

President's Note

Our recent annual conference, our second annual conference held virtually, was a success thanks to the dedication of our Meeting Oversight and Program Planning (MOPP) Committee and especially the Chair of MOPP, Jennifer Burgoon, supported by our friends at the Association Services Group, Caitlin Hyatt, Jennifer Whitlow, Kendra Tyner, and Brittney Roberts. This year's conference featured stimulating scientific sessions and valuable discussions within the meetings of our special interest groups, the Anatomical Services Committee, the Career Development Committee, the Educational Affairs Committee, and the Clinical Anatomical Terminology Committee. Many thanks to all of our participants, presenters, and vendor representatives. Despite the constraints that the pandemic has placed on our Association, the AACA remains a vibrant group promoting clinical anatomy, thanks to the efforts of our members. The work of the AACA and its committees will continue throughout the year, and we can look forward to meeting together again in person in Fort Worth next June.



Thomas R. Gest, PhD
AACA President

2021 AACA Meeting Highlights

This year our 38th Annual AACA Conference was held virtually from June 28th to July 2nd. This year the meeting focused on the global reach of anatomy with invited speakers from across the world as well as attendees from other anatomy-based associations and countries. We had nearly 300 attendees that were able to view pre-recorded poster and platform sessions while participating in live daily coffee chats, committee lunches, invited speaker presentations, and more. There were 10 exhibitors who showcased their products during individual 30-minute demos and in their virtual booths throughout the conference. In total, we had 69 poster presentations and 12 platform presentations pre-recorded and viewed during the conference.

The 2021 Presidential Speaker was L. Scott Levin, MD, FACS, FAOA whose talk was entitled, "From the Hunter Brothers to the Perforator Kings: The History of Anatomic Dissection and its Impact on Reconstructive Microsurgery." Dr. Levin focused on the historic view of anatomic dissection and the rich discoveries that have had a profound impact on the medical sciences and particularly, surgery. He connected the hundreds of years of dissection knowledge to what he and other surgeons are now able to perform including how they are

Attendees also heard from presenters stateside as well, with talks from the American Association for Anatomy – Samuel Kirsch, BS, Andrea Nillas, MD, Michael P. Czubryt, PhD, FCVS, FAHA, FIACS, and Titus A. Reeves, PhD, and the Mayo Clinic – Nirusha Lachman, PhD and Robert Morreale, MS. In the future, we will continue to offer the most up-to-date and relevant research presentations to attendees. While attendees are certainly ready to be face-to-face and enjoy in-person social events, this virtual event allowed for world-wide participation with first-class speakers who would not be so easily available otherwise.

New focuses from the conference included morning coffee talks with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee and Promoting Equity and Inclusion through Anatomy: Working with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Patients and Students. Social activities were held two nights where attendees could test their knowledge during Trivia Night and their mystery solving abilities during a Virtual Jewel Heist game. This year at the conference, the AACA continued the annual Silent Auction virtually. With all the generous donations and bid winners, we were able to raise \$1,156 for future student scholarships and travel to the conference.

continuing to push the boundaries of reconstructive and transplant surgery for patients. Dr. Levin also emphasized the ever-important role anatomic dissections play during medical students learning as well as seasoned surgeons and medical professionals in the field. Other invited speakers that illustrated the global reach of this conference included Peter Dangerfield, MD who represented the British Association of Clinical Anatomists, Bernard Moxham, BSc, BDS, PhD, FHEA, FRSB, Hon FAS, FSAE who spoke on behalf of the International Federation of Associations of Anatomists, and Professor Dr Niki Matveeva representing the Macedonian Association of Anatomists.

A big thank you to all the exhibitors and attendees for making this conference a success. We look forward to seeing you next year, in-person, June 13 – 17, 2021 in Fort Worth, Texas!

Best wishes,
Thomas R. Gest, PhD
AACA President



2021 AACA Awards

Honored Member Award



Susan Standring MBE, PhD, DSc, FKC, FRBS, Hon FAS, Hon FRCS, is an Emeritus Professor of Anatomy at King's College London (having previously been Head of the Department of Anatomy), a Fellow of King's College London and an Honorary Fellow of both the Anatomical Society and the Royal College of Surgeons of England (RCSEng). I taught medical, dental and biomedical science undergraduates and postgraduate surgical trainees for over 40 years and continue to champion anatomy as a fundamental component of medical and dental curricula in my retirement.

My research (as Susan Hall) was predominantly in the field of peripheral nerve repair and Schwann cell biology in primary demyelination/ remyelination and in chronic denervation: I published over 200 papers and chapters and was the recipient of numerous research grants. I am a past President of the Anatomical Society and of the Peripheral Nerve Society and the current Editor-in-Chief of *Gray's Anatomy* (39th – 42nd editions) and Joint Lead Editor of *Gray's Surgical Anatomy*. I am a Trustee of the Hunterian Collection at the Royal College of Surgeons of England and President of the Hunterian Society. I have twice been the recipient of the Wood Jones Medal of the RCSEng.

Distinguished Service Award



Fiona Stewart, MB, BS (Syd), BSc (UNE), FACBS, MACLM, is a member of many specialty committees, including Chair of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) Surgical Sciences Anatomy Examinations Committee. As an invited teacher and consultant at various training courses, Fiona has taught throughout Australia, New Zealand and the USA (UC San Francisco, and Meharry Medical College, Tennessee).

She has authored 3 books, and she has contributed to numerous other publications, and is recipient of many awards for excellence of teaching and courses, and for regional business promotion. She was awarded the RACS Medal for Excellence of Service and the RACS Heslop Medal.

As a committee member and later Undergraduate Vice-president of Sydney University Medical Society, Fiona initiated the import of various texts, which continue to be the foundation of many anatomical courses within NSW and Australia.

An internationally certified anatomical embalmer; state government 'pathology-medical referee – cremations' and a NSW Police Service Forensic Medical Officer, she established and administered a body donor program and memorial ceremony, and a neurosurgical training laboratory using

flexible cadavers with in-situ fixed brains at UNE.

Fiona has a tireless approach to education of students of all levels, and her teaching is centered on clinical/surgical relevance. In all of her courses, there has been an emphasis on clinicians/surgeons assisting at the dissection table.

Ralph Ger Platform Presentation Award

Amanda K. Moorefield, Kansas City University

Anatomical Considerations in Male Chest Contour: Implications for Gender-Affirming Top Surgery.

Sandy Marks Poster Awards

Clinical Science: Benjamin J. Kozlowski, University of Toronto

Are Intra-Articular Injections of the Shoulder Joint Always Intra-Articular?

Education/History: Alex M. Taylor, PhD, Saint Louis University

Rare Left Colic Artery Variation of the Gut Arterial System: A Case Report.

Basic Education: John R. Han, B. PHE, B.A. (Hons), University of Toronto, Department of Surgery

3D Innervation of Cervical Zygapophysial Joints: Implications for Image-Guided Nerve Ablation.

Keith and Marion Moore Blue Box Award

Michael Ward for his paper, The Innominate Tubercle of The Femur is a Consistent Surgical Landmark and Shows no Variation Between Sex and Side: an Osteological Study. *Clinical Anatomy*. 34.

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Future Meetings



2021 Fall AACA Virtual Regional Meeting

Saturday, November 6th, 2021
Rochester, MN

Local Host: Nirusha Lachman, PhD

2022 AACA Annual Meeting

June 13-June 17, 2022
Fort Worth, TX

Local Hosts: Rusty Reeves & Cara Fisher
The University of North Texas Science Center



Member News

Congratulations Dr. Loukas!

Dr. **Marios Loukas, MD, PhD**, has been appointed Dean for the School of Medicine at St. George's University. Dr. Loukas is only the fifth dean of the School of Medicine in the University's forty-four-year history.



Stay Engaged!

We are interested in promoting communications between all AACA members, and we believe that our newsletter will help in this effort. Therefore, if you would like to share your news, remind people of a conference, announce an award or a call for papers, or if you are looking for a research collaborator, please send a 75 word (maximum) note to our newsletter editor, Dr. Mohammed Khalil, DVM, MSEd, PhD

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