

# Press Release

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## **OUTSTANDING SCIENTISTS SELECTED TO RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS**

WASHINGTON, DC, AUGUST 31, 2017: The International Society for the Study of Xenobiotics (ISSX) announced today the winners of its most prestigious awards presented to outstanding scientists in the North American Region. Kathleen Giacomini, Ph.D. of the University of California, San Francisco, is the winner of the 2017 North American Scientific Achievement Award in Honor of Ronald W. Estabrook. Namandjé Bumpus, Ph.D. of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine is the winner of the 2017 North American New Investigator Award in Honor of James R. Gillette.

Kathy Giacomini is a Professor in the Department of Bioengineering and Therapeutic Sciences at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) Schools of Pharmacy and Medicine. She has been a member of the UCSF faculty since 1990, and has served as vice chair of the school's Bioengineering and Therapeutic Sciences department since 2014. She concurrently is co-director of the UCSF - Stanford Center of Excellence in Regulatory Science and Innovation. Dr. Giacomini received a BS Pharm from the University of Houston and a PhD in Pharmaceutics from the State University of New York at Buffalo. She did postdoctoral research at the Stanford University School of Medicine.

One Dr. Giacomini's supporting nominators for the award stated, "Kathy Giacomini is not just a frontier woman scientist – she is a frontier scientist, driving research within the transporter area worldwide. She is well respected by all of her colleagues and is always renewing her work to the front-line and highest quality projects possible. She is very worth of the ISSX North American Scientific Achievement Award".

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Namandjé Bumpus is an Assistant Professor of Pharmacology and Molecular Sciences at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. She holds a secondary appointment in the Division of Pharmacology within the Department of Medicine. Dr Bumpus received her Ph.D. in pharmacology at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and conducted her thesis research in the laboratory of Dr. Paul F. Hollenberg. She then completed a fellowship at the Eric F. Johnson lab at The Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, California where she studied the regulation of cyp4a and cyp4f genes in mice. Her research seeks to define the role of drug metabolism and reactive metabolite formation in the toxicities associated with the use of non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors to treat HIV-1.

According to one of her nominators, “Namandje provides an outstanding role model for other junior investigators, particularly for women and underrepresented minorities. She has demonstrated herself to be a very innovative and creative investigator in the field of drug metabolism and has already made unique and extremely valuable contributions to the field”.

The North American Scientific Achievement Award and the North American New Investigator Award will be presented during the 21<sup>st</sup> North American ISSX Meeting on Wednesday, September 27, 2017. ISSX Awards Committee Chairman, Dr. Thomas Baillie, Professor of Medicinal Chemistry and Dean Emeritus for the University of Washington School of Pharmacy, will present the awards to the recipients who will then deliver their award lectures to the more than 600 scientists attending the meeting.

The 21<sup>st</sup> North American ISSX Meeting convenes September 24 – 28, 2017 at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence, Rhode Island, USA.

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**About ISSX:**

Headquartered in Washington, DC, ISSX is an international association of scientists that promotes the understanding of the interactions of medicines and chemicals with living systems. Founded in 1981, ISSX conducts scientific meetings worldwide to foster greater understanding of the research being conducted to develop and improve therapeutics and to form collaborations between scientists involved in this area of study.

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