60th Annual
MEDICAL ALUMNI AWARDS
APRIL 21, 2017

School of Medicine
University of Missouri Health
MU Medical Alumni Organization’s First Award Winner, Arthur McComas

In 1956, the very first alumni award was given to Arthur R. McComas, a physician from Sturgeon, Missouri, and a University of Missouri graduate. Dr. McComas received degrees in surveying and pedagogy from MU in 1888 and his medical degree from Beaumont Hospital Medical School in St. Louis in 1890. “Doc Mac” was active in his practice until his death in November 1956 at the age of 88. For more than 30 years and as chairman of the Missouri State Medical Association Council from 1915 to 1937, Dr. McComas worked toward the re-establishment of the four-year school of medicine at the MU School of Medicine and was present at the dedication of the new medical center only a few days before his death. He was given the first ever Citation of Merit award months before his death. He was instrumental in the Missouri Crippled Children’s Service and was a leader in establishing the Ellis Fischel Cancer Hospital.
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6 P.M. RECEPTION

7 P.M. DINNER AND CEREMONY

Dinner
Dinner will include the following entrée choices:

Chicken Sardou
Pan fried chicken breast topped with sautéed spinach, artichokes and hollandaise.

Grilled Norwegian Salmon
Served with a lemon beurre blanc sauce.

Vegan/Gluten Free Option
Baby bok choy, asparagus, sautéed spinach and Yukon gold potatoes layered with potato crisps and finished with flash fried grape tomatoes, green beans and chive oil.

Entrées will be served with a chef’s selection of seasonal vegetables and a mixed green salad along with house made dessert selections.

Welcome

Patrice (Patrick) Delafontaine, MD
Hugh E. and Sarah D. Stephenson Dean

Program and Presentation of Awards —

Ted Groshong, MD ’67
Senior Associate Dean for Alumni Affairs

Judee Bland, MD ’02
President, MU Medical Alumni Organization
PATRICE (PATRICK) DELAFONTAINE, MD

Patrick Delafontaine, MD, is Hugh E. and Sarah D. Stephenson Dean of the University of Missouri School of Medicine. He joined the University of Missouri School of Medicine in December 2014 from Tulane University in New Orleans.

At Tulane, Dr. Delafontaine served as the Sidney and Marilyn Lassen Chair of Cardiovascular Medicine, chief of cardiology, director of the Tulane University Heart and Vascular Institute at Tulane University School of Medicine, and medical director of cardiovascular services at Tulane University Hospital and Clinic. He is board-certified in cardiovascular diseases. A member of the Tulane University faculty from 2003 to 2014, Dr. Delafontaine also has served in clinical leadership positions at the University of Kansas Medical Center, the University of Geneva and Emory University in Atlanta. He has been elected numerous times by his peers for inclusion in Best Doctors in America®. His research on cardiovascular health has been funded by the National Institutes of Health for more than 25 years.

Dr. Delafontaine has experience with basic science research, animal studies and clinical and translational research. In 2012, Dr. Delafontaine, along with researchers at Louisiana State University and the Pennington Biomedical Research Center, received a five-year $20 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to create a collaborative research initiative dedicated to biomedical research, including cardiovascular disease. Dr. Delafontaine was the first scientist to establish the critical link between the human hormone system that regulates blood pressure, known as the renin-angiotensin system, and a protein that is essential for childhood growth. His studies on this link have provided major insights into muscle-wasting diseases.

Dr. Delafontaine has written more than 147 articles about his research and is a member of the editorial board of *Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology*. He has served on multiple study sections for the NIH and was a charter member and past chair of the NIH Vascular Cellular and Molecular Biology Study Section and is also a member of the study section of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute’s Specialized Center of Research Grants. Dr. Delafontaine was recently inducted into the American Clinical and Climatological Association (ACCA). He is the only ACCA member at MU and is one of only eight members of the 250-member group from Missouri. Born in Alexandria, Egypt, and raised in South Africa, Dr. Delafontaine received his medical degree from the University of Geneva in Switzerland. He completed a research and clinical fellowship in medicine (cardiology) at Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston.
TED GROSHONG, MD ’67
Ted Groshong, MD ’67, is senior associate dean for alumni affairs and associate professor emeritus of child health at the University of Missouri School of Medicine. In 2008, he retired as chair of the Department of Child Health, Children’s Miracle Network Professor in Pediatrics and medical director of Children’s Hospital at MU. After receiving undergraduate and medical degrees from MU, Dr. Groshong completed residency and fellowship training at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston and University of Wisconsin in Madison. He returned to MU in 1975 and has since held a variety of appointments at MU’s medical school, including associate dean for medical education and associate dean for student affairs. Dr. Groshong has a long history as a clinician and educator. He has received numerous awards from students, and in 2003, they nominated him for the Association of American Medical Colleges’ Humanism in Medicine Award. He also has received the Mizzou Alumni Association Faculty Award, the MU School of Medicine Alumni Organization Distinguished Service Award, and the Boone County Medical Society’s Doctor of the Year Award. Dr. Groshong also has served as a leader for the Missouri State Medical Association and the Missouri chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. In 2008, MU’s medical school and its alumni recognized Dr. Groshong’s service by establishing a scholarship in his name for medical students interested in pediatrics.

JUDEE BLAND, MD ’02
Judee Bland, MD ’02, is president of the University of Missouri Medical Alumni Organization and is a physician with Missouri State Disability Determinations in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, as well as a medical director with Legacy Hospice Company.

After graduating from the University of Missouri School of Medicine, Dr. Bland completed residency training in internal medicine and pediatrics at the University of Missouri, where she also served as chief resident of pediatrics. During her time at MU, Dr. Bland was an instructor for the School of Medicine’s High School Mini Medical School. She was also a member of the School of Medicine Admissions Committee and the House Staff Organization Executive Committee. After residency, Dr. Bland joined SE Health in Cape Girardeau as a hospitalist before becoming medical director of Rural Health Clinics Southeast HEALTH. Dr. Bland is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha Honors Society and has served as a member of the MU Medical Alumni Board of Governors since 2006. She is also an active member of the Cape Girardeau County Area Medical Society Medical Alliance.
Dongsheng Duan, PhD, is the Margaret Proctor Mulligan Professor in Medical Research in the Department of Molecular Microbiology and Immunology, Department of Neurology, Department of Bioengineering, and Department of Biomedical Sciences at the University of Missouri.

Dr. Duan received his medical training in China from the West China University of Medical Sciences in 1987 and his doctoral degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1997. Dr. Duan joined the University of Missouri in 2002 as a tenure-track faculty member. His major research interest is to understand disease mechanisms and to develop gene therapy for muscular dystrophies and cardiomyopathies. The current focus in the Duan lab is adeno-associated virus (AAV)-based gene therapy for Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD). DMD is the most common lethal childhood muscle disease caused by mutations in the dystrophin gene. Dr. Duan was the first to demonstrate that AAV is an episomal vector, a critical safety feature of the AAV vector.

Dr. Duan’s lab pioneered Duchenne cardiomyopathy gene therapy and bodywide AAV gene delivery in large mammals. His lab also identified the pivotal nNOS-binding site in dystrophin and developed new mini-/micro-dystrophin vectors with improved therapeutic efficacy. More recently, Dr. Duan’s lab conducted a series of pivotal studies where dogs with DMD were successfully treated. These results have cleared the road for the first in-man bodywide gene therapy in human patients and a clinical trial of AAV gene transfer is planned for later this year. In 2016, Dr. Duan and his collaborators reported the first successful gene repair therapy in a mouse DMD model using the cutting-edge genome editing tool called CRISPR technology.

Since 2002, Dr. Duan has brought in more than $22 million of research funding to MU. He has served as a grant reviewer for multiple study sections at the National Institutes of Health and as a journal reviewer for more than 85 peer-reviewed publications. Dr. Duan has edited two books titled “Muscle Gene Therapy” and “Muscle Gene Therapy: Methods and Protocols,” and published more than 140 research articles. He has invented a number of dual vector technologies to double AAV packaging capacity for large genes (such as the dystrophin gene) and holds a total of 16 patents for his work. He has received a number of awards including Spurgeon Distinguished Medical Research Award in 2004, Outstanding New Investigator Award from the American Society of Gene Therapy in 2006, and Chancellor’s Award for Outstanding Research and Creative Activity from the University of Missouri in 2009.
RONALD KORTHUIS, PHD

Ronald Korthuis, PhD, is professor and chair of the Department of Medical Pharmacology and Physiology at the University of Missouri School of Medicine. He also holds the George L. and Melna A. Bolm Chair in Cardiovascular Health.

After completing his doctorate in physiology from Michigan State University, Dr. Korthuis completed a Parker B. Francis Postdoctoral fellowship at the University of South Alabama. He held multiple leadership positions in the Department of Molecular and Cellular Physiology at Louisiana State University including professor, department vice chair, and assistant dean for graduate studies before joining MU in 2004.

Dr. Korthuis has focused his work on the role of oxidative stress and inflammation in the body. His research has been continuously supported by grants from the National Institutes of Health for more than 30 years, and in 2010, he along with his collaborators, was awarded a NIH Program Project Award, the first such award given to the MU School of Medicine. His research centers on the microvascular responses to ischemia/reperfusion (I/R), with a particular emphasis on the mechanisms whereby inflammatory responses contribute to tissue injury after the blood supply is re-established following prolonged ischemia, or inadequate blood supply. Dr. Korthuis’s research also seeks to identify the molecular signaling mechanisms that are activated by antecedent ethanol ingestion at low levels to confer the development of a protected phenotype to limit I/R injury. Newly funded research focuses on the role of an enzyme, myeloperoxidase, expressed by some types of white blood cells, especially neutrophils, in the development of multi-organ failure in sepsis.

Dr. Korthuis is a past recipient of the Gold Chalk Award for Dedication and Service to the Advancement of Graduate Student Education and was elected to the Order of Socrates for Excellence in Medical Education and to the Alpha Omega Alpha National Medical Honor Society. He dedicates more than 160 hours each year to educational activities including serving as a block tutor in patient-based learning courses, supporting the Vascular Biology Journal Club and teaching several lectures. He has served as a regular member on three grant peer review study sections for the NIH and is appointed to several editorial boards for scientific journals.

Dr. Korthuis is also a very active contributor to the programmatic activities for a number of scientific organizations, including the American Physiological Society, American Society for Pharmacology and Therapeutics, and the Microcirculatory Society. He has published over 180 papers, book chapters, and review articles.
STEFAN SARAFIANOS, PHD

Stefan Sarafianos, PhD, holds the Chancellor’s Chair of Excellence in Molecular Virology at the University of Missouri and is joint professor in the Departments of Molecular Microbiology and Immunology and Biochemistry at the University of Missouri School of Medicine.

Dr. Sarafianos came to the University of Missouri in 2006 from Rutgers University where he served as a research associate professor at the Center for Advanced Biotechnology & Medicine. He received his bachelor’s degree in chemistry from the University of Patras, Greece, and his doctoral degree in biochemistry from Georgetown University in 1993. Since 2008, Dr. Sarafianos has been awarded 34 grants totaling more than $20 million in research funding to MU.

Dr. Sarafianos’ lab works towards unraveling the molecular details of how biomedically-relevant viruses function, how they are inhibited, and how they develop drug resistance. He has been instrumental in the development of drugs that will treat human disease by novel mechanisms of action. In pursuit of those goals, the lab uses a combination of conventional and cutting-edge research tools, including protein biochemistry, molecular biology, fluorescence imaging/microscopy, macromolecular engineering, X-ray crystallography, molecular modeling, enzymology, and high-throughput technologies.

While he is a very active researcher, Dr. Sarafianos also is an active mentor and educator, leading students at all levels. In addition to lecturing and graduate-level course work, he has mentored 11 postdoctoral fellows, 20 graduate students and 70 undergraduate and/or high school students and served on numerous doctoral defense committees since arriving in 2006. Dr. Sarafianos has given many invited presentations nationally and internationally and has served on several planning and organizing committees for prominent international research meetings. He is a charter member of the NIH AIDS ADDT Study Section and a past chair of the HIV/AIDS Innovative Research Applications Study Section. Dr. Sarafianos holds three patents for his work, is the author of 127 peer-reviewed manuscripts including 11 invited reviews and is the author of 31 structures deposited at the Protein Data Bank.

Dr. Sarafianos is also the recipient of numerous awards. In March, he was elected as a fellow to the American Academy of Microbiology, which recognizes excellence, originality, and leadership in the microbiological sciences. In 2013, he was awarded the Chancellor’s Chair at the University of Missouri (an endowed chair) and he is a past recipient of the Dorsett L. Spurgeon MD Award recognizing excellence in research at the University of Missouri School of Medicine.
Max Heeb, M.D., B.S. Med ’51, practiced general surgery for more than 45 years in rural Missouri. His wide range of experiences cover a broad spectrum of surgery cases — all in Sikeston, Missouri. In his book, “Max the Knife: The Life and Times of a Country Surgeon.”, Dr. Heeb includes an assortment of anecdotes from a rural surgeon’s perspective. With unique humor and wisdom, he tells stories that allow readers to better understand the medical field as well as the mind of a surgeon.

From a small town in southern Missouri, Dr. Heeb was a depression-era born surgeon who eventually reached state and national importance in his leadership positions with the American Cancer Society and the American College of Surgeons. He graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor’s degree from Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau in 1949. Following the two-year medical program at MU, Dr. Heeb graduated with honors from medical school at Washington University in St. Louis in 1953.

After Dr. Heeb completed a surgical residency at The Jewish Hospital of St. Louis in 1958, he became one of the founding members and managing partners of Ferguson Medical Group after serving in the McClure Ferguson Medical Clinic. The same year, he began his surgical career at the Missouri Delta Medical Center in Sikeston, Missouri, where he remained until he retired on Nov. 9, 2008, at the age of 81 after 50 years and four months of practice.

Dr. Heeb has served as president of various organizations including the Missouri State Surgical Society, Missouri Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, Missouri Chapter of the American Cancer Society as well as MU’s Medical Alumni Organization. In addition to serving nine years on his local school board, he also has served as vice president of the Missouri State Medical Society and governor for Missouri for the American College of Surgeons, chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee of the Missouri Division of Family Services, and chairman of the Third Party Medicine, Medical Economics and Governmental Relations Committee for the Missouri State Medical Association.

Dr. Heeb is a 1991 recipient of the Sikeston Chamber of Commerce “Man of the Year” and a 2009 recipient of the Southeast Missouri State University Alumni Association’s Alumni Merit Award. In 2006, he was invited to give the MU School of Medicine’s Milton D. Overholser Lecture where he presented “The Life and Times of a Country Surgeon.”
Debra Koivunen, MD Res ’84 is associate professor of surgery in the division of surgical oncology at the University of Missouri School of Medicine. She joined the faculty at MU in 1989.

Dr. Koivunen is currently the senior associate dean of Graduate Medical Education where she serves as the ACGME Designated Institutional Official for the University of Missouri. She also previously served as general surgery program director for more than 15 years. Her clinical practice centers on breast, thyroid and parathyroid surgery.

Dr. Koivunen completed her undergraduate and medical degrees at the University of Michigan. After finishing her general surgery residency at MU, she completed fellowship training in surgical endocrinology at the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center with the Penn State School of Medicine, and then was an assistant professor of surgery there until 1989. Dr. Koivunen attained board certification from the American Board of Surgery for general surgery in 1989.

Dr. Koivunen’s dedication to improving the quality of surgical care through education extends beyond the University of Missouri School of Medicine. Dr. Koivunen has been a finalist for the ACGME Parker J. Palmer “Courage to Teach” Award and has been named numerous times to the Best Doctors in America. She has served as president of the University of Missouri Surgical Society, the Missouri State Surgical Society, and the Missouri Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Koivunen has authored more than 23 publications and has given more than 60 regional and national presentations. She has served as an author or co-author on seven book chapters related to thyroid, gynecologic and endocrine surgery and adrenal disorders.
BRIDGET MCCANDLESS, MD ’92

Bridget McCandless, MD ’92, is the president and CEO of the Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City which focuses on leadership, advocacy and provision of resources to eliminate barriers and promote quality health for uninsured and underserved residents in the Greater Kansas City area.

HCF has granted over $240 million in six counties to address opportunities to build healthy communities and provide access to quality health, mental health and oral health services. Dr. McCandless currently serves on the Missouri Medicaid Oversight Committee, the Healthy KC Commission, the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce board and the Urban Neighborhood Initiative.

After receiving her medical degree from the University of Missouri School of Medicine, Dr. McCandless completed her residency in internal medicine at the University of Virginia, and received a master of business administration in Health Care Leadership from Rockhurst University. She has a special interest in chronic disease management, poverty medicine, health policy and population health. Prior to joining the foundation, she served as founder and medical director of the Shared Free Clinic of Jackson County. She continues to serve in her role as proud mother to Maggie and Nate.
BETTY HINDERKS DAVIS, MD ’99

Betty Hinderks Davis, MD ’99, is the physician executive for Banner Medical Group, Arizona West where she provides chief medical officer support along with operational and financial support to Banner’s Arizona West Region.

After graduating from the University of Missouri School of Medicine, Dr. Hinderks Davis completed residency training at MU with the Department of Dermatology where she served as chief resident in 2002. She then completed a Mohs Surgical Fellowship in Birmingham, Alabama.

Dr. Hinderks Davis joined Banner Medical Group in 2005. A board-certified dermatologist and Mohs surgeon, she continues to have a role in the professional development of physicians around leadership and the patient experience while continuing her practice in Sun City West, Arizona. Her goal is to support the creation of an ideal working environment for Banner Medical Group physicians by providing them with support and opportunities that link them with their passions while helping to develop the physician leadership workforce of the future.

In her time at Banner Medical Group, Dr. Hinderks Davis has taken an active role in professional development serving as lead physician of dermatology and as a past chair of the Innovation Committee, the Fund Oversight Committee and as a member of the Professional Development Council. She has also served as an advisor on numerous organizational quality improvement initiatives and has led several community outreach projects including a biannual community meal program for low-income families and an annual holiday gift drive for low-income families.

Dr. Hinderks Davis has received multiple honors from Banner Medical Group for her customer service satisfaction rankings and was a 2013 recipient of the national “Top Performer Clinic-Overall Patient Experience Award” given by Health Stream.
AMY KRAMBECK, MD ’02

Amy Krambeck, MD ’02, is the Michael O. Koch Professor of Urology at Indiana University School of Medicine. Dr. Krambeck’s medical school training was completed at the MU School of Medicine where she received the Janet M. Glascow award, which is awarded to any woman who graduates as valedictorian of their medical school class.

Dr. Krambeck went on to complete her urology residency at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota in 2008. She subsequently, completed an endourology fellowship at the Methodist Institute for Kidney Stone Research in Indianapolis. From 2009 to 2016 she worked as an endourologist in the Mayo Clinic Department of Urology and joined the staff at IU Health Physicians/Indiana University in July 2016. Dr. Krambeck specializes in the surgical and medical treatment of stone disease and benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH).

Dr. Krambeck’s research focuses on the pathogenesis, treatment and prevention of stone disease and the treatment of BPH. Since 2008, Dr. Krambeck has received funding from the National Institutes of Health as part of the Mayo Clinic O’Brien Research grant to study renal precursor lesions contributing to kidney stone formation. At Indiana University she continues her close collaboration with Mayo Clinic to continue her pathogenesis research.

As a member of the Endourologic Disease-focused Group for Excellence (EDGE), Dr. Krambeck also participates in several national research studies analyzing optimal surgical equipment, techniques and protocols for the treatment of stone disease. Dr. Krambeck has also published extensively on the management of stone disease during pregnancy and has worked to improve treatment options for such patients. In the area of BPH, Dr. Krambeck has a special interest in the treatment of enlarged prostates in the setting of myogenic or weakened bladders. Much of her BPH research focuses on the use of Holmium Laser Enucleation of the Prostate (HoLEP) for the treatment of symptomatic lower urinary tract symptoms.

Dr. Krambeck has authored or co-authored more than 150 peer-reviewed manuscripts and book chapters in the areas of medical and surgical treatment of stone disease, the pathogenesis of stone disease, and the medical and surgical treatment of BPH. She has also served as an invited reviewer and grant reviewer for more than 16 organizations including the Journal of Urology, European Urology, and the American Journal of Kidney Diseases. Dr. Krambeck has also served on the American Urological Association Guidelines Committee to establish current surgical guidelines for the medical treatment of stone disease.
Greg Mundis, MD ’03, resides in San Diego, California, with his wife, Lesley, and their four children. He serves as the fellowship director of the San Diego Spine Fellowship in La Jolla, California, and practices complex pediatric and adult spine surgery at Scripps Green Hospital and Rady Children’s Hospital. Prior to this appointment, Dr. Mundis served as the chief financial officer and medical director of the San Diego Center for Spinal Disorders.

After graduating from MU’s medical school, Dr. Mundis completed residency training in orthopedic surgery at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City. He then completed his spine training at the San Diego Spine Fellowship in La Jolla, California, before joining the practice in 2009. Dr. Mundis treats all spine disorders and has focused his training to subspecialize in pediatric and adult reconstructive surgery.

Research is a very important to Dr. Mundis’ practice as he feels that the study of patients and their outcomes will lead to improvement in spine care delivery. He is an active member of the International Spine Study Group (ISSG) and the Growing Spine Study Group (GSSG) and serves as principle investigator for a large multicenter study group examining the effects of minimally invasive techniques in adult spinal deformity surgery. Dr. Mundis has been involved in research and development of spine related implants where he currently holds more than 10 patents. Because of these efforts, he is a frequently invited lecturer nationally and internationally and has presented more than 230 such talks. He has served as an author or co-author on seven book chapters and 112 peer-reviewed publications.

Dr. Mundis is a member of the Scoliosis Research Society, the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons and the North American Spine Society. He enjoys sitting on the board of numerous organizations including the San Diego Spine Foundation, Venture Church, Society of Lateral Access Surgery and Global Spine Outreach (GSO).

As the son of a Missionary family, Dr. Mundis has found his true passion to be serving children in need both locally in San Diego through First Start (a local non-profit) and internationally. He has served and operated on five different continents in numerous countries including China, Cyprus, Kenya, Brazil and Mexico. His most recent efforts have been in conjunction with GSO, whose mission is to provide free medical care to children with complex spinal deformities around the world. His work with GSO has provided opportunity for his family to accompany him on some of these trips. They have focused most of their efforts in Mexico over the last two years and are developing a program that aims to provide access to 100,000 kids that currently lack access to life changing spine care.
KENNETH BURMAN, MD ’70

Kenneth Burman, MD ’70, is director of the Endocrine Section at MedStar Washington Hospital Center (MWHC) in Washington, DC and Regional Chief, Endocrinology for Medstar. His academic appointments include chief of the Integrated Endocrine Fellow Training Program, MedStar Georgetown University Hospital and MWHC; professor, Department of Medicine, Georgetown University; and professor of Medicine, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS).

Dr. Burman has been participating in both clinical and translational thyroid research for nearly 30 years and has produced more than 250 publications. His specific research interests in the field of Thyroidology include Graves’ disease, Hashimoto’s thyroiditis and thyroid cancer.

After graduating from MU’s medical school, Dr. Burman completed residency training in internal medicine at Barnes Hospital (Washington University, St. Louis, MO) in 1972 and an Endocrinology fellowship at Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) in 1974. During his tenure at WRAMC, he served as chief of Endocrinology, consultant in Endocrinology to the Surgeon General, as well as chair of Endocrinology and professor of Medicine at USUHS. Upon retirement from the Army in 1994, Dr. Burman joined MWHC.

Dr. Burman collaborated on the publication of the first comprehensive guidelines for the treatment and management of anaplastic thyroid cancer (ATC), published in Thyroid (2012;22:1104-1139). He has received many prestigious appointments and honors, including both the Van Meter Prize and the Paul Starr Prize, awarded by the American Thyroid Association (ATA) for excellence in research. He is also the 2016 recipient of the ATA’s John B. Stanbury Thyroid Pathophysiology Medal. Dr. Burman has served as president of the ATA and has received a Master designation from the American College of Physicians.

Dr. Burman serves as an editorial board member of Thyroid and has been deputy editor of the Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism. He also reviews for numerous other journals and has served as member and chair on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s Endocrine Advisory Committee.

Throughout his career, Dr. Burman has held leadership roles in and significantly participated on committees for the Endocrine Society and the ATA. He has been chair of the ATA Public Health Committee. Dr. Burman is frequently invited to lecture at medical schools, symposiums and conferences around the country and worldwide, including the MU School of Medicine’s Milton D. Overholser Memorial Lecture in 2010 during the 53rd Annual Physicians Alumni Weekend.