



## **2009 Research Awards Program Awards and Awardees**

### **2009 Liver Scholars**

#### **American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases Liver Scholar**

Alexander G. Miethke, MD

Children's Hospital Medical Center

Cincinnati, OH

*Regulatory T Cells and the Pathogenesis of Biliary Atresia*

Mentor: Jorge A. Bezerra, MD

#### **American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases Liver Scholar**

Ekihiro Seki, MD, PhD

University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine

La Jolla, CA

*Innate Immunity Regulates Hepatic Fibrosis*

Mentor: David A. Brenner, MD

#### **American Liver Foundation Primary Biliary Cirrhosis Fund for the Cure Liver Scholar**

Jochen Mattner, MD

Children's Hospital Medical Center

Cincinnati, OH

*Genetic Susceptibility to Primary Biliary Cirrhosis*

Mentor: Marsh Wills-Karp, PhD

#### **American Liver Foundation Hepatitis Fund for the Cure Liver Scholar**

George Miller, MD

New York University School of Medicine

New York, NY

*Dendritic Cell Activation During Liver Inflammation and their Contribution to Hepatic Cirrhosis*

Mentor: Alan B. Frey, PhD

### **2009 Seed Grant**

#### **Blowitz Ridgeway Foundation Alagille Syndrome Seed Grant**

Binita M. Kamath, BA, MBBChir

The Hospital for Sick Children

Toronto, Ontario

*A Model to Predict Outcome of Liver Disease in Alagille Syndrome*

## 2009 Postdoctoral Research Fellowships

### **Irwin M. Arias, MD Postdoctoral Research Fellowship**

Jinhan He, MD, PhD

University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy

Pittsburgh, PA

*The Hepatoprotective Role of the LXR in APAP Toxicity*

Mentor: Wen Xie, MD, PhD

### **Roger L. Jenkins, MD Postdoctoral Research Fellowship**

Tung G. Phan, MD, PhD

Yale University School of Medicine

New Haven, CT

*High-throughput Genetic Analysis of Hepatitis C Virus*

Mentor: Brett Lindenbach, PhD

### **Herman Lopata Memorial Hepatitis Postdoctoral Research Fellowship**

Hadas Dvory-Sobol, PhD

Stanford University

Stanford, CA

*Inhibition of HCV Infection by Stitched AH Peptides*

Mentor: Jeffrey S. Glenn, MD, PhD

### **Thomas F. Nealon, III Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Honoring Zachery Rue**

Raghavan Chinnadurai, PhD

Emory University

Atlanta, GA

*The Role of Hepatic Stellate Cell as an Antigen Presenting Cell in the Liver Immunity During Viral Infection*

Mentor: Arash Grakoui, PhD

### **Hans Popper Memorial Postdoctoral Research Fellowship**

Mayura Desai, PhD

University of Texas Medical Branch

Galveston, TX

*Role of HCV NS Proteins in Intra-hepatic Innate Immune-modulation*

Mentor: Jiaren Sun, MD, PhD

### **Thomas E. Starzl, MD Postdoctoral Research Fellowship**

Alejandro Soto-Gutierrez, MD, PhD

The General Hospital Corp/Massachusetts General Hospital

Boston, MA

*Liver Grafts Engineering with Decellularized Native Matrices*

Mentor: Martin L. Yarmush, MD, PhD

**2009 Postdoctoral Research Fellowships (continued)**

**Dean Thiel Memorial Postdoctoral Research Fellowship**

Gabriele Fuchs, PhD  
Stanford University  
Stanford, CA

*Modulation of Hepatitis C Virus Gene Expression by mircoRNAs That Target the Viral Coding Region*

Mentor: Peter Sarnow, PhD

**Charles Trey, MD Memorial Postdoctoral Research Fellowship**

Zhongwei Cao, PhD  
Stanford University  
Stanford, CA

*Atorvastatin: a Potentially Novel Agent for the Treatment of Hepatocellular Carcinoma*

Mentor: Dan Felsher, MD, PhD

**Alexander M. White, III Postdoctoral Research Fellowship**

Kari Chamber, PhD  
Washington University School of Medicine  
St. Louis, MO

*The Role of PGC-1 Proteins in Hepatic Energy Metabolism*

Mentor: Brian N. Finck, PhD