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**Gene P. Siegal, MD PhD, Receives the
2015 ASIP Robbins Distinguished Educator Award**



Dr. Gene Siegal, Executive Vice-Chair of Pathology and Division Director of Anatomic Pathology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), is the 2015 recipient of the ASIP Robbins Distinguished Educator Award, which is named in honor of Dr. Stanley Robbins (1915-2003), formerly of Boston University and Brigham and Women's Hospital. Dr. Robbins was a pioneer of pathology education and a member of ASIP for over 50 years. This award, partially supported by an unrestricted educational grant from Elsevier, an ASIP Corporate Partner, recognizes individuals whose contributions to education in pathology have had a manifest impact at a regional, national, or international level.

Dr. Kevin Roth of the University of Alabama at Birmingham praises Dr. Siegal's extensive teaching career. Dr. Siegal has been teaching for almost four decades and has had a major impact at three major institutions, which include the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as well as UAB. Dr. Siegal has also made a lasting impact at the high school level, where he "played a key role in the NIH funded Minority High School Student Research Apprenticeship Program whose goal was to give academically gifted minority students an experience in a basic science research laboratory in the hope that this would be a motivating force in their choosing a biomedical career." Dr. Roth also touches on Dr. Siegal's impressive publication record. Dr. Siegal has published "in excess of 700 peer-reviewed manuscripts, book chapters, abstracts and other professional writings and had three books published this past year alone."

Dr. J. Charles Jennette of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill lauds Dr. Siegal's lecturing skills. Dr. Jennette explains that Dr. Siegal has a "unique style that is exceptionally engaging and entertaining, while providing well organized and useful contents and wise insights. He is equally effective in UME [undergraduate medical education], GME [graduate medical education] and CME [continuing medical education] settings. His renown as an effective speaker is evidenced by numerous invited presentations that he has given over the years, including many named lectureships." At UAB, Dr. Siegal has been "the mentor and surely an inspiration for many young faculty," adds Dr. Roth. Dr. Siegal also helped design, implement and administer innovative and effective medical school curricula and residency training programs at UNC and UAB.

Dr. Mark Sobel, Executive Officer of ASIP, touches on Dr. Siegal's many years of service to the Society. Dr. Siegal started out on the Education Committee twenty-two years ago and has since

been on the Organizing Committee, Nominating Committee, and on Council. He was also Senior Associate Editor of *The American Journal of Pathology* and currently serves as Editor-in-Chief of *Laboratory Investigation* (the official journal of the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology). Dr. Sobel sums up Dr. Siegal's accomplishments: "The common theme in Gene's career is his dedication to excellence as a scientist and an educator. Gene has quietly and persistently dedicated his career to increasing our effectiveness and supporting us in our own goals so that we can all make our contributions to the scientific enterprise."

Dr. Siegal received his MD from the University of Louisville in 1974 and his PhD from the University of Minnesota in 1979. He did fellowships at NCI, NIH, and the University of Minnesota Medical School.

Dr. Siegal received the Robbins Distinguished Educator Award at the ASIP 2015 Annual Meeting at Experimental Biology in Boston, Massachusetts during the ASIP Membership Business Meeting and Awards Presentation on Monday, March 30, 2015.