanente Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship, he had the opportunity to educate and supervise residents and fellows. He is a site primary investigator in the Pelvic Floor Disorders Network and was the site primary investigator for 2 cycles of the Urinary Incontinence Treatment Network. Dr. Menefee has taken a large role in the intellectual pursuits of these networks, from protocol development to the interpretation and write-up of results.

Dr. Menefee has developed a research infrastructure within the Division of Clinical Trials Research that drives quality through clinical research. He has also collaborated on research trials on vaginal mesh, robotic surgery, complications of mesh and laparoscopic hysterectomy, microscopic hematuria, surgical ergonomics, and demand for pelvic floor care.



**Katherine Moxley, MD**  
**Stephenson Cancer Center**  
**Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**



**Luis D Pacheco, MD**  
**University of Texas Medical Branch**  
**Galveston, Texas**

Dr. Luis Diego Pacheco, MD, completed his residency and medical school at the University of Costa Rica, with a further internship and residency at the University of Texas Medical Branch. It was at the latter where he also gained fellowships in Maternal-Fetal Medicine and Anesthesia Critical Care.

His specialties include; Anesthesiology, Maternal Fetal Medicine (Ob/Gyn) & Ob/Gyn – Maternal Fetal Medicine. He is board certified in both Obstetrics & Gynecology and Maternal Fetal Medicine, by the American Board of Obstetrics & Gynecology. And also in Critical Care Medicine by the American Board of Anesthesiology Examination and the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. His field of interest covers OB/GYN and Surgical Critical Care.



**Elena Ratner, MD**

**Yale University School of Medicine  
New Haven, CT**

Elena Ratner, M.D., MBA is an Associate Professor in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences at Yale University School of Medicine. Dr. Ratner is a Board Certified Gynecologic oncologist with special interests in chemotherapy targeted drug development, patient quality of life programs and early cancer detection. She is the director of Discovery To Cure, director of Discovery to Cure Early Ovarian Cancer Detection program and a founder and director of Sexuality, Intimacy and Menopause cancer survivorship program. Her expertise is cytoreductive surgery for patients with advanced ovarian cancer, minimally invasive procedures (advanced laparoscopy and robotics) for patients with gynecologic malignancies or complex benign gynecologic conditions, robotic fertility sparing surgery for young patients with cancer.

Dr. Ratner's laboratory is working on new targeted drugs for ovarian cancer in order to provide patients with truly personalized care. Her work additionally focuses on reversing chemotherapy resistance in ovarian and uterine cancers. Dr. Ratner is a recipient of multiple clinical and teaching awards, including 2015 Yale University Smilow Cancer Center Award for Clinical Excellence.



**Debra Richardson, MD**

**Stephenson Cancer Center, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

Debra L. Richardson is Associate Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology and the Section Chief of Gynecologic Oncology at the Stephenson Cancer Center, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. She spends 50% of her time leading phase I clinical trials within the SCC early phase drug development unit. She is a GOG Foundation Scholar, and a member of the GOG Partners Investigator Council. She is very involved in NRG Oncology, and is a member of the Ovarian and Developmental Therapeutics Committees and the Chair of the Early Phase Trial Oversight Committee.

Dr. Richardson completed residency at the University of Connecticut, Gynecologic Oncology fellowship at The Ohio State University, and was faculty at UT Southwestern for 8 years. She is currently serving as the Gyn Track Lead for the ASCO annual meeting program committee. Her research goals are to develop and lead science based and translationally driven early phase trials and move promising treatments into late phase trials. Dr. Richardson enjoys doing medical missions- and has completed one to Nigeria and one to the Philippines.



**Ginny Ryan, MD, MA**  
**University of Washington**

She received her M.D. from Washington University School of Medicine and an MA in Bioethics from the Medical College of Wisconsin. Dr. Ryan completed both her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology and her fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at the University of Iowa, where she has been since 1999. Dr. Ryan practices Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility, Gynecologic Ultrasound and Pediatric & Adolescent Gynecology at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, acts as Vice-Chair of the Ethics Subcommittee, and serves as a consultant on the hospital's Ethics Consult Service. She is on the admissions committee of the Humanities Distinction Track at the College of Medicine and mentors medical students on this track as well as the Research Distinction Track.

Dr. Ryan is a Women's Reproductive Health Research Scholar whose research interests include reproductive bioethics education, fairness in infertility care access, understanding emerging reproductive technologies, and improving safe outcomes of infertility care. She has also investigated reproductive health and infertility in female veterans and splits her clinical and research efforts between the Iowa City VA and the University of Iowa. Along with her clinical research publications, Dr. Ryan has published on the ethical issues involved in restricting embryo transfer practices, in preserving fertility in children with cancer, and in establishing guidelines for treating obese women with infertility. Dr. Ryan is currently serving on the Committee on Ethics of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG).





**Courtney Schreiber, MD, MPH**

**Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania**

**Philadelphia, PA**

Courtney A. Schreiber MD, MPH is the Stuart and Emily Mudd Professor of Human Behavior & Reproduction and Chief of Family Planning in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Schreiber serves as Director of PEACE, the Pregnancy Early ACcess CEnter where clinical care, research, and teaching are integrated to advance patient-centered family planning and early pregnancy care.

Dr. Schreiber's career goal is to improve the reproductive health of all people, with a focus on underserved populations. She operationalizes this goal through direct service, clinical innovation, and scientific endeavors with public health and policy relevance.



**Joanne Stone, MD, MS**

**Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai**

**New York, New York**

Dr. Stone graduated medical school at Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons and then completed her residency and fellowship in Maternal Fetal Medicine at Mount Sinai. She is a Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Reproductive Science at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in NYC. Dr. Stone is the System Director of MFM, the Fellowship Director as well as the Vice Chair of Diversity and Inclusion for the department. Her special interests lie in prenatal diagnosis and ultrasound guided procedures. Dr. Stone is currently the President-elect for the Society of Maternal Fetal Medicine.



**Mark Turrentine, MD**  
**Baylor College of Medicine**  
**Houston, Texas**

Dr. Mark Turrentine, MD is a Professor and Director of Research for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Division of Gynecologic and Obstetric Specialists, at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. His clinical and research interests include complications and controversies in clinical obstetrics, and over the course of his career, he has authored well over 145 manuscripts, book chapters and abstracts.

Dr. Turrentine serves as the Co-Chair of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists COVID-19 OB Expert Work Group, was the past Chair of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Committee on Obstetrics-Clinical Practice Guidelines (formerly Practice Bulletins), and current Vice-Chair of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Committee on Clinical Consensus – Obstetrics (formerly Committee on Obstetric Practice). He is a co-author on the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists guidelines for the prevention of group B streptococcal early-onset disease in newborns, thrombocytopenia in pregnancy, prenatal care consensus panel and the most recent practice advisories on COVID-19. He is a current Consultant Editor and past editorial board member for Obstetrics and Gynecology and serves as an oral board examiner for the American Board of Obstetrics & Gynecology

# AGOS 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting Schedule of Events

\*This meeting is being held Eastern Standard Time\*

**Friday, September 10, 2021**

<b>Time (EST)</b>	<b>Topic</b>
1:30pm	<b>Connection Time</b>
2:00pm	<b>Welcome and Presidential Address</b> Maureen G. Phipps, MD, MPH, FACOG
2:30pm	<b>Hunter Lecture: Inclusive Excellence</b> Misti Mukherjee, JD, Extensio Law
3:15pm	<b>Connection Time and Break</b>
3:30pm	<b>Price Oration: Global Priorities in Sexual and Reproductive Health and the Journey to Get Here</b> Kelle Moley, MD, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
4:15pm	<b>Connection Time</b>
4:30pm	<b>Break</b>
4:40pm	<b>AAOGF Scholar Presentation: Modifiable Cardiovascular Risk and Cardiovascular Disease Following Hypertensive Disorders of Pregnancy</b> Lauren Theilen, MD, MSCI, University of Utah
5:05pm	<b>AAOGF Scholar Presentation: Reassessing Maternal Oxygen Supplementation for Fetal Resuscitation</b> Nandini Raghuraman, MD, MS, Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis
5:30pm	<b>Anniversary Acknowledgement</b>
5:45pm	<b>Adjourn</b>

**Saturday, September 11, 2021**

9:00am	<b>Women's First Research Coalition Report</b> Nanette Santoro MD, University of Colorado Melissa Simon, MD, MPH, Northwestern University
9:30am	<b>Break</b>
9:35am	<b>AGOS and AAOGF Business Meeting</b>
10:35am	<b>Break</b>
10:45am	<b>Panel: Time for Equity in Obstetrics and Gynecology</b> Linda Brubaker, MD, University of California, San Diego Barbara Goff, MD, University of Washington Erica Marsh, MD, University of Michigan Leslee Suback, MD, Stanford University
11:30am	<b>Connection Time</b>
11:45am	<b>Panel: The Power of Implementation Science to Improve Women's Health.</b> Melissa Simon, MD, MPH, Northwestern University Carolyn Sufirin, MD, PhD, Johns Hopkins Medicine Herbert Peterson, MD, University of North Carolina
12:30pm	<b>Break</b>
12:45pm	<b>Panel: The Covid-19 Global Pandemic: Where We Have Been and Where We Are Going</b> Denise Jamieson, MD, MPH, Emory University Sonja Rasmussen, MD, MS, University of Florida
1:30pm	<b>Connection Time</b>
1:45pm-2:00pm	<b>Closing, Gratitude and Welcoming Incoming President</b> Maureen G. Phipps, MD, MPH, FACOG Dee E. Fenner, MD, University of Michigan
2:00pm	<b>Adjourn</b>

## 2021 The American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society Speakers



**Misti Mukherjee, JD**

### **Extensio Law**

The Founder of Extensio Law, Misti Mukherjee is a pragmatic, service-oriented lawyer who partners with employers in a wide range of issues related to employment law. Misti's almost 30 years of employment law experience integrates a strategic and values-oriented approach.

Known for her commitment to high-quality legal service and counsel, Misti is consistently recognized for her excellent work. She has repeatedly been selected to be included in the Best Lawyers in America® for Employment Law, Virginia's Labor and Employment "Legal Elite" (Virginia Business magazine) and Virginia and Washington DC "Super Lawyers®" for Employment and Labor Law (Law and Politics magazine). SmartCEO magazine has selected Misti as one of its SmartLawyers. Misti has twice been named one of the "Top 25 Women Attorneys" in Virginia by Richmond Magazine and she was listed as one of the "50 Influential Women of Virginia" by Virginia Lawyer's Media.

An award-winning community leader and experienced Board member, Misti is the current Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of Luminis Health Anne Arundel Medical Center. She is also as a Trustee on the Board of Luminis Health. With 595 beds across three hospitals, Luminis Health serves seven counties in Maryland, ensuring that everyone has access to the tools they need to live a healthy life. Misti is a past-Chairman of the Board of Northern Virginia Family Service, she co-founded Executive Women's Roundtable, Inc., and she served for many years as President of HR Leadership Forum. Dedicated to the advancement of education, Misti served for a decade as Trustee of The Madeira School and she has been an Advisory Board member of Marymount University Reston Campus. Misti is a champion of

healthy and inclusive workplaces, and she served for more than a decade as Co-Chair of the Advisory Board of the CARE (Companies as Responsive Employer) Awards. She is the host of *extensio@work*<sup>™</sup>, a podcast series exploring topics of leadership, equity and community @work.

After graduating from the Plan II Honors Program at the University of Texas at Austin, Misti received her law degree from the University of Texas. Prior to forming Extensio Law, Misti was Executive Vice President and General Counsel of a national parking company with 14,000 employees, where she also served as the Chief People Officer. Misti has practiced employment law as a shareholder with national and regional law firms, including Jackson Lewis, PC, and she was Associate Employment Counsel at MCI Communications Corporation. Misti began her career in the employment law practice of Hunton & Williams (now Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP).

Misti is a member of the Virginia State Bar and the District of Columbia Bar.



**Kelle H. Moley, MD**

**Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**

Dr. Kelle Moley is a career physician-scientist obstetrician/gynecologist who currently leads the Reproductive Health Technologies Domain within the Discovery & Translational Sciences, Global Health Division at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Kelle joined BMGF in July 2020, with a 30-year history of basic and translational research on reproductive health issues in females throughout the life course-- from organismal to cellular and molecular levels of metabolic, developmental biology, embryo implantation and decidualization, and infectious diseases of the female reproductive tract.

Kelle earned her BA from Wellesley College, and her MD from Yale Medical School. Thereafter, she pursued an Obstetrics & Gynecology Residency and a Fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology & Fertility at Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine. Kelle then spent the next 3 decades of a thriving research career at Washington University—rising to become the James P. Crane Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology, Vice Chair of Obstetrics & Gynecology, Chief of the Division of Basic & Translational Research for the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, Co-Director of the Institute of Clinical & Translational Science for the School of Medicine, and Director of the Center for Reproductive Health Sciences at the School of Medicine. Her research (published in some 150 peer-reviewed primary articles) led to an international reputation along with numerous honors, including election to the National Academy of Medicine in 2014. She also earned a reputation as a superb mentor to trainees, leading the reproductive endocrinology fellowship program at Washington University until she left academia in 2018.



**Lauren H. Theilen, MD, MSCI**

**University of Utah**

Lauren Theilen is an Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology in the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine at the University of Utah. She attended medical school at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, completed OB/GYN residency training at Washington University in St. Louis, and did her MFM fellowship training at the University of Utah.

Dr. Theilen's clinical and research interests include hypertensive disorders of pregnancy, pregnancy as a window to future health, optimizing postpartum care, and bridging gaps between obstetric and primary/preventive care. She received the 2018-2021 ACOG/ABOG Scholar Award in support of her proposal titled: "Modifiable cardiovascular risk and cardiovascular morbidity following hypertensive disease of pregnancy."





**Nandini Raghuraman, MD, MS**

**Washington University in St. Louis**

Nandini (Nan) Raghuraman, MD MS graduated from the University of Alabama School of Medicine and completed her Obstetrics and Gynecology residency at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Harvard Medical School. She then completed her Maternal-Fetal Medicine fellowship at Washington University in St Louis.

Dr. Raghuraman is currently an Assistant Professor in the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine at Washington University in St Louis and the Maternal Fetal Medicine Fellowship Program Director. She a NIH and SMFM/AAOGF-funded physician scientist with a strong interest in Labor & Delivery clinical trials and evidence- based approaches to intrauterine fetal resuscitation and internal monitoring.



**Linda T. Brubaker, MD, MS**  
**University of California San Diego**

Linda Brubaker, MD, MS is a board-certified FPMRS specialist at the University of California San Diego. She is a prolific researcher with over 375 publications and multiple NIH awards, including serving as a PI for the NIDDK Prevention of Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms (PLUS) Research Consortium. Her current research focus is the human urobiome, recurrent UTI and bladder health. She is an Associate Editor for JAMA, the Editor in Chief for the Journal of FPMRS and the UpToDate Section Editor for FPMRS. Dr. Brubaker has an illustrious academic profile, including service as the Dean of the Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine for nearly 6 years; most recently, she served as Interim Chair at UCSD for over a year.

Dr. Brubaker has received multiple awards which include the Lifetime Achievement Award (American Urogynecologic Society), induction into AOA (2013), Alpha Sigma Nu, the Jesuit Honor Society, the 2007 APGO Excellence in Teaching Award, the 2003 Rush Medical College Distinguished Alumnus Award and the various Faculty Teaching Awards. She has served as the president (and program chairs) of both the American Urogynecologic Society as well as the Society of Gynecologic Surgeons, and as the Division Director for the FPMRS division of ABOG.



**Barbara A. Goff, MD**

**University of Washington**

Dr. Barbara Goff received her MD at the University of Pennsylvania and did her residency at Harvard Medical School. She did her gynecologic oncology fellowship at the Massachusetts General hospital and then joined the faculty at the University of Washington in Seattle. She became the director of the division of gynecologic oncology at the University of Washington and Seattle Cancer Care Alliance in 2005. Her major research focus has been in early detection of ovarian cancer, surgical skills training, novel therapeutics, survivorship and quality outcomes research in the treatment of ovarian cancer. Dr. Goff is an active gynecologic oncologist performing large numbers of surgical cases, administering chemotherapy, and supportive care for gynecologic cancer patients.

Dr. Goff became the president of the Society of Gynecologic Oncology and the Foundation for Gynecologic Oncology in 2013. She serves as a Deputy Editor for the journal Gynecologic Oncology and she is the Editor of the Gynecologic Oncology section of Up to Date. In the Fall of 2017, she became the Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Washington. Dr. Goff is the PI of the UW K-12 WRHR training grant. She leads a group of over 100 clinicians and scientists and oversees the only obstetrics and gynecology residency in the WWAMI region.



**Erica E. Marsh, MD, MSCI, FACOG**

**University of Michigan**

Erica E. Marsh, MD, MSCI, FACOG, is the S. Jan Behrman Collegiate Professor of Reproductive Medicine at the University of Michigan Medical School and Chief of the Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility in the Department of OBGYN. She also holds an appointment in the Department of Women's Studies. She is the Founder and Director of the Women's Health and Reproductive Disparities Collaborative (onWHARD), a group committed to advancing reproductive health through meaningful research, empowering education, and committed advocacy/service. She is also the Director of Community Engagement for the Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research (NIH-funded CTSA program) at UM.

Dr. Marsh graduated magna cum laude from Harvard College and cum laude from Harvard Medical School. She completed her residency at the Integrated OBGYN Residency at the Brigham and Women's Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital followed by a Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility fellowship at Northwestern University. Dr. Marsh has received millions of dollars in funding to support her research and has published significantly in the area of fibroids, patient perspectives, and health disparities in reproductive health. Dr. Marsh's research area of interest is comparative reproductive health across populations: her focus is on developing a holistic understanding of uterine fibroids, abnormal uterine bleeding, and ovarian reserve. Dr. Marsh also is a committed community advocate, scientific mentor, and proponent of community-engaged research.



**Leslie L. Subak, MD**

**Stanford University School of Medicine**

Leslee Subak is Professor and Chair of Obstetrics & Gynecology at Stanford and Founding Director of the Stanford Women's Health Program and Stanford LGBTQ+ Health Program. She is a physician-scientist with synergistic clinical and research interests in lower urinary tract function in women, with methodological expertise in epidemiology, cost-effectiveness, and clinical trials of interventions to improve urologic outcomes. Her group develops and investigates novel interventions for incontinence such as weight loss, yoga, slow-paced respiration, and mobile health applications.

Dr. Subak investigates the epidemiology of lower urinary tract symptoms, pelvic organ prolapse, obesity, fecal incontinence, vaginal aging, menopausal symptoms, sexual dysfunction and sexual and gender minority health. Dr. Subak has enjoyed mentoring over 90 faculty, fellows, healthcare leaders, and students with an integrated and synergistic research and mentoring program. Her current focus is on mentoring the next generation of physician-scientists and leaders in women's health with a focus on increasing opportunities for women and underrepresented minorities, including people of color and sexual and gender minorities.



**Melissa A. Simon, MD, MPH**

**Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine**

Melissa A. Simon, MD MPH is the George H. Gardner Professor of Clinical Gynecology, Vice Chair of Research in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. She is also the Founder and Director of the Center for Health Equity Transformation and the Chicago Cancer Health Equity Collaborative and the Co-Program Leader for Cancer Control and Survivorship for the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center.

She is an expert in implementation science, women's health across the lifespan, minority health, community engagement and health equity.

She has been recognized with numerous awards for her substantial contribution to excellence in health equity scholarship, women's health and mentorship, including the Presidential Award in Excellence in Science Mathematics and Engineering Mentorship and a Presidential Leadership Scholar. She is a former member and current consultant to the US Preventive Services Task Force and serves on the NIH Office of Research in Women's Health Advisory Committee. She is also a member of the National Academy of Medicine's Board on Population Health and Public Health Practice, the Roundtable on the Promotion of Health Equity and the NAM Leadership Consortium's Culture Inclusion and Equity Collaborative.



**Carolyn B. Sufrin, MD, PhD**

**Johns Hopkins University**

Carolyn Sufrin, MD, PhD, is a medical anthropologist and an obstetrician-gynecologist specializing in family planning at Johns Hopkins University. She is Associate Professor in the Department of Gyn/Ob and the associate director of the Center for Medical Humanities and Social Medicine at the School of Medicine and in Health, Behavior and Society at the School of Public Health. She has worked extensively on reproductive health issues affecting incarcerated women, from providing clinical care in jail, to research, policy, and advocacy.

Dr. Sufrin is founder and director of the Hopkins based research group Advocacy and Research on Reproductive Wellness of Incarcerated People (ARRWIP). Her work is situated at the intersection of reproductive justice, health care, and mass incarceration, which she examines in her book, *Jailcare: Finding the Safety Net for Women Behind Bars*.



**Herbert B. Peterson, MD, FACOG**

**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

Herbert Peterson, the William R. Kenan, Jr. Distinguished Professor, is past chair of the Department of Maternal and Child Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC) Gillings School of Global Public Health and currently serves as professor in that department with a joint appointment in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the UNC School of Medicine. He also serves as Director of the World Health Organization Collaborating Center for Research Evidence for Sexual and Reproductive Health, based in the Department of Maternal and Child Health at UNC.

Certified by both the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the American Board of Preventive Medicine, Dr. Peterson served for 20 years at the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, where he was Chief of the Epidemiologic Studies Branch and the first Chief of the Women's Health and Fertility Branch of the Division of Reproductive Health. In 1999, he was assigned by CDC to the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva, Switzerland where he served until coming to UNC in 2004. He retired from the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service at the rank of Captain (Navy) having received awards that include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Outstanding Service Medal, and the Surgeon General's Exemplary Service Medal.

Dr. Peterson's major research interests are at the interface of clinical medicine and public health and are increasingly focused on global women's reproductive health, most recently on implementation science. His work has been assuring that policies, programs, and practices-- and their implementation-- are based on the best available science. He has authored over 200 peer-reviewed manuscripts, editorials, book chapters, and other publications.



He has been elected to membership in the National Academy of Medicine (formerly the Institute of Medicine) and the American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society. Dr. Peterson is a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), the American College of Preventive Medicine, and the American College of Epidemiology. In 2004, he was awarded the ACOG Distinguished Service Award and he currently serves as Chair of ACOG's Global Expert Working Group. In 2019, he was awarded Fellowship honoris causa by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.



**Denise J. Jamieson, MD, MPH**  
**Emory University**

Denise J. Jamieson, MD, MPH, was appointed as chair of the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics and chief of gynecology and obstetrics for Emory Healthcare on July 1, 2019. Jamieson was named James Robert McCord Professor of Gynecology and Obstetrics and vice chair for population health in 2017, after serving as an adjunct faculty member since 1998. She also serves as division director for gynecologic specialties in the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics and as associate chief of service for Emory Obstetrics and Gynecology at Grady Health System.

Jamieson earned a medical degree from Duke University School of Medicine and a masters degree in public health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She completed a residency in obstetrics and gynecology at University of California at San Francisco. Following residency, Jamieson joined the U.S. Public Health Service and served as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). She served in a variety of leadership roles at the CDC, including as medical care task force lead for the Ebola response in 2014 and as incident commander for CDCs response to Zika in 2016-17. Upon retirement from the U.S. Public Health Service as a captain in July 2017, she received the Distinguished Service Medal, the highest award granted to an officer in the Commissioned Corps, for notable contributions to reproductive health and public health practice.

Jamiesons work focuses on emerging infectious diseases in pregnancy, and she has published more than 400 scientific peer-reviewed papers. She serves on several American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) committees including

the Immunization, Infectious Disease, and Public Health Preparedness Work Group, the HIV Work Group, and the Obstetric Practice Bulletin committee. She has been an oral board examiner for the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ABOG) since 2007 and serves on ABOGs Qualifying Examination Development Committee. In 2011, Jamieson was awarded a Distinguished Alumna Award for outstanding accomplishment in the field of medicine at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Throughout her career, Jamieson has demonstrated exemplary leadership across all three missions of research, teaching and patient care.



**Sonja A. Rasmussen, MD, MS**

**University of Florida**

Dr. Sonja Rasmussen is a Professor in the Departments of Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Epidemiology at the College of Medicine and the College of Public Health and Health Professions at the University of Florida. Dr. Rasmussen joined the University of Florida in 2018 after 20 years at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta. While there, she served in several leadership positions including Deputy Director of unit responsible for planning for future pandemics and Editor-in-Chief of the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)*, the most frequently cited journal in epidemiology. She also served in leadership roles during several CDC responses to public health emergencies, including 2009 H1N1 influenza, Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) coronavirus, Ebola virus, and Zika virus. She has published 20 papers on COVID-19, focusing on its effects on pregnancy and children.

Dr. Rasmussen is an author on over 250 papers in the peer-reviewed literature and was the lead editor of *The CDC Field Epidemiology Manual* released by Oxford University Press in 2019.

## In Memorium



**Paul F. Brenner**  
**July 30, 2020**

January 3, 1936 - July 30, 2020. Paul Frederick Brenner, MD, former Vice Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Los Angeles County + University of Southern California Medical Center (LAC+USC) passed away on July 30, 2020. He was 84 years old when he died. Dr. Brenner was born on January 3, 1936 in Albany, New York. From a very early age, Dr. Brenner's parents stressed the importance of education. He graduated from the Albany Academy (High School – 1953); Dartmouth College (1957); and Northwestern University Medical School (1962). Following medical school, he completed a one-year rotating internship at the Passavant Memorial Hospital in Chicago, Illinois (1963). After his internship he was recruited for two years of medical service in the U.S. Army (Denver – 6 months; Korat Hospital, Thailand – 1 year; and Virginia – 6 months). When his time in the army was completed (1965) he returned to Passavant Memorial Hospital for Residency Training in Obstetrics and Gynecology (1968). During his residency he developed a strong interest in research in the area of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility. This interest led him to complete two fellowships (The University of Texas-Southwestern Medical School – 1970; and the Karolinska Sjukhuset, Stockholm, Sweden – 1973).

In Sweden he met his wife Mirjam Lillemor Strahle. They were married in December 1973, three months after he returned to the United States. While he was a research fellow, he met Daniel R. Mishell, MD, who had been invited to Sweden to be a challenger of a research paper by a young investigator – Kerstin Hagenfeld. Dr. Mishell was regarded as an expert in the field of family planning. Dr. Brenner and Dr. Mishell developed a mutual respect for each other which led Dr. Mishell offering Dr. Brenner a position in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the LAC+USC Medical Center. Dr. Brenner accepted the offer to join the faculty where he served from 1973 until he retired in March of 2011 due to serious medical problems. As a member of the faculty, he became a Professor, Director of the Residency program,

and Director of the Human Research Committee of the entire Medical Center. Throughout his career he was frequently asked to speak at medical conferences, served as an expert witness in legal cases, and was co-editor of four volumes of the book 'Management of Common Problems in Obstetrics and Gynecology.' He was very pleased to work with the exceptional faculty and house staff in a very challenging environment.

He considered himself very fortunate to have had a wonderful wife, two very special daughters, Erika N. Brenner and Christina A. DiMaio, and three high energy, unpredictable, and sensational grandsons.

*Submitted by C. Paul Morrow, MD and Barbara Goff, MD*



**Charles R. Brinkman**  
**February 21, 2021**

April 8, 1934 – February 21, 2021. Dr. Charles R. Brinkman was born on April 8, 1934 in New Haven, Conn., son of the late Charles Rudolph Brinkman, Jr. and Laura Brinkman. He graduated from Torrington High School in Connecticut and Springfield College in Massachusetts, where he met his wife, Helen, before attending medical school at the University of Vermont College of Medicine and completing his residency at Yale University Medical School in New York. Charlie worked at the UCLA School of Medicine as a Professor in Obstetrics and Gynecology for 30 years, rising to be chief of obstetrics and gynecology.

Dr. Brinkman was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served as captain, medical corp., at Ft. Ord Military Base in Monterey, Calif., during the Vietnam War. The family moved to Topanga, Calif., where he started work as an assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at UCLA. After two years in Topanga, and while rising to the rank of professor at UCLA, Dr. Brinkman and his wife bought a home along the coast in Malibu, where they continued to live and raise their family for 35 years.

At UCLA Dr Brinkman was very involved with research in cardiopulmonary circulation during pregnancy. He did extensive research in animal models and was a leader in uretero-hemodynamics in pregnancy. He authored over 80 peer reviewed publications in the field of maternal fetal medicine.

After retiring as a professor emeritus from the UCLA School of Medicine, Dr. Brinkman and his wife Helen spent time traveling in their RV, lived in Palm Desert, Broomfield, Colo., and finally Grand Junction, Colo. to be closer to their daughter Kathryn and their two granddaughters. They spent many happy winters in Pismo Beach, walking on the beach and enjoying the local wineries.

His family remember him as a generous husband, father and grandfather who loved nothing so much as having his entire family together for holidays, enjoying the lively dinner table conversations as a result. Always looking out for his children and grandchildren's interests, he was a clipper and mailer of articles of advice or interest to everyone. Dr. Brinkman is survived by his wife of almost 65 years, Helen; sons Charles IV and Stephen; daughters Katherine and Cheryl; and two granddaughters.

*Submitted by Barbara Goff, MD*





**William Droegemueller, MD**  
**April 15, 2021**

Dr. William Droegemueller was a giant in the field of obstetrics and gynecology, serving as the director of evaluation for American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ABOG) for more two decades. He was the leader of many national organizations, including serving as president of the American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society and editor or the seminal text, “Comprehensive Gynecology,” through several editions.

He graduated from the University of Colorado, Boulder in 1956 where he was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. He attended medical school at the University of Colorado obtaining his degree in 1960. He was inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha in 1959. He was awarded the Gold Headed Cane for being first in academic standing in his medical school class. Throughout his career in academic medicine, he received numerous teaching awards. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists named Dr. Droegemueller as the recipient of the 1999 Distinguished Service Award. In 2000, Dr. Droegemueller was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Science from the University of Colorado. In 2009, Dr. Droegemueller was awarded the title of Distinguished Clinical Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Colorado Medical School. He was proud to be trained and work under his beloved chairman and mentor, the late Dr. E. Stewart Taylor.

Dr. Droegemueller was an accomplished writer. He co-wrote the textbook “Comprehensive Gynecology” that is currently in its seventh edition. He was editor of the journal *Obstetrics and Gynecology* with help from his editorial professional, AJ Mayhew. They authored the invaluable Writers Guide for the journal that remains in use for new authors today. His first article was his most important and was completed when he was a medical student. He partnered with Dr. C. Henry Kempe in pediatrics to describe the ‘battered child syndrome’ and was published in the Journal of the American Medical Association as well as 51 Landmark Articles in Medicine. It was one of the first biomedical descriptions of the trauma of child abuse and it was the launching point for the Kempe Center for the Prevention and

Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect at the University of Colorado School of Medicine that now focuses on child abuse research and training.

Nationally, Dr. Droegemueller served as Director of Evaluation for the American Board of OBGYN from 1988-2006. Dr. Droegemueller introduced many innovations and advances to the certification processes at ABOG. He organized the assessments to increase the consistency and reliability of the oral certification examinations. He developed creative techniques to write questions for the examinations. He also modernized operations and integrated psychometric principles into the development and analyses of the certification examinations. He recruited and mentored a generation of volunteer examiners and examination developers. His dedication to these vital processes guided the certification of a generation of OB GYN specialists and subspecialists across the country.

He spent 14 years as chair of OBGYN at UNC-Chapel Hill in the 1980s and 1990s. Under his leadership, over 150 residents and fellows were trained and went onto excellence in clinical practice and leadership positions in academic medicine. Highlights of his chairmanship included opening the new UNC Women's and Children's Hospital, establishment of the UNC Horizons perinatal substance abuse program, creation of urogynecology as a discipline and Board approved subspecialty, implementing conscience protection rights for students and trainees at UNC and formation of an OBGYN residency in the mountains of western North Carolina. For past 35 years, the UNC OBGYN Department's Annual Residents' Research Day has been named in his honor.

Each of these entities is serving women and children today. He was an excellent clinician, gynecologic surgeon and an astute business leader. As chair emeritus, his advice was frequently sought and when implemented, consistently led to successful outcomes, such as UNC's 20 years of participation in the NICHD Maternal Fetal Medicine Network and the establishment of an OBGYN training program in Malawi.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, he was always available and supportive when his mentees' efforts fell short, or they experienced some sort of setback or tragedy in their personal lives. He was a great mentor and friend to many learners and faculty at the UNC School of Medicine for many years, as well as a dedicated clinician and family man.

Bill "Droeges" Droegemueller passed away peacefully at his home in Colorado on April 15, 2021. He was born in 1934 in Evanston, Illinois. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Marlene, two daughters Susan Riebe, and Karen Williams, and three grandchildren.

*Submitted by Barbara Goff, MD and Wesley Fowler, MD*



**Charles B. Hammond M.D.**  
**February 1, 2021**

Dr. Charles Hammond began his medical career at Duke University after graduating from The Citadel with a bachelor of science degree in 1958. After earning his medical degree in 1961, he remained at Duke as a resident in Obstetrics and Gynecology, followed by completion of a fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology in 1964. From 1964 to 1966, he served at the National Institutes of Health as a fellow in the National Cancer Institute and the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

Dr. Hammond transitioned into an educator role at Duke University in 1969, when he accepted a position as an assistant professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. In 1973, he was promoted to associate professor, and in 1978, he assumed the role of professor. Dr. Hammond was the E.C. Hamblen Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology at Duke for 22 years until his retirement in 2002. In 2010, Dr. Hammond was recognized as the E.C. Hamblen Professor Emeritus following more than 40 years of service in academia.

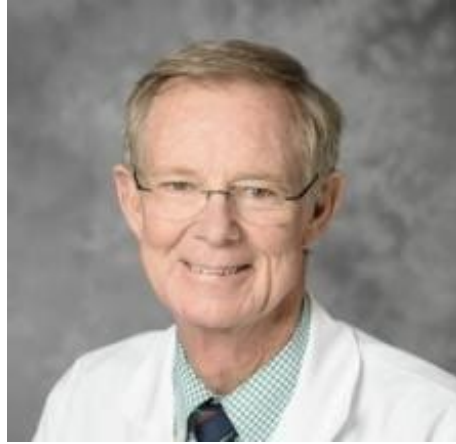
Dr. Hammond was a pioneer in the treatment of gestational trophoblastic disease and a founder of the Southeast Regional Trophoblastic Disease Center for the treatment of these diseases. He was a nationally regarded expert in the area of menopause and hormone replacement therapy.

A well-respected leader in the area of women's health, Dr. Hammond received many honors throughout his career, including being named a Lifetime Achievement Award recipient from the National Association for Women's Health, a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences and a fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. He was a director of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the Residency Review Committee for Obstetrics and Gynecology. He served on editorial boards of several major medical journals.

He was President of a number of professional organizations, including the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), 2002-2003; the American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society (AGOS), 1994; the American Society for Reproductive Medicine; and the North Carolina Ob-Gyn Society. In his role as President of ACOG, Dr. Hammond stressed the importance of increasing awareness about heart disease in women among both patients and the medical community.

A renowned educator, researcher, advocate for women's health and mentor to countless colleagues, Charles Hammond was utterly passionate about medicine and the care of his patients. He was an inspirational mentor and role model dedicated to his residents, fellows and faculty. He loved his work deeply and remained grateful and proud of the opportunities to contribute to his vocation through a lengthy tenure at Duke. Even after official retirement, Dr. Hammond gave of his time as a volunteer practitioner at Durham's Lincoln Community Health Center.

*Submitted by Matthew Barber, MD and Barbara Goff, MD*



**Kenneth D. Hatch, M.D.**  
**November 12, 2020**

Kenneth Hatch, MD, passed away after a short illness on November 12, 2020. He was born on November 30, 1947 and received his B.S. from the University of Nebraska in 1967 and his M.D. from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine in 1971. Following a two-year stint in the Air Force, Dr. Hatch completed both his residency in obstetrics and gynecology and a fellowship in gynecologic oncology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). Upon completion of his training, he joined the faculty at UAB, where he rose to the rank of Professor and ultimately served as Director of the UAB Division of Gynecologic Oncology. In 1989, he joined the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Arizona where he served as Residency Program Director, Director of the Division of Gynecologic Oncology, and ultimately Chair of the department.

Dr. Hatch was a distinguished clinician, outstanding surgeon, extraordinary teacher, exceptional mentor and dedicated investigator. His career spanned five decades and even as an emeritus professor he was often called upon to assist with challenging surgical cases. He was a pioneer and key contributor to the introduction of laparoscopic approaches to gynecologic malignancies, leading the first randomized clinical trial testing the effectiveness of this approach in uterine cancer. One of the many books he authored was Hatch's 'Innovations in Gynecologic Laparoscopic Surgery'. He authored over 150 peer reviewed publications and was passionate about teaching gynecologic cancer surgery all over the world.

Dr. Hatch was a selfless leader of many national organizations. He served as President of the American Society of Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology (1996-1998), President of the Society of Gynecologic Oncology (2003-2004), and President of the Society of Pelvic Surgeons (2008-2009). He inspired a generation of accomplished women's health specialists and subspecialists, many of whom went on to become accomplished leaders in their respective fields. Dr. Hatch was as dedicated to his family as he was his profession. He is survived by his wife Rhea, his two children Lara and Scott, and five grandchildren

*Submitted by Ronald D. Alvarez, MD, and James W. Orr, Jr., MD.*



**Edgar Olin Horger III, M.D.**  
**December 25, 2019**

Dr. Horger was born in Eutawville, SC on May 30, 1937. His father died when he was just 14 years old, which might have spurred his life of overachieving in all he did.

He graduated from Greenville High School in 1955 and entered Furman University on a full academic scholarship. He had fond memories of daily bridge games with his Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity brothers. This did not prevent him from focusing on studies, as he graduated in three years and entered the Medical College of South Carolina (eventually MUSC) in 1958.

Upon completing his Obstetrics and Gynecology residency in Charleston, his last year as Chief Resident, he had planned on joining his uncle's OB/GYN practice in Orangeburg, SC. But a diagnosis of insulin-dependent diabetes during his third year of residency, at age 29, pushed him to stay near an academic institution.

And what a career it was. In July 1969, after completing a two-year NIH fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh, he returned to Charleston and performed the first maternal-fetal transfusion in the state of South Carolina. He was instrumental in bringing OB Ultrasound to SC, started the Maternal-Fetal Fellowship at MUSC and became a leading authority in the Southeast on high-risk pregnancy.

He spent his entire 32-year career in medical education, research and patient care. He loved teaching, and his interest in and enthusiasm for maternal-fetal medicine was infectious; through this, he inspired and taught scores of doctors who in turn have touched many lives. He was a Professor of OB/GYN and Radiology at MUSC until he moved to Columbia in 1990. While at the USC School of Medicine, he became the Chairman of the OB/GYN Department until his retirement in 1999.

He authored or co-authored numerous medical publications, including 120 articles in medical journals and 18 textbook chapters. He especially loved his work with the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG), the South Atlantic Association of OB/GYN, and the Thegos Society, all of which he served as an officer.

He received numerous awards over the years. He was especially proud to receive the Distinguished Alumnus Award at MUSC, the Outstanding District Service Award from ACOG, and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the South Atlantic OB/GYN Society.

As amazing as his medical career was, Ed lived life to the fullest outside of the office. As a teenager, he learned to water ski on Lake Lanier. His first experience snow-skiing at Blowing Rock, NC led to a life-long love of the sport (skiing until almost 80 years old!). Living a stone's throw from the tennis courts in Creekside subdivision for 20 years allowed him to hone his tennis skills. His extreme western grip created a mean forehand slice. A trip to the Cayman Islands for his 50th birthday resulted in a 25-year time-share and yearly scuba-diving trips with many friends. It would take him five years to work up the nerve to cash in a skydiving trip given for his 60th birthday, but he recruited two other friends to go with him when he did it. After retirement, he became a Master Gardener to improve his gardening skills, which was a beloved hobby of his.

Ed is survived by the love of his life, Polly Collins Horger, his wife of 59 years. They met on his first day of medical school. It is a story he loved to tell until his last day. After their marriage on May 29, 1960, she was his partner-in-crime on many adventures. They traveled the world, skied many high mountain tops, played bridge and tennis together and raised three children: Edgar Olin Horger IV, David Collins Horger and Patricia Bowen Horger McDaniel. He adored his five grandchildren and loved the time he could spend with them.

He was immensely proud of the fact that he lived with Type 1 diabetes for almost 54 years. He was diligent with his control of the disease, and it allowed him to live life without restraints.

*Submitted by Barbara Goff, MD*



**Kenneth J. Leveno M.D.**  
**May 2, 2020**

Dr. Kenneth Leveno was born in East Chicago, Indiana, two days after Pearl Harbor. He was the son of Italian immigrants who, like so many, gave their children opportunities they could not have imagined for themselves. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1964 and then the Creighton University School of Medicine four years later. While at Creighton, he met and married Margie Gallagher, a young teacher from a small town in Minnesota.

Dr. Leveno intended to become a heart surgeon, but when the United States Army called him to service, they had different ideas. Stationed in Army hospitals in Europe, he did just about everything a brand-new physician could be expected to do including delivering babies, which became his calling. After his military service, in 1976, Dr. Leveno joined the UT Southwestern Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology as a fellow in maternal-fetal medicine. He was recruited to join the faculty in 1978. In 1984, Dr. Leveno became the third Chief of Obstetrics at Parkland Hospital, a role he would serve in for more than 20 years. Under his leadership, Dr. Leveno would help transform the obstetrical service into a model of care known around the world as Parkland Obstetrics. Dr. Leveno's leadership went well beyond the hospital that he loved.

Dr. Leveno was a leader in American obstetrics. His defining clinical research, his hundreds of peer-reviewed publications, his clinical opinions, and his willingness to engage in sometimes fierce national debates helped shape obstetrical practice. In 1993, Dr. Leveno was granted the privilege of serving as an editor for Williams Obstetrics, the globally recognized, authoritative text in the field. He co-authored the 19th through 25th editions. A natural teacher and mentor, Dr. Leveno trained hundreds of obstetricians at Parkland Hospital.

Dr. Leveno was both tough and scrupulously fair. He demanded excellence from every resident, reminding them to treat every patient with respect and dignity, no matter their social circumstances. He was a passionate advocate for evidence-based



medicine, driving young doctors to think critically about every aspect of care. This legion of physicians carries his legacy.

Dr. Leveno is survived by Margie, his wife of 54 years. Her essential humor and warmth allowed her to wrangle their five children while making his distinguished but exhausting career possible. Dr. Leveno is also survived by his four sons, Joseph, Matthew, Paul, and Mark, and his daughter, Betsy. Best of all, he was Papa to five grandchildren.

*Submitted by Norman Gant, MD and Barbara Goff, MD*



**Paul G. McDonough**  
**May 8, 2021**

Dr. Paul G. McDonough was a towering figure in Obstetrics and Gynecology and a trailblazing pioneer in the fields of Reproductive Endocrinology, Infertility and Clinical Genetics. After completing his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Philadelphia Hospital, he moved to Augusta, Georgia in 1964 and, at the Medical College of Georgia, he began a fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology and Genetics in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. After completing this fellowship, Dr. McDonough became Director of the Section of Reproductive Endocrinology, Infertility, and Genetics, a post that he held until his retirement as a full-time faculty member in 1996. He held joint appointments in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics and Endocrinology.

Dr. McDonough was responsible for a number of firsts during his tenure at MCG including establishing the first REIG Section, the first successful genetic amniocentesis in the Southeast, the initiation of the in vitro fertilization program, and the introduction of operative laparoscopy into the surgical armamentarium. His broad clinical interests encompassed the areas of gonadal dysgenesis, delayed puberty, disorders of sexual differentiation, prenatal genetic diagnosis, recurrent pregnancy loss, and the use of molecular genetic studies to clarify a number of reproductive system aberrations. Dr. McDonough was a prolific writer of scientific articles and applied his critical skills to serving on a number of editorial boards in his subspecialty disciplines. His research interests led to NIH-supported studies and to his serving as the Chairperson for the NIH Reproductive Network and as Chairman of the ACOG Genetics Committee. He was a member of all of the major subspecialty organizations in his chosen discipline and served as President of four of them. His significant scientific and clinical accomplishments were recognized by more than one dozen major career awards that he received. Even more enduring than his outstanding individual accomplishments were the roles that Dr. McDonough played as an educator and mentor to the next generation of REI practitioners and clinical and basic science investigators.

His thirty-three REIG fellows have gone on to successful careers and a number of them have become Section Directors and/or OBGYN Department Chairs. Throughout his entire career, Dr. McDonough stimulated those with whom he had contact to pursue excellence in their professional and personal lives. As one of the most important and influential persons in OBGYN over the last half of the 20th century, Dr. McDonough has left an enduring mark in his chosen fields of endeavor that has changed much of the way current Reproductive Endocrinology, Infertility and the related field of Clinical Genetics is currently practiced. He will certainly be missed by his loving family and by the rest of us who were fortunate enough to get to know him and to have our lives changed for the better by the imparting of his astonishing wisdom and caring.

*Submitted by Lawrence D. Devoe, MD and Lawrence C. Layman, MD*



**Rudy E. Sabbagha M.D.**  
**November 15, 2020**

Dr. Rudy Sabbagha was born on October 29, 1931. He graduated from American University in Beirut with a Bachelor of Arts in 1952 and a Doctor of Medicine in 1958. Dr. Sabbagha completed his residency at Magee Women's Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He had a special affinity to Pittsburgh because his maternal grandfather started the first Greek Orthodox Church in Pittsburgh. During his residency, he became intrigued by the concept of using diagnostic ultrasound imaging in obstetrics and gynecology studied by Professor Ian Donald at the University of Glasgow. Doctors at Magee Women's Hospital arranged for Dr. Sabbagha to complete his postgraduate fellowship with Professor Donald in Scotland. Together they became pioneers in the field of ultrasound. This work became his passion. After completing his fellowship, Dr. Sabbagha accepted a position as Assistant Professor at Magee Women's Hospital. Dr. Sabbagha served as Medical Director of Obstetrics & Gynecologic Ultrasound Center in Chicago and was professor emeritus at Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine.

Dr. Sabbagha was not only recognized as a Diplomate of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, but also served as one of the Board Examiners for 13 years. He authored numerous books, abstracts, publications and has lectured both nationally and internationally. In addition, he has led many postgraduate courses and has fulfilled several visiting professorships. In 1989, he was the recipient of the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics Public Recognition Award. Dr. Sabbagha has published more than 100 papers in peer reviewed journals. He has also acted as the co-editor of "Fetal Anomalies: Ultrasound Diagnosis and Postnatal Management" in 2001, and as the editor of "Ultrasound Applied to Obstetrics and Gynecology" in 1980 and 1994.

A close colleague and sonographer, Sharron Ann DalCaompo shared the following: "In 1979 I walked into Dr Sabbagha's office just coming from St. Elizabeth's hospital in Radiology not knowing a thing about Ultrasound. You took me under your wing and patiently taught me everything about scanning Obstetrical & Gynecologic patients. I never thought 41 years later I'd still be working in Ultrasound for you. I was your Senior Sonographer. Your deep caring for patients cannot be compared with any other doctor on this earth. You had that special connection to each and every woman you cared for. Dr. Sabbagha no one will ever take your place."

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Asma Sabbagha; son, Dr. Elias Sabbagha; daughter, Dr. Randa Sabbagha and two grandchildren.

*Submitted by Barbara Goff, MD*



**Paul B. Underwood Jr, MD**  
**November 4, 2020**

Dr. Paul Underwood completed an internship and then his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at MUSC, and he held a year-long position as a teaching fellow before leaving to serve in the U.S. Navy. He served in the Navy for two years at the Bethesda Naval Hospital, advancing to the rank of Lt. Commander. After he was honorably discharged from the Navy, Dr. Underwood completed a fellowship in Gynecologic Oncology at MD Anderson Hospital in Houston, and then returned to MUSC as one of the first certified oncologists in the State of South Carolina.

In 1979, he left Charleston to become the Chair of the OB/GYN Department at the University of Virginia, a position he held for 20 years until returning to Charleston. After a very brief retirement, he was convinced to rejoin the faculty at MUSC, and he served as a professor, as the Associate Dean of Admissions and as the Chair of the MUSC Admissions Committee for almost 20 years. He officially retired in 2019 as one of the oldest practicing physicians at MUSC.

“Over 20 years ago I was delighted to know that Paul and (his wife) Peggy were returning to Charleston having resigned his chairmanship of 20 years at UVA. He and I talked about his returning to become a member of our department,” said SGO Past President William Creasman, MD. “Paul was true to his word in that his interests were seeing patients and teaching residents and students. He had his unique style that I am not sure anyone else could emulate although many tried.”

Dr. Underwood was the President of the American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society in 2000. He was one of 56 founding members of the Society of Gynecologic Oncologists in 1969. He served as the President of the Society in 1983 – 1984. Dr. Underwood was actively involved in numerous medical groups. He was the President of the American Gynecological Club, and chaired the Gynecologic Oncology Subcommittee of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Dr. Underwood was a member of the South Atlantic Association of

Obstetricians and Gynecologists and he received that group's Lifetime Achievement Award. For over 20 years he was an examiner for the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology in both the OB/GYN specialty and the Gynecologic Oncology subspecialty. He was a founding member of THEGOS, an OB/GYN residents society at MUSC and he was a founding member and President of a similar group, the Felix Rutledge Society at MD Anderson.

For his service as a physician, Dr. Underwood received a variety of awards, including the Distinguished Alumni Award from MUSC and the Order of the Palmetto from the State of South Carolina. He was honored to have the chapter of the Humanism Society at MUSC's medical school named in his honor, as well as a fully-endowed faculty chair in his name in the OB/GYN Department at MUSC.

Dr. Underwood was predeceased by his wife, Peggy. He is survived by his children, Paul Benjamin Underwood, III, and Mary Underwood Muller; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

*Submitted by Barbara Goff, MD and William Creasman, MD*



**Peggy J. Whalley, MD**  
**July 6, 2021**

Peggy Whalley, MD, is a 1956 graduate of Southwestern Medical College. She completed her internship (1956-1957) in Internal Medicine under Donald Seldin, MD, and her residency in obstetrics and gynecology (1957-1960) under Jack Pritchard, MD. She was the first female resident in obstetrics and gynecology at Parkland Memorial Hospital and the first to serve as Chief Resident her senior year. She completed a fellowship in medicine (1960-1961) under the direction of Dr. Seldin and joined the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology as an assistant. Inspired by her mentor Dr. Jack Pritchard, Dr. Whalley became interested in the hematologic changes occurring during pregnancy. She studied sickle cell disease, the impact of folic acid and iron deficiencies on the fetus, and the management of pregnancies complicated by diseases like diabetes, hypertension, renal and urinary tract infections, and hyperparathyroidism.

Early in her career, Dr. Whalley observed that asymptomatic pregnant women with bacteria in their urine (bacteriuria) often had inflammation of the kidney and pelvic linings (pyelonephritis). Acute pyelonephritis is a serious infection that poses hazards to both mother and fetus, including an increased risk of preterm birth. She was the first to determine the true risk to mother and fetus of asymptomatic bacteriuria in pregnancy; the first to point out the mechanism of tetracycline toxicity in pyelonephritis of pregnancy; the first to determine the association between the development of pyelonephritis and the coexistence of S-A hemoglobin (a variant of normal adult hemoglobin) in obstetric patients; and the first to determine the relationship between folate deficiency in pregnant women and the effects of that deficiency on fetal and maternal well-being.

Believing that confinement would improve the outcome for women suffering from complications of pregnancy, in 1971 Dr. Whalley established one of the first high-risk antenatal units in the world at the old Woodlawn Hospital. Later the facility was expanded from five beds to a full ward of 28 beds and moved to Parkland Memorial Hospital. By 1974, the perinatal mortality of women cared for in this unit had gone from 180 to 19 babies per 1,000 deliveries. Recognizing the impact of this unit on mortality, in 1976 Dr. Whalley received the Laurel Award for her community service



from the Dallas Branch of the American Association of University Women. Dubbed *Peggy's Palace* by Dr. Norman Gant, the facility was officially dedicated in 1988. By then, it had cared for more than 8,000 pregnant women suffering from problems like diabetes, high blood pressure, or premature ruptured membranes.

Recognizing her dedication to teaching, research, and patient care, in 1975 Dr. Whalley was named the first Jack A. Pritchard Professor in Obstetrics and Gynecology. A year later, she became the first director of the new Maternal-Fetal Medicine Fellowship at UT Southwestern -- a position she held from 1976-1986.

Dr. Whalley retired as a full-time faculty member in 1986 but continued to work part time covering the high-risk unit. Upon her full retirement in 1992, she became the second faculty member, and the first woman, to be named Professor Emeritus of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Judy Wagers, the Department administrator and historian of the department had this to say at her memorial: "Peggy Joyce Whalley, MD, was a trailblazer. She set her sights on a residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Parkland Memorial Hospital, and she didn't take "no" for an answer. At the time, men dominated the specialty and women were not welcomed with open arms — especially women who had aspirations to join the ranks of academic medicine. Small wonder then that Chairman William F. Mengert, MD, turned down her residency request stating that women had no place in academic medicine.

But, Dr. Whalley was both persistent and tenacious — and she was bright. Thanks to a new, young chairman, Jack A. Pritchard, MD, she was accepted as an OB/GYN resident in July 1957. And, she "nailed it!" As Dr. Pritchard wrote in an August 1959 letter, "She has been truly an outstanding resident. The future holds for her great promise either in the private practice of obstetrics and gynecology or in the academic field."

Dr. Whalley went on demonstrate just what "promise" she had. Her gift was one of life to high-risk pregnant women and their babies. I feel privileged to have known her.

*Submitted by Barbara Goff, MD*

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