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## Society for Birth Defects Research and Prevention Announces 2023 Awardees, Award Finalists, and Special Lecturers

### *Keynote Lecture*

**Christina Bucci-Rechtweg, MD**, Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation

*Scheduled Presentation:* Protecting Mothers and Babies Through Research: A Time for Change

### *Josef Warkany Lecture*

**Stephen B. Harris, PhD**, Stephen B. Harris Group

*Scheduled Presentation:* Building the Future of Developmental and Reproductive Toxicology Testing: Our Legacy, Our Responsibility

### *Robert L. Brent Lecture: Teratogen Update*

**Anne D. Lyerly, MA, MD**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

*Scheduled Presentation:* Teratology Research in the Shadow of the Dobbs Decision

### *F. Clarke Fraser New Investigator Award*

**Bethany R. Hannas, PhD, DABT**, Eli Lilly and Company

*Scheduled Presentation:* Water Fleas to Women of Childbearing Potential: A Career Path Focused on Application of Developmental and Reproductive Toxicology Data to Human Health Risk Assessment

### *Patricia Rodier Mid-Career Award for Research and Mentoring*

**Lori L. Driscoll, PhD**, The Colorado College

*Scheduled Presentation:* Interactions between Early Postnatal Experience, Gut Microbiota, and Adult Neurobehavior in a Rodent Model

### *Agnish Fellowship*

**Thomas B. Knudsen, PhD**, US Environmental Protection Agency

*Scheduled Presentation:* Knowledge, Education, and Computational Intelligence

### *James G. Wilson Publication Award for the best paper published in the journal Birth Defects Research*

**Xiaoqing Chang, PhD, DABT**, Inotiv-RTP

Quantitative *in vitro* to *in vivo* extrapolation for developmental toxicity potency of valproic acid analogues. Birth Defects Research, 114(16), 1037–1055 (2022) ([doi.org/10.1002/bdr2.2019](https://doi.org/10.1002/bdr2.2019))

### *Edward W. Carney Distinguished Service Award*

**Susan L. Makris, MS**, US Environmental Protection Agency (Retired)

### *Society for Birth Defects Research and Prevention Innovator Award Finalists*

- **Josh L. Everson, PhD**, University of Texas at Austin  
*Title:* High-Throughput Detection of Craniofacial Defects in Fluorescent Zebrafish
- **Loreen Straub, MD, MS**, Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School  
*Title:* Screening for Elevated Congenital Malformation Risk Following Prenatal Antipsychotic Exposure Using Tree-Based Scan Statistics for Signal Identification
- **Almut G. Winterstein, RPh, PhD, FISPE**, University of Florida  
*Title:* No Time to Lose: Prenatal Exposure to Teratogenic Medications and New Abortion Laws in the United States

*Edward W. Carney Trainee Awards*

- **Sarah G. Avila-Barnard, BS**, University of California Riverside
- **Josh L. Everson, PhD**, University of Texas at Austin

*Marie W. Taubeneck Award*

- **Madeline Vera-Colón, MS**, University of California, Irvine

*Wilson Presentation Award Finalists*

Postdoctoral Fellows

- **Sabine Mainbourg, MD, PhD**, Research center of Sainte Justine University Hospital, University of Montréal
- **Sarah Park, PhD**, Center for Computational Toxicology and Exposure, US EPA
- **Maria D. Politis, DrPH, MPH**, Icahn School of Medicine of Mount Sinai
- **Eirini Tseligka, PhD**, Medicines for Malaria Venture (MMV)

Graduate Students

- **Laila Aboulatta, BPharm, PharmD**, University of Manitoba
- **Tyler Beames, BS**, University of Wisconsin–Madison
- **Alana Ferris, BS**, Columbia University
- **Kelsey Robinson, MS, DVM**, Emory University

*BDRP Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Fellow Travel Awards*

- **Laila Aboulatta, BPharm, PharmD**, University of Manitoba
- **Narimene Ait Belkacem, MSc**, University of Montreal
- **Sarah G. Avila-Barnard, BS**, University of California, Riverside
- **Dylan Davis, BS**, VCOM Medical School Virginia Campus
- **Amanda Dorsey, MPH** (Spring 2023), Emory University
- **Josh L. Everson, PhD**, University of Texas at Austin
- **Celeste L.Y. Ewig, PharmD**, University of Florida
- **Alana Ferris, BS**, Columbia University
- **Hunter T. Fitzpatrick, BS**, ORISE, US EPA
- **Jessica Gorgui, MSc**, University of Montreal
- **Raeden O. Gray, BS**, University of Louisville
- **Nahiyan Saiyara Khan, BSc**, University of Montreal
- **Maya Elie Laham, PharmD**, University of Montreal
- **Alekhya Lavu, PharmD**, University of Manitoba
- **Mary M. Lowdermilk, BS**, Boston College
- **Sabine Mainbourg, MD, PhD**, Research center of Sainte Justine University Hospital, University of Montréal
- **Haneesha Mohan, PhD**, University Health Network (UHN), Toronto General Research Institute
- **Sarah S. Park, PhD**, Center for Computational Toxicology and Exposure, US EPA
- **Maria D. Politis, PhD, MPH**, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
- **Aditi Singh, MS**, Wayne State University
- **Nicole Smolinski, PharmD**, University of Florida
- **Eirini Tseligka, PhD**, Medicines for Malaria Venture (MMV)
- **Yanning Wang, MS**, University of Florida

**For details about the awards or annual meeting, please visit**

<https://www.birthdefectsresearch.org/meetings/2023/>

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