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**Robinna Lorenz, MD, PhD, Receives the
2016 ASIP Robbins Distinguished Educator Award**



Dr. Robin Lorenz, Professor and Assistant Dean of Physician-Scientist Education at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, is the 2016 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. Jay McDonald from the University of Alabama Birmingham states, "Dr. Lorenz has been involved in improving educational platforms both for Pathology residents at the local level, as well as instruction in the Pathology of human diseases for PhD and MD-PhD students. She has also been extensively involved in the education of physician-scientists at the local and national levels." She has also been involved in the development of the "national curriculum for clinical pathology and has published several chapters and booklets on clinical immunology tests and methods." As Director of the UAB Medical Scientist Training Program, Dr. Lorenz mentors over sixty MD-PhD students. Dr. McDonald further acclaims that "although many faculty may excel in one or two areas of education in Pathology, Dr. Lorenz has excelled in a vast array of activities, from undergraduate to postdoctoral fellows to residents and beyond."

Dr. Clifford Harding from Case Western Reserve University highlights Dr. Lorenz's funding history. Dr. Lorenz was recently awarded an R25 Grant from NIGMS for a summer undergraduate pre-MD-PhD program, and she recently received an R13 Meeting Grant from NIGMS for the Southeastern Medical Scientist Symposium. Dr. Harding states that Dr. Lorenz has "shown tremendous dedication and effectiveness as a national leader in the development of physician-scientists training and its application to the field of Pathology."

Dr. Charles Parkos from the University of Michigan praises Dr. Lorenz's work with the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America. He states that "for three years, she served as a member of the CCFR Research Awards Committee, which reviews Research Fellowship Awards for postdoctoral fellow support and Career Development Awards for junior faculty." Dr. Parkos also explains that doing this is "not something one does to gain acknowledgement" and that this is part of her commitment to "helping fund the next generation of scientists [and] reflects her dedication to training the future scientific workforce."

Dr. Lorenz received her MD and PhD from Washington University in 1990. She has been an ASIP member since 2003.

Dr. Lorenz received the Robbins Distinguished Educator Award at the ASIP Membership Business Meeting and Awards Presentation on Monday, April 4, 2016 during the ASIP 2016 Annual Meeting at Experimental Biology in San Diego, California.