

2006 Alpha Omega Alpha Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Awards



Presentation of the AΩA Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Awards. Left to right: Jeffrey G. Wiese, MD; AAMC President Darrell G. Kirch, MD; Carmine D. Clemente, PhD; Helen Conrad Davies, PhD; AΩA Executive Secretary Edward D. Harris, Jr., MD; Molly Cooke, MD; AAMC Chair Thomas M. Priselac.

Each year since 1988, Alpha Omega Alpha, in cooperation with the Association of American Medical Colleges, presents four faculty members in American medical schools with the AΩA Distinguished Teacher Award. In 1997, after thirty-five years of service, AΩA named the award to honor retiring executive secretary Robert J. Glaser, MD. Nominations for the award are submitted to the AAMC each spring by the deans of medical schools. This year, thirty-nine nominations were submitted. All nominees are listed at the end.

Nominations were reviewed by a committee chosen by AΩA and the AAMC. This year's committee members were: Linda S. Costanza, PhD; Susan Cymbor, MD; Arthur F. Dalley II, PhD; Robert B. Daroff, MD; Ruth-Marie E. Fincher, MD; Lewis R. First, MD; Steven L. Galetta, MD; Scott D. Gitlin, MD; Charles H. Griffith, MD, MSPH; Aviad Haramati, PhD; Virginia M. Miller, PhD; Louis S. Pangaro, MD, FACP; Sharon T. Phelan, MD; William Rhoten, PhD; Mark L. Tykocinski, MD; Robert T. Watson, MD.

Winners of the award receive \$10,000, their schools receive \$2,500, and active AΩA chapters at those schools receive \$1,000. Schools nominating candidates for the award receive a plaque with the name of the nominee.

Brief summaries of the accomplishments in medical education of the 2006 award recipients follow.

Edward D. Harris, Jr., MD
Executive Secretary

Carmine D. Clemente, PhD

Carmine D. Clemente, PhD (AQA, UCLA, 1998) recalled from emeritus status as professor of Anatomy and Neurobiology at UCLA for the past seventeen years, is perhaps best known for his anatomy texts, including his *Regional Atlas of the Human Body*, the 30th American edition of *Gray's Anatomy*, and his dissection films used at more than 170 medical schools around the world. A founding member of the UCLA School of Medicine, he has been called "The Anatomy God." He should feel particularly proud of his weekly travel for more than twenty years to teach surgical residents at Drew-King hospital—demanding patience on the LA freeways for that twenty-five-mile drive. He is defined as "the consummate teacher, a great thinker, and a trendsetter."

Molly Cooke, MD

Molly Cooke is the William G. Irwin Endowed Chair in the Division of General Internal Medicine at UCSF. Molly has all the weapons of great teachers: energy, commitment, and knowledge. She introduced "Intersessions" to UCSF, bringing back third year students to focus on clinical decision making, ethics, and the organization and function of the American health care system. As her dean has put it, "Dr. Cooke is, quite simply, one of the finest teachers and most innovative designers of curriculum at UCSF . . . and through the Carnegie Foundation a national leader in medical education."

Helen Conrad Davies, PhD

Helen Conrad Davies, PhD, is professor of Microbiology at the University of Pennsylvania and past president of the Association for Women in Science. Dr. Davies has won more awards for excellence in teaching than any other Penn faculty member, an extraordinary achievement. She has excelled in contributing to the seamless integration of clinical vignettes into the "basic science" curriculum. She is creative and

spontaneous, writing educational lyrics to well-known songs, for example transforming Paul McCartney's "Yesterday" into "Leprosy." While being a superb teacher, she has worked tirelessly to eliminate health disparities and insufficient diversity in medicine. One student wrote: "I only hope that my children some day are lucky enough to be guided by someone such as Dr. Davies."

"Leprosy"

to the tune of "Yesterday,"
arranged by J. Sadinoff and
Helen Davies, 1989

Leprosy,
Bits and pieces falling off of me,
But it isn't the toxicity
It's just neglect of injury.

Suddenly,
I'm not half the man I used to be,
Can't feel anything peripherally,
From swollen nerves, hypersensitivity.

Why don't leprae grow in vitro? We
cannot say.
In vivo they grow very slow, once in 12
da—a—a—ays.

Hard to get,
But the stigma hasn't faded yet.
Don't keep an armadillo as a pet,
Clofazimine, and Dapsone, don't forget.

Jeffrey G. Wiese, MD

Jeffrey Wiese (AQA, University of California, San Francisco, 1999) is the chief of Medicine and president of the Medical Faculty at Charity Hospital in New Orleans and associate professor of Medicine at Tulane University.

During the pre-Katrina six years, he logged 8,671 lecture hours in four courses. His mentorship program for medical students and residents entailed 182 presentations in those six years. As a clinician, Dr. Wiese is both compassionate and more. Just before surgery, one patient wrote: "I consider you as one of the finest people that I ever have met."

Distinguished Teacher nominees from thirty-nine schools

Eric Alper, MD, University of Massachusetts
Ezra Amsterdam, MD, University of California, Davis

Frank C. Arnett, MD, University of Texas Medical School at Houston

Arthur Aufses, Jr., MD, Mount Sinai School of Medicine of New York University

M. J. Barchman, MD, The Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University

Robert Beach, MD, University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston

Roger L. Berkow, MD, University of Alabama
Lynn S. Bickley, MD, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

Carmine Clemente, PhD, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

Molly Cooke, MD, University of California, San Francisco

Francis L. Counselman, MD, Eastern Virginia Medical School

Helen Davies, PhD, University of Pennsylvania

Fred R. Dee, MD, University of Iowa

Terrence S. Dermody, MD, Vanderbilt University

John Freeman Fisher, MD, Medical College of Georgia

Cynthia J. Forehand, PhD, University of Vermont

Auguste H. Fortin VI, MD, Yale University

Karen Fruetel, MD, University of Western Ontario

Rebecca Kirkland, MD, MPH, Baylor College of Medicine

James L. Levenson, MD, Virginia Commonwealth University

Melvin L. Lopata, MD, University of Illinois at Chicago

Starla Glick Martinez, MD, Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine

Alicia D.H. Monroe, MD, Brown Medical School

J. Hurley Myers, MD, Southern Illinois University

K. Patrick Ober, MD, Wake Forest University Health Sciences

James N. Pacala, MD, University of Minnesota Medical School—Twin Cities

Jo-Ann Reteguiz, MD, UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School

James H. Schmidt, MD, University of Oklahoma

Martin Schreiber, MD, University of Toronto

Richard M. Schwartzstein, MD, Harvard Medical School

Morton E. Smith, MD, Washington University in St. Louis

Jack T. Stern, Jr., PhD, Stony Brook University Health Sciences Center

Uldis N. Streips, PhD, University of Louisville

Patrick W. Tank, PhD, University of Arkansas

Marc Tischler, PhD, University of Arizona

Anne D. Walling, MD, University of Kansas

Jeffrey Wiese, MD, Tulane University

Mary J. Wimmer, PhD, West Virginia University

Ian S. Zagon, PhD, Pennsylvania State University