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As part of the affiliation between the DDS and GRG, we would like to update the readership about educational offerings that are either sponsored by the GRG or are organized by members of the GRG leadership. I would, thus, like to provide information about the recent GRG Spring Symposium and about upcoming symposia of interest.

GRG Spring Symposium

On May 31 2009, during DDW, the GRG sponsored the GRG Spring Symposium at McCormick Place in Chicago. Introduced by Nick Davidson, the symposium was attended by a large, enthusiastic audience. The following talks were presented:

Daniel J. Klionsky, PhD, University of Michigan

Autophagy: A Tightly Regulated Pathway of Subcellular Degradation That You Rely On More Than You Realize

Thad S. Stappenbeck, MD, PhD, Washington University School of Medicine

The Role of Autophagy and the Autophagy Gene Atg16L1 in the Intestine

Xiao-Ming Yin, MD, PhD, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

Autophagy in Liver Injury and in the Stress Response of Hepatocytes

Young Investigator Awards

The following young investigators were presented with awards in recognition of their outstanding contributions to medical science and in recognition of the GRG's commitment to career development:

Julian Abrams, MD, MS

Dr. Abrams graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a BA in Biology. He obtained an MD from Mount Sinai School of Medicine and an MS in Biostatistics from the Mailman School of Public Health. Dr. Abrams' training includes a residency in internal medicine, and postdoctoral clinical fellowships in both gastroenterology and cancer epidemiology. He is currently employed as an Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine in the Division of Digestive and Liver Diseases at Columbia University Medical Center. Dr. Abrams is also a full member of the Cancer Epidemiology Program at the Herbert Irving Cancer Research Center at Columbia University. Dr. Abrams' research interests include gastroenterology and cancer epidemiology and prevention. He has published 16 original articles in peer-reviewed publications and has been awarded five research grants pertaining to cancer prevention and epidemiology and the effects of tobacco consumption. He is currently the Principal Investigator for a project investigating risk factors for site-specific metastasis in esophageal cancer.

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Dr. Lynch is the recipient of the 2009 GRG/AGA Young Investigator Basic Science Award.

John Lynch, MD, PhD

Dr. Lynch graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1987 with a BA in Chemistry. He then continued his education at the University of Connecticut at Farmington, where he earned an MD and a PhD. Dr. Lynch received postgraduate training at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital and completed a Fellowship in Gastroenterology at the same facility. He was also an NRSA Postdoctoral Fellow at the Department of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Medicine. Dr. Lynch went on to become an Instructor in Medicine and is currently employed as an Assistant Professor in the Division of Gastroenterology at the University of Pennsylvania's Department of Medicine. He is also a member of the Cell and Molecular Biology Graduate Group. Dr. Lynch's early research revolves around cell cycles in reproductive cells. More recently, his research has focused on cell signaling in the GI system. He has been published in 17 peer-reviewed publications and is currently serving as a Special Section Editor for Gastroenterology and on the editorial board at Digestive Diseases and Science.



Dr. Rosen is the recipient of the 2009 GRG/AGA Young Investigator Clinical Science Award.

Michael Rosen, MD

Dr. Rosen graduated from Duke University with a BS in Biology. He graduated from Harvard Medical School in 2003, and completed his pediatrics residency at the Children's Hospital in Boston. He completed his fellowship in pediatric gastroenterology at the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt in June 2009. He has since joined the faculty at Vanderbilt as an Assistant Professor in the Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition, where he will continue translational research in pediatric inflammatory bowel disease. Dr. Rosen has been awarded a number of fellowships, including a Clinical Fellowship in Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School and a Teaching Fellowship in Pediatrics at the Boston University School of Medicine. He has served as a Principal Investigator on two research projects relating to ulcerative colitis and has authored four peer-reviewed publications in the field of gastroenterology.



Dr. Michael Rosen is the recipient of the 2009 GRG Fellow Travel/Abstract of the Year Award

Upcoming Meeting

AGA Academic Skills Workshop

Houston, TX

March 9-10, 2010

Co-organizer: Shanti Sitaraman, GRG Steering Committee

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