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**American Society for Investigative Pathology (ASIP) to Award  
Timothy L. Denning, PhD the ASIP 2014 Cotran Early Investigator Award**



The 2014 recipient of the Cotran Early Career Investigator Award is **Timothy L. Denning, PhD**, of Georgia State University. The Cotran Early Career Investigator Award is partially supported by an unrestricted educational grant from Elsevier, an ASIP Corporate Partner. This award recognizes early career investigators with demonstrated excellence as an investigator with recently established or emerging independence and with a research focus leading to an improved understanding of the conceptual basis of disease. The award is named in honor of Dr. Ramzi S. Cotran (1933-2000), a leader of pathology formerly of Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital, and a Past President of ASIP.

Dr. Denning has been studying the role of immune cells in the intestine since he was a postdoctoral fellow at the La Jolla Institute for Allergy and Immunology. He published several first-author papers from his investigations of the role of regulatory T cells and intraepithelial lymphocytes in the suppression of intestinal immune responses and colitis. He continued his studies as an assistant professor in the departments of Pediatrics and Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at Emory University. Dr. Charles Parkos of Emory University states that Dr. Denning's research program has "flourished." "He continues to investigate the basic biology of intestinal antigen presenting cells," Dr. Parkos explains. Dr. Denning has 23 publications and 4 reviews in "top-level journals." Dr. Parkos also states that "one third of his papers have already been cited over 50 times." A few months ago, Dr. Denning was appointed Associate Professor at the Center for Inflammation, Immunity & Infection at Georgia State University, where he has now moved his laboratory.

Dr. Sean Colgan of the University of Colorado explains that Dr. Denning "exemplifies all of the characteristics of an outstanding young scientist, teacher, mentor, and colleague and has already distinguished himself among his peers as a leader in the field of mucosal immunology." Dr. Denning is also an active member of ASIP and has chaired many sessions at past annual meetings.

Dr. Denning graduated magna cum laude from Texas A&M University for his undergraduate degree and received his PhD from the University of Texas Medical Branch in 2002.

Dr. Denning presented his award lecture, "Intestinal Antigen Presenting Cells During Homeostasis and Inflammation," on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at the 2014 ASIP Annual Meeting at Experimental Biology in San Diego, California. He was awarded the Cotran Early Career Investigator Award on Monday, April 28, 2014 at the ASIP Membership Business Meeting and ASIP Awards Presentation.