

Southern Society for Clinical Investigation 2017 Award Recipients

SSCI MENTOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Mentoring is a fundamental determinant of success in the biomedical sciences and is a major mission of the Southern Society for Clinical Investigation (SSCI). These awards recognize outstanding SSCI members or mentors who have demonstrated a long-standing commitment to mentoring students, trainees or junior faculty or all of them. Through their positive influence on the mentee's careers, these awardees have advanced medical education and research for the benefit of the community at large.



Postgraduate
Perry G. Rigby, MD
Louisiana State Health Sciences Center



Junior Faculty
Richard W. McCallum, MD
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

TINSLEY HARRISON AWARD

Each year, the Tinsley Harrison Award is given to the author of the best manuscript published in *The American Journal of the Medical Sciences* in the preceding year. We thank our Publisher, Elsevier for their generous sponsorship of this annual award.



The Tinsley Harrison Award was presented to Dr. Ihab Hajjar (center) by Mr. Luke Verrillo, Elsevier (left), and Dr. David Ploth, Editor-in-Chief (right). Dr. Hajjar is from Emory University and received this award for his article entitled "Circulating Progenitor Cells Linked to Lower Cognitive Decline in Healthy Individuals."

SSCI YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARDS

The following winners received honors for overall best abstracts submitted to the Southern Regional Meeting.



First Place
Mohamed Khass
University of Alabama at
Birmingham
*Peripheral Selection for Tyrosine and
Against Threonine in Absence of
Central Pre-BCR Checkpoint Selection*



Second Place
Valeria Cantos
Emory University
*HIV Risk Behaviors Among
Immigrant Latino Youth:
A Public Health Priority*



Third Place
Nidhi Jain
University of Tennessee, Memphis
*Temporal Trends and Clinical
Outcomes in Patients With
Uncontrolled Diabetes and
Related Complications*

SSCI POSTER AWARDS



First Place
Lucian Marts
Emory University
*Activation of NRF2 Attenuates
MIR-21 and Restores SMAD7
Expression in Alcohol-Exposed
Lung Fibroblasts*



Second Place
Christina Kearse
Medical University of South
Carolina
*Impact of Diagnosis Age on
Quality of Life Among Patients
With Systemic Lupus
Erythematosus*



Third Place
Austin Castillo
Texas Tech Health Sciences Center
*Characteristics of Patients With
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary
Disease Who Are Readmitted
Within 30 Days Following Acute
Exacerbation*

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