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**MARC TRAVEL AWARDS ANNOUNCED FOR *IMMUNOLOGY2009*TM
THE 96th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF IMMUNOLOGISTS**

Bethesda, MD – The FASEB MARC (Minority Access to Research Careers) Program has announced the travel award recipients for *IMMUNOLOGY 2009*TM, the 96TH Annual Meeting of The American Association of Immunologists being held in Seattle, Washington from May 8-12, 2009. These awards are meant to promote the entry of underrepresented minority students, postdoctorates and scientists into the mainstream of the basic science community and to encourage the participation of young scientists.

Awards are given to AAI members who are faculty and students presenting abstracts at the meeting, as well as to faculty mentors paired with the students or postdoctoral trainees they mentor. This year MARC conferred 31 awards totaling \$57,350.

The FASEB MARC Program is funded by a grant from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, National Institutes of Health. A primary goal of the MARC Program is to increase the number and competitiveness of underrepresented minorities engaged in biomedical and behavioral research.

FASEB is composed of 22 societies with more than 80,000 members, making it the largest coalition of biomedical research associations in the United States. FASEB enhances the ability of biomedical and life scientists to improve—through their research—the health, well-being and productivity of all people. Our mission is to advance health and welfare by promoting progress and education in biological and biomedical sciences through service to its member societies and collaborative advocacy.

IMMUNOLOGY 2009TM FASEB MARC TRAVEL AWARD RECIPIENTS

FACULTY MENTORS AND TRAINEES

Laurent Brossay, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Brown University
- Leon Toussaint, Graduate Student, Brown University

Gary Gilkeson, M.D., Professor, University of South Carolina
- DeAnna Baker, Ph.D. Candidate, University of South Carolina

Susan Kovats, Ph.D., Assistant Member, Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation
- Sandra Bajana, M.D., Ph.D., Postdoctoral Fellow, Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation

James Lillard, Jr., Ph.D., Professor, University of Louisville
- LaSharon D. Mosley, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Louisville
- Ashley S. Triplett, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Louisville

Lonnie Lybarger, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, University of Arizona
- Maria L. Ordaz, Graduate Student, University of Arizona

Ram Singh, M.D., Ph.D., Research Assistant Professor, University of California, LA
- Paola Rosa Lepe, Graduate Student, University of California, LA
- Michelle Wray, Graduate Student, University of California, LA

Craig Walsh, Ph.D., Associate Professor, University of California, Irvine
- Jennifer B. Hernandez, Graduate Student, University of California, Irvine

TRAINEES AND JUNIOR FACULTY

Mohammed Aiyegbo, Ph.D. Candidate, Vanderbilt University
Margaret Bynoe, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Cornell University
Kim Cardenas, Graduate Student, University of Texas
Ana P. Castano, M.D., Research Fellow, Harvard Medical School
Brian A. Cobb, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Case Western Reserve University
Louis E. González, Graduate Student, University of Miami
Joanna González-Lergier, Ph.D., Postdoctoral Fellow, Mount Sinai School of Medicine
Abdel Hamad, D.V.M., Ph.D., Assistant Professor, John Hopkins University
Aleishia Harris, Ph.D. Candidate, Stanford School of Medicine
Amber L. Mathews, Ph.D. Candidate, Louisiana State University
Maria Luz Mouchess, Ph.D. Candidate, University of California, Berkeley
Brenda L. Soto, Graduate Student, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Bolaji Thomas, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Rochester Institute of Technology
Audrea M. Troutman, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Chicago
Hector F. Valenzuela, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Whittier College

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