



2023 ANNUAL REPORT



# Our Vision

Advancing equitable and optimal pregnancy care by fostering career development through research and education.

# Our Mission

Empower and support the SMFM members and their colleagues by creating mentored opportunities, developing innovative initiatives, and promoting evidence-based programs.

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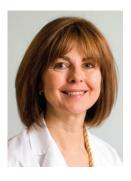
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# Message from the Chair



### DEAR FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION FOR SMFM.

The Foundation for SMFM had an exciting year in 2023, and we are filled with appreciation to be able to highlight the many energizing successes. We began the year with the first inperson meeting since the COVID-19 pandemic, gathering as a community in San Francisco. Not only did the meeting approach record-breaking attendance numbers, the Foundation for SMFM held a celebration event for the MFM community, including present and past Foundation program awardees, mentors, members, and friends! We had nearly 600 people in attendance. It was a wonderful way to start the year, which only gained momentum from that point forward.

A highlight of 2023 was the generous gift of \$650,000 that the Foundation for SMFM received from the Perinatal Quality Foundation (PQF) upon its sunset as an organization in December 2023. We are so grateful for this funding, which enables us to create a new award program to support research and implementation science for quality and safety in obstetrical care. The new program will support projects by multi-disciplinary teams in an ever-changing healthcare landscape, under the universal DEI framework. We are excited to announce the inaugural chair of this program is Dr. Andrew Combs.

Despite continued uncertain times, support of the Foundation for SMFM continued generously from our members and friends. These funds are critical to support the success of our vison and mission and the sustenance of our many diverse programs. Additionally, through the leadership of Dr. Chris Robinson and Sara Hoopes, the Foundation's Corporate Council collective continued to grow, with over thirty active members in 2023, including new partners at the highest Corporate Council Premier level. We and our awardees appreciate your generous commitment, loyalty, and leadership in supporting the growth and development of the next generation of MFMs! Thank you to all of you who give to, serve, and engage with the Foundation in so many ways throughout the year. We are blessed that you share our vision!

On behalf of our Board of Directors, please accept our gratitude to each of you for your investment in the future of maternal-fetal medicine. Together, we will continue to support MFM subspecialists through diverse programs, mentorship, and industry relationships as we pursue our mission "to advance care in pregnancy through research and education."

With gratitude and respect, Bryann Bromley MD

Byrann Bromley, MD Chair, Board of Directors

# Awardees Selected in 2023

The Foundation was created as a separate non-profit in 2003 but has been launching, expanding, and changing the careers of MFMs since the first research scholarship was awarded by the Society's Scholarly Activities Committee in 1992. In 2023, 18 awardees received funding from the Foundation at various stages of their training.

# FOUNDATION FOR SMFM/AAOGF SCHOLAR AWARD

Our three-year research training grant is designed for future academic physician leaders seeking additional science training to prepare for a productive career as a physician-scientist. Training may be laboratory-based or clinical, focusing on basic or translational research, disease pathobiology, diagnostics, therapeutics, or prevention. Our scholars interact with established mentors nationwide.



Beth Pineles, MD, PhD

"The dedicated research time provided by my Foundation for SMFM/AAOGF award has been instrumental in advancing my translational research and reinforcing my commitment to the physician-scientist pathway. As an FSMFM Scholar, I am grateful for the exceptional network of researchers and leaders in our field whose support has been invaluable to me."







# **DANIELLE PERESS, MD MEMORIAL FUND AWARD**

November 2023 marked the fifth anniversary of the Danielle Peress, MD Memorial Fund, established in 2018 in memory of Dani Peress to support MFM fellows in their clinical or translational research endeavors.



Laurie Griffin, MD, PhD



Claudia Ibarra, MD, MPH

"I am grateful to the Foundation for SMFM for their tremendous support over the last several years while pursuing this path as a perinatal physician-scientist. Following in Dani's footsteps as an MFM fellow at Penn, I am proud that her legacy endures in our community and through the Danielle Peress, MD **Memorial Fund** established in her memory. As the inaugural awardee, I reflect on this honor as an early and critical stepping stone toward scientific independence in the field of translational preterm birth research."

DR. KRISTIN GERSON, 2019 INAUGURAL AWARDEE



## **PREVIOUS AWARDEES**



2019: **Kristin** Gerson, MD, PhD



2020: Rebecca Post. MD



2021: **Emily** Hamburg-Shields, MD, PhD



2021: Danielle Prentice, DO



2022: **Emily** Holthaus, MD



2022: Natasha Kumar, MD



2022: **Brock** Polnaszek, MD



2023: Jessica Morgan, MD



2023: **Natalie** Neff, MD



2023: Rachel Ruderman, MD, MPH

"I am grateful for the Garite Mini-Sabbatical Grant ... which allowed me to obtain training in complex family planning. The skills I acquired from this sabbatical experience will better equip me to counsel and care for patients with highrisk pregnancies and continue my career as an advocate for full spectrum reproductive healthcare."

DR. ANJALI NAMBIAR, 2023 RECIPIENT



Aniali Nambiar, MD



Zarudskaya, MD, PhD

## **GARITE MINI-SABBATICAL GRANTS**

Since 2008, practicing MFMs and MFM fellows, including international members of SMFM, have received funding for an eight-week research project or clinical experience with a mentor at another institution.

## **IMPACT PRETERM BIRTH DISPARITIES PROGRAM**

In 2023, the Foundation announced a new fundina opportunity, partly supported by Hologic. This three-year award intends to invest in ongoing or new research work to address disparities in preterm labor, birth, and pregnancy outcomes in historically underserved populations.



Sarahn Wheeler, MD, MHSc

## **QUEENAN GLOBAL HEALTH AWARDS**

Since 2015, the Queenan Global Health Awards have offered opportunities for research and education to future leaders in perinatal health to provide sustained advancement in obstetric practice in underserved areas around the globe.



Sarah Boudova, MD, PhD



Jessica Chung, MD, MPH



Gojayev, MD



Pembe, MD, MMed, PhD

"My passion for medicine is closely tied with my passion for teaching, so I was truly honored to have been chosen for the Queenan Visiting Teaching Fellowship. In my first week alone, I gave a lecture on basic ultrasound skills, taught with simulation, helped a resident with her first amniocentesis, and helped with care plans for several highly complex patients. I am so grateful for this opportunity to learn, inspire, and mentor the current residents and medical students here and contribute to the educational structure, which will continue to shape the practice of generations of physicians to come."

DR. ANAR GOJAYEV, 2023 RECIPIENT

## RESIDENT SCHOLARS

This program provides mentoring and educational opportunities during the final two years of OB/GYN residency, including funded attendance at SMFM Pregnancy Meetings and a research design and biostatistics course.



Kathryn Anderson, MD



Nabila Azeem, MD



Nafiah Enayet, MD



LeAnn Louis, MD, MPH



Megan Raymond, MD



**Emily** Root, MD

"I am deeply thankful for the Foundation for **SMFM Resident** Scholarship. It provided us with an unparalleled opportunity



to learn from leaders in the field, meet other passionate burgeoning MFMs, and connect with an exciting, inspiring community. The experience exceeded all my expectations and amplified my enthusiasm and passion for MFM. The community at the conference exactly aligns with what I hope to find throughout my career: a group of passionate individuals who collaborate to tackle the most pressing issues of the day, lift each other up, and laugh together. I was especially thankful to spend the conference learning from two MFM giants, Drs. Erika Werner and Torri Metz."

DR. JECCA STEINBERG, 2023 RECIPIENT



Monica Sosa, MD



**Anna Marie** Young, MD, MPH

2024 Resident Scholars





Christopher Robinson, MD, MSCR

# STEVEN G. GABBE, MD AWARD

Given annually for outstanding contributions to the Foundation

2023 Christopher Robinson, MD, MSCR

2022 Donna Johnson, MD

2021 Mary D'Alton, MD

**2020** Yoel Sadovsky, MD

2019 Rachael Overcash, MD

2018 Joanne Stone, MD, MS

2017 Tony Sciscione, DO

2016 Michele Prince, MS, CGC

2015 Larry Gilstrap, MD

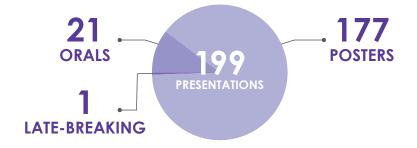
2014 Brian Mercer, MD

2013 Michelle DiVito, RN, MSN

2012 Brian Iriye, MD

2011 Laura Goetzl, MD

# Foundation-Funded Researchers\* at SMFM 2023



16.61%

(199/1198 ACCEPTED ABSTRACTS) of the research presented at this meeting included Foundation-supported authors (in all roles)





**52** AWARDEES ARE FIRST AUTHORS

\*current and past awardees

# Literature Alert Series

The Literature Alert Series is emailed monthly to SMFM members who make a minimum annual contribution of \$100 to the Foundation and MFM Fellows Class Gift Campaign participants. It highlights recently published articles of interest to maternal-fetal medicine specialists from more than 25 journals. Each issue contains 10-15 of the most important articles for MFMs from obstetric and non-obstetric journals.





# 2023 Virtual Race



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# Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2023

# **LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

	2023		2022	
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	207,623	\$	297,290
Accrued payroll and taxes		9,176		11,532
Accounts payable, related party		536,900		168,347
Deferred revenue		184,166		145,225
Total current liabilities		937,865		622,394
TOTAL LIABILITIES		937,865		622,394
NET ASSETS				
Without donor restrictions				
Undesignated		5,749,160		5,392,651
Board designated		788,491		712,931
Total net assets without donor restrictions		6,537,651		6,105,582
Net assets with donor restrictions		1,770,505		2,083,755
Total net assets		8,308,156		8,189,337
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$	9,246,021	\$	8,811,731

# Corporate Council

The Foundation for SMFM gratefully acknowledges the members of our Corporate Council in 2023. These industry partners support our mission to advance pregnancy care through research and education and are recognized on our website and at a luncheon during the SMFM Annual Meeting.

# CORPORATE COUNCIL PREMIER





















































# Contributors

Thank you for supporting our mission to advance care in pregnancy through research and education. This report recognizes contributions to Foundation programs between January 1 and December 31, 2023.

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 contact the Foundation for SMFM office.

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