Awards Ceremony

Pathology & Immunology
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Awards Committee

Thank you to the entire committee for their contribution to the development of P & I’s new awards program.

Paul Allen, PhD
Carey-Ann Burnham, PhD
Rebecca Chernock, MD
Joseph Corbo, MD, PhD
Ann Gronowski, PhD
Jo Anne Humphries
Kathleen Sheehan, PhD
Melanie Yarbrough, PhD
Shining Star Awards

This award recognizes and rewards an outstanding Pathology & Immunology staff member who has provided exemplary service.
Shining Star

Jessie Hardges
Autopsy Supervisor

Fun Fact!
From Mississippi & Arkansas, both Jessie & Linda love to fish!
Shining Star

Becky Speidel
Grant Specialist II

Fun Fact!
With her degree in archeology, Becky has been busy building a prehistorical kiln in her back yard for firing pottery.
Shining Star

Meghan A. Wallace
Senior Clinical Laboratory Technologist

Fun Fact!
Meghan is US Track and Field certified coach. She coached collegiate level cross country and track & field for 7 years. Currently She is active in running ultra marathons! GO Meghan!
Outstanding Achievements in Leadership and Professionalism

This award acknowledges and celebrates exemplary leadership and professionalism that has a significant and positive impact. Eligible candidates portray both strong leadership characteristics and serve as a role model for other faculty and staff. All P&I faculty and staff are eligible for this award.
Outstanding Achievements in Leadership and Professionalism

Christopher W. Farnsworth, PhD
Instructor, Laboratory and Genomic Medicine

Fun Fact!
Dr. Farnsworth enjoys doing home repairs in his spare time. Need his help? Call 555-5555 😊

Rosalie and Joanna
Outstanding Paper of the Year Award
Junior Faculty

This award is to recognize a paper published in the previous year, by a junior faculty member, that makes an exceptional contribution to science. P&I faculty at the Instructor or Assistant Professor level are eligible for this award. The faculty nominated for the award must be the paper’s first or last author. There are no restrictions on the type of research that is eligible for this award.
Outstanding Paper of the Year
Junior Faculty

Ali Ellebedy, PhD
Assistant Professor, Immunobiology

Growing up in Egypt along the River Nile

Meet Mr. Frodo... a new pandemic pup!

Fun Fact!
Dr. Ellebedy’s hiring at WashU was almost called off because of an incorrect request to submit a substantial hair sample within 48 hours for a drug test!!

Family picnics during postdoc years
Excellence in Faculty Mentoring Award

This award recognizes faculty members who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to faculty mentoring by actively assisting early- and mid-career faculty in developing their career(s). Exceptional mentoring can include offering advice, feedback and guidance on research, teaching or clinical activities, coaching on work-life balance, and/or providing professional opportunities, sponsorship, or advocacy for faculty mentees. All P&I faculty are eligible for this award.
Excellence in Faculty Mentoring

Rebecca Chernock, MD
Associate Professor, Anatomic & Molecular Pathology

Fun Fact!
Dr. Chernock is an aunt to 2 girls (pictured) both named Penelope! Both are lucky to have such a mentor in their lives.
Outstanding Achievements in Quality Improvement Award

This award recognizes an individual or team that has demonstrated leadership and innovation in a quality improvement process. The quality improvement may occur in processes within the Department of Pathology & Immunology, the medical school, or BJC. This award may be related to Clinical Service, Research, Education, or internal departmental processes or departmental administration. All P&I faculty and staff are eligible for this award. Teams must be led by at least one faculty and/or staff member.
Outstanding Achievements in Quality Improvement

Neil W. Anderson, MD
Assistant Professor, Laboratory and Genomic Medicine

Fun Fact!
Meet Maggie...
Dr. Anderson’s new bunny who found her forever home during COVID-19.
Outstanding Achievements in Quality Improvement

Bijal A. Parikh, MD, PhD
Assistant Professor, Laboratory and Genomic Medicine

Time with family and pandemic puppy, Lexi.

Fun Fact!
Dr. Parikh was in a rock band throughout medical school and during college hosted a weekly 2am-6am radio show highlighting local music.
Outstanding Achievements in Quality Improvement
COVID-19 Testing: A Team Effort

Although not all team members are represented in this image, all involved were vital to our success. Thank you!
Outstanding Contributions to Education

This award recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to pathology, laboratory medicine, or immunobiology education. All types of educational offerings are considered, including education for medical students, graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, residents, or clinical fellows or continuing education activities. Eligible candidates have demonstrated excellence in teaching, or novel teaching materials/methods, or new curricula. All P&I faculty are eligible for this award.
Outstanding Contributions to Education

Robert E. Schmidt, MD, PhD
Professor, Neuropathology

Fun Fact!

Dr. Schmidt was born in St Louis Maternity Hospital (Barnes Complex) and was a “candy-striper” when Queeny tower was new. When questioned if he had spent his entire career at WUSM he answers, “Not yet!”

Welcome grandbaby Avery!
Pathology & Immunology Department Head’s Special Recognition Awards

This award(s) is given by the Department Head to anyone (Faculty, staff, or trainee) of their choosing for outstanding contributions to the department. Nominations will not be made for the Special Recognition Awards. This award is at the discretion of the Department Head. Multiple Special Recognition Awards may be given annually.
Promotions

**Anatomic and Molecular Pathology**

Ian S. Hagemann, MD, PhD  
Associate Professor of Pathology and Immunology and  
Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology on the Clinician Track
Friederike H. Kreisel, MD  
Professor of Pathology and Immunology on the Clinician Track
Marianna B. Ruzinova, MD, PhD  
Associate Professor of Pathology and Immunology on the Clinician Track
Cody H. Weimholt, DO  
Assistant Professor of Pathology and Immunology on the Clinician Track

**Laboratory and Genomic Medicine**

Brian T. Edelson, MD, PhD  
Associate Professor of Pathology and Immunology on the Investigator Track with Tenure
Bijal Parikh MD, PhD  
Assistant Professor of Pathology and Immunology on the Clinician Track

**Immunobiology**

Christopher A. Nelson, PhD  
Associate Professor of Pathology and Immunology on the Research Track
Kathleen C. F. Sheehan, PhD  
Professor of Pathology and Immunology on the Research Track
Xiaoxiao Wan, MD, PhD  
Assistant Professor of Pathology and Immunology on the Research Track
Milestone Years of Service in P & I
Thank you!

Thirty-Five Years
Paul Allen, PhD
Jennifer Lackner
Robert Schreiber, PhD
Emil Unanue, MD

Thirty Years
Michael Issacs

Twenty-Five Years
Rhonda Porche-Sorbet

Twenty Years
Pamela Anderson
Jeannie Doerr
Rosa Montileone

Fifteen Years
Joseph Corbo, MD, PhD
George Despotis, MD
Connie Myers
Xiaoli Wang, PhD

Ten Years
Jonathan Bihr
Takeshi Egawa, MD, PhD
Monica Griggs
Eynav Klechevsky, PhD
Janice Muckerman
Susan Pagano
S. Joshua Swamidass, MD, PhD
Thank you to all our amazing staff and faculty!