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ACP To Honor Outstanding Contributions to Medicine in Annual Convocation Ceremony

Awardees include infection control pioneer, 'Philadelphia Chromosome' discoverer, 'street medicine' humanitarian, physician-poet, U.S. Senator, Innovator, first identifier of viral sinusitis

PHILADELPHIA -- The American College of Physicians (ACP) will honor outstanding contributions to medicine in its annual Convocation ceremony on Thursday, April 23, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. at the Pennsylvania Convention Center (Hall C) in Philadelphia, where ACP is hosting Internal Medicine 2009 through April 25.

ACP President Jeffrey P. Harris, MD, FACP, will preside over the ceremony, during which 48 new Masters of ACP ("MACP"s) will be named, 20 awardees will be honored, and more than 400 new Fellows of ACP ("FACPs") will be inducted. Mastership recognizes outstanding contributions to medicine. A select group of FACPs are nominated annually for Mastership. There are more than 640 MACPs internationally. (See pages 10 and 11 for a list of new Masters for 2009 and a description of Mastership.)

ACP annually recognizes varied accomplishments in the world of medicine: preventive medicine, distinguished teaching, medical practice, medical student education, research, volunteerism and community service, volunteer clinical teaching, mental health, preventive medicine, contributions by a layperson or lay organization, distinguished public service, lifelong devotion to patient care in internal medicine, leadership and excellence in young physicians, service to ACP, recent innovations in clinical care, innovation in health care delivery, and scholarly activities in the humanities or history of medicine.

The ACP awardees for 2009 are:

Robert O. Bonow, MD, FACP; Chicago, Ill.: *John Phillips Memorial Award for Outstanding Work in Clinical Medicine*. Dr. Bonow is the Goldberg Distinguished Professor and Chief of Cardiology at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and Co-Director of

the Bluhm Cardiovascular Institute at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. He has authored or co-authored more than 370 published papers and 80 book chapters. He is one of four principal editors of *Braunwald's Heart Disease: A Textbook of Cardiovascular Medicine*.

William Schaffner, MD, MACP; Nashville, Tenn.: *James D. Bruce Memorial Award for Distinguished Contributions in Preventive Medicine*. Dr. Schaffner is Professor and Chair of the Department of Preventive Medicine and Professor of Medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases at Vanderbilt University. He was among the pioneers in the late 1960s who inaugurated rigorous infection control programs in hospitals. Dr. Schaffner is the primary supervisor of the Centers for Disease Control Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Officers assigned to the Tennessee Department of Health for training. He is most well-known as a promoter of immunization across the entire age spectrum.

Sara Ellen Walker, MD, MACP; Las Cruces, N.M.: *Alfred Stengel Memorial Award for Outstanding Service to the American College of Physicians*. Dr. Walker is Professor Emeritus at the University of Missouri-Columbia and Adjunct professor in the Department of Pathology and Anatomical Sciences. A dedicated and warmly energetic ACP leader, Dr. Walker joined the Missouri Chapter Governor's Advisory Council in 1985, served as an active and innovative Governor from 1991 to 1995, and was elected to ACP Mastership in 1996. She was a member of the Board of Regents from 1996 to 2004 and ACP President from 2002 to 2003. Her most notable ACP work has been as scholar-ambassador, with her presentation of invited lectures, teaching, and advocacy on behalf of the College nationally and in many countries worldwide.

Elizabeth G. Nabel, MD; Bethesda, Md.: *ACP Award for Outstanding Work in Science Related to Medicine*. Dr. Nabel is Director of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; Chief and Senior Investigator in the Vascular Biology Section, National Human Genome Research Institute; and Attending Physician at the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center. She led the development of

the concept of local delivery of biologicals as potent therapies for atherosclerosis through her work on local gene delivery, including some of the earliest work on local stem cell implantation. She was one of the first cardiologists to develop and test the concept of drug-coated stents as an effective approach to the problem of restenosis, which had plagued the field of angioplasty and stenting.

Peter C. Nowell, MD; Media, Pa.: *ACP Award for Outstanding Work in Science Related to Medicine*. Dr. Nowell is Professor of Pathology at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He discovered the “Philadelphia Chromosome” by studying a disease called chronic myelogenous leukemia, finding that most cases carried a marker chromosome. This discovery identified the first genetic abnormality linked to cancer. Dr. Nowell correctly predicted that single genetic events would subsequently lead to other genetic changes, leading to progressively abnormal tumor clones and resulting in what is called the clonal evolution of tumors. His investigations of radiation effects led to the demonstration that bone marrow could be successfully transplanted to ameliorate radiation damage, which in turn led to bone marrow transplantation procedures.

Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Institute of Catholic Charities; Washington, D.C.: *Edward R. Loveland Memorial Award for a Distinguished Contribution in the Health Field*. For more than 45 years, the Kennedy Institute has partnered closely with families, health professionals, hospitals, community partners, and government agencies to make service systems more responsive to the expressed needs of people with developmental disabilities. The institute offers early intervention services to children age six weeks to three years old who are without funding for therapeutic services and health care coordination for patients, including children, who are ineligible for public funding because they have less than a 50 percent developmental delay. They also support adults with severe and multiple disabilities, most still living with their parents. Daphne Pallozzi, Director, will accept the award on behalf of the Kennedy Institute.

Dwight L. Evans, MD; Philadelphia, Pa.: *William C. Menninger Memorial Award for Distinguished Contributions to the Science of Mental Health* Dr. Evans is the Ruth Meltzer

Professor and Chairman of Psychiatry; Professor of Psychiatry, Medicine, and Neuroscience; and Psychiatrist-in-Chief at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and Health System. He has investigated how stress and depression affect the human body, especially the immune system, and how morbidity impacts thinking and behavior. Dr. Evans was among the first to conduct studies on the impact of mood disorders on cancer and HIV/AIDS patients. He is widely published, with over 180 articles and five books to his name.

John Michael Criley, MD, MACP; Torrance, Calif.: *Jane F. Desforges Distinguished Teacher Award*. Dr. Criley is Emeritus Professor of Medicine and Radiological Sciences at UCLA. He has been on the full-time faculty at Harbor-UCLA for 42 years and has trained over 130 cardiologists. Dr. Criley served in the Great Teachers Program for the American Heart Association and received a Special Recognition Award from the Laennec Society of the AHA. He and his two sons create multimedia medical educational programs that have been presented at ACP meetings and used throughout the U.S. and abroad for 15 years. These programs distill what he has learned in over 50 years in academic medicine into a dynamic multimedia format for more rapid assimilation by contemporary medical trainees.

Renu Weiss, MD; Chennai, India: *Richard and Hinda Rosenthal Award #1 from The Rosenthal Family Foundation* (for a recent innovative work making a notable contribution to improve clinical care in internal medicine). Dr. Weiss is Medical Director for The Banyan, an organization that cares for and rehabilitates homeless women with mental illness in Chennai, India, providing safe shelter, medical attention, and a supportive environment to enable them to recover and to reclaim responsibility for their lives. She also provides medical care on the streets of Chennai to all those seeking it. Dr. Weiss was actively involved in an effort to tutor impoverished children to help them to stay in school, and she is a volunteer sexuality education teacher in the local schools. She has moved her family to Chennai so that she can fully devote

herself to working within the culture and committed herself to her outreach work through The Banyan and her street practice.

FIMA Save Vision; Islamabad, Pakistan: *Richard and Hinda Rosenthal Award #2 from The Rosenthal Family Foundation* (for a recent original approach in the delivery of health care or in the design of facilities for its delivery that will increase its clinical and/or economic effectiveness). The Federation of Islamic Medical Associations (FIMA) is an international coalition of 25 national Islamic medical organizations fighting disease and suffering in their respective countries. Started in 2004 to address the need for ophthalmic services in Darfur, Sudan, the FIMA Save Vision program has expanded to include over 350 volunteer physicians from around the world, mostly eye surgeons, and provide eye care to people not only in Darfur but other provinces in Sudan, Somalia, Chad, Nigeria, Mali, Senegal, Sri Lanka, and Pakistan as well. Dr. Parvaiz Malik, United States Executive for FIMA, will accept the award on behalf of FIMA Save Vision.

Israel J. Flance, MD, FACP; Saint Louis, Mo.: *Ralph O. Claypoole Sr. Memorial Award for Devotion of a Career in Internal Medicine to the Care of Patients*. Dr. Flance is Professor Emeritus of Clinical Medicine at Washington University School of Medicine, where he was on faculty for 53 years. He has been described as the most respected and admired internist in the St. Louis area, a master clinician with extraordinary sensitivity to diagnostic cues and deep rapport with patients personally. Dr. Flance's unusual and perceptive diagnosis led to the FDA's banning of certain types of resins in hair spray that accumulated in the lungs. His concern for patient and community health inspired him to begin the first formal home-care program for tuberculosis in the United States.

Rafael Campo, MD; Boston, Mass.: *Nicholas E. Davies Memorial Scholar Award for Scholarly Activities in the Humanities and History of Medicine*. Poet and essayist Dr. Rafael

Campo is Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and practices primary care medicine at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. His third collection of poetry, *Diva*, was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award. Dr. Campo's latest book of poetry, *The Enemy*, was recently awarded the Sheila Motton Book Prize by the New England Poetry Club, the nation's oldest poetry organization, for the best collection of poetry published in 2007. His work also has been selected for inclusion in the *Best American Poetry* series and has appeared in many prominent periodicals, including *The Nation*, *The New Republic*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *The Paris Review*, and *The Washington Post Book World*.

Paul A. Bialas, MD, FACP; Warren, Pa.: *Outstanding Volunteer Clinical Teacher Award*.

Dr. Bialas is a general internist and holds a volunteer position as Clinical Associate Professor at Penn State College of Medicine. He recently completed a 10-year term as Clinical Coordinator of the Northwest Pennsylvania Area Health Education Center (AHEC), where he assisted in coordination of medical student placements. Teaching medical students in a preceptorship model initially with the University of Pittsburgh, and for the past 10 years with Penn State, he receives students for one-month rotations. These students are included in all aspects of patient care, including office, hospital, and home-based visits. He has assisted in developing a project to retain the talents of young people for AHEC communities who seek to enter medical school.

Blanche L. Lincoln; Little Rock, Ark.: *Joseph F. Boyle Award for Distinguished Public Service*. (The award will be presented at ACP's Leadership Day in May.) Senator Lincoln was the youngest woman ever elected to the United States Senate and is serving her second term representing the state of Arkansas. She currently serves on the Finance, Energy, Agriculture, and Aging Committees and is the Senate Democratic Caucus' Rural Outreach Chair, through which she helps frame the majority party's initiatives to revitalize rural America. She introduced and sponsored the Geriatric and Chronic Care Management Act of 2007, which provides for

Medicare payments that reflect the medical home model. This bill would provide Medicare beneficiaries with access to geriatric assessments and chronic care management. Senator Lincoln and her staff worked closely with ACP to draft the bill. She has also sponsored more than 50 other bills, including health care legislation to expand or add coverage of pregnant women under the Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Programs, to provide Medicare coverage for kidney disease education services, and to enhance support for frail elderly people living in rural areas.

Howard E. Voss, MD, FACP; Stuart, Fla.: *Oscar E. Edwards Memorial Award for Volunteerism and Community Service*. Dr. Voss was Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine at New York University School of Medicine and in private practice in Stamford, Conn., in allergy, immunology, and internal medicine. When he retired to Florida in 1995, he quickly found himself volunteering 10 to 20 hours a week to practice internal medicine at the Volunteers in Medicine Clinic, which provides quality comprehensive health care for the working poor and indigent. Dr. Voss led the charge for a new group to take over operation of the clinic when it was scheduled to close. He accepted the position of full-time Medical Director (without compensation).

Jack M. Gwaltney Jr., MD, FACP; Charlottesville, Va.: *Alvan R. Feinstein Memorial Award*. Dr. Gwaltney was Head of the Division of Epidemiology and Virology and is Professor Emeritus at University of Virginia School of Medicine. He did research on the common cold for his entire career, most notably in the 15-year-long "State Farm Study," which investigated the etiology and epidemiology of colds in insurance company employees and their families. Through this work he described the seasonal and familial epidemiology of rhinovirus colds. In later studies in volunteers with experimental colds, Dr. Gwaltney demonstrated that hand transmission was a major infection factor. His findings illustrated the need for hand washing and

avoiding hand-to-eye and hand-to-nose contact. He also discovered the entity viral sinusitis, which occurs with rhinovirus colds.

Vineet Arora, MD, FACP; Chicago, Ill.: *Walter J. McDonald Award for Young Physicians*. Dr. Arora is Associate Program Director for the Internal Medicine Residency and Assistant Dean of Curricular Innovation at the Pritzker School of Medicine at the University of Chicago. Her work on resident sleep loss, handoffs, professionalism, and quality of care for older inpatients has appeared in a variety of medical journals and received numerous awards. She serves as a career advisor and research mentor for countless students and residents. She directs the NIH-sponsored Training Early Achievers for Careers in Health (TEACH) Research Program, which prepares talented diverse Chicago high school students to become clinical researchers. As the former Chair of the ACP Council of Associates and ex-officio Regent, she testified before Congress on the Medicare payment system and declining interest in primary care.

Aleem M. Bharwani, MD; Calgary, Alberta, Canada: *Joseph E. Johnson Leadership Award*. Dr. Bharwani is a Resident Physician in Internal Medicine at Calgary Health Region and Advisor to the Executive Director and CFO of the University of Calgary. He has been a representative for the Professional Association of Residents of Alberta and served as a Residency Representative on the University of Calgary's Graduate Education Committee. Dr. Bharwani has created and modified other optimal and evidence-based educational programs and spearheaded the development of a revised model of resident care in the Calgary Health Region medical teaching units, which has subsequently been adapted with significant success. He co-founded a local branch of Médecins Sans Frontières.

Valerie J. Pronio-Stelluto, MD, FACP; Cambridge, Mass.: *Herbert S. Waxman Award for Outstanding Medical Student Educator*. Dr. Pronio-Stelluto is Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, Affiliated Faculty at Massachusetts Institute of Technology

(MIT), Director of Medical Student Education at Mount Auburn Hospital, and a Harvard Macy Scholar. Her students consider her a one-of-a-kind mentor, clinician, instructor, and role model. She was the first physician to receive both the Irving M. London Teaching Award and the Thomas A. McMahon Mentoring Award from Harvard University-MIT Division of Health Science Technology, besides the MIT Graduate Student Council Award. She received the Harvard Medical School Leo A. Blacklow Teaching Award and the Patient Doctor II awards.

Jacqueline W. Fincher, MD, FACP; Thomson, Ga.: *2008 Key Contact of the Year Award*. (The award was presented at ACP's Leadership Day in May 2008.) Dr. Fincher is an internist in private practice in Thomson, Ga., where she is a managing partner of McDuffie Medical Associates. Her practice was one of 34 practices nationally selected to participate in a large grant to ACP for practice innovation. Dr. Fincher was national project manager for the Information Rx patient education program of the National Library of Medicine and the ACP Foundation, and one of the top 10 ACP Key Contacts for 2005 and 2007. She graduated from the inaugural class of the Georgia Physician Leadership Academy in 2008, completing her grassroots advocacy project, "Medicare in Crisis and the Patient-Centered Medical Home Solution."

New Masters of the American College of Physicians for 2009 (48)

For a general description of this honor, see background information on the next page. For information on each Master's achievements, contact Steve Majewski in the ACP Communications Department at smajewski@acponline.org or 215-351-2514. **Note:** In the following listing, "MD, FACP" has been omitted to save space. After 4/23/09, use "MD, MACP."

William B. Applegate, Winston-Salem, N.C.
Daniel Edward Banks, Shreveport, La.
John D. Barker Jr., Sioux Falls, S.D.
Michael J. Barry, Boston, Mass.
Carl E. Bartecchi, Pueblo, Colo.
David W. Bates, Boston, Mass.**
Kenneth L. Becker, Washington, D.C.
Alan L. Bisno, Miami, Fla.
Henry R. Black, New York, N.Y.***
John K. Chamberlain, Rochester, N.Y.
Chester Choi, Long Beach, Calif.
Rody P. Cox, Dallas, Texas
Richard N. Dexter, Westfield, Ind.
Herbert S. Diamond, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Peter L. Elkin, Rochester, Minn.
Jack Ende, Philadelphia, Pa.
Luis R. Espinoza, New Orleans, La.
Alan D. Forker, Kansas City, Mo.
Patricia A. Gabow, Denver, Colo.
Donald E. Girard, Portland, Ore.
Clicerio González Villalpando, Mexico City
Anthony J. Grieco, New York, N.Y.
Francis L. Griffin, Plainfield, N.J.
Nortin M. Hadler, Chapel Hill, N.C.
S. Paul Handa, Saint John, New Brunswick,
Canada

Jeffrey Peden Harris, Millwood, Va.
Ralph I. Horwitz, Stanford, Calif.**
Albert B. Hoskins III, Louisville, Ky.
Hiromi Ishibashi, Nagasaki, Japan
Allen H. Johnson, Mount Pleasant, S.C.
Sandra Abadie Kemmerly, New Orleans, La.
Elias Knobel, São Paulo, Brazil
M. Douglas Leahy, Knoxville, Tenn.
Alexandra M. Levine, La Canada Flintridge, Calif.
Henry Masur, Bethesda, Md.
John R. Middleton, Old Bridge, N.J.
Tanveer P. Mir, Woodbury, N.Y.
G. Richard Olds, Milwaukee, Wis.
Douglas S. Paauw, Seattle, Wash.
Stephen J. Peterson, Valhalla, N.Y.
C. S. Pitchumoni, Somerset, N.J.
Gregory A. Poland, Rochester, Minn.***
Richard N. Redinger, Louisville, Ky.
Wayne Joseph Riley, Nashville, Tenn.
Bernard P. Shagan, Jackson, N.J.
Gary L. Simon, Washington, D.C.
Melvyn L. Sterling, Orange, Calif.
Robert G. Strickland, Albuquerque, N.M.
H. Kenneth Walker, Stone Mountain, Ga.
Clyde W. Yancy, Dallas, Texas

** *Unable to attend the 2009 Convocation.*

*** *Awarded Mastership in 2008 but unable to attend the 2008 Convocation Ceremony.*

About Mastership in the American College of Physicians

Levels of membership in ACP are **Medical Student Member**, **Associate**, **Member**, **Fellow** ("FACP"), **Honorary Fellow**, and **Master** ("MACP"). FACPs, or Fellows of the American College of Physicians, have been recommended by their peers, endorsed by their local ACP chapter Governor, and reviewed by a national credentials subcommittee.

Throughout the year, highly distinguished Fellows are nominated for Mastership by ACP members and others familiar with their backgrounds. Each fall, a select group of these Fellows are chosen from among the nominees for Mastership by the ACP Awards Committee and approved by the ACP Board of Regents. The title of **Master of the American College of Physicians** (MACP) is bestowed upon the recipient in the spring, on opening day of the ACP annual scientific meeting.

ACP bylaws state that Masters shall be Fellows who have been selected because of "personal character, positions of honor, contributions towards furthering the purposes of the ACP, eminence in practice or in medical research, or other attainments in science or in the art of medicine."

Masters must be highly accomplished individuals. Evidence of their achievements can come from many types of endeavors, such as research, education, health care initiatives, volunteerism, and administrative positions. The Master must be distinguished by the excellence and significance of his or her contributions to the field of medicine.

For Mastership, ACP involvement is expected, with rare exceptions. This may include, for example, service to the College in an official capacity, participation in chapter activities, and involvement in the development of College products and educational programs. Masters are authorized to use the letters MACP in connection with their professional activities.

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