Joan F. Giambalvo Fund for the Advancement of Women past recipients

2019 Recipients

Cara Cipriano, MD and Kate Gerull, MD

Title: “Gendered differences in medical students’ sense of belonging in orthopedic surgery: A multi-institution study”

Tiffany I. Leung, MD, MPH, FACP, FAMIA; Sima S. Pendharkar, MD, MPH, FACP; Angie Chen, MD, FACP, FASAM; Tammy Lin, MD, MPH, FACP; and Karen Wang, MD, MHS

Title: “Women physicians in transition: Learning to navigate the pipeline from early to mid-career”

2018 Recipients

Eliza Lo Chin, MD, MPH, executive director of the American Medical Women’s Association (AMWA) and assistant clinical professor of medicine at the University of California, San Francisco; Roberta Gebhard, DO, AMWA president-elect and co-chair of the organization’s task force on gender equity; Mary Rojek, PhD, chair of the AMWA’s Sex and Gender Health Collaborative; Wendy Bernstein, MD, MBA, AMWA board member; and Mollie Marr, medical student at Oregon Health & Science University, and AMWA student president-elect

Title: "Fixing the Leaky Pipeline—Attrition of Women During Medical Training"

Arghavan Salles, MD, PhD, assistant professor of minimally invasive surgery, Washington University School of Medicine (WUSM) and Maren Loe, MD/PhD student, WUSM

Title: "Investigating Gender Bias in Medical Student Evaluations"

2017 Recipients

Kimberly Templeton, MD, principal investigator, professor of orthopaedic surgery at the University of
Kansas Health System and immediate past-president of the American Medical Women’s Association and Anne Walling, MD, professor emerita in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita

Title: "Issues Faced by Senior Women Physicians"

Basmah Safdar, MD, associate professor and director, Department of Emergency Medicine, Yale University

Title: “Does Stereotyping of a Physician by Gender and Race Affect Patient Satisfaction? Evidence from a Patient Analog Experiment”

2016 Recipients

Shobha W. Stack, MD, PhD, acting instructor, department of medicine, director of elective development, School of Medicine University of Washington.

Jennifer Best, MD, associate professor, department of medicine, associate program director, internal medicine residency, associate dean, Graduate Medical Education University of Washington.

Title: "Childbearing among physicians in training: A cross-sectional survey of trends and factors."

2015 Recipients

Theresa Rohr-Kirchgraber, MD, associate professor of clinical medicine and pediatrics at Indiana University and executive director of the university’s National Center of Excellence in Women’s Health, will examine the issue of physician suicide.

Lucy Spalluto, MD, assistant professor of clinical radiology and radiological sciences at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, will focus on designing and implementing a module-based educational program to promote the advancement of female faculty in academic medical centers.

2014 Recipients

Elizabeth H. Ellinas, MD, associate professor of anesthesiology; assistant dean for faculty affairs and chief OB anesthesia and OB anesthesia fellowship director, Medical College of Wisconsin

Title: "Gender Differences in Promotion and Retention: Enhancing the Position of Female Faculty in
Higher Academic Rank and Leadership Positions

Sneha Harshad Shah, MD, assistant professor of emergency medicine and associate program director of emergency medicine residency program, University of Massachusetts Medical School

Title: "Gender Differences in Empathy and Burnout Amongst Emergency Medicine Residents"

2013 Recipients

Rashmi Kudesia, MD, department of obstetrics, gynecology & women’s health, Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Title: "Reproductive Knowledge, Barriers, and Outcomes Among Female U.S. Medical Students and Trainees"

Janet Lee, MD, FACS; Yolanda Haywood, MD; Hope Jackson; Aisha Davis, MD; Jehan El-Bayoumi, MD, George Washington University School of Medicine

Title: "The Experience of Chief Residents Who Have Remained in and Who Have Left Academic Medicine"

2012 Recipients

Linda Brodsky, MD & Roberta Gebhard, DO, co-chairs of the Gender Equity Task Force, American Medical Women's Association

Title: "Work Habits of Women Physicians: Request for Planning Grant"

Natalie Anne Clark, MD, University of Michigan Medical School

Title: "Conceiving Conception: Fertility Perceptions among American Physicians"

Lora C. Denton, MD, FACP, Memorial Health University Medical Center

Title: "Flexible Work Options: Finding Feasible Solutions to Keep Women in the Workplace"

Lisa Kairis, MD Loma Linda University

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Title: "Gender Differences in Practice Patterns of Obstetricians/Gynecologists: A Critical Shortage of Female Obstetricians Who Perform Deliveries"

Marcella Nunez-Smith, MD, MHS, Yale School of Medicine

Title: "Promotion and Retention of Diversity in Medical Education: Gender"

2011 Recipients

Elizabeth Breen, MD, associate professor of surgery at Brigham and Women’s Hospital

Doctor Breen’s research investigated the impact of family on a female surgeon’s career

Heather Paladine, MD, residency director and assistant clinical professor at New York Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center

Dr. Paladine investigated the key characteristics, benefits and challenges of women family physicians that practice in rural settings.

2010 Recipients

Rachel Levine, MD, assistant professor of medicine at the John Hopkins University School of Medicine

Hilit Mechaber, MD, assistant professor of clinical medicine at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

Drs. Levine and Mechaber believed best practices for mentoring female medical students had not been studied thoroughly. By analyzing data from a series of student and faculty focus groups, the doctors hoped to find new techniques that would assist educators in developing effective mentoring programs.

2009 Recipient

Nicole J. Borges, PhD, director of medical education research and an associate professor with the department of community health at Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine

Dr. Borges and her team of investigators surveyed a representative sample of all women physicians
in academic medicine. The goal of her study was to gain perspective on how, when and why physicians choose an academic path.

2008 Recipients

Sue Yom, MD, PhD, assistant professor of radiation oncology at the University of California San Francisco

Dr. Yom examined why women faculty leave and the costs associated by the respective institutions due to this lack of retention. Maurice Clifton, MD, MSEd, associate dean for admissions and student affairs with the Mercer University School of Medicine in Macon, Georgia

In his study, Dr. Clifton examined the two kinds of obstacles he believes prevent more women from practicing in rural areas.

2007 Recipients

Patricia Turner, MD

Dr. Turner was interested in examining the impact questions and attitudes regarding childbearing have on a woman’s decision to pursue a career in surgery. She also investigated if a career choice of surgery has negative impacts on a woman’s likelihood to bear children.

Ethan Jewett, MA

Mr. Jewett hoped to identify the barriers currently keeping inactive physicians out of practice in order to develop useful solutions and models for physicians to reenter the workforce.

2006 Recipient

Reshma Jagsi, MD, DPHIL, was the first recipient of the Joan F. Giambalvo Fund for the Advancement of Women

Dr. Jagsi was the primary author of the article “The ‘Gender Gap’ in Academic Medical Literature—a 35-year perspective,” which found that while the proportion of women among both first and senior physician-authors of original research in the United States had increased, women still composed a minority of the authors of original research and guest editorials in the journals. Dr. Jagsi also received
Giambalvo Scholarship funding to research the gender gap in the attainment of independent funding for research.

See the 2019 Giambalvo Fund recipients.