

# 2014 Postgraduate Awards

In 2011, the board of directors of Alpha Omega Alpha established the Postgraduate Award to encourage and support AOA residents or fellows from programs or institutions with an active AOA chapter or association to pursue a project in the spirit of the AOA mission statement. Project applications were accepted in the categories of:

1. Research: Support for clinical investigation, basic laboratory research, epidemiology, or social science/health services research.
2. Service: Local or international service work, focusing on underprivileged or immigrant populations or those in the developing world, as well as patient and population education projects.
3. Teaching and education: Research, development, or implementation of education academic curricula, with the focus on postgraduate education.
4. Leadership: Leadership development.
5. Humanism and professionalism: Projects designed to encourage understanding, development, and retention of traits of humanism and professionalism among physicians, directed to physicians in postgraduate training.

Ten applicants received \$2000 awards to support their work. The recipients of the 2014 awards are:

## **Tyler Albert, MD**

University of Washington School of Medicine  
Project category: Teaching and education  
*Mechanical ventilation training curriculum for critical care residents in Phnom Penh, Cambodia*  
T. Eoin West, MD, mentor

## **Paige Armstrong, MD**

George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences  
Project category: Research  
*The effect of self-reported limited English proficiency on patient care and satisfaction in the emergency department*  
Melissa McCarthy, ScD, mentor

## **Caitlin Demarest, MD**

Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons  
Project category: Research  
*Development of a pulmonary assist device for chronic lung disease and pulmonary hypertension*  
Keith E. Cook, PhD, mentor

## **Neha Gupta, MD**

University at Buffalo State University of New York School of Medicine & Biomedical Sciences  
Project category: Research  
*Implementation of a palliative care screening tool in a genitourinary oncology clinic and assessment of its impact on volume of palliative care referrals, improvement in patients' symptom burden and satisfaction: A quality improvement project*  
Roberto Pili, MD, mentor

## **Cara Liebert, MD**

Stanford University School of Medicine  
Project category: Teaching and education  
*Interdisciplinary simulation-based crisis resource management training curriculum for general surgery and anesthesia residents*  
James N. Lau, MD, mentor

## **Robert McGarrah III, MD**

Duke University School of Medicine  
Project category: Research  
*Identification of clinical characteristics and metabolic pathways linking insulin resistance and cardiovascular disease*  
Svati Shah, MD, MS, mentor

## **Akshithkumar Mistry, MD**

Vanderbilt University School of Medicine  
Project category: Research  
*Probing glioblastoma heterogeneity to expose cellular and molecular predictors of therapy response using novel flow- and mass-cytometry based assays*  
Rebecca Ihrle, PhD, mentor

## **Joshua Palmer, MD**

Sidney Kimmel Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University  
Project category: Research  
*Glioblastoma multiforme outcomes, toxicity and patterns of failure based on radiation therapy treatment volumes*  
Maria Werner-Wasik, MD, and Jing Li, MD, PhD, mentors

## **Deepali Tukaye, MBBS, PhD**

Ohio State University College of Medicine  
*Early remote ischemic conditioning provides cardioprotection in NSTEMI*  
Subha Raman, MD, mentor

## **Lisa VanWagner, MD**

Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine  
Project category: Research  
*Derivation and validation of a cardiac risk index in liver transplantation*  
Donald Lloyd-Jones, MD, ScM, mentor

## **Marjorie Sirridge, MD** **1921–2014**

**P**haros Editorial Board member Dr. Marjorie Sirridge died on July 30, 2014. Dr. Sirridge was one of the founding faculty members of the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine. She is one of the women physicians profiled on the National Library of Medicine's Changing the Face of Medicine: Celebrating America's Women Physicians web site. Read more about Dr. Sirridge here: [http://www.nlm.nih.gov/changingthefaceofmedicine/physicians/biography\\_296.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/changingthefaceofmedicine/physicians/biography_296.html).

Dr. Sirridge (AOA, University of Kansas, 1943) was appointed to the editorial board of *The Pharos* in 1997 and served until shortly before her death. We will miss her insightful reviews and her unfailing willingness to serve. The note from her son informing us of her death included this observation: "I am sure she would have liked to review one more article! That was her nature."