

# Sarnoff News

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NEWSLETTER OF THE SARNOFF CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH FOUNDATION

## Sarnoff Celebrates Thirty Years

The 30th Annual Scientific Meeting, which took place April 29-May 1 in Washington, DC, welcomed the return of many alumni who found time in their busy schedules to join the 12



Drs. Lauren Cohn, Rene Chapados & Ming Hui Chen

newest Fellows in celebrating the exciting scientific accomplishments of the Class of 2009-2010. This celebration included alumni from 24 of the 30 classes, representing nearly every specialty and career.

Dr. Eugene Braunwald, an early trainee of Dr. Sarnoff, delivered a wonderful morning keynote address putting into context the seminal physiologic studies he and others performed in Dr. Sarnoff's Lab. This work performed 45 years ago is still the basis for medical therapies and devices used today and led to Dr. Sarnoff's second career as an inventor and entrepreneur, colorfully described in tributes given by Dr. Galen Wagner and Napoleon Monroe. It was a great example of how scientific training in a lab can benefit any career path.

Dr. Helen Hobbs, Director of the McDermott Center and Chief, Division of Clinical Genetics, at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center delivered a stellar afternoon keynote address. Her lecture addressed all levels of participants and brilliantly conveyed all

of the positive sentiments and enthusiasm that she holds for her career and accomplishments in academic medicine.

Two current Preceptors, Dr. Howard Rockman, Chief of Cardiology from Duke University Medical Center, and Dr. Bruce Conklin, Senior Investigator

Drs. Ellis Rolett, Gabriel Fine & Andy Plump



Drs. Rich Guerra, Nancy Halnon & Dan Friedman

at the Gladstone Institute of Cardiovascular Disease, delivered state-of-the-art scientific presentations.

Dr. Richard Page, a former Sarnoff Fellow and Scholar and the current Chair of Internal Medicine at University of Wisconsin, delivered the Featured Alumni Closing Address on the choices and mentorship that guided him throughout his successful career.

The social events marking the 30th Anniversary were elegant, festive and filled with Sarnoff tradition.

The Celebration dinner and recognition of the Campaign for the Next Generation

donors held on Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Sarnoff provided for a memorable occasion with a tour of the Sarnoff art collection, cocktails and seated dinner under a tent on the lawn. Dr. Ann Marie Schmidt, Chair of the Board of Directors, presented Mrs. Sarnoff with a celebration gift of appreciation, on behalf of the Sarnoff Community, for her gracious hospitality, friendship and active presence in the life of the Foundation during the past 30 years. Dr. Jim Mudd & Charles Hong



Chris Stapleton, Rachel Roth, Victoria Parikh & James Pirruccello

the steadfast dedication, countless hours and extraordinary service given by Dr. Myron "Mike" Weisfeldt, Chair of the Development Committee and Campaign, to advance the mission of the Sarnoff Foundation. In gratitude, a sculpture designed and created by Mrs. Lolo Sarnoff was presented to Dr. Weisfeldt.

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## Sarnoff Alumni: Where Are They Now?

In celebrating our 30th anniversary and over 300 fellows, we wanted to give you an opportunity to find out what some of our alumni have been doing since their fellowship year.

**DR. JULIE FETTERS**, 1984-85 Fellow, Indianapolis, Indiana

After completing my Sarnoff research year in Boston with Joanne Ingwall, I returned to The Ohio State University and completed medical school. I then completed Internal Medicine residency and Cardiology fellowship training at Duke University Medical Center. I did pursue further basic research with Judy Swain

while at Duke, but eventually concentrated on clinical cardiology. I found my true passion was in taking care of patients.

I continue to practice cardiology full time at St. Vincents Heart Center in Indianapolis, Indiana. I am fortunate to continue to actively teach residents and cardiology fellows as well as pursue a very active clinical practice. Our practice actively participates in multiple clinical trials. The training I received as a Sarnoff fellow was invaluable in helping me to better apply basic and clinical data to everyday practice.

My husband Jim and I have two children ages 18 and 11. As a family we spend a great deal of time at lacrosse games, crew regattas, and various school functions. Otherwise we enjoy cooking and traveling.

Congratulations for 30 great years, Sarnoff Foundation!

**DR. ANITA KUO YING**, Fellow 1997-98, Houston, Texas

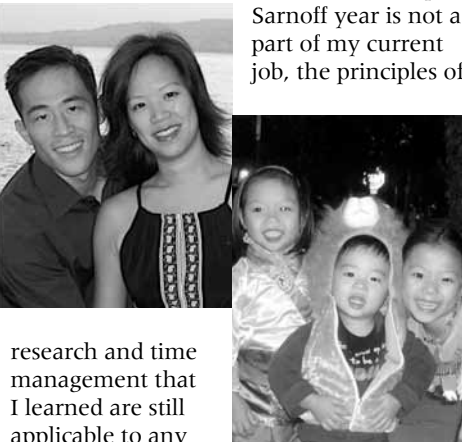
After completing my Sarnoff Fellowship in the lab of Pascal Goldschmit, MD, at Ohio State University, I returned to the Duke University, newly married, to complete my final year of medical school. My husband, Alan, and I couples-matched at Duke for general surgery and internal medicine/pediatrics respectively. The course of our lives took a new path during that time – Alan started a healthcare IT software company with a fellow resident, and left residency to pursue that full time; we welcomed our first daughter, Sydney; and I decided to stay an additional year to

be Chief Resident in Pediatrics.

After nine memorable years at Duke (and one NCAA championship), I left and returned to my roots in Houston, Texas. I completed a combined adult and pediatric endocrinology fellowship at Baylor College of Medicine/UT MD Anderson Cancer Center. I performed a cost-analysis study on the direct costs of type 1 diabetes care and the effect of metabolic control on health care costs. In Houston, I caught up with Dr. Douglas Mann, a former Sarnoff Scientific Board Member, and Dr. Jodi Rosenbleet, a former Sarnoff fellow and frequent roommate at Sarnoff meetings. I also had my second daughter, Emory, during my first year of fellowship, and Cooper, my son, at the end of fellowship. And even more important for my career, I found a wonderful nanny, who allowed me to become a 'triple threat' – pursue a career I love, become a mother that I am proud of, and be a supportive partner to Alan.

When we came back to Houston, we thought it was a four-year commitment, but after acclimating back to the humidity, we decided that we can't live without the restaurants, Chinatown, cultural diversity, and the family environment of the 4th largest city. I am in my second year as Assistant Professor at U.T. MD Anderson Cancer Center. I have joint appointments in the Adult Endocrine Neoplasia and Pediatrics Departments. I split my time between adult and pediatric endocrine clinics and am a faculty advisor for the fellowship program. Although basic

research from my Sarnoff year is not a part of my current job, the principles of



research and time management that I learned are still applicable to any academic career.

I was fortunate to find a job, department chair, and institution that support my interests in process improvement and healthcare delivery. I devote my academic time to quality improvement and clinical effectiveness projects within my department and throughout the institution.

Our lives are busy and fun with three

kids at different stages and interests – Sydney is finishing 2nd grade and is pursuing ballroom dancing and swimming; Emory is going to start Kindergarten and loves tennis and gymnastics; and Cooper, who loves all things technology and music, is 2.5 years old and is going to start school in the fall. I always find time for pilates and book club; and Alan and I love to vacation with friends, with and without the kids.

**DR. POWELL JOSE**, 2004-05 Fellow, Chicago, Illinois

I spent my Sarnoff Fellowship year (2004-2005) at Brigham & Women's Hospital working with Scott Solomon and Marc Pfeffer exploring the impact of renal dysfunction on patients post myocardial infarction and the response to ACE inhibition within this group. Afterwards I returned to Yale to complete medical school, followed by a journey out west to Stanford for residency in internal medicine. I enjoyed my time in California but decided to continue my regional tour of the country and ended in Chicago for cardiology fellowship at Northwestern. Now towards the end of first year, cardiology fellowship has been busy as expected but has been intellectually both stimulating and gratifying. I have started returning back into the research realm hoping to continue the subject I worked on during my Sarnoff year, renal dysfunction and cardiovascular outcomes as well as other topics of interest including cardiovascular disease in understudied ethnic populations.

While still open to other career paths, I am considering further specializing in either cardiac catheterization or noninvasive imaging. The Sarnoff Fellowship has truly been instrumental in helping to foster and develop my professional and research interests, and I am truly grateful for the opportunities and mentorship offered me through this amazing program. Despite a busy cardiology fellowship schedule, I have been able to explore Chicago and reacclimatize to the winter as well as do some international traveling when time permits (Thailand, India, New Zealand). I have also continued playing soccer and basketball joining some local leagues, and after a recent trip to Hawaii now learning the ukulele.



## Richard Page, MD, Receives Named Fellowship

An exciting highlight of the 30th Anniversary Celebration evening at Mrs. Lolo Sarnoff's home was the announcement by Dr. Mike Weisfeldt and Mrs. Sarnoff of the first named fellow in honor of Dr. Richard L. Page, 1982-83 Sarnoff Fellow and 1987-89 Sarnoff Scholar and Chair of Internal Medicine at University of Wisconsin. The award is due to a generous gift to the Campaign for the Next Generation by Mrs. Sarnoff to sponsor this named fellowship in recognition of Dr. Page's accomplishments and contributions to the Foundation. Ms. Alberta Yen, a medical student from the University of Michigan, was selected by the Board of Directors and Scientific Committee to carry the distinction of this named fellowship for the coming year.



Ms. Alberta Yen with Dr. Richard L. Page

# Sarnoff **30th** Cardiovascular Research Foundation

*Campaign for the  
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## Celebrating the Vision

To share knowledge, his good fortune and to perpetuate the mentor-trainee research experience, Dr. Stanley J. Sarnoff established the Sarnoff Endowment as a way to spread his joy of exploration to those with open minds and hearts.

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**KENECHI EJEBE** (2008-09 Fellow) has accepted a summer science entrepreneurship program at a life sciences venture capital firm in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He will be working on endocrine-related genomics projects.

**SETH GOLDBARG, MD**, (2000-01 Fellow) has accepted a position at New York Hospital of Queens, an affiliate of Cornell Medical Center, as a staff electrophysiologist. His role will focus on clinical research, fellows education, and clinical electrophysiology. On a personal note, Seth and his wife welcomed a son, Graydon Nicholas Goldberg, on April 11.

**STEPHEN GROBMYER, MD**, (1992-93 Fellow) an Assistant Professor of Surgery at the University of Florida College of Medicine, will take part in the American Society of Clinical Oncology's leadership development program. Dr. Grobmyer is one of only 10 physicians nationwide selected for participation in this prestigious program.

In addition, Dr. Grobmyer has recently co-published a book, *Cancer Nanotechnology: Methods and Protocols*. This book provides key information about how the flourishing field of nanotechnology can be applied in the detection, diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

**JAMES PIRRUCCELLO** (2009-11 Fellow) and **KENECHI EJEBE** (2008-09 Fellow) recently co-authored a paper: "Candidate Gene Association Resource CARE: Design, Methods, and Proof of Concept" in *Circulation Cardiovascular Genetics*.

**LEAH ROSENBERG, MD** (2008-09 Fellow) won a research prize at Mount Sinai School of Medicine's 15th annual Medical Student Research Day for her abstract, "Anger Provocation Activates Endothelial Cells, Impairs Nitric Oxide Bioavailability and Reduces Endothelial Repair Capacity in Healthy Participants". It was also selected for oral presentation as one of the five highest scoring abstracts. The abstract is based on research from her Sarnoff fellowship year.

**CHRISTOPHER STAPLETON** (2009-10 Fellow) presented "Thrombospondin-1 Dysregulation in Brain Arteriovenous Malformations" at the American Association of Neurological Surgeons Annual Meeting in May in Philadelphia.

**CAMILLE LINICK STEWART, MD** (2008-09 Fellow) was recently awarded the "Tulane

34 Award." Named after the year that Tulane was founded, 1834, this award is presented to 34 graduates from Tulane's eleven schools and colleges each year, recognizing students for their exemplary leadership, service, and academic excellence.

**TERRI YOUNG, MD** (1983-84 Fellow) a Professor of Ophthalmology, Pediatrics, and Medicine and Director of Pediatric Ophthalmic Genetics at the Duke Eye Center recently completed a year-long dean-nominated Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine program based at Drexel University.

The following Sarnoff Alumni will begin residency programs at the noted institutions:

**AARON ADAY** (2008-09 Fellow): Brigham & Women's Hospital, Internal Medicine

**HAMZA AZIZ** (2008-09 Fellow): Duke University, General Surgery

**TREVOR CHAN** (2007-08 Fellow): Stanford University, Anesthesiology

**STEPHANIE CHANG** (2008-09 Fellow): Washington University, General Surgery

**ZACHARY CORBIN** (2008-09 Fellow): University of California, San Francisco, Internal Medicine and Neurology

**HAZIM EL-HADDAD** (2007-09 Fellow): Wake Forest University, Internal Medicine

**GABRIEL FINE** (2006-08 Fellow): University of Washington, Radiology

**CAMILLE LINICK STEWART** (2008-09 Fellow): University of Colorado at Denver, General Surgery

**SAAD MAHMOOD** (2007-08 Fellow): Massachusetts General Hospital, Internal Medicine

**NELSON MOUSSZADEH** (2007-08 Fellow): Cornell University, Neurosurgery

**KENTA NAKAMURA** (2008-09 Fellow): Massachusetts General Hospital, Internal Medicine

**KUNLE OGUNRINADE** (2007-08 & 2009-10 Fellow): Cornell University, Dermatology

**AKSHAY PENDYAL** (2007-08 Fellow): New York University, Radiology

**LEAH ROSENBERG** (2008-09 Fellow): Duke University, Internal Medicine

## 2010-11 Sarnoff Fellows

Sarnoff Cardiovascular Research Foundation is pleased to announce the 2010-11 Fellows

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(2nd year Fellow)  
Johns Hopkins

**VIRGINIA SHALKEY**  
University of Pennsylvania

**ALBERTA YEN**  
University of Michigan

**ALLISON SCHULMAN** (2008-09 Fellow): Brigham & Women's Hospital, Internal Medicine

**PATRICIA SCRIPKO** (2007-08 Fellow): Massachusetts General Hospital, Internal Medicine and Massachusetts General Hospital/Brigham and Women's Hospital, Neurology

**DERIN TUGAL** (2008-09 Fellow): Case Western Reserve University, Internal Medicine

**JASON WU** (2008-09 Fellow): University of Michigan, Internal Medicine



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## 31st Annual Scientific Meeting

April 28-April 30, 2011

Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center  
National Harbor, Maryland

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# Dr. Jon Lomasney is honored with the First Annual Alumni Achievement Award

The first annual Sarnoff Cardiovascular Research Foundation Alumni Achievement Award was presented to Dr. Jon Lomasney on April 29 during the Awards Dinner at the French Embassy.

This award is designed to honor a distinguished Sarnoff Alumnus. The criteria for the award are the following:

- A history of outstanding service to the Sarnoff Cardiovascular Research Foundation;
- The demonstration of loyal interest in the Foundation; and
- Achievement of excellence in a chosen professional field and/or outstanding service to the community.

Any individual regardless of their affiliation with the Foundation can nominate a Sarnoff Alumnus. These include Fellows, Alumni, Preceptors, Sponsors and Board Members.



Mrs. Stanley Sarnoff and Dr. Jon Lomasney

*"Every time I've tried to give something back to this organization, I've received more."*

**DR. JON LOMASNEY**

The Award Selection is governed by a six-member committee, which is comprised of the current Alumni Committee Chair, the immediate past two Alumni Committee Chairs, the Board of Directors, the Scientific Committee Chair, and an honorary member.

This year, we received many outstanding nominations.

Jon Lomasney was one of the early Sarnoff fellows, starting his year in 1984. He was also one of the first Scholars, receiving the award in 1989. Jon has been a fixture and avid contributor at virtually every Annual Meeting over most of the life of the Foundation. In addition, he has served in leadership positions on both the

Scientific Committee and the Board of Directors.

Jon has embodied Dr. Sarnoff's vision of a physician scientist. He continues a distinguished academic career at Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine, recently appointed Director of the new Feinberg Academy of Medical Educators with the responsibility of guiding the medical faculty as they develop innovative educational methods. Likewise, he has served as an important role model and mentor for numerous Sarnoff Fellows and Alumni in the early stages of their careers.

"It gives me great pleasure in presenting this first annual Sarnoff Alumni Achievement Award to a prototypical Sarnoff Alumnus and immensely deserving recipient, Dr. Jon Lomasney," shared Dr. Andrew Plump, Chair, Alumni Award Selection Committee.

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