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This award is made in memory of Owen F. Thomas, M.D. who was a member of the first California Medical Association Commission on Blood Banks and the second President of CBBS. He gave a lifetime of service to blood banking in the Sonoma County Community Blood Bank, and was an active member of CBBS from 1953 until his death in 1977. He planned the first CBBS Technical Workshop at the third Annual Meeting on February 27, 1955, in Santa Rosa, California. Dr. Thomas was also in charge of the first commercial exhibit in 1958.

The Owen F. Thomas, M.D. Award is awarded to a member or past member of CBBS for outstanding educational, medical, scientific, or technical contribution to CBBS.

The 2018 honoree is:

**Roselyn A. Marfoe, MT(ASCP)SBB**

Roselyn Marfoe is the Education Coordinator for the Division of Transfusion Medicine, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center (CSMC) in Los Angeles.

She received her BS degree in Biological Sciences from the University of Southern California, and started her career in Transfusion Medicine at CSMC after completing her Medical Technology training there. After obtaining her Specialist in Blood Banking certification, she worked as a Reference Specialist in the Immunohematology Reference Laboratories at the New York Blood Center and subsequently, at the American Red Cross (ARC) Southern California Region. She returned to CSMC in 2000 as Education Coordinator, where her primary responsibilities include developing and conducting training programs for their Clinical Laboratory Scientist students, pathology residents and fellows, visiting medical and SBB students, and overseeing training and competency assessment of staff.

Roselyn has been actively involved in the CBBS for many years, serving as a member of the Clinical Laboratory Scientists, Scientific Program and Continuing Education Committees. She also served as Chair of the Clinical Laboratory Scientists Committee from 2001-2004. In addition, she has supported the CBBS’s educational mission by giving presentations at their regional seminars and annual meetings. Roselyn is also a member of the AABB, serves on the ARC Southern California Region SBB Program Advisory Committee, and has published papers and abstracts in peer-reviewed journals.

Roselyn is passionate about sharing her knowledge with others and has inspired several students to become Blood Bank technologists. She is most honored to receive this award and has enjoyed the wonderful opportunity to have served on various CBBS committees.
The Upton-Hemphill Award is presented to commemorate the names of the Founders of CBBS. John R. Upton, M.D. gave birth to the idea of a statewide system of blood banks by suggesting it as early as 1943. He was chairman of the California Medical Association Commission on Blood Banks from 1948 to 1958, and was the first President of CBBS, serving in that role from 1953 to 1958. Dr. Upton was instrumental in the formation of several of the blood banks that became Organization Members.

Bernice Hemphill, a licensed Bio-Analyst, acted as the Administrative Assistant to the California Medical Association Commission of Blood Banks at its inception in 1948. Mrs. Hemphill was Secretary of the CBBS from 1953 to 1956 and promoted the Clearinghouse Program of CBBS, which was transferred to the Pacific District of the American Association of Blood Banks in 1956. She devoted her life to blood banking in the administration of the Irwin Memorial Blood Centers and in service to CBBS, to the National Clearinghouse System and to the American Association of Blood Banks.

The Upton-Hemphill Award is awarded to a member or past member of CBBS for outstanding educational, medical, scientific, or technical contribution to CBBS.

The 2018 honoree is:

**Kim-Anh Nguyen, MD, PhD**

Dr. Nguyen has been the President and CEO of the Blood Bank of Hawaii since 2013. She also serves on the faculty at the UH John A. Burns School of Medicine as Assistant Clinical Professor in the Department of Pathology.

Her career in transfusion medicine and blood banking spans over 15 years, most of which was with the second largest blood provider in the US, Blood Systems. Dr. Nguyen was Medical Director at Blood Centers of the Pacific in San Francisco from 2002 to 2012, and Chief Medical Officer of the Western Region from 2010-12. An Associate Clinical Professor of Laboratory Medicine at University of California San Francisco (UCSF), she has also been devoted to physician training and education. She served as Director of the Blood Centers of the Pacific /UCSF Transfusion Medicine Fellowship Program.

After undergraduate studies at Harvard University, Dr. Nguyen received her MD and PhD in immunology from the University of Pennsylvania. She completed her clinical pathology residency at UC San Francisco and transfusion medicine fellowship in the joint Blood Centers of the Pacific/UCSF program. Following a brief service on the UCSF Medical Center staff, Dr. Nguyen joined the medical and research team at Blood Centers of the Pacific in 2002. She has actively participated in regional and national transfusion medicine professional organizations, and has held leadership roles in the Blood Centers of America, America’s Blood Centers, and American Association of blood Banks. Most recently Dr. Nguyen served on the California Blood Bank Society Board of Directors.
In honor of Suzanne Ledin’s lifetime devotion to excellence in medical technology and blood banking.

In 2004, the family of the late Suzanne Ledin, MT(ASCP)SBB established the Annual Suzanne Ledin Lecture in honor of Suzanne Ledin’s lifetime devotion to excellence in medical technology and blood banking.

Each year a lectureship is awarded to an individual actively involved in education, training, and/or the practice of medical technology and blood banking.

The 2018 honoree is:

**Connie Westhoff, PhD, SBB**

Dr. Westhoff is Executive Scientific Director of the Laboratory for Immunohematology and Genomics at the New York Blood Center and the National Center for Blood Group Genomics located in Kansas City. The primary focus of her professional career has been to improve patient care and transfusion safety through the use of genomics with an emphasis on patients with Sickle Cell Disease. She started her career as a blood bank technologist, and received a PhD in Molecular Genetics studying the evolution and function of the RH genes. Seminal work included demonstrating the ammonia transport activity of the Rh-associated glycoproteins.

Current NIH and Doris Duke funded research projects included production of cultured RBCs for blood bank reagents and the application of next generation sequencing to improve transfusion therapy. She is considered an expert on blood group genomics and the Rh system, and has published more than 95 scientific papers and authored numerous book chapters. She is an associate editor for the Genomics section of the journal Transfusion, an editor of the AABB technical manual, and has served on numerous AABB committees including the board of directors. Also active in ASH and ISBT, she has lectured nationally and internationally and is a reviewer for numerous journals and abstracts for U.S. and international meetings in hematology and transfusion medicine.
AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

Herbert Perkins & George Garratty Memorial Lectureship Award

Herbert Perkins was the Senior Medical Scientist at Blood Centers of the Pacific and Clinical Professor of Medicine, University of California San Francisco. Dr. Perkins' lifetime achievements contributed profoundly to the scientific foundation of the fields of transfusion and transplantation medicine, and to the education and training of scientists, fellows, physicians and medical technologists in these fields.

George Garratty, PhD, FRCPath, was the Scientific Director, American Red Cross Blood Services, Southern California Region, Pomona, CA, and Clinical Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles. His research was mainly concerned with immune red cell and platelet destruction, with a special emphasis on autoimmune and drug induced immune hemolytic anemias. Dr. Garratty served as President of CBBS from 1985-1986 and was the recipient of numerous awards, honors, and recognitions.

Each year a lectureship will be awarded to an individual actively involved in education, training, research and/or the practice of a scientific nature pertaining to transfusion medicine. The recipient will be a scientist who has demonstrated a commitment to transfusion medicine or cellular therapy, and has applied new insights or new technologies to relevant scientific questions that have led to seminal contributions to the field.

The 2018 honoree is:

Steven Kleinman, M.D.

Dr. Steven Kleinman is Clinical Professor of Pathology at U. British Columbia, AABB Senior Medical Advisor and President of Kleinman Biomedical Research. His past experience includes blood center medical director (ARC, So Ca; 1982–1991), transfusion service medical co-director (UCLA, 1991–1995), and investigator in several NHLBI-funded multicenter transfusion medicine research studies. His main interest is the intersection of scientific investigation and policy development in the field of transfusion safety and emerging pathogens. His publications span the realm of basic science research, the epidemiology of infectious agents and modeling their transfusion transmission risk, laboratory test performance as applied to donated units of blood, and pathogen inactivation of blood components. Currently, he chairs the NHLBI sponsored Recipient Epidemiology and Donor Evaluation Study-III (REDS-III) Steering Committee and co-edits the transfusion medicine section of Up To Date.
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