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Society of General Internal Medicine Announces
2022 Award and Grant Recipients

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The Society of General Internal Medicine has announced its 2022 award and grant recipients. SGIM is proud and pleased to announce the recipients by category.

Recognition Awards

The Robert J. Glaser Award – Presented to **Karen Freund, MD, MPH (Tufts University)** for outstanding contributions to research, education, or both in generalism in medicine. The award is supported by grants from the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, the Commonwealth Fund, and individual contributors.

Herbert W. Nickens Minority Health and Representation in Medicine Award – Presented to **Ricardo Correa, MD (University of Arizona College of Medicine)** for a demonstrated commitment to cultural diversity in medicine.

ACLGIM Chiefs Recognition Award – Presented to **Cynthia Chuang, MD, MSc (Penn State Hershey Medical Center)**. This award is given annually to the general internal medicine Division Chief who most represents excellence in division leadership.

The ACLGIM UNLTD (Unified Leadership Training in Diversity) Award – Recognizes junior and mid-career faculty from underrepresented groups with proven leadership potential. Recipients of this award receive a scholarship to attend educational and networking opportunities: SGIM Annual Meeting, ACLGIM Winter Summit, and additional fellowship opportunities. The 2022 recipients are **Christopher Gonzalez, MD, MSCE (Weill Cornell Medical College)**, **Emmanuel Mensah, MBA, MD (Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center)**, **Himali Weerahandi, MD (NYU Langone Medical School)**, and **Marshall Fleurant, MD, MPH (Emory University School of Medicine)**.

The ACLGIM Leadership Award – Given to a member of the ACLGIM who is within the first 10 years of faculty appointment. It recognizes skills in leadership in any number of areas of academic medicine, including clinical, educational, research or administrative efforts. The 2022 recipient of this award is **Sarah Tilstra, MD, MS (University of Pittsburgh Medical Center)**.



The Quality and Practice Innovation Award – Recognizes general internists and their organization that have successfully developed and implemented innovative role model systems of practice improvement in ambulatory and/or inpatient clinical practice. The 2022 award was presented to **Elizabeth Cuevas, MD (Allegheny Health Network)**.

The Excellence in Medical Ethics Award – Recognizes the original scholarship that SGIM members have done to advance medical ethics. The 2022 award was presented to **Mark Siegler, MD (University of Chicago Division of the Biological Sciences, The Pritzker School of Medicine)**.

Research Awards

John M. Eisenberg National Award for Career Achievement in Research – Presented to **Nancy Keating, MD, MPH (Harvard Medical School)** in recognition of a senior SGIM member whose innovative research has changed the way we care for patients, the way we conduct research, or the way we educate our students. SGIM member contributions and the Hess Foundation support this award.

Outstanding Junior Investigator of the Year – Presented to **Michael L. Barnett, MD (Harvard School of Public Health)** for early career achievements and overall body of work that has made a national impact on generalist research.

Mid-Career Research Mentorship Award – Presented to **Jessica Merlin, MD, PhD, MBA (University of Pittsburgh Medical School)** in recognition of mentoring activities as a general internal medicine investigator.

Best Published Research Paper of the Year – Presented to **Carlos Irwin Oronce, MD, MPH (University of California, Los Angeles)**. This award is offered to help members gain recognition for their papers that have made significant contributions to generalist research.

Founders' Grant – Presented to **Akshar Rambachan, BA, MD, MPH (University of California, San Francisco Medical Center)**. The SGIM Founders Award provides up to \$10,000 support to junior investigators who exhibit significant potential for a successful research career and who need a “jump start” to establish a strong research funding base.

Lawrence S. Linn Award – Awarded to **Chanelle Diaz, MD, MPH (Montefiore Medical Center)**. This award provides funding to a young investigator to study or improve the quality of life for persons with AIDS or HIV infection.

Clinician-Educator Awards



National Award for Career Achievements in Medical Education – Presented to **Sondra Zabar, MD (New York University School of Medicine)** for a lifetime of contributions to medical education.

Frederick L. Brancati Mentorship & Leadership Award – Presented to **Rani Nandiwada, MD, MS (University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine)**. The Brancati Award honors an individual at the junior faculty level who inspires and mentors trainees to pursue general internal medicine and lead the transformation of health care through innovations in research, education, and practice.

National Award for Scholarship in Medical Education – Presented to **Wei Wei Lee, MD, MPH (University of Chicago)** for individual contributions to medical education in one or more of the following categories: Scholarship of Integration, Scholarship in Educational Methods and Teaching, and Scholarship in Clinical Practice.

Mid-Career Mentorship in Education Award – Presented to **Daniella Zipkin, MD (Duke University)**. This award recognizes the mentoring activities of general medicine educators who are actively engaged in education research and mentorship of junior clinician educators.

Presentation Awards

Mack Lipkin, Sr. - Associate Member Awards – Presented to the scientific presentations considered most outstanding by students, residents and fellows during the 2022 SGIM annual meeting. Awards are made based on participant evaluations of the presentations and are endowed by the Zlinkoff Fund for Medical Education. The award winners for 2022 are:

- **Rohan Chalasani** (Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine) for abstract presentation “Examining the Health-Wealth Gap: The Association of Family Income with Outpatient Quality, Utilization, Cost, and Patient Experience”
- **Katherine Chen, MD** (University of California, Los Angeles) for abstract presentation “Cost-Related Residential Moves are Associated with Adverse Health Outcomes and Behaviors Among California’s Renters”
- **Rebekah Scott** (University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School) for abstract presentation “Equitable Implementation of a Mailed Stool Test-based Colorectal Cancer Screening Program in a Safety Net Health System”

Milton W. Hamolsky - Junior Faculty Awards – Presented to the scientific presentations considered most outstanding by junior faculty during the 2022 SGIM annual meeting. Awards are made based on participant evaluations of the presentations and are endowed by the Zlinkoff Fund for Medical Education. The award winners for 2022 are:



- **Sebastian Linde, MPhil, MSc, PhD, MS** (Medical College of Wisconsin) for abstract presentation on “Association of Federal and State Level Minimum Wage Legislations and Food Security”
- **Margaret Lowenstein, MD, MPhil** (University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine) for abstract presentation on “Exploring Patient Perspectives on Low-Threshold Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder”
- **Aaron Schwartz, BA** (Harvard Medical School) for abstract presentation on “Variation in Low-Value Service Use Across Veterans Affairs Facilities”

SGIM Clinical Vignette Oral Presentation Awards – Recognizes the best presented clinical cases by a medical student, internal medicine residents or GIM fellows (not faculty) at the SGIM National Meeting. This year’s recipients are:

- **Pranav Shah, MD** (University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine) “Stiff Limb Syndrome: A Case Report”
- **Wint Thu Saung, MD** (Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai) “The Two-Second Headache: A Case of Obstructive Hydrocephalus in a Young Healthy Male”
- **Joshua Siar** (Augusta University Medical College of Georgia) “Why Don’t You Wait a Month and Repeat?” Gender-Bias Can Delay Lung Cancer Diagnosis”
- **Brittany Toffey, MD** (New York Presbyterian Healthcare System) “Vitamin B12 Deficiency or AML?: Unraveling the Anemia”

Distinguished Professor of Women’s Health Best Oral Abstract Award – **Ilana Richman, MD, MHS (Yale School of Medicine)** for the abstract titled “Estimating Breast Cancer Overdiagnosis among Older Women in the US”

Distinguished Professor of Women’s Health Best Poster Award – **Nia S. Mitchell, MD, MPH (Duke University School of Medicine)** for the poster titled “Weight Management for African American Breast Cancer Survivors in a Community-Based Program”

Distinguished Professor of Geriatrics Best Oral Abstract Award – **Aaron Troy, MD, MPH (Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center)** for the abstract titled, “Oral Anticoagulant Prescribing in Older Adults Newly Diagnosed with Atrial Fibrillation During Hospitalization”

Distinguished Professor of Geriatrics Best Poster Award – **Christine Jones, MD, MS (University of Colorado School of Medicine)** for the poster titled “Risk Factors for 6-month Mortality in Medicare Beneficiaries with Heart Failure Discharged with Home Health Services”

Distinguished Professor of Health Equity Best Oral Abstract Award – **Utibe Essien, MD, MPH (University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine)** for the abstract titled “Association of Neighborhood Disadvantage and Oral Anticoagulant Use in Patients with Atrial Fibrillation: A



National Study”

Distinguished Professor of Health Equity Best Poster Award – Milda R. Saunders, MD, MPH, (University of Chicago Division of the Biological Sciences, The Pritzker School of Medicine) for the poster titled “Association Between Material Diabetes, Race and Neighborhood Socioeconomic Status”

Distinguished Professor of Hospital Medicine Best Oral Abstract Award – Snehal Patel, MD (University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School) for the abstract titled “It’s Been Traumatic: The Impact of COVID-19 on Hospital-Based Healthcare Workers in Austin”

Distinguished Professor of Hospital Medicine Best Poster Award – Kira L. Ryskina, MD, MSPH (University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine) for the poster titled “Disparities in Access to Specialty Care Follow-Up and Subsequent Emergency Department Uses after Hospital Discharge to Skilled Nursing Facilities”

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