



# Academy of Clinical Laboratory Physicians and Scientists

Spring 2021 Newsletter

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## President's Letter — Elizabeth Frank

Dear friends and colleagues,

Despite heavy autumn snowfall and cold temperatures, early winter storms were sparse and lacked the moisture that stabilizes the Utah snowpack, leading to a season of uncertainty and high risk for backcountry skiers and riders. A weak snowpack and deep slab instability. As with the pandemic, we know the hazard exists, although we do not know exactly where or how serious the risk could be nor how long it will last.

The avalanche forecast for the Salt Lake Area mountains predicted moderate to considerable danger and advised careful snowpack evaluations, cautious route-finding, and conservative decision-making as essential tools for navigating the terrain. Backcountry travelers were warned to be ready to alter their plans in the field based on changing conditions.

The continuing pandemic has produced an insecurity of its own, with enforced social distancing and contact consciously limited as we wait for more information on the ability of vaccines to protect against new COVID variants. Minimal exposure has been an appropriate goal for our daily lives as well as in the backcountry this winter. Uncertainty is our constant companion, and we evaluate alternate routes as conditions change.

And so, we have explored other terrain options. In May we will convene the second virtual ACLPS Annual Meeting. With support and guidance from the Program and Finance Committee (PFC), chaired by Tony Killeen, a two-day program is being planned by a capable and enthusiastic committee. The group — Sean Campbell, Amit Gokhale, Gaurav Gupta, Zara Herskovits, Matthew Krasowski, Ila Singh, and Tanya Yuzyuk — is led by Grace Kroner.

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### Special points of interest:

- 2021 Lab Medicine meeting is May 27-28
- Remember to submit your vote for 2021 candidates

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### **President's Letter (continued)**

The PFC recommended neuropathologist Steven Moore from the University of Iowa as the recipient of the annual Cotlove Award. Dr. Moore will give the Cotlove Lecture during the virtual meeting. The Nominating and Awards Committee (NAC) selected recipients of the Evans and Benson Awards. Benson awardee Dr. Colin Pritchard will discuss his research and the Evans Award will be presented by past-President Neal Lindeman during the ACLPS meeting. Chair Stacey Klutts and the NAC members drafted an excellent slate of candidates for ACLPS leadership positions and committees. The slate was approved by the Executive Council and a copy of the ballot appears in this newsletter. The Education Committee, chaired by Angella Charnot-Katsikas, reviewed 17 submissions to the Young Investigator Award Grant Program and funded three awards. Please join me in congratulating the ACLPS award and grant recipients.

In the larger community and among our peer organizations, there has been much talk of diversity, equity, and inclusion. How can we diversify our membership? Not so long ago, past-President Ellinor Peerschke encouraged ACLPS to strive to be inclusive as a scientific society. ACLPS promotes inclusion by supporting individuals entering the field, offering a forum for presentation of research by young investigators at a national conference and providing grants to assist new faculty members to pursue independent research projects. ACLPS is welcoming to diverse members, but we can do more.

Do recognize the advantages that led you into a successful career and think about how you can pass on that benefit to another trainee or new faculty person. Recall how you found ACLPS — or ACLPS discovered you — and reach out to someone else, possibly someone who comes from a different background. Become a mentor or a supportive colleague. I urge you to consciously think about how we as individuals and as a group can broaden our community. Consider what it might take to make our organization more attractive to a wider set of potential members—find your voice. There will be time to connect for purposeful discussion during our meeting in May.

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### President's Letter (continued)

I accepted the invitation to serve as ACLPS President because I was asked by persons I admire, because I believe that much is expected of those who have been fortunate in life, and because of the opportunity to show young people entering the field that no particular gender, height, or degree is required for leadership in support of our organization. ACLPS is an inclusive group of physicians and scientists with a shared mindset of respect and willingness to serve laboratory medicine.

Michelle Obama wrote that, by telling her story, she hoped to help widen the pathway for who belongs and why. Let's do more to reach out to and include others in our organization and in our profession. After all, a spirit of service is at the heart of medicine.

I hope to see you all virtually this spring. Until then, please be open and aware.

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Lake Blanche, Utah

Photo by Grace M. Kroner

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### **Education Committee Update- Angella Charnot-Katsikas**

#### **ACLPS Young Investigator Award Grant Program**

There were 17 applications for the Paul E. Strandjord Young Investigator Grant Program. We are pleased to announce that the program will fund 3 grants this year! Information on last year's funded projects will be provided at our virtual Annual Meeting.

#### **“ACLPS Critical Reviews”**

The ACLPS Education Committee is currently recruiting new articles for the American Journal of Clinical Pathology (AJCP) “ACLPS Critical Reviews” series of review articles. These are excellent educational review articles on a wide variety of topics in Laboratory Medicine. If you or a colleague is interested in contributing to this series, please contact the Education Committee Chair (Angella Charnot-Katsikas; [acharnot@hotmail.com](mailto:acharnot@hotmail.com)) for more information and article guidelines.

#### **Question Writers for the RISE and RISE-First Exams**

The ACLPS Education Committee is recruiting volunteers to serve as question writers for the RISE/RISE-First/PRISE Questions. ACLPS is a collaborating society for the RISE examination, and ACLPS members have been outstanding question writing contributors. This is a great way for Active Members to contribute to resident education. Information on RISE can be obtained from the ASCP RISE Committee Chair (Jonathan Genzen; [jonathan.genzen@aruplab.com](mailto:jonathan.genzen@aruplab.com)) or ASCP RISE staff Jay Wagner ([jay.wagner@ascp.org](mailto:jay.wagner@ascp.org)).

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### 2021 Annual Meeting Invitation

We are excited to once again welcome you to the wonderful world of the World Wide Web, where we will be presenting Lab Medicine 2021! We will hear presentations from across the country on a variety of exciting topics. Three scientific sessions will delve into the role and power of social media in lab medicine education, laboratory medicine for LGBTQIA+ patients, and laboratory testing during the COVID-19 pandemic. There is a special session on Race in Laboratory Medicine, focusing on the recent debate about the inclusion of a race term in GFR estimation equations. We will also have the opportunity to hear from the winners of the Cotlove award, Dr. Steve Moore of the University of the Iowa, and the Benson award, Dr. Colin Pritchard of the University of Washington. Young investigators will present their work as either short oral presentations, or as posters, and we will hear about the work done by the winners of the Strandjord grants. Lastly, we will all be able to try to guess the winner of the Evans Award as it is presented and hear updates from the organization at the annual business meeting. We look forward to the conference, and hope you will be able to attend!

The meeting runs Thursday, May 27 to Friday, May 28 from 10 am to 5 pm EDT through the Ex Ordo WebEx conference system. A networking social event and trivia will follow Thursday's scientific sessions. Content will be available on-demand for 60 days following the conference.

CME credit will be available for certain sessions (please see CME information on page 9).

Please register at <https://aclpsconf2021.exordo.com/login> by May 24.

Registration fees are:

Associate Members/Trainees who applied for membership: \$50

Students/Residents/Fellows: \$75

Active Members: \$100

Non-members: \$250

Emeritus Members: No charge

2021 Organizing Committee: Sean Campbell, Elizabeth Frank, Amit Gokhale, Gaurav Gupta, Zara Herskovits, Tony Killeen, Matthew Krasowski, Grace Kroner, Ila Singh, and Tanya Yuzyuk

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## 2021 Annual Meeting Schedule

Schedule listed below is in US Eastern Time (ET)

### Thursday, May 27

- 10:00 am Opening Remarks
- 10:05 am Cotlove Award Lecture
- 10:50 am Scientific Session 1: Social Media and Education in Lab Medicine
- 12:35 pm Lunch Break
- 1:05 pm Young Investigator Session 1 & 2
- 2:35 pm Break
- 2:45 pm Young Investigator Session 3 & 4
- 4:00 pm Special Scientific Session: Race in Laboratory Medicine

### Friday, May 28

- 10:00 am Evans Award Presentation
- 10:15 am Strandjord Grant Awardee Lectures
- 10:55 am Break
- 11:00 am Scientific Session 2: Laboratory Medicine for LGBTQIA+ Patient Populations
- 12:45 pm Lunch break
- 1:15 pm Scientific Session 3: Current Topics in COVID-19 Lab Medicine
- 3:00 pm Break
- 3:15 pm Benson Award Lecture
- 4:00 pm Annual Business Meeting
- 4:55 pm Closing Remarks

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### **Cotlove Award Announcement**

Cotlove Award Winner: Steven Moore, MD, PhD

Cotlove Award Lecture: Duchenne muscular dystrophy from early disease descriptions through clinical trials of genetic therapeutics: perspectives of a neuropathologist

Thursday, May 27, 10:05 – 10:50 am EDT

Dr. Moore grew up in rural Northern Indiana. Steve is a graduate of Purdue University and Indiana University School of Medicine. After AP/NP training at The University of Iowa, he joined the Department of Pathology faculty at Iowa where he practices general academic neuropathology with a focus on neuromuscular disease diagnostics. Dr. Moore is a past president of the American Association of Neuropathologists. Since 2005, Steve has been Co-Director of the NIH-funded Iowa Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Specialized Research Center (MDSRC), in which he is Director of a shared resources Muscle Biopsy/Cell Culture/Diagnostics Core. The Iowa MDSRC's biopsy and cell culture repository is a national resource of biomaterials for neuromuscular disease research. The MDSRC, Department of Pathology Histology Laboratory, and Dr. Moore provide tissue and services to support Duchenne muscular dystrophy clinical trials that have been ongoing since 2009.



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### **Benson Award Announcement**

Benson Award Winner: Colin Pritchard, MD, PhD

Benson Award Lecture: Cancer Genetic Testing in 2021

Friday, May 28, 3:15 – 4:00 pm EDT

Dr. Pritchard is an Associate Professor and Head of the Genetics Division of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology, Precision Diagnostics Head for the Brotman Baty Institute for Precision Medicine, as well as the Co-Director of the Genetics and Solid Tumors Laboratory at the University of Washington Medical Center that services the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance (SCCA). Dr. Pritchard undertook his graduate and medical training at the University of Washington. The Pritchard laboratory focuses on oncology molecular diagnostics, particularly the source and utility of cell-free nucleic acid biomarkers in blood, and the development of innovative molecular diagnostics for the identification of DNA repair gene mutations that can guide therapeutic decision-making. His clinical work focuses on applications of next-generation sequencing gene panels for cancer risk assessment and precision treatment. He has led the development and implementation of the ColoSeq™ Lynch and Polyposis Syndrome Panel and UW-OncoPlex™ Cancer Gene Panel in current clinical use for cancer patients and their families.





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### 2021 Annual Meeting CME Information

Conference jointly provided by Postgraduate Institute for Medicine and Academy of Clinical Laboratory Physicians and Scientists.

**Target Audience:** This activity is intended for physicians and other healthcare professionals engaged in laboratory medicine.

#### Educational Objectives

After completing this activity, the participant should be better able to:

- List methods to improve laboratory medicine education and to incorporate social media as an aspect of education.
- Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of including a race term in glomerular filtration rate estimation.
- Recognize the role of pathology in providing inclusive care for the lesbian-gay-bisexual-transgender-queer (LGBTQ) population.
- Analyze the role of laboratory medicine in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- List the laboratory testing methods used for the diagnosis of Duchenne muscular dystrophy.
- Describe the role of genetic testing in the care of patients with cancer.

**Joint Accreditation Statement:** In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by the Postgraduate Institute for Medicine and Academy of Clinical Laboratory Physicians and Scientists. Postgraduate Institute for Medicine is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

**Physician Continuing Medical Education:** The Postgraduate Institute for Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 7.75 AMA PRA Category I Credit(s)<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

**Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest:** Postgraduate Institute for Medicine (PIM) requires faculty, planners, and others in control of educational content to disclose all their financial relationships with ineligible companies. All identified conflicts of interest (COI) are thoroughly vetted and mitigated according to PIM policy. The existence or absence of COI for everyone in a position to control educational content will be disclosed to participants prior to the start of each activity.



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### 2021 Annual Meeting CME Information

#### Faculty

Michael Astion, MD, PhD

Professor, University of Washington

Maren Fuller, MD

Assistant Professor, Baylor College of Medicine

Daniela Hermelin, MD

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Katie Imborek, MD

Clinical Associate Professor, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics

Geoff Baird, MD, PhD

Professor, University of Washington

David Hillyard, MD

Professor, University of Utah

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Instructor in Medicine, Washington University in St. Louis

Melanie Hoenig, MD

Associate Professor, Harvard Medical School

Lesley Inker, MD, MS

Associate Professor, Tufts University

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### **2021 ACLPS Election Ballot**

Voting is taking place electronically. If you are unable to use the Google Form for voting, please return the completed ballot shown on the following page by May 15, 2021 to [ACLPS@aruplab.com](mailto:ACLPS@aruplab.com) or by mail to Tatiana Yuzyuk, ACLPS Secretary-Treasurer, c/o ARUP Laboratories, 500 Chipeta Way, MC 115, Salt Lake City, UT 84108.

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### 2021 ACLPS Election Ballot

<b>President-Elect</b> 2021-2022 <i>(Vote for 1)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Christopher Tormey, MD (Yale University) <input type="checkbox"/> _____ (Nomination from the Membership)
<b>Executive Council</b> 2021-2024 <i>(Vote for 2)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Brenda Suh-Lailam, PhD (Northwestern University) <input type="checkbox"/> Scott W. Long (Wesley), MD, PhD (Houston Methodist) <input type="checkbox"/> _____ (Nomination from the Membership) <input type="checkbox"/> _____ (Nomination from the Membership)
<b>Nominating and Awards Committee</b> 2021-2024 <i>(Vote for 1)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Marisa Marques, MD (University of Alabama at Birmingham) <input type="checkbox"/> _____ (Nomination from the Membership)
<b>Education Committee Chair</b> 2021-2024 <i>(Vote for 1)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Amit Gokhale, MD (University of Texas, Houston) <input type="checkbox"/> _____ (Nomination from the Membership)
<b>Education Committee</b> 2021-2024 <i>(Vote for 3)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Susan Fink, MD, PhD (University of Washington) <input type="checkbox"/> Sean Campbell, PhD (Albert Einstein College of Medicine) <input type="checkbox"/> Bijal Parikh, MD, PhD (Washington University in St. Louis) <input type="checkbox"/> _____ (Nomination from the Membership) <input type="checkbox"/> _____ (Nomination from the Membership) <input type="checkbox"/> _____ (Nomination from the Membership)
<b>Membership Committee Chair</b> 2021-2024 <i>(Vote for 1)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> David L. Jaye, MD (Emory University) <input type="checkbox"/> _____ (Nomination from the Membership)
<b>Membership Committee</b> 2021-2024 <i>(Vote for 1)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Anna Merrill, PhD (University of Iowa) <input type="checkbox"/> _____ (Nomination from the Membership)
<b>Young Investigator Award Program Director</b> 2021-2025 <i>(Vote for 1)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Jorge Sepulveda, MD, PhD (George Washington University) <input type="checkbox"/> _____ (Nomination from the Membership)
<b>Website Committee</b> 2021-2024 <i>(Vote for 2)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Hoda Hagrass, MD, PhD (University of Arkansas) <input type="checkbox"/> Irene De Biase, MD, PhD (University of Utah) <input type="checkbox"/> _____ (Nomination from the Membership) <input type="checkbox"/> _____ (Nomination from the Membership)

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## **Academy of Clinical Laboratory Physicians and Scientists**

Our academy was founded in 1966 and currently has active affiliations with 70 of the approximately 150 academic and community training centers that train pathology residents in clinical pathology. From its origin, it has followed the mission statement of being dedicated to the advancement of teaching and scholarship in laboratory medicine.

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