

## President's Note

Happy New Year 2022 to all AACA members. Let's kick 2021 to the curb and forget about it.

The new year holds great promise for renewal and growth of the AACA. We have been planning the first in-person annual meetings since 2019, and we are looking forward to bringing the AACA membership back together in Fort Worth June 13-16. Our MOPP (Meeting Organization and Program Planning) committee and our hosts at the University of North Texas Health Science Center have prepared a warm welcome (it is in Texas, after all) and scientific, organizational, and social sessions that will be full of useful information and will provide ample opportunities to grow your network of academic contacts. For those members who are carefully watching their travel budgets, it should comfort you to know that the registration rates for the Fort Worth meeting have remained the same as last year. To ensure that attendees to the Fort Worth meeting are as safe from COVID exposure as possible, we have instituted a [Stay Well agreement](#). [Registration](#) for the AACA annual meeting is currently open, so save money by registering early, before May 6.



And if you are planning to attend the Experimental Biology meetings in Philadelphia April 2-5, be sure to visit our AACA booth, #619. Say hello and pick up some AACA literature and swag.

Thomas R. Gest, PhD  
AACA President

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## Elections Overview

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### Summary of the AACA Elections Process

By January 31<sup>st</sup>, the AACA Nominating Committee identifies a list of candidates for each position subject to election in the next year. The names and supporting materials (photos/bios/personal statements) will be posted to the AACA website on or before March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Once the list of candidates has been posted to the AACA website, members may petition for additional candidates to be added to the ballot. The petition period is for the full month of March. To qualify for nomination by petition, each candidate must be an Active Full Member and have the support of at least fifteen (15) Full Members in good standing. All petitions and/or letters of nomination plus a letter from the nominee indicating his/her willingness to be a candidate must be received by the Association Secretary before midnight Eastern Time (GMT minus five hours) of March 31<sup>st</sup>. When additional valid nominations have been received from the membership, the Association Secretary shall post a revised list of the candidates for each position subject to election and other such supportive materials to the Association's website by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, a secured, electronic ballot will be sent via email to all active members, along with instructions for electronic voting. All ballots must be electronically submitted to the ballot software before midnight Eastern Time (GMT minus five hours) on May 21<sup>st</sup> to be counted. A plurality of the votes cast is needed for election. In the event of a tie, the election shall be decided prior to June 1<sup>st</sup> by a majority vote of the current number of Council members. Results will be posted on the Association's website by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

All Active full members as of April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year are eligible to vote. Regular, Senior, Honored and Affiliate members are considered Full members. Associate members (students) are not considered full members and therefore unable to vote.

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## 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



The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Association of Clinical Anatomists will take place June 13-17 in Fort Worth, Texas. Drs. Rustin Reeves and Cara Fisher with The University of North Texas Health Science Center will be the local hosts welcoming attendees and holding various meetings on campus, including the Post Graduate Course. The majority of the conference will be held at [The Worthington Renaissance Hotel](#) in downtown Fort Worth. The Association is excited to be back in-person for the conference and encourages interested parties to [register early](#) for preferred pricing and [book hotel rooms](#) before the block is full. The American Association of Clinical Anatomists has put in place preventative measures to attempt to reduce the spread of COVID-19. All attendees are required to: provide proof of vaccination, or the results of a negative COVID-19 test (performed up to 48 hours prior to arrival) upon arriving to the event at registration; along with wearing a mask at the event in public spaces, except while actively eating.

### **Presidential Speaker – Malika Fair, MD, MPH, FACEP**

The 2022 presidential speaker has been announced as Dr. Malika Fair, the Senior Director of Equity and Social Accountability at the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). Dr. Fair develops programs and initiatives with multidisciplinary partners and local communities to advance equity, racial justice, population health, and accountability in academic medicine. She is also an Associate Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine at The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Dr. Fair completed her residency training and chief residency at Carolinas Medical Center, received her medical and Master of Public Health degrees from the University of Michigan, and Bachelor of Science from Stanford University.

### **Post Graduate Course – Surgical Hand Transplant with Steven Moran, MD**

This year's [post graduate course](#) will take place at The University of North Texas Health Science Center on Friday, June 17. Dr. Steven L. Moran, MD, from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, will be walking participants through the exciting process of conducting a hand transplant. Course participants will work in teams of four to prepare a matched pair of donor and recipient hands for transplantation. Orthopedic surgical residents from John Peter Smith Hospital will be present to assist participants with attaching the bones and suturing structures together.  
Honored Member of the Year

### **Honored Member**

The [2022 AACA Honored Member](#) is Cornelius Rosse, MD., DSc., Professor Emeritus at the University of Washington. While his previous publications appeared predominantly in bioinformatics and AI journals, during his retirement Rosse is preparing contributions to *Clinical Anatomy* to promote the engagement of anatomists in the development of educational applications capable of supporting inference and reasoning.

### **Conference Highlights**

This year's conference will once again host the latest research for clinical anatomy application, education, and clinical practice through committee meetings, symposia, lectures, and the exhibit hall. The two highlighted symposia will be hosted by the Anatomical Services Committee and the Educational Affairs Committee of the AACA. Other portions of the conference will include receptions, a Trivia Night, Awards Banquet, and more!

### **Call for Abstracts**

The 2022 AACA Call for Abstracts system is open! In order to submit an abstract for presentation at the 2022 AACA Annual Meeting, you MUST be a member of the American Association of Clinical Anatomists. Membership will be verified before the abstract is accepted. Please read the [Call for Abstracts page](#), for complete details! Failure to follow correct abstract formatting will result in a returned abstract and will require resubmission with a \$25 resubmission fee. \*Updated abstract guidelines and formatting instructions can be found on the [here](#).\*

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## 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 [KHALILMK@greenvillemed.sc.edu](mailto:KHALILMK@greenvillemed.sc.edu). Make sure your message is clear, appropriate, and includes your contact information.

You can also request for future content or news to be shared. Content can be submitted using the following form: <https://forms.gle/o8SHcy2eDEf5Twyy6>

Only Active AACA members are eligible for their news to be shared. The newsletter is sent during these timeframes: January/February, April/May, July/August, October/November.

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## Job Openings

Want to post a position? There is a \$150 charge to post a job opening but they remain posted until the position is filled or 6 months - whichever occurs first. Attach your position description to an email and send it to Kendra Tyner ([kytyner@asginfo.net](mailto:kytyner@asginfo.net)) and cc: Stephanie Boyd ([sboyd@asginfo.net](mailto:sboyd@asginfo.net)). Once your listing has been posted, we will cross reference it on the AACA Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter pages. Do note that there will be a \$50 charge for any edits made to job postings.

A full list of job postings can be found online [here](#).

### **Rush University Medical Center**

Histology and Anatomy Educator  
The Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology

### **Morehouse School of Medicine**

Faculty Position in Human Anatomy (Assistant/Associate Professor)  
Biomedical Programs

### **Missouri State University**

Assistant Professor  
McQueary College of Health and Human Services

### **Tulane University School of Medicine**

Assistant Professor/Professor & Course Director for Medical Histology  
The Department of Structural and Cellular Biology

### **University of Houston College of Medicine**

Clinical Assistant, Associate or Full Professor of Anatomy  
The Department of Biomedical Sciences

### **The University of New England, College of Osteopathic Medicine**

Human Anatomy and Faculty Position  
The Department of Biomedical Sciences

### **Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine**

Open Rank Faculty Position in Anatomy

### **University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz Medical Campus**

Assistant Professor in Histology and Anatomy  
The Department of Cell and Developmental Biology

### **University of Mississippi Medical Center**

Tenured/Tenure-Track Faculty Position in Neurobiology (Open Rank)  
The Department of Neurobiology and Anatomical Sciences

### **Mercer University School of Medicine**

Non Tenure-Trac, 12-month appointment