This is SRNT’s newest award, named after health equity research pioneer, Pebbles Fagan. It honors SRNT members who have made outstanding contributions to public health and minoritized communities through health-equity research.

**PEBBLES FAGAN**

Dr. Fagan is a Professor and the Director of the Center for the Study of Tobacco in the Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health, Department of Health Behavior and Health Education and the Director of Research in the Office of Health Initiatives and Disparities Research, College of Medicine University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. She is also a Senior Advisor to the Director of the Office on Smoking and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She formerly served as Program Director for the Cancer Prevention and Control Program at the University of Hawaii Cancer Center and served as a Health Scientist in the Tobacco Control Research Branch at the National Cancer Institute.

For over 25 years, Dr. Fagan has conducted research that seeks to understand factors associated with tobacco use and exposure in racial/ethnic, women, low socioeconomic status, and youth/young adult populations and develop community interventions that aim to reduce tobacco and cancer health disparities. Dr. Fagan examines factors that contribute to the dual use of tobacco, quitting and switching behaviors, and nicotine dependence among adults who consume flavored tobacco products including menthol cigarettes, cigars, and electronic cigarettes.

Dr. Fagan has extensive experience in serving on leadership teams of large NIH-funded center grants and other NIH-funded grants since leaving the federal government in 2011. She is a multiple principal investigator on the newly funded Center for Research, Health, and Social Justice, which aims to reduce cancer and cardiovascular disease disparities among African Americans and rural populations. Dr. Fagan is the Director of the Contextual Knowledge Core on the Center for the Study of Tobacco Products, Virginia Commonwealth University. Dr. Fagan serves as the Deputy Director of Research on the Arkansas Center for Health Disparities as well as principal investigator of the community-based research study, “Families Rising to Enforce Smokefree Homes” (F.R.E.S.H). Clients enrolled in Dr. Fagan’s F.R.E.S.H. study were negatively impacted by COVID-19. These observations expanded her research and practice to include a focus on eliminating COVID-19 disparities. Dr. Fagan is a multiple principal investigator on the Arkansas Community Engagement Alliance Against COVID-19 Disparities. Dr. Fagan is a co-investigator on the state colorectal cancer screening program that seeks to reduce disparities in rural counties.

Dr. Fagan has extensive experience in training and educating students and faculty members to help advance research careers. Dr. Fagan serves as Secretary on the Governor’s Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Advisory Committee for the state of Arkansas. She is the President of the board for the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (PIRE). She serves on the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine ad hoc committee that is evaluating the health effects of “premium” cigars. She is receiving the 2021 Presidential Award from the Society for Research on Nicotine & Tobacco for her career contributions to tobacco and disparities research. In 2019, Dr. Fagan received the Phenomenal Woman Award from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. She served on the Tobacco Products Scientific Advisory Committee, Center for Tobacco Products, Food and Drug Administration from 2015-2018. In 2012, she received an Outstanding Alumni Award from Texas A&M University. She has received numerous awards from the National Institutes of Health, recognizing her contributions to training and career development of minoritized investigators and her contributions to tobacco-related health disparities research.