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This meeting will include:
Symposia presentations
Early Career Forum
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2023 USASP
ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING
April 11-14, 2023
Washington Duke Inn
Durham, NC

Symposia Deadline:
November 10, 2022

Research Abstracts Deadline:
January 13, 2023

*Call for Symposia will be sent soon
Call for Board of Directors Nominations

The USASP is looking to fill three Director seats on the Board of Directors. The USASP is committed to (1) transparency in the nomination and election process and (2) board membership that reflects the diversity of the membership of the USASP. Therefore, the USASP will accept nominees who meet criteria for any of the seats described below.

Eligibility Criteria for Open Positions:
Active member of the USASP in good standing
Recent experience serving on USASP committees or working groups, or comparable experience in other organizations.

Directors (three open positions)*:
Term: Three years
Directors on the Board provide advice to the President, in addition to providing guidance on issues brought to the USASP and support the Board's decision-making process. Directors are expected to serve concurrently on at least one USASP Committee and/or Task Force to serve as the liaison between the Committee and the Board. The below criteria for open seats have been defined based on required characteristics to balance the experience and expertise on the Board.

Seat 1: Mid- to Senior-career investigator (Assoc./Full or Senior Scientist/Director) whose primary designation** is Basic Research- non-Human
Seat 2: An individual from any career stage whose primary designation** is Basic Science-Human
Members interested in working with the Education and Professional Development Committee are strongly encouraged to apply
Seat 3: Mid- to Senior-career investigator (Assoc./Full or Senior Scientist/Director) whose primary designation** is Clinical Care and/or Patient Advocacy and/or Pediatric Pain

Deadline for submissions: October 1, 2022 (midnight PST)

September USASP Trainee Spotlight

Edna Santos is a PhD Candidate in the lab of Dr. Steve Negus in the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology at Virginia Commonwealth University and she has recently been awarded numerous prestigious awards and a fellowship.

First, Edna was awarded an F31 Predoctoral Individual Fellowship from NIH/NINDS for her dissertation work titled “Intrinsic Efficacy as a Determinant of Opioid Effectiveness in Treatment of Pain-Depressed Behavior”.

Second, Edna was named as July's **Highlighted Trainee Author of the Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics** for her first, first-authored paper, she was
Edna Santos
PhD Candidate
Virginia Commonwealth University

Awarded one of her department’s highest awards, the Anthony Ambrose Award for scholarly achievement, she was also awarded one of VCU’s highest student awards, the Phi Kappa Phi Susan E. Kennedy Award for aiding in the advancement of the presence of women in higher education, and she was also awarded a travel award by the School of Medicine (SoM) to aid in her travels to her acceptance to attend the European Pain School in Siena, Italy.

Third, Edna was also recently invited to be the IMSD PhD Alumni speaker at the Center of Health Disparities Research Retreat at VCU. Finally, Edna enjoys being involved in the community and is the current incoming president for VCU’s Women in Science, she is the graduate student representative on the VCU SoM Teaching Excellence Awards Selection Committee, and she is a member of the Early Career Forum Committee of USASP where she was a session moderator during the annual conference in Cincinnati, OH.

Twitter: @SantosEJ

Volunteer Opportunity: USASP Finance Committee is seeking new members

The Finance Committee determines annual dues, prepares a budget, and makes recommendations on reserve funds and investments to the Board of Directors. When an audit is scheduled, the committee works with the independent auditor to ensure compliance with accounting rules and regulations.

Application: Please submit a 1-page statement of interest and CV or Biosketch by clicking the button below. Submit one application per committee.

Deadline to apply is Thursday, September 22, 11:59 pm EST.

Apply here!

Rita Allen Foundation Award in Pain Announcement

Applications for the 2022 Rita Allen Foundation Award in Pain will open October 15, 2022. Completed applications must be submitted by December 15, 2022. Information about how to apply for this award can be found by clicking the button below. Information about the 2021 Awardees can be viewed here. Members can also access the January Educational Event The Career Corner: Writing a Winning Rita Allen Award Application here.
Upcoming Event!!

USASP Career Corner:
THE ART OF NEGOTIATION IN EARLY CAREER
28 SEPTEMBER 2022
3:00PM ET

Virtual event with networking session!

SPEAKER
RACHEL AARON, PHD
Assistant Professor at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine

SPEAKER
BUREL GOODIN, PHD
Tenured Professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham

MODERATOR
CHEN CHEN, PHD
Assistant Professor at the Indiana University School of Nursing

Register at usasp.org

The United States Association for the Study of Pain is inviting you to participate in USASP Career Corner: The Art of Negotiation in Early Career to be held on September, 28th (3-4pm EST) with a networking event immediately after the seminar (4-5pm ET). This event will comprise a didactic component discussing the who, what, when, and why of negotiation, with ample time for audience participation and Q&A. The emphasis will be on preparing to negotiate an academic job offer, with some content related to negotiating graduate and postdoctoral positions. Content will be relevant to people at any early career stage.

All USASP members are free to attend, and non-members can attend for a $10 fee.

Register here!

Abdominal and Pelvic Pain SIG Meeting
This virtual seminar will take place on Wednesday, September 28th at 2:00 PM EST (1:00 PM CT and 11:00 AM PST). Two speakers, Dr. Jason Kutch (University of Southern California) and Dr. Lakeisha Lewter (University of Texas at Dallas), will discuss their work on chronic pelvic pain in the brain.

Click here to access the meeting link

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**USASP at the IASP World Congress**  
**September 19-23**

**Visit us at Exhibit #818**

Meet Tonya Palermo, Editor-in-Chief  
**Journal of Pain**

Visit with Tonya Palermo, PhD the new Editor in Chief for the Journal of Pain at USASP's exhibit (#818) on Tuesday September 20th at 4pm during the afternoon coffee break or Wednesday September 21st at 10:15am during the morning coffee break at IASP World Congress.

**Sex Differences in Pain and Analgesia SIG**

The Sex Difference in Pain and Analgesia SIG has scheduled a USASP Consensus Update Working Group meet up at the IASP meeting for Wednesday September 21 from 6-8 pm. We will
send out a location for the meet up by email and our Twitter account @USASP_SexDiff. Please note that the IASP Sex Differences SIG has scheduled their meeting for Wednesday Sept 21 at 12:30, so we encourage you to attend that as well.

Jobs and Training

Boston Children’s Hospital / Harvard Medical School
Immediate opening - Postdoctoral position in Pain Neuroimaging

Stanford Medicine
Neuroscientist Position in the Department of Anesthesiology, Perioperative and Pain Medicine at Stanford University

BOOK CORNER
EDITED BY JOHN LOESER & DAVID TAUBEN

Anna Lembke, MD
A review of Drug Dealer, M.D.

How I missed this book when it was first published, I do not know. It is a very strong indictment of the medical profession as the primary cause of the early 2000's prescription opioid epidemic in the United States. The author is clearly angry at the role her professional colleagues have played in this contemporary disaster. Written before the full flowering of illicit fentanyl lacing multiple recreational drugs, it really addresses only the original epidemic, and not the more recent issues. The author is a well-known psychiatry addiction specialist at Stanford Medical School; she has been heavily involved in the many lawsuits related to the prescription opioid epidemic. What makes this book unique is the inclusion of case vignettes that illustrate how the medical profession has been oblivious to its role in producing drug abuse and addiction. As many have recognized already, much of the responsibility lies with the medical education establishment that has for too long ignored pain in general, and opioids in particular. We know that roughly 50% of the patients who seek health care have pain as their chief complaint, yet less than 2% of a medical school curriculum addresses this topic. This failure in foundational education by the establishment left an open field for industry-funded education with its overriding goal to persuade doctors that the answer to untreated pain was opioids. The author also implicates conventional medicine's fixation on biology at the expense of mental illness. Her focus is clearly upon the need to change how and why physicians write prescriptions. This book is yet another voice for improving medical education about pain and opioids in our medical schools. She offers no suggestions as to how to accomplish this task, but as many of us recognize, what is missing from medical curricula is not so much how to manage pain with opioids, but how to manage pain without opioids. This book is a good read and I highly recommend it.

Reviewed by John D. Loeser, M.D.

Upcoming SIG Meetings and Events

- September 19-23: IASP World Congress, Toronto, Canada
- September 22 (1:30-3pm ET): Diving Deeper into the New NIH Data Management and Sharing Policy (registration link above)
- September 28 (2-3p ET): Abdominal and Pelvic Pain SIG Meeting
- September 28 (3-5pm ET): Career Corner: The Art of Negotiation for Early Career
- October 1: Call for Board of Directors Nominations Deadline
- October 1: Call for Symposia Opens (information about proposals will be emailed shortly).

If your SIG or committee has updates or events you would like shared with USASP membership please email them using the contact below.

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