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Christi Kolarcik, PhD, 2016 Recipient of the ASIP Young Scientist Leadership Award



Dr. Christi Kolarcik is the 2016 recipient of the ASIP Young Scientist Leadership Award, which recognizes outstanding and sustained achievements at the earliest stages of a career in biomedical research. Accomplishments include, but are not limited to, publications and presentations as well as volunteered service to ASIP. This award is funded through the generous support of the A.D. Sobel-ASIP Education Fund.

Dr. Cecelia Yates of the University of Pittsburgh praises Dr. Kolarcik's undertaking to "investigate a challenging project to develop and discover diagnostic tools for ALS." Dr. Yates states that to date, "there are no molecular diagnostic markers for ALS" which makes Dr. Kolarcik's work all the more important. Dr. Kolarcik was also a founding editor of the *ASIP Trainee Newsletter*. She has been an important and engaged member of the ASIP Committee for Career

Development and Diversity as well.

Dr. Monte Willis from the University of North Carolina acknowledges that Dr. Kolarcik is an "accomplished neuroscientist with training in cellular/molecular pathology and neural engineering." He also commends Dr. Kolarcik's three strong first author papers that have been published to date.

Dr. Kolarcik was a PhD student in Dr. Robert Bowser's laboratory and he states that she was the "lead contributor in a clinically-relevant and patient-based study of mechanisms underlying ALS." Dr. Kolarcik received funding support from Dr. Bowser's T32 training grant and also received funding support from the University of Pittsburgh Clinical and Translational Science Predoctoral Training program. Dr. Bowser also highlights Dr. Kolarcik as an "active spokesperson and fantastic role model for women in sciences." Dr. Kolarcik is the Vice Chair of the Women in Bio, Pittsburgh Chapter for Young Women in Bio.

Dr. Kolarcik received her PhD in Cellular and Molecular Pathology from the University of Pittsburgh in 2010. She is now a research associate at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine under Dr. Peter Strick. She has been a member of ASIP since 2007.

Dr. Kolarcik presented her award lecture, "Approaching amyotrophic lateral sclerosis from cellular, system and technological angles," on Saturday, April 2, 2016 at the ASIP 2016 Annual Meeting at Experimental Biology in San Diego, California during the Graduate Students Highlights in Pathology Research session. She received the ASIP Young Scientist Leadership Award on Monday, April 4, 2016 during the ASIP Membership Business Meeting and Awards Presentation.