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March 7, 2024 | San Diego, CA

Dear Skin of Color Society Members, Colleagues, Supporters, and Guests,

We are thrilled to warmly welcome you to the 20th Annual Skin of Color Society Scientific Symposium, "Pathways to Equity: Advancing Advocacy, Research, and Clinical Excellence."

Today's landmark SOCS Scientific Symposium celebrates two decades of excellence, progress, research, learning, and innovation in the field of skin of color dermatology.

Our well-rounded scientific program features esteemed experts and emerging researchers who will share their perspectives on a wide spectrum of topics, including melanocyte transplantation, hidradenitis suppurativa, and the molecular basis of itch in skin of color.

Our keynote address by Aletha Maybank, MD, MPH, Chief Health Equity Officer of the American Medical Association, will impart insights into advocacy and health equity.

We will engage in fascinating panel discussions on challenging clinical cases and dermatologic care through art, and a variety of oral abstract presenters will share their latest research with you.

Following the Symposium, we invite you to join us as we jubilantly celebrate "SOCS at 20: Past, Present and Future," with leadership tributes, delicious refreshments, great music, SOCS-style camaraderie and fun!

We hope that you enjoy and benefit from today's program.

We thank you for your participation today and for being a part of the Skin of Color Society.

Warm regards,



Nada Elbuluk, MD, MSc, FAAD  
SOCS Scientific Committee Co-Chair



Chere Lucas Anthony, MD, FAAD  
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Dear SOCS Members, Colleagues, Supporters, and Guests,

Welcome to the 20th Annual Skin of Color Society Scientific Symposium!

We are delighted to have you with us on this milestone occasion, which marks the 20th anniversary of the Skin of Color Society. Founded by Dr. Susan C. Taylor, with the support of many other esteemed SOCS Founding Members who are also here with us today, SOCS has evolved into the global leader in skin of color dermatology—dedicated to advancing excellence in the specialty through research, education, mentorship and advocacy.

Today’s gathering convenes SOCS leaders, members, researchers, dermatologists-in-training, medical students, dermatology colleagues, and industry supporters from around the world.

This year's Symposium, themed "Pathways to Equity: Advancing Advocacy, Research, and Clinical Excellence," is a testament to our longstanding commitment to the intersection of science, innovation, and inclusion. As is our tradition with the SOCS Scientific Symposium, we are excited to showcase an array of distinguished experts and emerging leaders in the field of skin of color dermatology.

Our SOCS Scientific Committee Co-chairs, Nada Elbuluk, MD, MSc, FAAD, and Chere Lucas Anthony, MD, FAAD, along with their dedicated committee, have crafted an exceptional program, which I trust you will find highly beneficial and enjoyable.

We extend a special note of gratitude to our sponsors, whose generous support has made this Symposium possible, as well as other major SOCS initiatives and programs.

SOCS has accomplished so much over the past year, thanks to the contributions of our members and collaborators who have passionately worked with us to fulfill our mission.

In celebration of our 20th anniversary, we cordially invite you to join us at our special reception from 5:45 PM to 9:00 PM following the Symposium. “Celebrating SOCS at 20: Past, Present & Future” will provide an opportunity to reflect on our remarkable journey, featuring founders, past presidents, and a glimpse into the future of SOCS.

For those not yet part of our vibrant organization, I invite you to join SOCS and become a part of the important work we do. To our current members, I encourage you to deepen your involvement in the coming year.

It has been my great honor to serve as your President over the past year, and I look forward to staying in touch with you.

Thank you for joining us today, and for your ongoing commitment to SOCS.

Sincerely,



Andrew F. Alexis, MD, MPH, FAAD  
*President, Skin of Color Society*

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**OFFICIAL LANGUAGE** English

### CONFERENCE PURPOSE

Facilitating a platform for the exchange of information related to skin of color, the Symposium aims to unite professionals, including international colleagues, residents, and research fellows. This event will feature presentations on cutting-edge research, the sharing of valuable experiences, and collaborative discussions steering the future trajectory of dermatology's special interest in skin of color.

### TARGET AUDIENCE

**Who will benefit from attending?**

- I Dermatologists
- I Dermatology Residency Programs
- I Physicians with an interest in skin of color
- I Residents, fellows, medical students with an interest in skin of color

**WEATHER** The average maximum daytime temperature in early March in San Diego, CA is 67°F (19°C), while the average minimum temperature is 54°F (12°C).

**MEETING ATTIRE** The attire for both the educational session and social event is business casual.

### PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Skin of Color Society fully complies with the legal requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the rules and regulations thereof.

**CME** The meeting is not sanctioned for CME/PRA Category 1 Credits. However, the meeting will comply as much as possible with the policies and best practices of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education. All individuals in a position to control the content of the activity, including speakers and authors, moderators, and planning committee members, will properly disclose relevant financial relationships with any commercial interests pertinent to their talk or the subject of the meeting.

### CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE

Certificates of attendance will be issued and delivered via email to all confirmed attendees at the conclusion of the meeting.

**MEETING RECORDING** This meeting is being recorded. Recordings will be available for future reference at SOCS DEEP, <https://deep.skinofcolorsociety.org/>.



FACULTY

**Maggi Ahmed, MD, PhD**

*Dermatology Resident, Department of Dermatology  
University of Massachusetts Medical School*

**INVITED SPEAKER | *Melanocyte Transplantation Plus Topical JAK Inhibitor or Tacrolimus for Treatment of Vitiligo: A Randomized Comparative Study***

**Dr. Ahmed** is an internationally trained dermatology consultant who has made original contributions of major significance to the field. Her work has led to a greater understanding of surgical management of vitiligo and the immunological underpinnings for successful long-term surgical outcomes. She has successfully earned her clinical and translational PhD degree in dermatology, in surgical grafting of vitiligo, from the University of Massachusetts Medical School. Her areas of interest include procedural dermatology, Mohs surgery and laser. Dr. Ahmed's work has developed cutting-edge surgical treatments for patients with pigmentary skin disorders. Due to the significant impact of her work, she received the Skin of Color Society Research Grant Award, among other awards. Her original findings have appeared in leading, peer-reviewed journals in the field. Dr. Ahmed is an editorial reviewer for multiple national and international dermatology journals.



**Andrew F. Alexis, MD, MPH, FAAD**

*Vice-Chair for Diversity and Inclusion Department of Dermatology & Professor of Clinical Dermatology,  
Weill Cornell Medical Center  
President, Skin of Color Society (2023-2024)*

**PRESIDENT**

**Dr. Alexis** is the Vice-Chair for Diversity and Inclusion for the Department of Dermatology and Professor of Clinical Dermatology at Weill Cornell Medical College in New York City. He is the former Chair of the Department of Dermatology at Mount Sinai Morningside and Mount Sinai West. Having served as Director of the first-of-its-kind Skin of Color Center for over 15 years, his work has helped to advance patient care, research, and education pertaining to dermatologic disorders that are prevalent in populations with skin of color.

Dr. Alexis has published more than 100 articles in peer-reviewed journals including the British Journal of Dermatology, Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology, and JAMA Dermatology among others. He has co-edited two textbooks and authored over 10 book chapters. Dr. Alexis is a frequent lecturer at national and international conferences and has been invited as a Visiting Professor or Grand Rounds speaker at many prestigious academic institutions. He currently serves as President of the Skin of Color Society and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Scarring Alopecia Foundation.



**Victoria Barbosa, MD, MPH, MBA, FAAD**

*Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Chicago Medicine  
President-Elect, Skin of Color Society (2023-2024)*

**INVITED SPEAKER | *SOCS Turns 20: Honoring Our Past, Imagining Our Future***

**Dr. Barbosa** is an Associate Professor of Dermatology at the University of Chicago, where she directs the Hair Loss Program and leads Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion efforts in Dermatology. With expertise in alopecia and skin conditions in people of color, she is a renowned lecturer and author, co-editing a textbook on skin of color dermatology and co-authoring a skincare book. Previously, she held leadership roles at L'Oréal, including Vice President of Research and Development, establishing the L'Oréal Institute for Ethnic Hair and Skin Research. As founder of Millennium Park Dermatology, she was consistently named a Top Doctor by Chicago Magazine. Dr. Barbosa is dedicated to mentoring future physicians, serving on the Pritzker School of Medicine Admissions Committee and mentoring medical students and residents. She is President-Elect of the Skin of Color Society, Vice President of the Illinois Dermatological Society, and has held leadership positions in other dermatological organizations. Dr. Barbosa earned her B.A. from Harvard, M.D. cum laude from Yale, completed residencies at Yale and Johns Hopkins, and holds an M.P.H. from Johns Hopkins and an M.B.A. from Kellogg School of Management.



## Angel S. Byrd, MD, PhD

Associate Professor, Department of Dermatology  
Howard University College of Medicine

**INVITED SPEAKER | *Elucidating the Role of Autoantibodies in Hidradenitis Suppurativa***

**Dr. Byrd** was born and raised in Edwards and Jackson, Mississippi. She obtained her BS ('04) from Tougaloo College in Tougaloo, Mississippi and MD, PhD ('16) from Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. She completed an Ethnic Skin Postdoctoral Fellowship at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine (JHUSOM) under the direction of Dr. Ginette Okoye. Currently, she is an Associate Professor at Howard University College of Medicine and Adjunct Assistant Professor at JHUSOM (Departments of Dermatology) where her work centers on the establishment of tissue biobanks to understand the immunopathological mechanisms contributing to skin of color diseases, particularly among African-American patients with Hidradenitis suppurativa. Her main research focus is elucidating the unreported roles of neutrophils and the innate immunity in the induction of local and systemic immune dysregulation. Dr. Byrd leads multidisciplinary collaborative projects with the overarching goal of establishing a scientifically-driven approach to treatment options for patients suffering from these debilitating diseases. Of much importance, she continues to pay-it-forward along her journey devoting time to training and investing in the next generations of scientists and physician scientists as well as engaging in community outreach. She has contributed to the scientific literature, given numerous lectures, national/international talks, and has been featured on the BET 33rd Annual UNCF An Evening of Stars® international program, recognizing her as one who is "changing the face of science, one mind at a time."



## Seemal R. Desai, MD, FAAD

President, Medical Director, Innovative Dermatology  
Clinical Assistant Professor of Dermatology, UT Southwestern

**MODERATOR | *Challenging Clinical Cases***

**Dr. Desai** is a Diplomate of the American Board of Dermatology, and a Board Certified Dermatologist. He graduated with honors from Emory University. He received his medical training at Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia, and received his Doctor of Medicine degree with Magna Cum Laude with honors. Following medical school, Dr. Desai completed his dermatology residency at The University of Alabama at Birmingham where he was Chief Resident.

Dr. Desai has been active on a local, state, and national level with numerous medical organizations, and is also actively involved in teaching and mentoring medical students and residents. He is the Founder & Medical Director of Innovative Dermatology, a state-of-the-art private practice in the Dallas area, and also serves as Clinical Assistant Professor of Dermatology at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. Dr. Desai is a Past President of the Skin of Color Society and currently serves as AAD President-Elect. Upon assuming the Presidency of AAD in 2024, Dr. Desai will be the youngest dermatologist to serve in that capacity.



## Nada Elbuluk MD, MSc, FAAD

Associate Professor of Clinical Dermatology, University of Southern California  
Director, Skin of Color Program & Pigmentary Disorders Clinic  
Director, Dermatology Diversity & Inclusion Program  
Director of Curriculum Equity, Keck School of Medicine

**CO-CHAIR**

**Dr. Elbuluk** is a board-certified dermatologist and Associate Professor at the USC Keck School of Medicine, Department of Dermatology. She is the founder and director of the USC Skin of Color and Pigmentary Disorders Program and Fellowship. She also serves as the Director of the Dermatology Diversity and Inclusion Program, as well as the Director of Curriculum Equity for the Keck School of Medicine. Dr. Elbuluk's clinical and research interests include general medical and cosmetic dermatology, skin of color conditions, and pigmentary disorders. She is a Diplomate of the American Academy of Dermatology, a current board member of the Women's Dermatologic Society and Global Vitiligo Foundation, past board member of the Skin of Color Society, and holds professional memberships with the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery, the International Peel Society, the National Medical Association, and the American Medical Women's Association.





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## Rick Guidotti

Founder and Director, Positive Exposure

**PANELIST | Art and Medicine: The Intersection of Science and Humanity**

**Rick Guidotti** an award-winning photographer, has spent more than twenty-five years collaborating internationally with nonprofit organizations, hospitals, medical schools, educational institutions, museums, galleries, advocacy groups and communities to effect a sea-change in societal attitudes towards individuals living with genetic, physical, behavioral or intellectual difference.

Rick's work has been published in newspapers, magazines, and journals as diverse as Elle, GQ, People, the American Journal of Medical Genetics, The Lancet, Spirituality and Health, the Washington Post, Atlantic Monthly and LIFE Magazine.

Rick is the founder and director of POSITIVE EXPOSURE, a non-profit organization that creates a more inclusive world for individuals and communities at risk of stigma and exclusion through photography, film, educational programs, and advocacy.



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## Byron Kim, BA

Senior Critic, Yale School of Art

**PANELIST | Art and Medicine: The Intersection of Science and Humanity**

**Byron Kim** is a distinguished figure in the art world, serving as Senior Critic at the Yale School of Art and Co-director of the Yale Norfolk School of Art. With a wealth of experience, Kim contributes to the artistic discourse and education, shaping the next generation of artists at Yale. His multifaceted role underscores his commitment to both critique and mentorship within the realm of contemporary art.



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## Shawn Kwatra, MD, FAAD

Associate Professor of Dermatology and Oncology

Director, Johns Hopkins Itch Center

Department of Dermatology, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

**INVITED SPEAKER | Molecular Basis of Itch in African Americans**

**Dr. Kwatra** is an Associate Professor of Dermatology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, MD, USA and Director of the Johns Hopkins Itch Center. His areas of clinical expertise include chronic pruritic diseases including prurigo nodularis, atopic dermatitis, and chronic pruritus of unknown origin. He runs a basic and translational research laboratory along with a clinical trials unit and is funded by the National Institutes of Health.



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## Chere Lucas Anthony, MD, FAAD

Rendon Center for Dermatology and Aesthetic Medicine

Voluntary Faculty, Department of Dermatology, University of Miami

**CO-CHAIR**

**Dr. Lucas Anthony** is a board-certified dermatologist and voluntary faculty at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Department of Dermatology. She is in private practice at the Rendon Center for Dermatology and Aesthetic Medicine in Boca Raton, Florida. Dr. Lucas Anthony blends medical dermatology, cosmetic dermatology and research. She is involved in clinical trials for pigmentary disorders, acne, atopic dermatitis, psoriasis and cosmetics through the Skin Care Research division. Dr. Lucas Anthony is a Diplomate of the American Academy of Dermatology, Skin of Color Society past board member and past chairs of the SOCS membership committee, LMS DEEP learning lecture platform and Women's Dermatologic Society Ethics Committee.



## Aletha Maybank, MD, MPH

Chief Health Equity Officer, SVP  
American Medical Association

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER** | *Advancing Equity in Health Care*

**Dr. Maybank** is a pediatrician and preventive medicine physician, a public health professional, and a Senior Vice President within the American Medical Association. As Chief Health Equity Officer, she is the founding leader for the AMA's Center for Health Equity, and a recognized speaker, writer, and expert on health equity and racial justice. In these capacities, she is influencing the embedding of equity throughout the AMA Enterprise and across the healthcare ecosystem. Dr. Maybank uses her platform to make injustice visible across our health systems and country, with emphasis upon solutions that honor the legacy of our ancestors while preserving our desires for rest and joy. She has won numerous awards for her groundbreaking efforts.



## Lynn J. McKinley-Grant, MD

Associate Professor of Dermatology, Howard University College of Medicine  
Former Vice Chair of Diversity and Community Engagement in Dermatology, Duke University School of Medicine

**MODERATOR** | *Art and Medicine: The Intersection of Science and Humanity*

**Dr. McKinley-Grant** is an Associate Professor of Dermatology at Howard University College of Medicine, board-certified in Dermatology and Internal Medicine. She earned her M.D. from Harvard Medical School and completed postdoctoral training at Boston Medical Center and New York University. As a Molecular Biology Fellow at NIH, she focused on early signs of systemic disease in black and brown skin. With over 25 years of experience, she has treated diverse populations, emphasizing accurate clinical assessments. Dr. McKinley-Grant integrates arts into medical curricula, promoting empathy and cultural competency. She received awards for Arts and Humanities from the American Academy of Dermatology and is actively involved in non-profit arts education.



## Amy J. McMichael, MD, FAAD

Professor of Dermatology  
Wake Forest University School of Medicine

**PANELIST** | *Challenging Clinical Cases*

**Dr. McMichael** is a Philadelphia native who received her medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. She completed Internship at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia and her Dermatology residency training at the University of Michigan School of Medicine. Dr. McMichael has been a faculty member at Wake Forest Baptist Medical center since 1994. She is currently Professor of the Department of Dermatology at Wake Forest School of Medicine. She also served as the Residency Director of the department for 12 years. Dr. McMichael's clinical and research interests include: hair and scalp disorders and skin of color. She is a fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology and a past President of the Skin of Color Society and past Chair of the National Medical Association Dermatology Section. She has served as Vice President of the Women's Dermatologic Society and Secretary/Treasurer of the North American Alopecia Research Society. She currently serves as a member of the Board of the American Academy of Dermatology. She is co-editor of the text *Hair Diseases: Medical, Surgical, and Cosmetic Treatments*, *Fitzpatrick's Dermatology*, serves on the editorial boards of *JAMA Derm*, *Cosmetic Dermatology* and *The Dermatologist*, and is the author of numerous journal articles and chapters. She is also an active member of the Greensboro Medical Society.



## Jorge Ocampo Candiani, Sr., MD, PhD, IFAAD

Chairman, Dermatology Department, University of Nuevo Leon, Monterrey, Mexico  
President, World Congress of Dermatology Guadalajara 2027

**PANELIST** | *Challenging Clinical Cases*

**Dr. Ocampo Candiani** is the Chairman of the Dermatology Department at the University of Nuevo Leon, Monterrey, Mexico, and the President of the World Congress of Dermatology in Guadalajara 2027. A former President of the Ibero-Latinamerican College of Dermatology (CILAD), he is an Honorary Member of the American Academy of Dermatology and has received a Presidential Citation. As the Executive Vice-President of the International Society of Dermatology (ISD) and a Board Member of the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS), he plays a key role in shaping global dermatological standards. Dr. Ocampo Candiani is also a member of prestigious academies, including the Mexican Academy of Sciences, the Mexican Academy of Surgery, and the National Academy of Medicine.





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## Jennifer Soung, MD, FAAD

*Director of Clinical Research, Southern California Dermatology Santa Ana, CA  
Clinical Professor at Harbor University of California, Los Angeles*

**PANELIST | Challenging Clinical Cases**

**Dr. Soung** is a board-certified dermatologist and the director of clinical research at Southern California Dermatology in Santa Ana, CA. Dr. Soung is an expert in medical dermatology and clinical research focusing on chronic autoimmune skin diseases. She is on Clinical Faculty at Harbor University of California, Los Angeles and on the medical board of the National Psoriasis Foundation.



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## Neelam Vashi, MD, FAAD

*Associate Professor of Dermatology, Boston University School of Medicine  
Founder and Director, Center for Ethnic Skin  
Director, Cosmetic and Laser Center*

**PANELIST | Challenging Clinical Cases**

**Dr. Vashi** is a highly accomplished board-certified dermatologist and the Director of the Boston University Cosmetic and Laser Center. As the Founding Director of the Boston University Center for Ethnic Skin and an Associate Professor of Dermatology, she holds a prominent role at the Boston University School of Medicine. With a medical degree from Northwestern University and dermatology residency at NYU, Dr. Vashi is a recognized leader in both medical and cosmetic dermatology. Her extensive contributions include authoring four textbooks, numerous peer-reviewed publications, and active involvement in national and international dermatology meetings. As a key opinion leader, she has been featured in various media outlets and has received accolades for top-ranked articles in prestigious journals. Dr. Vashi's dedication extends to serving on the boards of the Skin of Color Society and the Association of Academic Cosmetic Dermatologists, contributing to dermatological education at Boston University.



# THURSDAY | MARCH 7, 2024

Grand Ballroom 8-13

10:00AM-8:00PM **Badge Pick-up/Check-in**

11:00AM-12:30PM **SOCS and SOCS Foundation Annual General Business Meeting**

Boxed lunch with business meeting RSVP.

12:45- 5:45PM **20TH ANNUAL SOCS SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM**  
**Pathways to Equity: Advancing Advocacy, Research, and Clinical Excellence**

12:45-12:47PM **Welcome Remarks**

**I Andrew F. Alexis, MD, MPH, FAAD**  
*Vice-Chair for Diversity and Inclusion Department of Dermatology & Professor of Clinical Dermatology, Weill Cornell Medical Center; President, Skin of Color Society (2023-2024)*

12:47-12:49PM **Industry Champion Sponsor videos**

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12:49-12:50PM **Co-chair Introductions**

**I Nada Elbuluk, MD, MSc, FAAD**  
*Associate Professor of Clinical Dermatology, University of Southern California; Director, Skin of Color Program & Pigmentary Disorders Clinic; Director, Dermatology Diversity & Inclusion Program; Director of Curriculum Equity, Keck School of Medicine*  
**I Chere Lucas Anthony, MD, FAAD**  
*Rendon Center for Dermatology and Aesthetic Medicine Voluntary Faculty, Department of Dermatology, University of Miami*

12:50-1:30PM **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
**Advancing Equity in Health Care**

**I Aletha Maybank, MD, MPH**  
*Chief Health Equity Officer, SVP, American Medical Association, Center for Health Equity*

1:20-1:30PM Q&A

1:30-2:00PM **Molecular Basis of Itch in African Americans**

**I Shawn Kwatra, MD, FAAD**  
*Associate Professor of Dermatology and Oncology, Director, Johns Hopkins Itch Center, Department of Dermatology, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine*

1:55-2:00PM Q&A

2:00-2:07PM **Racial Differences in Plasma Cytokine Profiles in Atopic Dermatitis and Association with Itch Intensity**

**I Emily Ma, BA**  
*Dermatology Research Fellow, Department of Dermatology, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine*

2:05-2:07PM Q&A

2:07-2:27PM **BREAK**  
**Featured iPoster Session 1**  
Featured iPosters by iPoster screens in meeting room.

2:27-2:37PM **INNOVATION GRANT FINALISTS**

2:27-2:30PM **Thimble Health: Alleviating Needle Pain and Fear**

**I Manju Dawkins, MD**  
*Thimble Health*

2:30-2:32PM Q&A

2:32-2:35PM **Determining the Efficacy of Xanthochrome® Enriched Sunscreens Against Visible Light and Long Wavelength Ultraviolet-A1 Induced Pigmentation**

**I Camille Martin, PhD**  
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2:35-2:37PM Q&A

2:37-3:07PM **Challenging Clinical Cases Panel**

2:37-2:39PM **MODERATOR I Seemal R. Desai, MD, FAAD**  
*President, Medical Director, Innovative Dermatology Clinical Assistant Professor of Dermatology, UT Southwestern*

**PANEL**

2:39-3:07PM **I Amy J. McMichael, MD, FAAD**  
*Professor of Dermatology, Wake Forest University School of Medicine*  
**I Jorge Ocampo Candiani, Sr., MD, PhD, IFAAD**  
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3:07-3:37PM **Melanocyte Transplantation Plus Topical JAK Inhibitor or Tacrolimus for Treatment of Vitiligo: A Randomized Comparative Study**

**I Maggi Ahmed, MD, PhD**  
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*Associate Professor of Dermatology, Howard University College of Medicine, Former Vice Chair of Diversity and Community Engagement in Dermatology, Duke University School of Medicine*

3:58-4:01PM **Dermatology in FRAME Trailer: Representation**  
**I FRAME (Faces Redefining the Art of Medical Education)**  
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**PANEL**

4:01-4:13PM **I Rick Guidotti**  
*Founder and Director, Positive Exposure*

4:13-4:25PM **I Byron Kim, BA**  
*Senior Critic, Yale School of Art*

4:25-4:42PM **MODERATED CONVERSATION**



4:42-4:49PM **Plasma Cytokine Analysis Reveals Blood Eosinophil and Race-Based Endotypes in Prurigo Nodularis Patients**

**I** Jaya Manjunath, BS  
*Dermatology Research Fellow, Department of Dermatology, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine*

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**I** Carolina Mora Hurtado, BS  
*Dermatology Research Fellow, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health*

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**I** Angel S. Byrd, MD, PhD  
*Associate Professor, Department of Dermatology, Howard University College of Medicine*

5:21-5:26PM Q&A

5:26-5:41PM **SOCS Turns 20: Honoring Our Past, Imagining Our Future**

**I** Victoria Barbosa, MD, MPH, MBA, FAAD  
*Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Chicago Medicine; President-Elect, Skin of Color Society (2023-2024)*

5:41-5:44PM **Scientific Program Closing Remarks**

**I** Andrew F. Alexis, MD, MPH, FAAD  
*Vice-Chair for Diversity and Inclusion Department of Dermatology & Professor of Clinical Dermatology, Weill Cornell Medical Center; President, Skin of Color Society (2023-2024)*

5:45-9:00PM **RECEPTION**  
**Celebrating SOCS at 20:  
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5:45-6:15PM **Awards and Cake Ceremony**

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University of Florida College of Medicine  
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**06 Brandon Ansbro, BA**

Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine  
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**07 Alexis Arza, BS**

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*Examining the Gaps: A Study of Student Perspectives on Dermatologic Education in Skin of Color*

**08 Aaron Bao, BA**

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**13 Anna Chen, BA**

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**14 Li-Chi Chen, MD, MPH**

Lahey Hospital and Medical Center  
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**15 Dina Collins, MS**

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Georgetown University School of Medicine  
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**18 Caroline Gonzalez, BA**

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**20 Tammy Gonzalez, MD, PhD**

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**21 Jonathan Greenzaid, BS**

Georgetown University School of Medicine  
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**22 Pearl E. Grimes, MD**

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**24 Karina Gullon, MD**

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**90 Karen Yang, BS**

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