



# 64th Annual Meeting

Addressing Disparities in Birth Defects Research and Prevention

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## Society for Birth Defects Research and Prevention Announces 2024 Awardees, Award Finalists, and Special Lecturers

The following awards and special lectures will be presented at the Society for Birth Defects Research and Prevention's 64th Annual Meeting taking place June 22–26, 2024, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Congratulations to our awardees, award finalists, and special lecturers.

### *Keynote Lecture*

**Wendy K. Chung, MD, PhD**, Boston Children's Hospital

*Scheduled Presentation:* Putting the Pieces Together: Head to Toe

### *Josef Warkany Lecture*

**Christina D. Chambers, PhD, MPH**, University of California San Diego

*Scheduled Presentation:* Understanding of Mechanisms of Environmental Teratogenesis: From Mercury to Nutrition

### *Robert L. Brent Lecture: Teratogen Update*

**Tracey Woodruff, PhD, MPH**, University of California San Francisco

*Scheduled Presentation:* Everywhere All at Once: The Prenatal Chemical Exposome and Influences on Health and Health Inequities

### *F. Clarke Fraser New Investigator Award*

**Jeremy Schraw, PhD**, Baylor College of Medicine

*Scheduled Presentation:* Building a Career in Birth Defects Epidemiology Through Collaboration and Innovation

### *Patricia Rodier Mid-Career Award for Research and Mentoring*

**Christopher J. Bowman, PhD, DABT**, Pfizer Inc.

*Scheduled Presentation:* Reproductive Toxicology in Industry: Research and Mentoring are the Special Sauce

### *Agnish Fellowship*

**Kenneth Lyons Jones, MD**, UCSD, CA MotherToBaby

*Scheduled Presentation:* The Identification of Human Teratogens Using a Clinical Approach

### *James G. Wilson Publication Award for the best paper published in the journal *Birth Defects Research**

**Cynthia J. Wolf, PhD**, US EPA

Wolf, C. J., Fitzpatrick, H., Becker, C., Smith, J., & Wood, C. (2023). An improved multicellular human organoid model for the study of chemical effects on palatal fusion. *Birth Defects Research*, 115(16), 1513–1533. <https://doi.org/10.1002/bdr2.2229>

### *Edward W. Carney Distinguished Service Award*

**Melissa S. Tassinari, PhD**

*Society for Birth Defects Research and Prevention Innovator Award Finalists*

- **Kelsey Robinson, DVM**, Emory University  
*Abstract Title: Rare Variants in PRKCI Cause Van der Woude Syndrome and Other Features of Peridermopathy*
- **Mengjing Wang, PhD**, University of California, San Francisco  
*Abstract Title: Integrating *In Vitro* and Computational Approaches to Identify Novel Environmental Chemicals that Alter Human Retinoic Acid Signaling*
- **Lin Li, PhD**, University of California, San Francisco  
*Abstract Title: Profiling Naled Toxicity in Primary Human Placental Cytotrophoblasts*

*Edward W. Carney Trainee Awards*

- **Ayoade Desmond Babalola, MS**, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul
- **Brad Hansen, BS**, University of Washington

*Marie W. Taubeneck Award*

- **Kian Afsharian, BSc**, University of Toronto

*Wilson Presentation Award Finalists*

- **Ashley P. Cheng, MSc**, University of Toronto
- **Celeste L. Y. Ewig, PharmD**, University of Florida
- **Julie A. Griffith, PhD**, West Virginia University
- **Kanchaka Sidath Senal Pathiraja, BSc (Hons)**, Clemson University
- **Aubrey L. Sasser, BS**, US Environmental Protection Agency
- **Sunil Sharma, PhD**, Clemson University
- **Mengjing Wang, PhD**, University of California, San Francisco
- **Bo Xiao, MS**, University of Cincinnati

*BDRP Student and Postdoctoral Fellow Travel Awards*

- **Kalyani L. Abbaraju**, Northern Kentucky University
- **Ayoade Desmond Babalola, MSc**, Federal do Rio Grande do Sul
- **Lauren T. L. Brown, BSc (Hons)**, Queen's University
- **Hung-Kai Chen, MS**, University of Florida
- **Ashley P. Cheng, MSc**, University of Toronto
- **Antonius Christianto, PhD**, University of Cincinnati
- **Megan E. Cull, MSc**, Queen's University
- **Julia C. Carmo, MS**, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul
- **Celeste L. Y. Ewig, PharmD**, University of Florida
- **Syed Rubaiyat Ferdous, MS**, Clemson University
- **Daniel Frascella, BS**, Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine
- **Julie A. Griffith, PhD**, West Virginia University
- **Brad C. Hansen, BS**, University of Washington
- **Ching-Ju Hsu, MS**, Baylor College of Medicine
- **Ashley Jordan, BS**, Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine
- **Lin Li, MD, PhD**, University of California, San Francisco
- **Nitza F. Muniz, MS**, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul
- **Oluwabori E. Olukoyejo, MBBS**, Obafemi Awolowo University
- **Kanchaka Sidath Senal Pathiraja, BSc (Hons)**, Clemson University
- **Sophia M. Richards, MSc**, University of Toronto
- **Kelsey Robinson, DVM**, Emory University
- **Alba Sanchis-Juan, PhD**, Massachusetts General Hospital
- **Khush S. Shah**, Millersville University of Pennsylvania
- **Sunil Sharma, PhD**, Clemson University

*BDRP Student and Postdoctoral Fellow Travel Awards, continued*

- **Madeline K. M. Vera-Colon, MS**, University of California, Irvine
- **Mengjing Wang, PhD**, University of California, San Francisco
- **Yanning Wang, MS**, University of Florida
- **Bo Xiao, MS**, University of Cincinnati

**For details about the awards and special lectures, please visit:**

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