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**MARC TRAVEL AWARDS ANNOUNCED FOR THE
2010 SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF REPRODUCTION ANNUAL MEETING**

Bethesda, MD – FASEB MARC (Minority Access to Research Careers) Program has announced the travel award recipients for the 2010 Society for the Study of Reproduction (SSR) Annual Meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from July 30 – August 3, 2010. 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 at the 2010 SSR Annual Meeting.

Awards are given to poster/platform presenters and faculty mentors paired with the students/trainees they mentor. This year MARC conferred 15 awards totaling \$27,750.

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.

The following poster/platform presenters have been selected to receive FASEB MARC Travel Awards:

Sean Fling, Spelman College [SSR member]
Krystle Frahm, Colorado State University [SSR member]
Harold Higgins, Tuskegee University [SSR member]
Tyvette Hilliard, University of Illinois at Chicago
Sheikh Omar Jobe, University of Wisconsin-Madison [SSR member]
Martin G. Maquivar, The Ohio State University [SSR member]
Fernando Migone, Cornell University
Mayra B. Pastore, University of Wisconsin-Madison [SSR member]
Lynnette A. Ruiz-Ortiz, Ponce School of Medicine [SSR member]
Alejandro J. Silva, Auburn University [SSR member]

The following faculty/mentors and students/trainees have been selected to receive FASEB MARC Travel Awards:

Dr. Olga Bolden-Tiller, Tuskegee University [SSR member]
Micaela Sims, Tuskegee University [SSR member]
Christopher Ragland, Tuskegee University [SSR member]

Dr. Idhaliz Flores, Ponce School of Medicine [SSR member]
Elienid Caraballo, University of Puerto Rico at Ponce

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