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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

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
- Naimene 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
- Alekhyaa 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
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