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**SKIN OF COLOR SOCIETY & SOCS FOUNDATION ANNUAL GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
& THE 18TH ANNUAL SKIN OF COLOR SOCIETY SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM**

OMNI BOSTON AT THE SEAPORT HOTEL, ENSEMBLE EFG, BOSTON, MA
THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2022 | SUMMARY

The Skin of Color Society (SOCS) hosted its 18th Annual Skin of Color Society Scientific Symposium on Thursday, March 24, 2022, at the Omni Boston at the Seaport Hotel, Ensemble EFG, in conjunction with the 2022 AAD Annual Meeting. The day began with the Annual General Business Meeting and the President's Report by Dr. Donald A. Glass was followed by a full program of invited speakers and medical student/resident and research fellow oral presentations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SOCS committees reported on their activity over the past year. Exciting new initiatives were discussed, some of which included: growth of our membership numbers, record applications and activity of the mentorship program, a record number of meeting participation via abstracts and registrants, media engagement increases, a significant increase in sponsorship support, as well as the continued growth of collaborations with industry. The President also reported on new business and updates including the launch of the new online learning management system (LMS) called Dermatology E-Learning + Equity Platform (DEEP) and the announcement that the SOCS strategic plan was finalized in quarter one of 2022 and implementation of the 5-year plan will begin in 2022.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

The SOCS Nominating Committee (Drs. Lynn McKinley-Grant (Chair), Donald Glass, Valerie Harvey, Candrice Heath, and Susan Taylor) proposed to the Board of Directors the following slate to fill the vacancies for the 2022-2023 year.

Outgoing BOD members, Drs. Lynn McKinley-Grant, Ammar Ahmed, and Marcelyn Coley were thanked for their service and the new slate of officers were presented and considered. After the meeting, a digital vote was requested and approved by the full membership. Drs. Pamela Allen, Naiara Barbosa, and Jenna Lester were elected to the BOD with a term expiring in 2025.

Dr. Valerie M. Harvey is the new President for a 1-year term expiring in 2023. Dr. Andrew F. Alexis is serving as President-Elect for a 1-year term. Dr. Candrice Heath will continue her role as Secretary/Treasurer expiring in 2023. Finally, Dr. Donald A. Glass is now Immediate Past President for a 1-year term.

RESEARCH GRANT AWARDS

The 2022 Research Grant winners, sponsored by Pfizer, were announced:

Jillian Richmond, PhD

“Examining Gene and Protein Expression in Clinically Diverse Mycosis Fungoides Samples from Skin of Color Patients”

Shawn Shih, MD

“The Utility of Topical Oxymetazoline in Preventing Post-filler Ecchymosis in Skin of Color Patients: A Randomized, Double-blind, Split-Face Study”

Nkemjika Ugonabo, MD, MPH

“Combination Topical Cysteamine and Fractional 1927nm Low-Powered Diode Laser Resurfacing vs. Topical Cysteamine Alone in the Treatment of Melasma: A Prospective, Split-Face Cohort Study”

See [more](#).

CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARD

The 2022 Career Development Award winner, sponsored by Pfizer, was announced:

Shawn Kwatra, MD

“Racial Differences in Germline and Somatic Mutations in Prurigo Nodularis”

See [more](#).

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The 2022 Mentorship pairings were partially announced.

OBSERVERSHIP PROGRAM

The Observership Grant program has continued to grow with 17 recipients this year. The 2022 Observership Grant awardees, sponsored by Urban SkinRx, EltaMD, and SkinMedica, were announced.

1. Melissa Alfredo, MD - UNESP (Botucatu Medical School - São Paulo, BR), Dermatology Resident
2. Leandra Barnes, MD - Stanford University, Dermatology Resident
3. Henriette De La Garza, MD - Boston University, Dermatology Research Fellow
4. Shreya Deoghare, MBBS - Dr. D. Y. Patil Medical College and Hospital, Pimpri, Pune, Dermatology Resident

5. Pauline Flaum-Dunoyer - Weill Cornell Medical College, Medical Student (3rd year)
6. Marycarmen Flores, BA - Chicago Medical School at Rosalind Franklin University, Medical Student (3rd year)
7. Preetha Kamath, MD - Mercer University SOM/Orange Park Medical Center/HCA, Dermatology Resident
8. Jennifer Laborada, BS - University of California Riverside School of Medicine, Medical Student (3rd year)
9. Jazmin Newton - University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine, Medical Student (3rd year)
10. Aderonke Obayomi, MD, MPH - University of Miami, Dermatology Resident
11. Chidubem Okeke - Howard University College of Medicine, Medical Student (3rd year)
12. Ogechukwu Opaigbeogu, BS - Albany Medical College, Medical Student (3rd year)
13. Deborah Paul, MD - University of Rochester, Dermatology Resident
14. Alba Posligua, MD - University of New Mexico Department of Dermatology, Dermatology Resident
15. Krystina Quow, MD - Duke University Medical Center, Dermatology Resident
16. Sruveera Sathi, MS - Georgetown University School of Medicine, Medical Student (3rd year)
17. Nicole Trepanowski, BS - Boston University School of Medicine, Medical Student (4th year)

See [more](#).

SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM

[View Detailed Program](#) | [Read Our Press Release](#) | [View and Download Meeting Photographs](#)

The Scientific Symposium, co-chaired by Drs. Andrew Alexis and Ginette Okoye, titled “*Diversity in Action: Science, Healthcare & Society*” began at 12:55 PM on Thursday, March 24, 2022. This year’s program featured an exciting lineup of invited expert speakers on an array of skin of color dermatologic topics, updates on the latest research on various dermatologic conditions, a look at evolving issues in artificial intelligence in dermatology, aesthetics in skin of color, pigmentary disorders, keloids, dermoscopy of scarring alopecia, and physician leadership in advancing. In addition, a wide range of oral and iPoster presentations by residents, fellows, and medical students were presented.

Oral and poster presentations were judged by Drs. Prince Adotama, Dianne Davis, Cheri Frey, Corey L. Hartman, Eva Kerby, Tiffany Mayo, Julia Mhlaba, and Uchenna Okereke.

Best Oral Presentation Award

Erica Ogwumike, BA

UT Southwestern Medical Center

“Matching into Dermatology Residency: The Impact of Research Fellowships”

Best Poster Presentation Award

Brandyn White, BS

Howard University College of Medicine

“A Preliminary Analysis of the DDB1 Gene: Genome-Wide Association Studies in African and Admixed African American Populations – Is Our Skin Different?” | View [iPoster](#).

Crowd Favorite Award

Jennifer Cucalon, BS

St. George’s University; Rao Dermatology

“Non-invasive, In-Vivo Rcm Monitoring of Lentigines Treated With Cryotherapy to Establish Minimum Freeze Time in Seconds (Dose) in Skin of Color” | View [iPoster](#).

ORIGINAL RESEARCH

The official program of the 18th Annual SOCS Virtual Scientific Symposium included presentations by five medical students/research fellows who presented information about their original research. The presenters were:

1. **Eman Hijab, BS**
Medical Student (4th year), Emory University School of Medicine
Clinical Decision-Making Bias in Darker Skin Types: A Prospective Survey Study Identifying Diagnostic Bias in Decision to Biopsy
2. **Ariel Knowles, MBBS**
Clinical Research Fellow, UT Southwestern Medical Center
Treatment of Keloid-Associated Pain and Pruritus with Oral Pentoxifylline
3. **Isabelle Moseley, BA**
Medical Student (2nd Year), Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University
Racial Disparities in the Management of Hidradenitis Suppurativa: Evidence From the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey, 2012–2018
4. **Erica Ogwumike, BA**
Medical Student (2nd Year), UT Southwestern Medical Center
Matching into Dermatology Residency: The Impact of Research Fellowships
5. **Channi Silence, MS**
Medical Student (4th year), Massachusetts General Hospital
Treatment Recommendations for Pseudofolliculitis Barbae in the Barbershop

INVITED SPEAKERS

There were 12 excellent expert talks and 3 panels given during the SOCS Annual Scientific Symposium by our invited speakers. Our invited speakers were:

1. **[Cheryl Burgess, MD, FAAD](#)** - Founder and President, Center for Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery | Aesthetics in Skin of Color Panel
2. **[Roxana Daneshjou, MD, PhD](#)** - Clinical Scholar, Dermatology, Postdoctoral Scholar, Biomedical Data Sciences, Stanford University | “Artificial Intelligence in Dermatology”
3. **[Seemal R. Desai, MD, FAAD](#)** - President, Medical Director, Innovative Dermatology; Clinical Assistant Professor of Dermatology, UT Southwestern | Pigmentary Disorders Panel
4. **[Nada Elbuluk, MD, MSc, FAAD](#)** – Associate Professor of Clinical Dermatology; Director, Skin of Color Program & Pigmentary Disorders Clinic; Director, Skin of Color Research Fellowship; Director, Dermatology Diversity & Inclusion Program; USC Department of Dermatology, Keck School of Medicine | Pigmentary Disorders Panel
5. **[Donald A. Glass, II, MD, PhD, FAAD](#)** - President, 2021-2022, Skin of Color Society; Associate Professor, Department of Dermatology, UT Southwestern Medical Center | Keloids Panel

6. [Pearl Grimes, MD, FAAD](#) – SOCS Founding Member, Clinical Professor of Dermatology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, The Grimes Center for Medical and Aesthetic Dermatology | Aesthetics in Skin of Color Panel
7. [Corey L. Hartman, MD, FAAD](#) - Assistant Clinical Professor, UAB Dermatology; Founder and Medical Director, Skin Wellness Dermatology | Pigmentary Disorders Panel
8. [Eva Kerby, MD, FAAD](#) - Assistant Clinical Professor, Department of Dermatology, Weill Cornell Medicine | Keloids Panel
9. [Janiene Luke, MD, FAAD](#) - Associate Professor, Residency Program Director, Department of Dermatology, Loma Linda University | Aesthetics in Skin of Color Panel
10. [Tiffany Mayo, MD, FAAD](#) - Assistant Professor, Department of Dermatology, University of Alabama at Birmingham | “Dermoscopy of Scarring Alopecia in Skin of Color”
11. [Jack Resneck Jr., MD, FAAD](#) - President-Elect, American Medical Association; Professor and Vice-Chair of Dermatology, UCSF School of Medicine | “Physician Leadership in Advancing Equity and Shaping the Future of Medicine”
12. [Jill S. Waibel, MD, FACS, FAAD](#) - Medical Director, Miami Dermatology and Laser Institute | Keloids Panel

POSTER GALLERIES

SCIENTIFIC IPOSTER GALLERY

SOCS members and pending members published 106 digital scientific poster presentations through iPosters. During the networking reception, the top 15 rated posters were featured with their primary author by an iPoster screen for live Q&As.

The list of Scientific Posters starts on page 6 of this document.

INDUSTRY IPOSTER GALLERY

In addition to the Scientific iPoster Gallery, we devoted a gallery to industry posters to display content and research to share among all attendees.

SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM RECORDING

The Symposium recordings will be available via DEEP, our learning management platform. Go to deepskinofcolorsociety.org to login or register. DEEP learning and CME are FREE for SOCS members. Please contact [SOCS HQ](#) for your member coupon code.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The hashtags used for this year’s program were: [#SOCS2022](#) [#SkinofColorSociety](#) and [#SOCSScientificSymposium](#) on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.

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