



  
**CELEBRATING  
EXCELLENCE  
IN RESEARCH**

## **THE DEAN'S EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH AWARDS & KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH, 2020 • 4:00 PM

### **WELCOME**

Richard L. Page, M.D.  
Dean, UVM Larner College of Medicine

### **REMARKS**

Patricia A. Prelock, Ph.D.  
Provost and Senior Vice President, University of Vermont

Kirk Dombrowski, Ph.D,  
Vice President for Research, University of Vermont

### **THE STATE OF RESEARCH AT THE COLLEGE**

Gordon Jensen, M.D., Ph.D.  
Senior Associate Dean for Research, UVM Larner College of Medicine  
Director of Research, UVM Health Network

### **GRADUATE STUDENT TRAINEE RESEARCH SHOWCASE AWARDS**

Christopher Berger, Ph.D.  
Associate Dean for Graduate Education and Postdoctoral Training,  
UVM Larner College of Medicine

### **TRAINEE AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING RESEARCH PUBLICATION**

Gordon Jensen, M.D., Ph.D.

### **UVM HEALTH NETWORK MEDICAL GROUP AWARDS**

Gordon Jensen, M.D., Ph.D.

### **UVM LARNER COLLEGE OF MEDICINE STAFF AWARDS**

Gordon Jensen, M.D., Ph.D.

### **UVM LARNER COLLEGE OF MEDICINE FACULTY AWARDS**

Gordon Jensen, M.D., Ph.D.

### **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Mark Nelson, Ph.D.  
2019 Larner Research Laureate, National Academy of Sciences Member,  
University Distinguished Professor and Chair of Pharmacology

### **CLOSING**

Gordon Jensen, M.D., Ph.D.



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## GRADUATE STUDENT TRAINEE SHOWCASE AWARD NOMINEES

### Junior Graduate Students and Mentors

Levi Bonnell

BENJAMIN LITTENBERG, M.D.

Melissa Boucher

JOM HAMMACK, PH.D.  
AND VICTOR MAY, PH.D.

Jeffrey Brabec

MATTHEW MAHONEY, PH.D.

Montana Lara

MATTHEW MAHONEY, PH.D.

Amanda Sidwell

KALEV FREEMAN, M.D.

### Senior Graduate Students and Mentors

JJ Bivona

MATTHEW POYNTER, PH.D.

Alisa Cario

CHRISTOPHER BERGER, PH.D.

Cole Davidson

FRANCES CARR, PH.D.

Annalis Norman

JASON BOTTEN, PH.D.

Lucy Pilcher

JEFF SPEES, PH.D.

Leslie Sepaniac

JASON STUMPPF, PH.D.

Kathryn Svec

ALAN HOWE, PH.D.

Alex Thompson

JASON STUMPPF, PH.D.

## TRAINEE AWARD NOMINEES FOR OUTSTANDING RESEARCH PUBLICATION

### Graduate Students and Mentors

Katharine Beca

MARGARET A. VIZZARD, PH.D.

Nicolas Chamberlain

VIKAS ANATHY, PH.D.

Caspar Schiffers

ALBERT VAN DER VLIET, PH.D.

Emma Ste. Marie

ROBERT HONDAL, PH.D.

### Medical Students and Mentors

Christina Evans, M.D.'18

MARY CUSHMAN, M.D., M.SC.

Brian Muchmore

JACOB SHAW, M.D.

Nicole Wershoven

CHARLES MACLEAN, M.D.

## OUTSTANDING RESEARCH PUBLICATION AWARD NOMINEES CONTINUED

### Postdoctoral Fellows and Mentors

Emily DuComb, M.D.

MATT KINSEY, M.D., M.P.H.

Michelle Kloc, Ph.D.

GREGORY L. HOLMES, M.D.

Kara Landry, M.D.

MARY CUSHMAN, M.D., M.SC.

Vitor Mori, Ph.D.

JASON H.T. BATES, PH.D., SC.D.

Emily Nakada, Ph.D.

VIKAS ANATHY, PH.D.

Max Owens, Ph.D.

HUGH GARAVAN, PH.D. AND ALEXI  
POTTER, PH.D.

### Residents and Mentors

Stas Amato, M.D.

GARY AN, M.D.

Danielle Kostrubiak, M.D.

DMITRIY G. AKSELROD, M.D.

Serena Murphy, M.D. and

John Konen, M.D.

MICHELLE SOWDEN, D.O.

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## FACULTY AWARD NOMINEES

### Clinical Trials

Harold Dauerman, M.D.  
Michael Hehir, M.D.

### Research Mentorship

Daniel Weiss, M.D., Ph.D.

### New Investigator

Dmitriy Akselrod, M.D.  
Katharine Cheung, M.D.,  
Ph.D.  
Brian Cunniff, Ph.D.  
Jessica Heath, M.D.  
Eline van den Broek-  
Altenburg, Ph.D.  
Matthew Weston, Ph.D.

### Mid-Career Investigator

Jason Botten, Ph.D.  
Andrew Solomon, M.D.  
Jason Stumpff, Ph.D.

### Research Laureate

Bruce Beynnon, Ph.D.  
Elizabeth Bonney, M.D., M.P.H.  
Anne Dixon, M.D.  
Robert Gramling, M.D., D.Sc.  
Kathleen Trybus, Ph.D.  
Albert Van der Vliet, Ph.D.  
Margaret Vizzard, Ph.D.

## STAFF AWARD NOMINEES

### Clinical Research Coordinator

Sara Ardren  
Laurie Chassereau, RN  
Rebecca Choquette, ATC  
Alexander Friend  
Melissa Gamelin  
Rachel Hinchliffe  
Kevin Hodgdon  
Emily Houston  
Katharine Mahoney  
Ian McHale, M.P.H.

### Scientific Research Staff

Nicole Bouffard  
Cheryl Collins  
Kristiaan Finstad  
Mack Gardner-Morse, M.S.  
Matthew Gissel  
Jay Gonyea, M.S.  
Nancy Graham  
Aida Habibovic  
Olivia Johnson  
Guy Kennedy  
Terri Messier  
Susan Varni Richardson, Ph.D.  
Theresa Wellman

## UVM HEALTH NETWORK MEDICAL GROUP AWARD NOMINEES

### Junior Researcher of the Year

Katharine Cheung, M.D.  
Jessica Crothers, M.D.

### Senior Researcher of the Year

Gary An, M.D.  
Elizabeth Bonney, M.D.,  
M.P.H.  
Don Weaver, M.D.  
Neil Zakai, M.D., M.Sc.

### Research Grants

Jessica Cintolo-Gonzalez,  
M.D.  
Scott Raymond, M.D.

### Innovation Grants

Devika Singh, M.D., M.P.H.

## UVM MEDICAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE ALUMNI AWARD

Marilyn Cipolla, Ph.D.'97

