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US Association for
the Study of Pain

Monthly Newsletter

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Save the Date!



2023 USASP
ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

April 11-14, 2023
Washington Duke Inn
Durham, NC

This meeting will include:

Symposia presentations
Early Career Forum
Professional Development Activities and
Workshops
Poster presentations
Special Interest Group Meetings
Committee Meetings
And more!

Symposia Deadline:

November 10, 2022

Research Abstracts Deadline:

January 13, 2023

**Call for Symposia will be sent soon*

Call for Board of Directors Nominations

The USASP is looking to fill three Director seats on the Board of Directors. The USASP is committed to (1) transparency in the nomination and election process and (2) board membership that reflects the diversity of the membership of the USASP. Therefore, the USASP will accept nominees who meet criteria for any of the seats described below.

Eligibility Criteria for Open Positions:

Active member of the USASP in good standing
Recent experience serving on USASP committees or working groups, or comparable experience in other organizations.

Directors (three open positions)*:

Term: Three years

Directors on the Board provide advice to the President, in addition to providing guidance on issues brought to the USASP and support the Board's decision-making process. Directors are expected to serve concurrently on at least one USASP Committee and/or Task Force to serve as the liaison between the Committee and the Board. The below criteria for open seats have been defined based on required characteristics to balance the experience and expertise on the Board.

Seat 1: Mid- to Senior-career investigator (Assoc./Full or Senior Scientist/Director) whose primary designation** is Basic Research- non-Human

Seat 2: An individual from any career stage whose primary designation** is Basic Science-Human

Members interested in working with the Education and Professional Development Committee are strongly encouraged to apply

Seat 3: Mid- to Senior-career investigator (Assoc./Full or Senior Scientist/Director) whose primary designation** is Clinical Care and/or Patient Advocacy and/or Pediatric Pain

Deadline for submissions: October 1, 2022 (midnight PST)

[Click to read more!](#)

September USASP Trainee Spotlight



Edna Santos is a PhD Candidate in the lab of Dr. Steve Negus in the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology at Virginia Commonwealth University and she has recently been awarded numerous prestigious awards and a fellowship.

First, Edna was awarded an F31 Predoctoral Individual Fellowship from NIH/NINDS for her dissertation work titled "Intrinsic Efficacy as a Determinant of Opioid Effectiveness in Treatment of Pain-Depressed Behavior".

Second, Edna was named as July's [Highlighted Trainee Author of the Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics](#) for her first, first-authored paper, she was

Edna Santos
PhD Candidate
Virginia Commonwealth
University

awarded one of her department's highest awards, the Anthony Ambrose Award for scholarly achievement, she was also awarded one of VCU's highest student awards, the Phi Kappa Phi Susan E. Kennedy Award for aiding in the advancement of the presence of women in higher education, and she was also awarded a travel award by the School of Medicine (SoM) to aid in her travels to her acceptance to attend the European Pain School in Siena, Italy.

Third, Edna was also recently invited to be the IMSD PhD Alumni speaker at the Center of Health Disparities Research Retreat at VCU. Finally, Edna enjoys being involved in the community and is the current incoming president for VCU's Women in Science, she is the graduate student representative on the VCU SoM Teaching Excellence Awards Selection Committee, and she is a member of the Early Career Forum Committee of USASP where she was a session moderator during the annual conference in Cincinnati, OH.

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Volunteer Opportunity: USASP Finance Committee is seeking new members

The [Finance Committee](#) determines annual dues, prepares a budget, and makes recommendations on reserve funds and investments to the Board of Directors. When an audit is scheduled, the committee works with the independent auditor to ensure compliance with accounting rules and regulations.

Application: Please submit a 1-page statement of interest and CV or Biosketch by clicking the button below. Submit one application per committee.

Deadline to apply is Thursday, September 22, 11:59 pm EST.

Apply here!

Rita Allen Foundation Award in Pain Announcement



Rita Allen Foundation

Applications for the 2022 Rita Allen Foundation Award in Pain will open **October 15, 2022**. Completed applications must be submitted by **December 15, 2022**. Information about how to apply for this award can be found by clicking the button below. Information about the 2021 Awardees can be viewed [here](#). Members can also access the January Educational Event **The Career Corner: Writing a Winning Rita Allen Award Application** [here](#).

[Click to view more information about the award](#)

Upcoming Event!!

USASP Career Corner:
**THE ART OF NEGOTIATION IN
EARLY CAREER**

28 SEPTEMBER 2022
3:00PM ET

Virtual event with networking session!

SPEAKER
RACHEL AARON, PHD
Assistant Professor at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine

SPEAKER
BUREL GOODIN, PHD
Tenured Professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham

MODERATOR
CHEN CHEN, PHD
Assistant Professor at the Indiana University School of Nursing

Register at usasp.org

The United States Association for the Study of Pain is inviting you to participate in USASP Career Corner: The Art of Negotiation in Early Career to be held on **September, 28th (3-4pm EST)** with a **networking event** immediately after the seminar (**4-5pm ET**). This event will comprise a didactic component discussing the who, what, when, and why of negotiation, with ample time for audience participation and Q&A. The emphasis will be on preparing to negotiate an academic job offer, with some content related to negotiating graduate and postdoctoral positions. Content will be relevant to people at any early career stage.

All USASP members are free to attend, and non-members can attend for a \$10 fee.

[Register here!](#)

Abdominal and Pelvic Pain SIG Meeting



USASP ABDOMINAL & PELVIC PAIN
Special Interest Group

VIRTUAL SEMINAR

CHRONIC PELVIC PAIN IN THE BRAIN

WEDNESDAY SEPT. 28TH

TIME
2:00 PM - EST
11:00 AM - PST

JASON KUTCH, PHD
Faculty Speaker

LAKEISHA LEWTER, PHD
Trainee Speaker




This virtual seminar will take place on Wednesday, September 28th at 2:00 PM EST (1:00 PM CT and 11:00 AM PST). Two speakers, Dr. Jason Kutch (University of Southern California) and Dr. Lakeisha Lewter (University of Texas at Dallas), will discuss their work on chronic pelvic pain in the brain.

[Click here to access the meeting link](#)

USASP at the IASP World Congress September 19-23

Visit us at Exhibit #818



Meet Tonya Palermo, Editor-in-Chief Journal of Pain

Visit with Tonya Palermo, PhD the new Editor in Chief for the Journal of Pain at USASP's exhibit (#818) on Tuesday September 20th at 4pm during the afternoon coffee break or Wednesday September 21st at 10:15am during the morning coffee break at IASP World Congress.

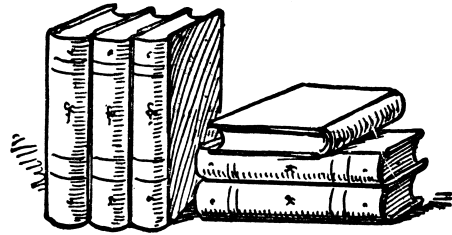
Sex Differences in Pain and Analgesia SIG

The Sex Difference in Pain and Analgesia SIG has scheduled a USASP Consensus Update Working Group meet up at the IASP meeting for Wednesday September 21 from 6-8 pm. We will

Jobs and Training

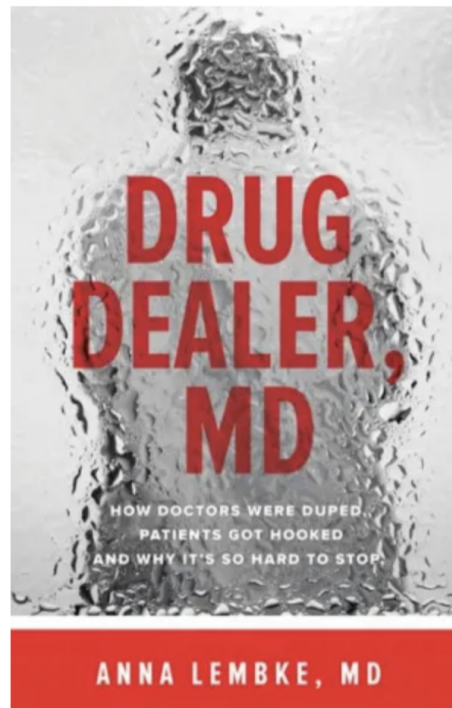
Boston Children's Hospital / Harvard Medical School
[Immediate opening - Postdoctoral position in Pain Neuroimaging.](#)

Stanford Medicine
[Neuroscientist Position in the Department of Anesthesiology, Perioperative and Pain Medicine at Stanford University.](#)



BOOK CORNER

EDITED BY JOHN LOESER &
DAVID TAUBEN



A review of Drug Dealer, M.D.

How I missed this book when it was first published, I do not know. It is a very strong indictment of the medical profession as the primary cause of the early 2000's prescription opioid epidemic in the United States. The author is clearly angry at the role her professional colleagues have played in this contemporary disaster. Written before the full flowering of illicit fentanyl lacing multiple recreational drugs, it really addresses only the original epidemic, and not the more recent issues. The author is a well-known psychiatry addiction specialist at Stanford Medical School; she has been heavily involved in the many lawsuits related to the prescription opioid epidemic. What makes this book unique is the inclusion of case vignettes that illustrate how the medical profession has been oblivious to its role in producing drug abuse and addiction. As many have recognized already, much of the responsibility lies with the medical education establishment that has for too long ignored pain in general, and opioids in particular. We know that roughly 50% of the patients who seek health care have pain as their chief complaint, yet less than 2% of a medical school curriculum addresses this topic. This failure in foundational education by the establishment left an open field for industry-funded education with its overriding goal to persuade doctors that the answer to untreated pain was opioids. The author also implicates conventional medicine's fixation on biology at the expense of mental illness. Her focus is clearly upon the need to change how and why physicians write prescriptions. This book is yet another voice for improving medical education about pain and opioids in our medical schools. She offers no suggestions as to how to accomplish this task, but as many of us recognize, what is missing from medical curricula is not so much how to manage pain with opioids, but how to manage pain without opioids. This book is a good read and I highly recommend it.

Reviewed by John D. Loeser, M.D.

Upcoming SIG Meetings and Events

- September 19-23: IASP World Congress, Toronto, Canada
- September 22 (1:30-3pm ET): Diving Deeper into the New NIH Data Management and Sharing Policy (registration link above)
- September 28 (2-3p ET): Abdominal and Pelvic Pain SIG Meeting
- September 28 (3-5pm ET): Career Corner: The Art of Negotiation for Early Career
- October 1: Call for Board of Directors Nominations Deadline
- October 1: Call for Symposia Opens (information about proposals will be emailed shortly).

The logo for the US Association for the Study of Pain (USASP) features the letters 'USASP' in a bold, sans-serif font. The 'U' is purple, the 'S' is blue, and the 'A', 'S', 'P' are teal.

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If your SIG or committee has updates or events you would like shared with USASP membership please email them using the contact below.

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