

**RECOGNITION OF POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW AWARDS.....Dr. Hanna Broome
Assistant Dean, School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences**

Dr. Bhavisha Bakrania (Physiology and Biophysics) – American Heart Association Postdoctoral Fellowship. Juan Carlos Romero Postdoctoral Award Finalist.

Dr. Jessica Bradshaw (Physiology and Biophysics) – Finalist in the 2019 Juan Carlos Romero and Water & Electrolyte Homeostasis Section Postdoctoral Research Recognition Award Competition.

Dr. Lais Fernanda Berro (Psychiatry and Human Behavior) – 4th Annual Steven G. Holtzman Travel Award for Preclinical Investigators. Alkermes Pathways Research Award. Graduate Research Day Poster Presentation Winner.

Dr. Jeremy Duncan (Physiology and Biophysics) – American Heart Association post-doctoral fellowship award titled “Role of cytokines in mediating cerebrovascular dysfunction in placental ischemia”.

Dr. Pallabi Pal (Biomedical Materials Science) – Graduate Research Day Poster Presentation Winner.

Dr. Edgar Torres Fernandez (Cell and Molecular Biology) – Virendra B. Mahesh Award of Excellence in Endocrinology Award by the Endocrinology and Metabolism section of the American Physiological Society at Experimental Biology 2019. Graduate Research Day Poster Presentation Winner. ELSE School of Management Scholarship. Travel and poster award for American Physiological Society. Cardiovascular, Renal and Metabolic Diseases: Sex-Specific Implications for Physiology.

Dr. Erin Taylor (Physiology and Biophysics) – Graduate Research Day Poster Presentation Winner.

**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS..... Dr. Michael Ryan
Associate Dean, School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences**

2019 Fundamentals of Physiology Award – Sarah Klender

Awarded for superior scholastic performance in the Fundamentals of Physiology course during the 2018-2019 academic year.

2019 Excellence in Pharmacology Graduate Student Award – Kenji Maeda

This award is presented to a Medical Pharmacology PhD Candidate who has demonstrated academic and research excellence, outstanding professionalism, and service to the UMMC community.

2019 Regions Outstanding Graduate Research Award – Dr. Bhuvanewari Gurumurthy

The Regions Graduate Research Award and cash prize are presented in recognition of outstanding research accomplishments by a Graduate Student.

2019 Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences Program Director’s Award

Darby Whitney, Jody Morgan, Riley Alef, Rachel Royston, Blake Hill, and Tyler Holm

This award is in recognition of an overall weighted numerical average in the top ten percent of the class as of April 1, 2019.

2019 Trustmark Postdoctoral Publication Award – Dr. Xuan Li

This award is in recognition of a single cutting edge publication that served to significantly advance biomedical knowledge with the fellow’s area of research.

2019 Randall-Trustmark Outstanding Graduate Research Award – Ramana Vaka

The Randall-Trustmark Graduate Research Award and cash prize are presented in recognition of outstanding research accomplishments and scientific contributions by a Graduate Student.

2019 Robert A. Mahaffey, Jr. Memorial Award – Edgar Meyer

Established in the memory of the late graduate student, this certificate and cash prize are awarded in recognition of exceptional research potential of young investigators. The student’s name will be added to the Mahaffey Memorial plaque.

AWARD NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Awards

Dr. Eva Bengten, Microbiology and Immunology

Dr. Michael Hebert, Cell and Molecular Biology

Dr. Amol Janorkar, Biomedical Materials Science

Dr. Andrew Notebaert, Clinical Anatomy

Dr. Donna Platt, Neuroscience

Dr. Michael Ryan, Physiology and Biophysics

Dr. Jennifer Sasser, Experimental Therapeutics and Pharmacology

Dr. Mary Stewart, Nursing



ANNUAL HONORS DAY

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12:00 noon
Thursday,
April 25, 2019

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The Norman C. Nelson
Student Union

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The University
of Mississippi
Medical Center

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School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences
HONORS DAY PROGRAM
April 25, 2019

WELCOME.....Dr. Joey P. Granger
Dean, School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences

April Overstreet
Director, Alumni Affairs

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES..... Dr. Joey P. Granger
Dean, School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences

GRADUATES
2018-2019

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Joseph Riley Alef
Biomedical Sciences

John Joseph Angel
Biomedical Sciences

Devon Duane Ashley
Biomedical Sciences

Skylarr Aron Beerman
Biomedical Sciences

Melanye Teresa Bender
Biomedical Sciences

Amanda Diane Blackwell
Biomedical Sciences

Henry Maxwell Bloomingburg
Biomedical Sciences

Reynolds Whites Brantley
Biomedical Sciences

Morgan Taylor Brasfield
Biomedical Sciences

James Benjamin Brock
Clinical Investigation

Shamika Shanta Bryson-McAuley
Biomedical Sciences

Lauren Selena Carney
Biomedical Sciences

Nikhil Nagaraj Chatakondi
Biomedical Sciences

William Chen
Biomedical Sciences

Jesse Newton Cottrell
Biomedical Sciences

James Anthony Cutrer
Biomedical Sciences

Morgan Josephine Davis
Biomedical Sciences

Abigail Leah Easter
Biomedical Sciences

Mohamed El Sammani El Gassim
Biomedical Sciences

Parker Steven Elliot
Biomedical Sciences

Sarah Jayne Fitzgerald
Biomedical Materials Science

Alexandra Elizabeth Ferguson
Biomedical Sciences

Jessica Marie Franklin
Biomedical Sciences

Shreyas Gangadhara
Clinical Investigation

Vishnu Vardhan Garla
Clinical Investigation

William Henry Gladney
Biomedical Sciences

Jesse Benjamin Graham
Biomedical Sciences

Landen Georges Hajje
Biomedical Sciences

Queene Ariana Haymer
Biomedical Sciences

Wilson Ryder Heath
Biomedical Sciences

Blake Chandler Hill
Biomedical Sciences

Rachel Franks Hill
Biomedical Sciences

Tyler Elliott Holm
Biomedical Sciences

J’Messia Deanna Jackson
Biomedical Sciences

Janika LaNelle James
Biomedical Sciences

Logan Kyndall James
Biomedical Sciences

Courtney Nicole Jones
Biomedical Sciences

Jasmine Ambreana Key
Biomedical Sciences

Kati Krishna
Biomedical Sciences

Rachel Elise Kuespert
Biomedical Sciences

Lakshmi Narasimhulu Kurnutala
Clinical Investigation

Matthew Emery Kutcher
Clinical Investigation

Austin Riley Kuykendall
Biomedical Sciences

Michael Alexander Lucas
Biomedical Sciences

Sophia Halkias Maneck
Biomedical Sciences

Robert Blake McClure
Biomedical Sciences

Hannah Marie McCrory
Biomedical Sciences

Dallas Alis McKinnon
Biomedical Sciences

Alison Paige McLendon
Biomedical Sciences

Mackenzie Lynn Miller
Biomedical Sciences

Jody Clellon Morgan
Biomedical Sciences

Tyler Richard Morton
Biomedical Sciences

Anastasia Michelle Mosby
Biomedical Sciences

Ashlyn Christine Myers
Biomedical Sciences

Kim Uyen Cong Nguyen
Biomedical Sciences

Thien Ly Thuy Nguyen
Biomedical Sciences

Gregory Wayne Nickles
Biomedical Sciences

Alabel Sybil Michelle Olinde
Biomedical Sciences

Anne Blakele Palmertree
Biomedical Sciences

Antonio Lenell Patterson
Biomedical Sciences

Aileen Marie Pfarrer
Biomedical Sciences

Judy Phan
Biomedical Sciences

Elelia Rene’ Phillips
Biomedical Sciences

William Austin Pierce
Biomedical Sciences

Peyton Ross Richards
Biomedical Sciences

Jamie Nicole Riggs
Biomedical Sciences

John Elliot Rimmer
Biomedical Sciences

Andrew Michael Risley
Biomedical Sciences

Rachel Jeannette Royston
Biomedical Sciences

Jacob Thomas Scoggin
Biomedical Sciences

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Karen Rolan Arrant
Nursing

Angela Hollis Benton
Microbiology and Immunology

Kayla Logan Carr
Nursing

Cassie Mechelle Chandler
Neuroscience

Gwendolyn Kirsten Davis
Physiology

Bhuvaneswari Gurumurthy
Biomedical Materials Sciences

Katherine Chancellor Hall
Nursing

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS.....Dr. Michael Ryan
Associate Dean, School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences

Angela Benton (Microbiology and Immunology) Sima Xi Grant-in-Aid of Research Award. National Eye Institute Travel Grant.

Laura Blackmon (Microbiology and Immunology) American Association of Immunologists Trainee Travel Award. NSF Travel Award, 14th Congress of the International Society of Developmental and Comparative Immunology. Best Poster Presentation, 14th Congress of the International Society of Developmental and Comparative Immunology.

Jared Cobb (Biomedical Materials Science) – Graduate Research Day Poster Presentation Winner, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society inductee.

Gwen Davis (Physiology and Biophysics) – American Heart Association Predoctoral Fellowship.

Elena Dent (Physiology and Biophysics) – American Heart Association Predoctoral Fellowship. American Physiological Society Caroline tum Suden/Francis A. Hellebrandt Professional Opportunity Award.

Sonja Dragojevic (Cell and Molecular Biology) – Graduate Research Day Poster Presentation Winner.

Adrian Eddy (Physiology and Biophysics) – American Heart Association Predoctoral Fellowship.

Jason Engel (Physiology and Biophysics) – American Physiological Society Caroline tum Suden/Frances Hellebrandt Professional Opportunity Award. Finalist for the APS Renal Section Predoctoral Excellence in Renal Research Award. Graduate Research Day Poster Presentation Winner.

Sid Gaikwad (Neuroscience) – Graduate Research Day Poster Presentation Winner.

Dr. Bhuvaneswari Gurumurthy (Biomedical Materials Science) – Selected as ‘Honorable Mention’ for the STAR Award by the Society for Biomaterials. Travel award for American Association for Dental Research (AADR) Fall Focused Symposium.

Jessica Michelle Seaborn
Clinical Investigation

Haleigh Kathryn Smith
Biomedical Sciences

Jennifer Raymundo Stapel
Biomedical Sciences

Woodrow Preston Taylor
Biomedical Sciences

Adam Bower Travis
Biomedical Sciences

Sara Grace Valentine
Biomedical Sciences

Jasmine Leigh Ware
Biomedical Sciences

William Todd Weissinger II
Biomedical Sciences

Danyelle Nicole Wesley
Biomedical Sciences

Amber Nicole White
Biomedical Sciences

Austin Tyler White
Biomedical Sciences

Darby Hughes Whitney
Biomedical Sciences

Tyesha Thompson Younger
Biomedical Sciences

Christian Su Yu
Biomedical Sciences

David Andrew Spencer
Microbiology and Immunology

Maryam Syed
Cell and Molecular Biology

Venkata Ramana Vaka
Experimental Therapeutics and Pharmacology

Sutton Ross Williams
Clinical Anatomy

Victoria Lea Wolf
Physiology

Valeria Zai-Rose
Cell and Molecular Biology

Mohammad Hasan (Microbiology and Immunology) – Second place award winner in the 2019 Mississippi Academy of Sciences (MAS) Student Manuscript Competition. Travel award for the 2018 Meharry Translational Research Center (MeTRC) Health Disparities Grantees’ Conference.

Mary Darby Jackson (Microbiology and Immunology) – Graduate Research Day Poster Presentation Winner. Sigma Xi Honor Society Inductee.

Kartikeya Jodha (Biomedical Materials Science) – KULZER Travel Award winner, to be recognized at the International Association for Dental Research conference in Vancouver. North American Travel Award from the Academy of Dental Materials.

Sara Klender (Clinical Anatomy) – American Association of Anatomists’ Travel Award to present research at the annual conference.

Tyler Lomax (Physiology and Biophysics) – Martin Frank Diversity Travel Award to attend Experimental Biology 2019. Graduate Student Research Day Award.

Kenji Maeda (Experimental Therapeutics and Pharmacology) – Graduate Research Day Poster Presentation Winner. Elected as a Trainee Advisory Subcommittee Member of the American Physiological Society Water & Electrolyte Homeostasis Section.

Ciara McKnight (Cell and Molecular Biology) – Graduate Research Day Poster Presentation Winner.

Edgar Meyer (Clinical Anatomy) – Poster Award Finalist for an Anatomical Sciences Education Student/Postdoctoral Education Research Poster Award at the American Association of Anatomists Annual Meeting at Experimental Biology 2019. Selected for the Excellence Award as part of The 2019 Pillars: Recognition of Service & Inclusive Excellence sponsored by the Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

Caroline Mueller (Clinical Anatomy) – American Association of Anatomists (AAA) Travel Award for Experimental Biology 2019 and complimentary ticket to the AAA Closing Awards Ceremony for presenting an abstract at their annual meeting.

Stacey Naylor (Nursing) – Jonas Scholar award winner.

Danielle Porter (Neuroscience) – Awarded a F31 NIH grant.

Katherine Rigdon (Nursing) – Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society inductee.

Carolann Risley (Nursing) – Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society inductee.

Ellen Robertson (Clinical Anatomy) – American Association of Anatomists (AAA) Travel Award for Experimental Biology 2019. Finalist for ASE Student/Postdoctoral Education Research Poster Award.

Marcelo Sakiyama (Pathology) – Graduate Research Day Poster Presentation Winner.

Olivia Travis (Physiology and Biophysics) – Graduate Research Day Poster Presentation Winner. Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society Inductee.

Hannah Turbeville (MD/PhD - Experimental Therapeutics and Pharmacology) – Travel award with mentoring program at Kidney Week 2018. Portland Press Predoctoral Research Recognition Award Finalist. Travel award to Experimental Biology 2019 from Water & Electrolyte Homeostasis Section of American Physiological Society (3 total awards) including oral presentation competition for selection of final award. NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (F30).

Sydney Vita (Neuroscience) – First place winner for her poster at the Mission Connect Symposium. First place winner at the 25th Annual Neuroscience Poster Session.

Jamarius Waller (MD/PhD - Experimental Therapeutics and Pharmacology) – Martin Frank Diversity Travel Award to attend Experimental Biology 2019.

Shaoxun Wang (Experimental Therapeutics and Pharmacology) – Award winner in BioTek’s first Imaging Perspectives competition.

Monica White (Nursing) – Jonas Scholars award winner.

James Walker Wiggins (MD/PhD – Neuroscience) – Graduate Research Day Poster Presentation Winner.

Erika Guise Williams (Physiology and Biophysics) – Finalist for the Water & Electrolyte Homeostasis Section Portland Press Predoctoral Research Recognition Award to present at Experimental Biology 2019. American Heart Association Predoctoral fellowship award.

Victoria Wolf (Physiology and Biophysics) – American Physiological Society Caroline tum Suden/Frances Hellebrandt Professional Opportunity Awards. Travel Award for American Physiological Society Fall Conference on Cardiovascular, Renal and Metabolic Diseases: Sex-Specific Implications for Physiology. Abstract-based travel award from American Physiological Society. American Heart Association Predoctoral fellowship award.

Subhi Talal Younes (MD/PhD – Physiology and Biophysics) – American Heart Association Predoctoral fellowship award.

Austin Zamarripa (Neuroscience) – Awarded a NRSA F31 award from National Institute on Drug Abuse. Graduate Research Day Poster Presentation Winner. Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society inductee.