



2023 AGOS Annual Meeting

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From the President



CHRISTOS COUTIFARIS
AGOS President

Dear colleagues and friends,

I want to welcome you to Chicago to the first exclusively in-person meeting of our Society since the pandemic. We hope to continue the greatly successful trajectory of Dee Fenner's 2022 meeting and usher in a new AGOS era of engagement and progress for academic Obstetrics and Gynecology. Our vision is for AGOS to become the thinktank that will provide ideas and facilitate change towards the betterment of our field across all academic areas of education, training and research that ultimately inform and transform clinical practice. The members of the organizing committee, Sarah Adams, Ruth Farrell, Emily Su and Stephanie Teal, to whom I cannot adequately express my appreciation and gratitude, helped me put together a program that every attendee should find relevant, interesting and exciting and should trigger spirited and inspiring discussions. I hope that my expectation, articulated in my first newsletter, that this meeting would expand knowledge, inform action and be most enjoyable will be realized. It should also be highlighted that under the leadership of our next President, Ronnie Alvarez, we have organized semi-structured, facilitated roundtable afternoon discussions to prepare for our new strategic plan that will materialize next year. During these discussions we will update the Society's mission and vision and review burning issues such as research funding, member engagement, advancement of the next generation of academicians

in obstetrics and gynecology, leadership development and the place of obstetrics and gynecology and women's health in forging the future across all of medicine.

Before closing, I would like to express my most heartfelt thanks to our Executive Director Tessa Benitez, Lilian Heemstra, and Emily Oh of Status Plus who have made sure this meeting is a success.

Once again, welcome and thank you all for coming to Chicago to attend this year's AGOS meeting. Please, get excited, become engaged, network actively, extend old friendships and make new ones. Let's all work together towards establishing AGOS as our premier academic thinktank across the entire specialty of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Christos', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Christos Coutifaris is the Celso Ramon Garcia Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology at the University of Pennsylvania where he also served as Chief of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility from 1998 to 2018. After graduating from Amherst College, he received MD and PhD degrees from the University of Pennsylvania and completed training in Obstetrics & Gynecology and Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. He has directed clinical and basic research programs in reproduction under continuous NIH grant support for more than 30 years. Currently, he serves as Associate Director of the NICHD-funded Penn Center for the Study of Epigenetics in Reproduction with his research focusing on the cell biology of human trophoblast differentiation and function and on understanding the epigenetics of abnormal placentation and of adverse perinatal outcomes following infertility treatments. Dr. Coutifaris has been a member of several Federal Advisory Committees including NIH's Reproductive Endocrinology Study Section, has participated in multiple NIH special emphasis review panels, and served as Chair of the Oversight Committee for NIH's Perinatology Research Branch. He was a member of the Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, was President of the Society for Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility and of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine and is currently President of our Society. In 2017, he was elected to the National Academy of Medicine.

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Program Schedule - Thursday, September 28, 2023

📍 Grand Ballroom

🕒 07:00 AM – 08:00 AM

📍 Walton Room

Breakfast

🕒 08:00 AM – 08:15 AM

Welcome and Opening Remarks

👤 Christos Coutifaris, MD, PhD, President, AGOS

🕒 08:15 AM – 09:30 AM

The National Academy of Medicine Session

The ABOG Lecture

Advancing Women and Women's Health

Elena Fuentes-Afflick, MD, MPH, Home Secretary, The National Academy of Medicine, Professor of Pediatrics, UCSF

The Hunter Lecture

The National Academies and Women's Health

👤 Victor J. Dzau, MD, President, The National Academy of Medicine

Moderated Discussion

👤 Melissa A. Simon, MD, MPH, George H. Gardner MD Professor of ObGyn, Northwestern University

🕒 09:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Health and Vulnerability: An Activist's Perspective

👤 Emi Mahmoud, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Goodwill Ambassador

🕒 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM

📍 Walton Room

Coffee/Tea Break

🕒 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Fighting for Women and Women's Health: The Idealist vs. the Pragmatist

👤 Daphna Stroumsa, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor of ObGyn, University of Michigan

🕒 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Achieving Reproductive Freedom

👤 Maureen G. Phipps, MD, MPH, FACOG, Professor Emerita of ObGyn, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

🕒 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

The NIH Session

Opportunities and Novel Initiatives in Women's Health Research

👤 Janine Clayton, MD, Director, Office of Research on Women's Health, NIH

🕒 12:30 PM – 01:15 PM

📍 Walton Room

Lunch and Presentation of New AGOS Fellows

🕒 01:15 PM – 03:30 PM

Defining the Future of AGOS - Afternoon Roundtable Discussions

(Open participation by sign-up)

01:15 PM - 01:25 PM

Introduction

👤 Ronald D. Alvarez, MD, MBA, President-Elect, AGOS

👤 Christos Coutifaris, MD, PhD, President, AGOS

01:25 PM - 02:00 PM

Session 1: Revisiting the AGOS Mission and Vision

02:00 PM - 03:30 PM

Session 2: All About Members

Membership Eligibility and Recruitment

Membership Engagement

AGOS Leadership Development

🕒 06:00 PM – 07:30 PM

📍 Club International at the Drake Hotel

President's Reception

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📍 Walton Room

Breakfast

🕒 08:00 AM – 08:25 AM

Business Meeting - AGOS

🕒 08:25 AM – 08:45 AM

Business Meeting - AAOGF

🕒 08:45 AM – 09:00 AM

AAOGF Scholar 5-Minute “Elevator Pitch” of Their Research – Session 1

🕒 08:45 AM – 08:50 AM

Introduction

🕒 08:50 AM – 08:55 AM

Phase I/II Study for the Treatment of Recurrent Endometrial, Epithelial Ovarian, Fallopian tube and Primary Peritoneal Cancer

👤 *Floor Backes, MD, AAOGF/GOGF Scholar, Associate Professor of ObGyn, The Ohio State University*

🕒 08:55 AM – 09:00 AM

Biomarker-Driven Treatment of Endometrial Cancer

👤 *Bradley Corr, MD, AAOGF/ABOG Scholar, Associate Professor of ObGyn, University of Colorado*

🕒 09:00 AM – 10:00 AM

The Price Oration

Cancer Immunotherapy: From the Bench to Effective Clinical Application

👤 *George Coukos, MD, PhD, Past AAOGF Scholar, Professor and Director of the Department of Oncology UNIL-CHUV and the Ludwig Cancer Research Lausanne Branch, University of Lausanne, Switzerland*

🕒 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM

AAOGF Scholar 5-Minute “Elevator Pitch” of Their Research – Session 2

🕒 10:00 AM – 10:05 AM

Introduction

🕒 10:05 AM – 10:10 AM

Treatment for Recurrent Progressive Endometrial Cancer: A Novel Arm of the Platform Study

👤 *B.J. Rimel, MD, AAOGF/ GOGF Scholar, Assistant Professor of ObGyn, UCLA and Cedars Sinai Medical Center*

🕒 10:10 AM – 10:15 AM

The Cervicovaginal Metabolome-Microbiome Interface and Spontaneous Preterm Birth

👤 *Kristin Gerson, MD, PhD, AAOGF/SMFM Scholar, Assistant Professor of ObGyn, University of Pennsylvania*

🕒 10:15 AM – 10:45 AM

📍 Walton Room

Coffee/Tea Break and AAOGF Scholar Poster Presentations

🕒 10:45 AM – 11:15 AM

The Priorities, Challenges and Opportunities for Women’s Health Research in a Shifting Policy Landscape

👤 *Ruth Farrell, MD, MA, Professor of ObGyn and Reproductive Biology, The Cleveland Clinic*

🕒 11:15 AM – 12:00 PM

Obstetrical and Gynecologic Conditions as Harbingers of Lifelong Health

👤 *Lisa Levine, MD, MSCE, Michael T. Mennuti Associate Professor of ObGyn, University of Pennsylvania*
👤 *Anuja Dokras, MD, MHCI, PhD, Professor of ObGyn, University of Pennsylvania*

🕒 12:00 PM – 12:30 PM

Research in Urogynecology: Progress and Future Challenges

👤 *Marianna Alperin, MD, MS, Professor of ObGyn and Reproductive Sciences, UC, San Diego*

🕒 12:30 PM – 01:00 PM

Evidence-based Guidelines for Women's Health: The United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) and the Women's Preventive Services Initiative (WPSI)

👤 *David Chelmow, MD, Leo J. Dunn Professor and Chair of ObGyn, Virginia Commonwealth University*

🕒 01:00 PM – 01:45 PM

Presidential Address

👤 *Christos Coutifaris, MD, PhD (President, AGOS)*

🕒 01:45 PM – 02:15 PM

📍 Walton Room

Lunch

🕒 02:30 PM – 04:00 PM

Defining the Future of AGOS – Afternoon Roundtable Discussions

(Open participation by sign-up)

Session 3: All About Leadership

Education

Research

National Leadership

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🕒 07:30 AM – 08:30 AM

📍 Walton Room

Breakfast

🕒 08:30 AM – 09:15 AM

Harassment, Discrimination and Violence in the Workplace: A Call for Consideration and Action

👤 Cheryl Iglesia, MD, Professor of ObGyn, Georgetown University and Past President, Society of Gynecologic Surgeons (SGS)

👤 Angeles Alvarez Secord, MD, MHSc, Professor of ObGyn, Duke University and President, Society of Gynecologic Oncology (SGO)

🕒 09:15 AM – 10:00 AM

Uterus Transplantation: Is It a Needed Treatment Option?

Absolutely yes!

👤 Kathleen O'Neill, MD, MSTR, AAOGF Travel Scholar Awardee, Assistant Professor of ObGyn, University of Pennsylvania

No! A Fad That Will Fade Away

👤 Ginny Ryan, MD, MA, Professor of ObGyn, University of Washington

🕒 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM

📍 Walton Room

Coffee/Tea Break

🕒 10:15 AM – 11:30 AM

Dallas/Chicago: Do We Have a Problem? – Surgical Training in Obstetrics and Gynecology

👥 Moderators:

Stephanie V. Blank, MD and Warner Huh, MD, Past Presidents, Society of Gynecologic Oncology (SGO)

👤 Catherine Bradley, MD, MSCE, President, American Urogynecologic Society (AUGS)

👤 Angela Dempsey, MD, President, Society of Family Planning (SFP)

👤 Abimbola O. Famuyide, MBBS, President, Society of Academic Specialists in General ObGyn (SASGOG)

👤 Anthony C. Sciscione, DO, President, Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM)

👤 Michael A. Thomas, MD, President, American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM)

🕒 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Summary of Roundtables and the 2024-2029 AGOS Strategic Plan

👤 Ronald D. Alvarez, MD, MBA, Professor and Chair of ObGyn, Vanderbilt University, AGOS President 2024-2025

🕒 12:00 PM

Adjournment

Presentation Summaries



Elena Fuentes-Afflick, MD, MPH, Home Secretary, The National Academy of Medicine, Professor of Pediatrics, UCSF

Thursday, September 28, 2023 (08:15 AM)

The ABOG Lecture

Advancing Women and Women's Health

Dr. Fuentes-Afflick will review the status of women in academic medicine and discuss strategies to advance women and women's health. She will review strategies to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion and highlight examples of individual, institutional, and organizational approaches which may be utilized to advance women and women's health.



Victor J. Dzau, MD, President, The National Academy of Medicine

Thursday, September 28, 2023 (08:45 AM)

The Hunter Lecture

The National Academies and Women's Health

The Institute of Medicine (now the National Academy of Medicine/NAM) was founded in 1970, to provide evidence-based health advice at a time of rapid social change. In this vein, some of the IOM's earliest major initiatives focused on reproductive and maternal health, and later, on the increasing understanding of the importance of women's inclusion in clinical research, the importance of considering biological sex versus gender, and on broadening perspectives on women's health needs. This presentation will review NAM's historical influence on women's health, the evolution of thinking on women's health disparities, and current needs in the field. The conversation will also highlight recent NAM initiatives focused on research and funding needs; chronic debilitating conditions in women; and the wide-ranging implications of the June 2022 Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization Supreme Court decision, with a particular focus on equity and broad societal impacts.



Emi Mahmoud, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Goodwill Ambassador

Thursday, September 28, 2023 (09:30 AM)

Health and Vulnerability: An Activist's Perspective

Access to quality healthcare with continuity saves lives. In places like my native Sudan where healthcare is on the brink of collapse, this is nearly impossible to achieve. How did we get here, and how can we create a shift in paradigm? Can we reimagine what it means to be caregivers? Without sustainable solutions to bolster our resilience and jointly tackle the global healthcare crisis, we'll continue to leave millions behind. But, it's not too late. If we place the most vulnerable people at the forefront of change, we can move toward actions that transform our world for the better at an unprecedented rate. In the face of seemingly insurmountable challenges on the horizon, we must act now.

As I bring together humanitarianism, art, and experience from the field to transform the way we see our world, my aim will be to lift up the voices of our people on the frontlines of global health, bringing attention to how far we've come and how far we will go if we scale our efforts together. Finally, As a woman who is deeply familiar with what it truly means to have lived, lost, survived, and finally thrived in the face of our shifting world— I'll tackle what it truly means to catalyze change, highlighting the possibilities that open when we take action as leaders in our spaces, health champions in our own rite, and as partners striving toward a collective good.

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Daphna Stroumsa, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor of ObGyn, University of Michigan

Thursday, September 28, 2023 (10:30 AM)

Advocating for Gender Justice: Idealism vs. Pragmatism

How do we advocate for reproductive health and gender justice? What relationship, if anything, does trans health have with Women's Health? How does advocacy for trans health affect the ways we think about advocacy for Women's Health and vice versa? What are our responsibilities as ObGyn's?

In this talk we will think about some concrete ways in which advocacy for reproductive health and advocacy for trans health conflict, coincide, and complement each other.



Maureen Phipps, MD, MPH, FACOG, Professor Emerita of ObGyn, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

Thursday, September 28, 2023 (11:00 AM)

Achieving Reproductive Freedom

This presentation will highlight perspective, clarity and a call to action in achieving reproductive freedom.



Janine Clayton, MD, Director, Office of Research on Women's Health, NIH

Thursday, September 28, 2023 (11:30 AM)

Opportunities and Novel Initiatives in Women's Health Research

Established in 1990, the Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) serves as the focal point for women's health research at the National Institutes of Health. For over thirty years, ORWH has worked across NIH and

beyond to advance our understanding of sex and gender as influences in health and disease, support women in biomedical careers, and stimulate research to improve the health of women. In her presentation, Janine Austin Clayton, M.D., FARVO, Director, ORWH, will present the NIH-Wide Strategic Plan for Women's Health Research goals to detail how ORWH and NIH-wide funding opportunities collaborate the achieve goals to advance the health of women and uplift women in biomedical careers.



Floor Backes, MD, AAOGF/GOGF Scholar, Associate Professor of ObGyn, The Ohio State University

Friday, September 29, 2023 (08:50 AM)

AAOGF Scholar Lecture

Phase I/II Study for the Treatment of Recurrent Endometrial, Epithelial Ovarian, Fallopian tube and Primary Peritoneal Cancer

Dr. Floor Backes will discuss her investigator initiated Phase II trial of weekly paclitaxel/lenvatinib/pembrolizumab in recurrent endometrial cancer and platinum-resistant ovarian cancer. AAOGF grant funding allowed her to devote time to conduct, oversee, and complete this study. She will discuss some challenges encountered during this grant/study period and will briefly present the initial results, which will be available for review by poster as well.



Bradley Corr, MD, AAOGF/ABOG Scholar, Associate Professor of ObGyn, University of Colorado

Friday, September 29, 2023 (08:55 AM)

AAOGF Scholar Lecture

Biomarker-Driven Treatment of Endometrial Cancer

Endometrial cancer is the most diversely molecularly driven gynecological malignancy. Over the last decade, there has been identification of molecular subclassifications that have both prognostic and

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therapeutic significance. My research is focused on the CTNNB1 mutation of endometrial cancers and its relation to the Wnt pathway mechanism of carcinogenesis. The focus of my studies is on the Copy Number Low (CNL) classification which has historically been considered a low risk patient population for recurrence in which patients commonly did not receive adjuvant therapy. However, this group is enriched in CTNNB1 mutations and multiple evaluations have demonstrated that this mutation may reveal a higher risk of recurrence and may warrant additional therapy. We have identified a small molecule inhibitor that has effective anti-tumor properties in vitro and in vivo and helped elucidate the mechanism of action of this therapy. The work from this AAOGF/ABOG scholarship has led to the development of a national clinical trial.



George Coukos, MD, PhD, Past AAOGF Scholar, Professor and Director of the Department of Oncology UNIL CHUV and the Ludwig Cancer Research Lausanne Branch, University of Lausanne, Switzerland

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Cancer Immunotherapy: From the Bench to Effective Clinical Application



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Friday, September 29, 2023 (10:05 AM)

AAOGF Scholar Lecture

Treatment for Recurrent Progressive Endometrial Cancer: A Novel Arm of the Platform Study

Dr. Rimel will discuss a platform endometrial trial with novel combinations designed to test strategies quickly for development into phase 3 studies.



Kristin Gerson, MD, PhD, AAOGF/SMFM Scholar, Assistant Professor of ObGyn, University of Pennsylvania

Friday, September 29, 2023 (10:10 AM)

AAOGF Scholar Lecture

The Cervicovaginal Metabolome–Microbiome Interface and Spontaneous Preterm Birth

Specific microbial and immune features of vaginal ecosystems have been linked to spontaneous preterm birth. Mechanisms driving associations remain incompletely understood. Metabolomics has emerged as a lens in other organ systems through which phenotypes of microbial ecosystems can be more clearly elucidated. The bioactive potential of the vaginal metabolome, however, remains under investigated. Our laboratory identified a role for select vaginal metabolites, including tryptophan metabolites and xenobiotics, in modifying host immune responses underlying cervicovaginal epithelial barrier dysfunction. Findings from these types of translational studies may be harnessed to modify aspects of the vaginal ecosystem through novel postbiotic strategies, thereby improving pregnancy and reproductive health outcomes.



Ruth Farrell, MD, MA, Professor of ObGyn and Reproductive Biology, The Cleveland Clinic

Friday, September 29, 2023 (10:45 AM)

The Priorities, Challenges and Opportunities for Women's Health Research in a Shifting Policy Landscape

The presentation will describe the opportunities and challenges to engage diverse patient populations in research to generate new reproductive medicine science and biotechnology. This will include strategies for addressing the design and conduct of clinical research in the unique regulatory, legal, policy, and bioethical environment that impact the field of reproductive medicine.

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Lisa Levine, MD, MSCE, Michael T. Mennuti
Associate Professor of ObGyn, University of Pennsylvania



Anuja Dokras, MD, MHCI, PhD, Professor of ObGyn,
University of Pennsylvania

Friday, September 29, 2023 (11:15 AM)

Obstetrical and Gynecologic Conditions as Harbingers of Lifelong Health

To discuss the epidemiologic data linking hypertensive disorders of pregnancy (HDP) and long-term cardiovascular disease to identify immediate echocardiographic differences between patients with and without severe preeclampsia.

To compare differences in traditional cardiovascular risk factors (e.g. hypertension, diabetes, metabolic syndrome) and subclinical cardiac dysfunction in a group of well-characterized patients with and without a history of a hypertensive disorder of pregnancy (HDP) >10 years earlier.

Polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) has a worldwide prevalence of 8-13% and is associated with gynecologic, cardiometabolic and psychological comorbidities. The cardiometabolic risk which includes obesity, impaired glucose tolerance, diabetes, dyslipidemia, hypertension and metabolic syndrome is evident during reproductive years. Cross-sectional population based studies suggest increased risk of subclinical atherosclerosis (endothelial dysfunction, increased carotid intima thickness and coronary artery calcium) and cardiovascular disease (CVD) events (myocardial infarction, stroke, ischemic heart disease). The hyperandrogenic PCOS phenotype appears to be at a higher cardiometabolic risk. Unsupervised hierarchical cluster analysis in genotyped cohorts of PCOS also suggests the presence of a reproductive and metabolic phenotype. Our deep phenotyping studies indicate that adipocyte dysfunction and dyslipidemia including impaired cholesterol efflux capacity and increased atherogenic lipoprotein particles are significant contributors to

CVD risk in this population. Hormonal contraceptives, a first line treatment, may worsen the risk of metabolic syndrome in overweight or obese women with PCOS whilst metformin may improve overall cardiometabolic risk. Building on this evidence, the 2023 updated international guidelines include the recommendation that women with PCOS should be considered at increased risk for CVD and routinely assessed for CVD risk factors.



Marianna Alperin, MD, MS, Professor of ObGyn and Reproductive Sciences, UC, San Diego

Friday, September 29, 2023 (12:00 PM)

Research in Urogynecology: Progress and Future Challenges

Women's health care should encompass the full life span, thus there is an urgent need to increase the amount of research funding directed towards women's health beyond maternity and reproductive care. Pelvic floor disorders, including pelvic organ prolapse, various types of urinary incontinence, and fecal incontinence, are experienced by ~25% of women in the US, significantly impacting quality of life. In addition, urogynecologists provide care to women suffering from bladder pain syndrome, recurrent urinary tract infections, myofascial pain, genitourinary syndrome of menopause, and sexual dysfunction. The National Urogynecology Research Agenda 2023, put forward by the American Urogynecologic Society, will be reviewed, introducing current key gaps and priorities. A selection of important ongoing efforts in clinical, translational, and discovery science research, as well as the need to address health care disparities, multidisciplinary research, and training of future scientists, will be highlighted.

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David Chelmow, MD, Leo J. Dunn Professor and Chair of ObGyn, Virginia Commonwealth University

Friday, September 29, 2023 (12:30 PM)

Evidence-based Guidelines for Women's Health: The United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) and the Women's Preventive Services Initiative (WPSI)

The presentation will briefly describe the history, scope, and methods of the US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) and the Women's Preventive Services Initiative (WPSI). It will discuss insurance coverage of recommendations from these two groups and recent legal challenges to this coverage. The presentation will also discuss how recommendations from these two groups fit together to impact preventive care.



Cheryl Iglesia, MD, Professor of ObGyn, Georgetown University; Past President, Society of Gynecologic Surgeons (SGS)

Angeles Alvarez Secord, MD, MHSc, Professor of ObGyn, Duke University; President, Society of Gynecologic Oncology (SGO)

Saturday, September 30, 2023 (8:30 AM)

Harassment, Discrimination and Violence in the Workplace: A Call for Consideration and Action

Outline the prevalence of aggression and sexual harassment in ObGyn departments and list evidence-based options for mitigating this problem in academic ObGyn settings.



Kathleen O'Neill, MD, MSTR, AAOGF Travel Scholar Awardee, Assistant Professor of ObGyn, University of Pennsylvania

Ginny Ryan, MD, MA, Professor of ObGyn, University of Washington

Saturday, September 30, 2023 (9:15 AM)

Uterus Transplantation: Is It a Needed Treatment Option?



Stephanie V. Blank, MD and Warner Huh, MD, Past Presidents, Society of Gynecologic Oncology (SGO)

Catherine Bradley, MD, MSCE, President, American Urogynecologic Society (AUGS)

Angela Dempsey, MD, President, Society of Family Planning (SFP)

Abimbola O. Famuyide, MBBS, President, Society of Academic Specialists in General ObGyn (SASGOG)

Anthony C. Sciscione, DO, President, Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM)

Michael A. Thomas, MD, President, American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM)

Saturday, September 30, 2023 (10:15 AM)

Dallas/Chicago: Do we have a problem? Surgical Training in Obstetrics and Gynecology

Defining the Future of AGOS Roundtable Discussions

AGOS is updating its Strategic Plan and is seeking valuable input from its members in this process. We encourage you to participate in roundtable discussions scheduled during the 2023 Annual Meeting.

AGOS Mission:

The American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society assures excellence in women's healthcare through scholarship, leadership, advocacy, and thought leaders.

AGOS Vision:

To preserve and foster the academic mission of obstetrics and gynecology.

Roundtable Schedule

Thursday Afternoon, September 28, 2023

Speed Dating

Introducing yourself to 2-3 people you still don't know

Session 1

Revisiting our Mission and Vision

High-level review 2018 strategic plan review

Session 2

All About Members

Membership eligibility and recruitment

Membership engagement

Developing future AGOS leaders

Friday Afternoon, September 29, 2023

Session 3

All About Leadership

Education

Research

National leadership

AAOGF Travel Awardees 2023



J. Bay Jacobs Award

Camille A. Clare, MD, MPH, CPE, FACOG
*Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Downstate Health Sciences University (DHSU)
Mount Sinai Hospital*



Donald Swartz Award

Jessica B. Spencer, MD, MSc
*Department of Gynecology & Obstetrics
Emory University School of Medicine*



James W. Kennedy Award

Kathleen O'Neill, MD, MSTR
*Division of Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility
University of Pennsylvania*



Walter T. Dannreuther Award

Melissa Frey, MD, MS
*Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Weill Cornell Medicine*



Henry L. Darner Award

Molly B. Moravek, MD, MPH
*Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Department of Urology
University of Michigan*



AGOS President's Award

Molly Stout, MD, MS
*Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
University of Michigan*



AAOGF/ACOG President's Award

Nandini Raghuraman MD, MSCI
Washington University in St Louis



AAOGF President's Award

Sarah Averbach, MD, MAS
*Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and
Reproductive Sciences
University of California, San Diego Health*

2023 New Fellows

- » **Lisa Barroilhet, MD, MS** – University of Wisconsin
- » **Andrew Berchuck, MD** – Duke University School of Medicine
- » **Allison Bryant, MD, MPH** – Massachusetts General Hospital
- » **Erin Carey, MD, MSCR** – University of North Carolina
- » **Vanessa Dalton, MD, MPH** – University of Michigan
- » **Anuja Dokras, MD, MHCI, PhD** – University of Pennsylvania
- » **Gena Dunivan, MD** – University of Alabama at Birmingham
- » **John Fischer, MD** – University of Minnesota – Twin Cities
- » **Rajiv Gala, MD** – Ochsner Health
- » **Veronica Gomez-Lobo, MD** – National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
- » **Ellen Hartenbach, MD, FACOG** – University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine
- » **Jennifer Kawwass, MD** – Emory University
- » **Felicia Lane, MD, MS** – University of California, Irvine
- » **Gweneth Lazenby, MD, MSCR** – Medical University of South Carolina
- » **Carolyn Lefkowitz, MD, MPH, MS** – University of Colorado School of Medicine
- » **Jo Ann Pinkerton, MD** – University of Virginia Health
- » **Sarah Prager, MD, MAS** – University of Washington
- » **Lisa Rahangdale, MD, MPH** – University of North Carolina
- » **Erin Saleeby, MD, MPH** – University of California, Los Angeles at Harbor-UCLA
- » **Danny Schust, MD** – Duke University School of Medicine
- » **Divya Shah, MD, MME** – University of Pennsylvania
- » **Kate Shaw, MD, MS** – Stanford University School of Medicine
- » **Christine Walsh, MD, MS** – University of Colorado School of Medicine

In Memoriam



WENDY ROSAMUND BREWSTER

JULY 24, 2023

Dr. Wendy Rosamund Brewster passed away on July 24, 2023, in Bellaire, Texas, of metastatic pancreatic cancer. She was born May 24, 1966, in Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom. She attended Queen's College High School in Georgetown, Guyana, and received her BS degree from Rutgers University, New Jersey, graduating Phi Beta Kappa.

Dr. Brewster went on to receive her MD from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and her PhD in Epidemiology from the University of California, Irvine (UCI). She finished her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center where she cared for a primarily indigent and uninsured patient population. This formative

experience inspired Dr. Brewster to pursue a career in oncology and a women's health research career focusing on cancer care equity. Dr. Brewster did her gynecologic oncology fellowship at UCI where she joined the faculty in 2000. Her leadership roles at UCI included Gynecologic Oncology Fellowship Director and Southern California Tumor Registry Co-Director.

In 2008, Dr. Brewster joined the faculty at the University of North Carolina (UNC), Chapel Hill, where she rose to Professor with Tenure in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. She was Director of the UNC Center for Women's Health Research, co-chair of the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center Equity Council, and held an adjunct position of Professor in the Department of Epidemiology in the Gillings School of Global Public Health, Chapel Hill.

Dr. Brewster's research focused on optimizing gynecological cancer screening and early detection and addressing disparate health outcomes. She published over 150 academic journal articles and book chapters and served as Deputy Editor of the Gynecologic Oncology journal. To honor Dr. Brewster's outstanding research contributions, UNC recently established the Wendy R. Brewster Distinguished Lectureship in Cancer Health Equity. Dr. Brewster was known for her generous support and mentorship of trainees, earning her prestigious teaching accolades and the admiration of countless residents and fellows who trained with her.

Among Dr. Brewster's many leadership roles in the field of gynecologic oncology, she played a pivotal role in the growth and success of the Society of Gynecologic Oncology. She had exemplary contributions as the 2019 Annual Meeting Program Co-Chair, Deputy Editor of Gynecologic Oncology, SGO Secretary-Treasurer, and served as its President Elect through July 14th, 2023.

Dr. Brewster wished all her colleagues to know that "It was an incredible honor to be elected by the membership to serve the SGO as President. The opportunity to lead an organization that has given so much to me is a career highlight. SGO can effect meaningful change in the health care ecosystem to forge a path for better health outcomes for our patients, and I am honored to have contributed to the effort."

Dr. Brewster's mantra was "Perform an act of kindness that makes a difference in someone's life" and in this philosophy, she endowed a generous legacy gift to SGO – the Wendy R. Brewster, MD, PhD, Young Investigator Award – to be awarded annually to an early career investigator demonstrating a commitment to improving endometrial and cervical cancer outcomes. She also served proudly on several national committees at the Centers for Disease Control, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the National Academy of Sciences.

Above all, Dr. Brewster was known for her kindness and caring for others. She lived life to the fullest. She loved traveling, exploring new cuisines, visiting outdoor markets, and hosting dinner parties for her friends. The most precious gifts she gave were her time, love, and attention, freely and without condition.

Dr. Wendy Brewster was preceded in death by her parents, Erwin, and Pearl Brewster. She is survived by her siblings; Rod Brewster and Dr. Abenaa Brewster.

Submitted by Deborah Myers, MD, FACOG, Assistant Secretary and Paola Gehrig, MD, Treasurer

In Memoriam



GREGORIO DELGADO

JUNE 20, 2023

Dr. Gregorio Delgado, a world-renowned Gynecological Oncology Surgeon, passed away on June 20, 2023, at the age of 82, in Longboat Key, FL. Dr. Delgado was born on March 27, 1941, in Tarapoto, Peru, on the fringes of the Amazon Rainforest. He did not see a car or make a telephone call until going to high school in Lima, Peru. Influenced by this father, he chose a career in medicine. Dr. Delgado obtained his MD from the National University of Trujillo Academy of Medicine in 1966. With the influence of Project Hope, he traveled to the United States in 1967 to begin his training in Buffalo, NY. He did his internship at Sisters of Charity Hospital in Buffalo in 1968. He then completed his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at

Georgetown University Medical Center in 1971 and his fellowship in Gynecologic Oncology in 1973 at M.D. Anderson Hospital & Tumor Institute, where he also was a HEW Fellow in Gynecologic Oncology.

Most of Dr. Delgado's professional career was at Georgetown University Medical School, where he was a Professor at Georgetown University Medical School and head of the female cancer program and Associate Director of the Lombardi Cancer Center. Thereafter he became Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Loyola Chicago Stritch School of Medicine in Chicago and the West Penn Alleghany health system in Pittsburgh, PA.

Dr. Delgado was a member of many professional medical societies, including The Felix Rutledge Society, the Mid-Atlantic Gynecologic Oncology Society (MAGOS), the Society of Pelvic Surgeons, and the Society of Gynecologic Oncology (SGO). He authored two books and published countless medical research articles.

In his book, *Trails from Tarapoto, A Cancer Surgeon's Story*, he describes his childhood days when small-town living was simple and walking was a way of life. His intriguing biography focuses on the human side of cancer surgery, based on personal experiences in and outside the operating room – the cathedral of learning.

Dr. Delgado was an internationally recognized cancer surgeon and educator. In his free time, Dr. Delgado enjoyed spending time with his family, golfing, fishing, and writing. He is survived by his spouse, Mary, and his children, Frank, Scott, Kent, and Rosa.

Submitted by Deborah Myers, MD, FACOG, Assistant Secretary

In Memoriam



ARTHUR L. HERBST

JUNE 16, 2023

Arthur L. Herbst, MD, Joseph Bolivar De Lee Distinguished Service Emeritus Professor at the University of Chicago, died peacefully at his Chicago home on June 16, 2023, at the age of 91 with Lee, his wife of 64 years.

Dr. Arthur L. Herbst was born in New York City on September 14, 1931. At the age of two, he moved to Pittsburgh, PA, where he spent his youth. He attended Harvard University for college and medical school. Dr. Herbst completed an internship in general surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital and did his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Boston Lying-in Hospital. He did active-duty

service requirements in the Navy as a line officer.

Dr. Herbst was an attending physician at Massachusetts General Hospital, where he led a research study on a rare cervical cancer in mothers who had taken the drug diethylstilbesterol, DES, during pregnancy to help prevent miscarriage. Dr. Herbst's research was pivotal, earning him the Francis Stone Burns Award from the American Cancer Society. The DES registry he created yielded numerous publications and was continuously funded by the NIH until 2020.

In 1976, at age 45, Dr. Herbst became Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Chicago. He was chair for 26 years and led the department in its tremendous growth of research and clinical care. He served on multiple medical boards, published over 180 articles, and gave lectures around the world. He held numerous leadership roles for the specialty, including Director of the Division of Gynecologic Oncology for ABOG and President of AGOS in 1998. In 1995 he was elected to be a member of the National Academy of Medicine.

Dr. Herbst was known to be intelligent, disciplined, hard-working, full of integrity, and unfailingly reliable in all aspects of his life. He could be counted on to listen carefully and provide calm and helpful counsel. He took every call and always did his best to support anyone who needed medical care, whether it was a patient, a family member, or a friend of a friend.

Dr. Herbst was actively taking Spanish lessons in his 70s, swimming lessons in his 80s, and playing tennis until he was 88. In retirement, he and his wife, Lee, split their time between Chicago and Tucson, Arizona. Having always felt grateful for the scholarships that enabled him to attend college and medical school, Dr. Herbst established scholarship funds at Harvard, the University of Chicago, and the University of Arizona.

He met and married Lee Ginsburg during his third year of medical school in 1958 and had two children, Elizabeth and Arthur. His family was always important to him, and he cherished the opportunity to spend time with his grandchildren in retirement. Dr. Herbst is survived by Lee Ginsburg Herbst, his wife of 64 years; his daughter, Elizabeth Herbst-Brady; and his son, Arthur L. Herbst, Jr.

Submitted by Deborah Myers, MD, FACOG, Assistant Secretary, and S. Diane Yamada, MD

In Memoriam



GEORGE D. MALKASIAN

APRIL 28, 2023

Dr. George Durand Malkasian, Jr., Mayo Clinic Emeritus Obstetrician and Gynecologist, passed away on April 28, 2023, at the Mayo Clinic Hospital at the age of 95. Dr. Malkasian was born on October 26, 1927, in Springfield, Massachusetts. He attended Yale University and received his MD degree from Boston University School of Medicine.

Between 1945–1946, Dr. Malkasian served on active duty in the United States Navy as fireman 2nd class and again from 1958–1961 as a Navy Reserve physician with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. On release from the Navy, he joined the staff of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN in 1961 until his retirement in 1992. At Mayo, he served as chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology from 1976–1986. He was professor of OB/Gyn at the Mayo School of Medicine and received Mayo's Teacher of the Year Award in both 1973 and 1977. After retirement he served as the Executive Director of the Zumbro Valley Medical Society in Rochester, MN, from 1996–2003.

Dr. Malkasian served as president of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (1989–1990), the Central Association of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and the North American Obstetrical and Gynecological Society, and vice president of the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO). He was also a member of Sigma Xi, the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the United Kingdom and the American College of Surgeons where he was a member of the Board of Governors. He served on the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Chemotherapy Review Board and was an honorary member of numerous societies. He published over 150 manuscripts during his career.

His retirement activities included his life-long passion for gardening, the enjoyment of family, and 33 years of lake life in Madison Lake, MN. His most significant volunteer achievement was initiating and coordinating the smoke-free restaurant ordinance for Rochester, MN. He enjoyed serving on committees with Gustavus College faculty in St Peter, MN and the Bella Voce Young Women's Choir Board of Rochester, MN.

He married Mary Ellen Koch on October 16, 1954, in Longmeadow, MA. He is survived by his wife Mary Ellen, and his three daughters Linda Boettcher, Karen Baxter, and Martha Malkasian.

Submitted by Deborah Myers, MD, FACOG, Assistant Secretary

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