Council on Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis, and Vascular Biology (ATVB)
Women's Leadership Committee Presents

Mentor of Women
Award Luncheon

Featuring Roundtable Discussion over

"The Role of Women in Shaping
the Grant Review Process"

Thursday, May 11th, 2023
12:15 - 2:00 PM
Boston Marriott Copley Place
Boston, MA
Order of Events

Welcome & Introductions of Women's Leadership Committee

2023 ATVB Women's Leadership Committee Award for Outstanding Mentorship of Women

2023 ATVB Women's Leadership Committee Emerging Scientist Award for Women Finalists

Meenakshi Banerjee, PhD
Caitlin Bell, MD
Irina Portier, PhD
Sheila Sharma, BS, ScM
Mikala Zelows, BS

Panel Discussion & Roundtables:

The Role of Women in Shaping the Grant Review Process

Jue Chen, MB, MS, PhD - Program Director, Atherothrombosis and Coronary Artery Disease Branch, Division of Cardiovascular Sciences, NHLBI

Zorina Galis, PhD - Chief, Vascular Biology and Hypertension Division of Cardiovascular Sciences NHLBI

Iris Jaffe, MD, PhD - Elisa Kent Mendelsohn Professor of Molecular Cardiology, Tufts University School of Medicine

Natalia Komissarova, PhD - Scientific Review Officer of the AVI study section, Center for Scientific Review, NIH

Larry Pinkus, PhD - Former Scientific review officer, Integrative Vascular Biology and Hematology IRG, Center for Scientific Review, NIH

Gissette Reyes-Soffer, MD, FAHA - Assistant Professor, Columbia University Medical Center

Closing Remarks

Hanrui Zhang MB, PhD, FAHA
Hong Wang MD, PhD, EMBA, FAHA
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Gissette Reyes-Soffer, MD, FAHA - Assistant Professor, Columbia University Medical Center
Zhen Bouman Chen, MB PhD
Dr. Hong Wang received her medical training from Jinhua Medical School, an MS degree from Peking Union Medical University, a PhD degree in Biochemistry from University of Montreal, and an EMBA degree from Fox Business School in Temple University. She did her post-doctoral fellowship in Harvard School of Public Health from 1996 to 1999. She joined Baylor College of Medicine as an assistant professor in 1999, moved to Lewis Katz School of Medicine (LKSM) as an associate professor in 2005, and became a tenured professor in 2007 and Laura Carnell Endowed Chair professor in 2015. She is the Director for the Center for Metabolic Disease Research at LKSM. She served as the Associate Dean for Research, Interim Chair for the Departments of Microbiology and Immunology, and the chair for women faculty committee. Dr. Wang is a leading scientist in hyperhomocysteinemia and cardiovascular immunology research and has made numerous seminal contributions in these areas. She and her group have established the causative role of hyperhomocysteinemia and defined hypomethylation as a key biochemical mechanism and homocysteine–methionine cycle as a metabolic sensor system for cardiovascular and metabolic disorders. Dr. Wang published 250 research papers, and edited the book “Atherosclerosis - Risks, Mechanisms, and Therapies”. She is a recipient of one US patents with several pending. She is an editorial member of multiple leading scientific Journals, including JCI, Circulation, ATVB, J Molecular & Cellular Cardiology and Clinical Medicine: Pathology. Dr. Wang has been providing exemplary services to the national and international scientific committees. She served in multiple leadership committees for three Councils of America Heart Association including ATVB, BCVS, and FGTB Councils. She was a member of ATVB Council CSSP, Nomination Committee, Women Leadership Committee, and Scientific & Clinical Education Lifelong Learning Committee, BCVS Council CSSP and FGTB Council Leadership committee. She is currently an Associate Editor of Redox Biology and Biomarker Research. She is the founding president for Chinese American Academy of Cardiology and served on the Board of Academy of Cardiovascular Research Excellence and Chinese American Heart Association. Dr. Wang has been extremely dedicative in training young scientists and passionate in supporting women scientists. She has trained 12 research fellows at Baylor College of Medicine. In LKSM, she trained 18 graduate students, 24 research fellows, 4 undergraduate research interns, and 25 undergraduate research trainees. Among the total 83 Dr. Wang’s direct trainees, 41 are women scientists.
2022 – 2023 Women’s Leadership Committee

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Previous Recipients of the ATVB Women’s Leadership Committee
Award for Outstanding Mentorship of Women

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