

NHLBI

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2020 Director's Awards

Empowered People

Collaborative Teams

Breakthrough Science



National Heart, Lung,
and Blood Institute

2020

NHLBI DIRECTOR'S AWARDS CEREMONY

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PROGRAM

Welcome & Introduction

Director's Remarks

Dr. Gary H. Gibbons, Director, NHLBI

Presentation of Awards

Closing

2020

**RESPECT
BREATH OF FRESH AIR**

KEVIN HEATH

For demonstrating outstanding involvement in critical award-making infrastructure while maintaining a positive and cheerful attitude that encourages staff whenever he is present.

MIN LIU

For a dedicated, outstanding response in the face of a flood that destroyed critical infrastructure and equipment in the NHLBI DIR.

RESPECT PARTNERSHIP/ COLLABORATION

CORONAVIRUS AND BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES SUPPLEMENTAL OPPORTUNITIES TEAM

For review and facilitation of supplemental awards for coronavirus activities in behavioral science areas.

Cheryl Boyce

Michelle Freemer

Rebecca Campo

Rebecca Roper

John Diggs

Catherine Stoney

SUDDEN DEATH IN THE YOUNG INITIATIVE TEAM

For navigating complex multi-agency policies and procedures to support the NIH/CDC Sudden Death in the Young Initiative and its efforts to characterize and ultimately prevent sudden, unexpected pediatric deaths.

George Black

Jonathan Kaltman

Stephanie Blackford

Tara Knox

Kristin Burns

Vicky Whittemore

**NHLBI WOMEN'S
HEALTH WORKING
GROUP**

For their exemplary dedication and advancement of women's health research, workforce development, and health education.

Ebyan Addou	Jining Lu
Neyal Ammary-Risch	Qing Lu
Bryan Ampey	Shari Ludlam
Patricia Bandettini	Ariel Markowitz-Shulman
Koyeli Banerjee	Iman Martin
Whitney Barfield	Megan Mitchell
Jean Berube	Melissa Nagelin
Margaret Bevins	Vicki Pemberton
Ashley Blair	Marlene Peters Lawrence
Cheryl Boyce	Charlotte Pratt
Gretchen Buckler	LeShawndra Price
Jessica Chertow	Ilsa Rovira
Patrice Desvigne-Nickens	Brittany Royall
Donna Dimichele	Sue Shero
Joy Gamble-George	Catherine Stoney
Melissa Garcia	Xenia Tigno
Lindsay Garvin	Adriana Trigo
Melissa Green Parker	Jasmina Varagic
Sacha Han	Louis Vuga
Jessica Hostetler	Gina Wei
Katie Kavounis	Jamie White
Marrah Lachowicz-Scroggins	Yu Yang
Aaron Laposky	

RESPECT INCLUSION

CARLA CASTRO

For creating a fun and effective intern learning program utilizing the Project Search Organization to prepare them to join the workforce.

ERIN ITURRIAGA

For her leadership supporting staff from different backgrounds and perspectives, and for her scientific work that demonstrates a true passion for diversity and inclusion.

COVID-19
OM PANDEMIC
RESPONSE TEAM

For exemplary efforts in responding to the pandemic through continued planning to ensure NHLBI’s readiness, and for supporting a long-term virtual staff environment while quickly resolving unanticipated challenges and risks.

Gene Cooper

Chuck Dunn

Dan Fogarty

Lisa Freeny

James Gude

Ariel Herman

Quentin Jurin

Crystal Kao

David Novy

Jenelle Oxendine

Brian Parsons

Katie Pattillo

Alastair Thomson

Drew Trimble

SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY COVID-19 RESPONSE

RADX-TECH

For sustained and outstanding leadership in the oversight and management of the Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics (RADx-Tech) program.

Tony Agresti

Natalie Bruning

Roxane Burkett

Marc Charette

Jue Chen

Kristi Cooper

Allison Cristman

John Diggs

Rashida Ferebee

Lynn Furtaw

Ann Gawalt

Shannon Griffin

Erin Iturriaga

Tara Knox

John Lear

Albert Lee

Kelli Malkin

Julie Mikula

Kyung Moon

Margaret Ochocinska

Lisa Portner

Asif Rizwan

Rebecca Roper

Kathleen Rousche

David Schopfer

Stacy Turner

Louis Vuga

**NHLBI COVID-19
FUNDING
OPPORTUNITIES
FAST RESPONSE
TEAM**

For leadership and rapid response enabling accelerated issuance of funding opportunities, application review, and awards for critical research to prevent, detect, and respond to the pandemic.

Anthony Agresti	Martha Lundberg
Sean Altekruise	Cheryl McDonald
Michelle Bolek	Megan Mitchell
Hannah Bruckheim	Patricia Noel
Rebecca Campo	George Papanicolaou
Sean Coady	Dana Phares
Matt Craig	Lisa Postow
Tom Croxton	Lora Reineck
Christine Cullinane	Jared Reis
John Diggs	Benjamin Sakovitch
Nahed El Kassar	Jeffrey Snyder
Tracee Foster	Catherine Stoney
Simone Glynn	Emily Tinsley
Cashell Jacquish	Olga Tjurmina
Cheryl Kassed	Louis Vuga
Marrah Lachowicz-Scroggins	Jacqueline Wright

SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY COVID-19 RESPONSE

ACTIV AGENT PRIORITIZATION GROUP

For excellence in review and prioritization of agents submitted to the ACTIV Portal for preclinical and clinical studies.

Neil Aggarwal

Antonello Punturieri

Marc Charette

Lora Reineck

Simhan Danthi

Yves Rosenberg

Josh Fessel

Andrei Kindzelski

NHLBI JAPAN TEAM REMDESIVIR

For their work leading USPHS Commissioned Officers to identify U.S. citizens in Japan with severe COVID-19 from aboard the Diamond Princess cruise ship; their subsequent treatment of the citizens with Remdesivir; and their contributions to Remdesivir's FDA emergency use approval.

Richard Childs

Julie Erb-Alvarez

**ACALABRUTINIB
STUDY TEAM**

For research that established clinical efficacy of acalabrutinib in patients with chronic lymphocytic leukemia and the relationship between kinase inhibition and downstream oncogenic signaling.

Pia Nierman

Adrian Wiestner

Clare Sun

**APPLICATION
RECOMMENDATION
ONEVIEW**

For a cross-functional NHLBI team working together to digitize the Application Recommendation Process and reduce administrative burden through the innovative OneView tool.

Ebyan Addou

Nancy DiFronzo

Lina Allen

Noble Dzakpasu

Akmal Amduka

Kevin Egner

Kashish Ashpalia

Frank Evans

Kazeem Babatunde

Michelle Freemer

Julie Bamdad

Weiniu Gan

Randy Beans

Craig Hicks

Marishka Brown

Rosa Hugo

Catherine Burke

Stephanie Husband

John Chase

Tony Jackson

Sandra Colombini-Hatch

Latha Kandasamy

Jennifer Curry

Anu Kilaru

Simhan Danthi

Jonathon Lebowitz

SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY INNOVATION

Albert Lee
Stephanie Long
Onikah McLean
Youngsuk Oh
Tom Panning
Gail Pearson
Shilpa Prasad
Kevin Purkiser
Nicole Redmond
Paula Schum
Erin Smith
Dennis Stanley

Catherine Stoney
Will Stryker
Selam Tekle
Xenia Tigno
Jane Ting
Hemant Undale
Frank Vega
Wayne Wang
Holly Wolcott
Yu Yang
Nancy Zhou
Yang Zhou

SARA HAUFFE

For contributions to a knowledge assessment of nursing staff regarding data management, analysis, quality control, and development and implementation of education to address identified gaps.

**HEMATOLOGY
CHIEF FELLOW
AND FACULTY**

For outstanding contributions to the learning environment, didactic curriculum, and continuing medical education of clinical hematology fellows and hematology faculty in the NHLBI DIR.

Emma Groarke

Kate Stringaris

Charles Hesdorffer

Janet Valdez

Shelley Kalsi

Julia Xu

Christopher Pleyer

COMMITMENT TO WORKFORCE EXCELLENCE IN MENTORSHIP

CYNTHIA DUNBAR

For twenty years of outstanding scientific, laboratory, and career mentoring for hematology fellows and faculty across the NHLBI DIR.

ALAN REMALEY

For his dedication to mentoring fellows and positively influencing both their professional and personal growth, and serving as an effective and inspiring role model on their scientific journey.

**REBECCA
HUFFSTUTLER**

For her service to the Cardiology Consult Team throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

**ROYA
KALANTARI**

For outstanding management and leadership of the NHLBI Loan Repayment Program to achieve its largest level of awardee funding and expand its reach to new and more diverse applicants and research areas.

**COMBINED
COMPUTER
SUPPORT GROUP**

For outstanding and continued computer support throughout the pandemic.

Anthony Fletcher

Ramie Saad

Vladimer Lizunov

Rodrigo Saracuzza

Brian Parsons

Alastair Thomson

Hector Quiles

Robyn Wyrick

COMMITMENT TO WORKFORCE OUTSTANDING SERVICE

ROCKLEDGE MOVE SUCCESS TEAM

For the extensive collaboration and innovative thinking required to plan and execute the large-scale relocation of NHLBI staff, known as the Rockledge Move.

Courtney Addis

Jason Agyeman

Nkwambi Akombo

Sarah Ashraf

David Avedesian

Milat Awel

Nikita Barber

Jeffrey Bardales

Joanna Bare

Shakim Bey

Karen Bienstock

Evan Bolder

Erica Brigman

Robin Broadnax

Mark Bundt

Amy Bundt

Catherine Burke

Senetra Butler

Rafael Cabrera

Joseph Capotosto

Carla Castro

Naomi Clarke

Jennifer Curry

Barbara Del Sordi

Alexander Dillon

Jude Doherty

LaChelle Donaldson

Lisa Douek

Chuck Dunn

Allyson Evans

Lisa Freeny

Beth Getachew

Valery Gheen

Will Gilchrist

Anna Gordon

Teri Gosselin

James Gude

Nina Hall

Zoe Hill

Jose Holder

Hannah Hopkins

Rosa Hugo

Craig Hutton

Tony Jackson

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COMMITMENT TO WORKFORCE OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Michael Jamerson

Ernest Jefferson

Kristin Jenkins

Leela Johnson

Shkeda Johnson

Joseph Kelly

Bobby Klosowski

Ken Kolb

Augustine Kusi

Gghee Kweme

Deborah Ladson

Tuan Le

Chad Lee

Lora Levosky

Shayla Lewis

Bryan Linares

Stacey Long

Ana Luhman

Wendy Massias-Burnett

Yordanos Megistu

Luc Moldoveanu

Courtney Mong

Odell Montgomery

Allison Moyal

Josh Nivens

Audra Nixon

David Novy

Justin Nugent

Michelle Olive

Jenelle Oxendine

Mark Parker

Brian Parsons

Emily Proctor

Amy Pryor

John Mensah

Kris Raymond

Kevin Rodriguez

Shirley Ruiz-Lundgren

Ramie Saad

Brandon Seo

Chris Sheehy

Mary Jo Smith

Terrie Squadere

Mario Styliano

Mojgan Sylva

Danny Ta

Alia Taqi

Kristah Thompson

Drew Trimble

William Trout

Nicholas Turner

Tammy Turner

Jonathan Vivens

Jawad Wagan

Nastya Walsh

Stephanie Webb

Sherry White

Fanta Whiting

Carly Woolheater

Ed Yee

Ivan Zhorzh

