



# Foundation for SMFM



*Advancing care in pregnancy through  
research and education*

2016 Annual Report

The Foundation for SMFM is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose mission is to advance care in pregnancy through research and education.

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# Message from the Chair



Dear Friends of the Foundation,

2016 has been a busy and productive year for the Foundation. We are delighted to announce that we have changed our name – The Pregnancy Foundation has become the Foundation for SMFM! This change reflects the recommendations of our Alignment Task Force and our enhanced collaboration and communication with the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine and its membership. We are so very grateful for our enhanced partnership with SMFM, and I am personally grateful to Dr. Laura Riley and Dr. Mary Norton for their support in accomplishing this.

In this Annual Report, you will read about the recipients of our awards and how their research projects and activities have impacted their careers and will lead to improvements in the care of women with high-risk pregnancies in the United States and around the globe.

The Foundation's mission is to advance care in pregnancy through research and education, and we rely on your contributions to sustain our programs. In 2016 we launched a highly successful "Honor Your Mentor" campaign, raising over \$65,000 with contributions from 125 members of SMFM. A list of contributors and their mentors, along with some wonderful tributes, begins on page 13. In addition, total giving by members of the Society increased from 218 members in 2015 to 351 in 2016, representing an increase of 61%. Thank you to all SMFM members who made a donation in 2016!

We would also like to thank the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ABOG) Education Foundation for their ongoing support of the Bridge Award. We are grateful to the other institutions and organizations who made a donation to the Foundation in 2016 for the new Queenan Fellowships for Global Health Program. We are particularly grateful to our corporate sponsors and our Corporate Council members, and extend a special thank you to AMAG Pharmaceuticals and GE Healthcare for their substantial contributions to our programs this year.

In 2017, we will celebrate the 25th anniversary of our Scholars Program, established to further the career development and train the next generation of physician scientists in maternal-fetal medicine. The Foundation was originally envisioned by Dr. Steven Gabbe over twenty years ago and created as a separate non-profit by the Society to support research in our field. We are extremely proud of the accomplishments of past and current recipients of the Scholars Program, and look forward to sharing more about this program with you in 2017. Additional information and current applications for all our programs are available at [FoundationForSMFM.org](http://FoundationForSMFM.org).

On behalf of all of the members of the Foundation for SMFM Board of Directors, thank you again for your contributions to the future of our profession. We could not support the Scholars and create opportunities and programs for practicing MFMs, fellows, and residents without your generous donations. We hope we can also count on your support in 2017!

With gratitude and respect,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary E. D'Alton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary E. D'Alton, MD  
Chair, Board of Directors

# Foundation for SMFM

## History of the Foundation

**Late 1980s** – Dr. Steven Gabbe proposes to establish a Society for Perinatal Obstetricians (SPO) Foundation to award research scholarships for MFM fellows “designed to increase the highest quality research efforts by those entering maternal-fetal medicine, facilitate the retention of those fellows who have elected to pursue a career in academic medicine by providing salary support for them, and improve the health care of women and their infants through these research programs.”

**1990** – SPO Foundation Committee is created to promote research and the advancement of perinatal care.

**1992** – First research scholarship is awarded by SPO Foundation Committee.

**2002** – Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM) joins with American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Foundation (AOGF) to offer a 3-year research scholarship annually to an obstetrician gynecologist who has training and a commitment to performing research in maternal-fetal medicine.

**2003** – SMFM Foundation is formed as a separate 501(c)(3) non-profit for the charitable and educational purposes of promoting excellence in research, including clinical research, education and care in the field of maternal-fetal medicine.

**2004** – Dr. Robert Sokol named first Chair of Foundation Board of Directors.

**2005** – Foundation corpus is \$2,000,000.

**2007** – Dr. Thomas Garite becomes Chair of Foundation Board of Directors.

**2008** – First Mini-Sabbatical grants offered to practicing MFMs for a mentored clinical or research experience, and later expanded to include MFM fellows and named in honor of Dr. Garite.

**2008** – Corporate Council membership program formed to create a relationship between the Foundation and related industry partners for mutual benefit.

**2009** – Literature Alert Series launched as a monthly email highlighting recently published articles of interest to practicing MFMs from obstetric and non-obstetric journals.

**2010** – Foundation co-sponsors inaugural First-Year Fellows Retreat with SMFM.

**2011** – SMFM Foundation changes its name to “The Pregnancy Foundation.”

**2013** – Quilligan Scholars Program established in honor of Dr. Edward Quilligan to offer mentoring and educational experiences to residents who intend to pursue an MFM Fellowship.

**2014** – Dr. Mary D’Alton named Chair of Foundation Board of Directors.

**2014** – Queenan Fellowships for Global Health created in honor of Dr. John Queenan to provide opportunities for research and clinical work related to maternal and child health in developing nations.

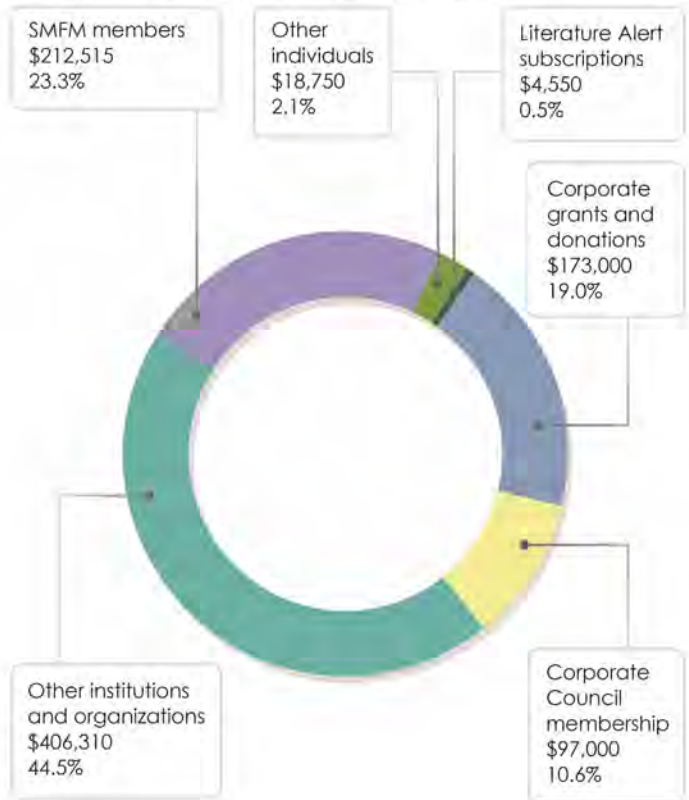
**2015** – First Bridge Funding Award offered by Foundation through grant from the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ABOG) Education Foundation to provide bridge support to a physician scientist who has not been successful in obtaining independent funding or who has a temporary lapse in funding.

**2015** – Foundation corpus reaches \$4,000,000.

**2017** – Foundation becomes “Foundation for SMFM” and celebrates 25 years of training physician scientists in MFM.

## Income by Source 2016

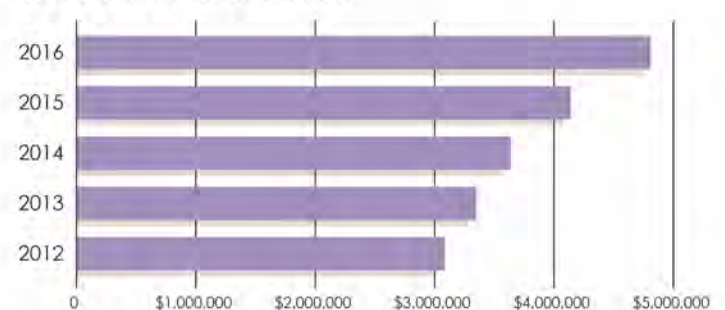
These data are based on preliminary financial records for the year ending December 31, 2016. In 2016, 351 SMFM members made a contribution to the Foundation, representing an increase of 60% over 2015. Thank you for your support of our programs.



## Total Program-Related Expenses by Year



## Foundation Total Assets



# Foundation for SMFM/AAOGF Scholars Program

Our premier scholarship, funded jointly with the American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Foundation (AAOGF), is designed for future academic physician leaders who seek additional research training in maternal-fetal medicine. Applicants for this highly selective three-year award must have recently completed MFM subspecialty training or be in the second or third year of an ABOG-approved MFM fellowship program. The total annual funding for each scholar is \$120,000.

## PAST RECIPIENTS

Joy Vink, MD 2012–2015\*  
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Samuel Parry, MD 1996–1997  
Stephen Hunter, MD 1995–1996  
Susan Seligman, MD 1994–1995  
Kee-Hak Lim, MD 1993–1994  
Tracey Cowles, MD 1992–1993

\*Funded jointly with AAOGF

## 2016–2019 Scholar

**Jennifer Bushman Gilner, MD, PhD**

**Duke University**

### ***The role of regulatory T cells in the maternal-fetal rejection phenotype of preterm birth***



Immune activity in pregnancy must be tightly regulated to allow infection control yet prevent rejection of the semi-allogeneic fetus. Immunologic dysregulation in the form of maternal anti-fetal rejection has been linked to obstetric pathology including preterm delivery (PTD). T regulatory cells (Tregs) play a key role in maintaining immune tolerance, however mechanisms linking dysfunction of immune tolerance with PTD are not completely understood. Given the biologic parallels between organ transplantation and pregnancy, Dr. Gilner hypothesizes that Tregs play a role in pregnancy to induce tolerance in the mother, and prevent immunologic rejection which could lead to preterm birth. Dr. Gilner focuses on the cohort of preterm births with a molecular phenotype of maternal anti-fetal rejection. Investigation of maternal Treg cell function (suppressive activity) in rejection-related PTD may provide a mechanistic link between dysfunction of immune tolerance and PTD.

*The greatest benefit of the SMFM/AAOGF Scholar Award is that it is truly designed as a career development program, not simply an award to recognize well-formulated research ideas. The faculty committee is composed of successful, innovative clinician-scientists from across the nation, and all have made a genuine investment in the development of junior faculty. The faculty and fellow scholars alike have been so generous with their time and ideas, and I feel incredibly fortunate to be a part of this support network.*



## 2013–2016 Scholar

**Hilary Roeder, MD**

**University of California San Diego**

### ***Treating prediabetes in the first trimester: A Randomized Controlled Trial***

Dr. Roeder sought to determine if immediate treatment improved maternal and fetal outcomes in women with prediabetes (HbA1c  $\geq 5.7\%$  and/or fasting glucose  $\geq 92$  mg/dL) in early pregnancy. Women with prediabetes at  $\leq 15+0$  weeks gestation were randomized to first trimester or third trimester treatment of hyperglycemia. One hundred fifty-seven women were analyzed (82 with first trimester and 75 with third trimester treatment). There was no difference in the primary outcome (proportion of infants with neonatal umbilical cord C-peptide  $> 1.77$  nmol (90th percentile (%)) between groups (1.5% vs. 6.7% in first and third trimester groups respectively,  $p=0.19$ ). There was also no difference in secondary outcomes including fat mass ( $361 \pm 155$ g vs  $377 \pm 171$ g,  $p=0.91$ ) and weight-for-length % at birth, 6 and 12 months (38 vs 35%  $p=0.46$ ; 50 vs 45%,  $p=0.61$ ; 61 vs 58%  $p=0.69$  respectively). In this population of women with prediabetes, treatment in the first trimester did not appear to significantly improve outcomes suggesting caution be used in initiating an intensive GDM treatment protocol for women with prediabetes in early gestation.

*The opportunity to be a Foundation scholar has been an experience that will help me throughout my career as a physician. It gave me the time and support to learn what tools are needed to execute a high-quality research study. This will help me both in future trials and also as I give back to the MFM community and guide others seeking to become clinical researchers.*



## 2015–2018 Scholar

**K. Joseph Hurt, MD, PhD**

**University of Colorado, Denver**

### ***Hydrogen sulfide regulation of myometrial contractility and parturition***

Dr. Hurt investigates the signals regulating parturition timing with the goal of developing new targets and therapies to prevent preterm birth and the consequences of prematurity. Specifically, his lab examines the role of the small molecule gaseous messenger, hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S), in maintaining uterine quiescence and promoting normal fetal development. Approaches for this work include a range of techniques from organ bath pharmacology and biochemical assays, to molecular biology and mouse genetic models. The team has identified novel calcium-independent mechanisms for H<sub>2</sub>S relaxation of uterine smooth muscle, and is working to define the regulation of H<sub>2</sub>S production using mouse models of parturition. His local mentors for the SMFM/AAOGF Scholarship include Thomas Jansson, MD, PhD, Nanette Santoro, MD, and Henry Galan, MD.

*The mentorship and oversight by the Committee has been tremendous. At our site visit, we devised several new ideas for consolidating my lab research effort. The SMFM/AAOGF Committee is very involved, and their insight and advice has been greatly appreciated. The summer retreat is a highlight of the year, with vigorous discussion among scholars and senior researchers. The Committee has encouraged me to pursue important and sometimes difficult experimental questions, in an effort to open new areas of science. The experience has been well managed and inspiring, and I deeply appreciate the Foundation's continued support.*

# Garite Mini-Sabbatical Grant

Dr. Thomas Garite was instrumental in the creation of the mini-sabbatical program during his tenure as Chair of the Board of Directors. Practicing MFMs and MFM fellows receive funding for a research project or clinical experience with a mentor at another institution for up to eight weeks. The Foundation provides \$10,000 in annual funding for up to two recipients through this grant.

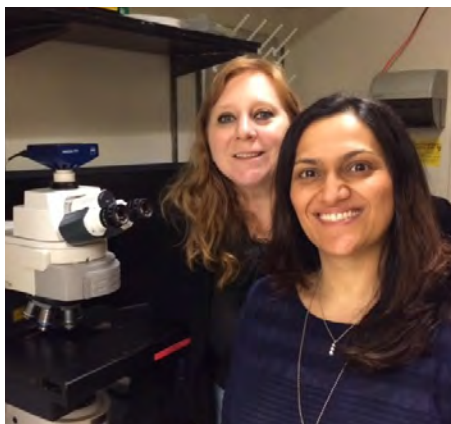


## 2016: Lucie Moravia, DO MFM Fellow at WellSpan York Hospital

Dr. Moravia will complete a rotation in obstetric simulation techniques with Dr. Shad Deering at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda. She will focus on the development of routine and critical care obstetric simulation models and research projects to enhance the didactics of ob-gyn resident/provider education that will impact the care of women in the United States and Ghana.

*The training gained from this experience will empower me to work with the existing basic science and translational research faculty at my institution to establish the animal model here. Demonstrated expertise with this model will strengthen my applications for intramural and extramural funding.*

- Pranita Nirgudkar, MD



Dr. Nirgudkar and her mentor, Dr. Irina Burd at the Integrated Research Center for Fetal Medicine at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

*The Mini-Sabbatical provided me with extra training in performing fetal ultrasounds and diagnostic fetal echocardiographic examinations. I am forever changed as a physician, and I am truly blessed that the Foundation offered me this opportunity.*

- Niamh Condon, DO



Dr. Condon and her mentor, Dr. Larry Platt at the Center for Fetal Medicine and Women's Ultrasound in Los Angeles.

## Past Recipients

### 2015

Niamh Condon, DO\*

### 2014

M. Camille Hoffman, MD  
Pranita Nirgudkar, MD\*

### 2013

Meg Hill, MD\*  
Steve Rad, MD\*

### 2012

Erica Berggren, MD\*

### 2011

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Michelle Silasi, MD\*  
Lisa E. Moore, MD

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Mary Vadnais, MD\*  
Hai-Lang Duong, MD\*  
J Newton, MD, PhD\*

### 2009

Erika Werner, MD\*  
Daniel Katz, MD\*  
Gretchen L. Koontz, MD  
Caroline Stella, MD

### 2008

Camille Kanaan, MD  
Lama Tolaymat, MD

\*Maternal-Fetal Medicine Fellow

# Quilligan Scholars Program



The Quilligan Scholars Program was established in 2013 in honor of Dr. Edward J. Quilligan, a leader and mentor in the field. The program provides mentoring and educational opportunities during the final two years of obstetrics and gynecology residency with the goal of recognizing and identifying future leaders in maternal-fetal medicine. Funded attendance at two SMFM Annual Meetings and a weekend biostatistics course are highlights of the program.

## 2017 Quilligan Scholars



Maria Andrikopoulou, MD, PhD  
Winthrop University Hospital



Victoria Greenberg, MD  
Christiana Care Health Services



Anne West Honart, MD  
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Michael Miller, MD  
Naval Medical Center San Diego



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Martha Tesfalul, MD  
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## 2016 Quilligan Scholars

Aleha Aziz, MD, MPH  
Michelle Debbink, MD, PhD  
Jessica Page, MD  
Kartik Venkatesh, MD, PhD  
Sarah Wernimont, MD, PhD



## 2015 Quilligan Scholars

Yalda Afshar, MD, PhD  
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Mark Clapp, MD, MPH  
Ahizechukwu Eke, MD, MPH  
Ibrahim Hammad, MD



## 2014 Quilligan Scholars

Sarah Rae Easter, MD  
Mohak Mhatre, MD  
Malavika Prabhu, MD  
Emily Scibetta, MD  
Amanda Yeaton-Massey, MD

# Queenan Fellowships for Global Health

The Queenan Fellowships for Global Health were established in 2014 in honor of Dr. John T. Queenan. The program offers four opportunities for research and education in obstetrics within resource-limited settings. Regular and Associate members of SMFM are eligible to apply. The goal of these fellowships is to train future leaders in perinatal health to provide bold and sustained advancement in obstetric practice in underserved areas around the globe.



## 2016 Queenan Fellows



**Alisa Kachikis, MD**  
MFM Fellow  
University of Washington  
*International Agency Mentored  
Research Fellowship (\$15,000)*



**Stephanie Valderramos, MD, PhD**  
Assistant Professor  
University of California San  
Francisco  
Investigator-Initiated Research  
Project Award (\$15,000)



**Xiu Qui, MD**  
Guangzhou Women and  
Children's Medical Center  
Guangzhou, China  
*Travel Fellowship  
(funded attendance at  
SMFM Annual Meeting)*

## 2015 Queenan Fellows

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Zambia

Lucie Moravia, DO  
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Hospital

Ingrid Liff, MD  
Mass General Hospital

Kelli Barbour, MD  
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# First-Year Fellows Retreat 2016

The Foundation sponsors the annual First-Year Fellows Retreat with the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine. The Retreat provides new MFM fellows the opportunity to learn more about the Foundation and the Society, as well as meet and hear from experts in the subspecialty. Many life-lasting friendships and professional associations are formed during this weekend. The 2016 retreat was held at Eaglewood Resort in Itasca, Illinois.



The Foundation and SMFM would like to recognize the following organizations for their support of the Fellows Retreat in 2016:

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Great effort was made to include all contributors in this report and to ensure the accuracy of names and titles. If we have erred, please accept our apologies and let us know so we may make corrections.

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The Foundation launched an “Honor Your Mentor” campaign among SMFM members at the 36th Annual Meeting in Atlanta. The response was very positive, with 125 members making 165 tribute donations in 2016. Those who made tribute donations and their mentors are listed here. You can read all the tributes on our website—[FoundationForSMFM.org](http://FoundationForSMFM.org).

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*A quiet force, Dr. Michael Varner seeks no recognition or limelight. He is one of the hardest working people I know, and is always willing to put aside his own work on behalf of helping mentees. He is personally responsible for the successful careers of countless residents, faculty, and junior faculty. I am personally indebted to him for all he has done for my career, and am proud to call him a friend.*

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*Dr. Mike Socol has led by example, showing many of us how to be a caring, compassionate (and evidence-based) physician. He is renowned for his counseling sessions, and whenever I and members of my group are faced with a clinical conundrum, we typically resolve it by asking “What would Mike do?” I cannot thank him enough for the help he has given me throughout my career.*

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*Dr. Frigoletto inspired me to become an MFM. Each meeting started with “Hey, how are you?” A skillful physician and teacher, he always provided insight and advice to any difficult situation whether it be clinical or political. I always felt that he ‘had my back.’ I will miss him tremendously.*

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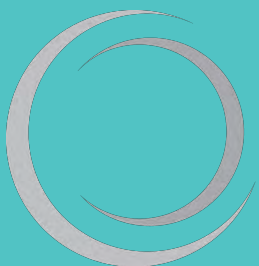
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