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Participating in the election of officers is a significant privilege of membership in the American Association of Anatomists. Your individual vote is very important.

Please mark your choices on the enclosed ballot and return it in the envelope provided. Your ballot must reach us no later than **Monday, February 1, 2010**.

Thank you very much for participating in the AAA election!

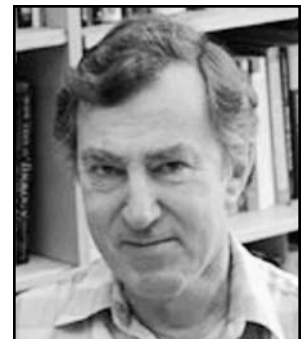
Board of Directors (Vote for 2)

REBECCA E. FISHER, born 1973; Asst. Professor of Basic Medical Sciences, Univ. of Arizona College of Medicine-Phoenix in Partnership with Arizona State Univ., 2006-present; Asst. Professor, School of Life Sciences, Arizona State Univ., 2006-present; Ph.D. Yale Univ., Dept. of Anthropology, 2002; Postdoctoral Fellow, Johns Hopkins Univ. School of Medicine, 2002-2004; Asst. Professor, Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine, 2004-2006; Research Collaborator, Division of Mammals, National Museum of Natural History, 2004-present. **Teaching:** Human Gross Anatomy, 1999-present; Course Director, 2006-present; Embryology, 1999-2002; Histology, 2004-2006. **AAA Activities:** Panel of manuscript reviewers, *The New Anatomist*, 2001-2006; book reviewer, *American Association of Anatomists Newsletter*, 2002-2005; Advisory Committee for Young Anatomists, 2005-2008; chair of AAA symposium, 2006; Program Coordinating Committee, 2007-2008; reviewer, Research Outreach Grants, 2007-2008; Basmajian Award, 2008; Educational Affairs Committee, 2008-present; reviewer, *Anatomical Record*. **Other Professional Activities:** reviewer, *Journal of Anatomy*, *American Journal of Physical Anthropology*, *Zoological Journal of the Linnean Society*, 2004-present; book reviewer, Elsevier Press, Thieme Publishers, 2006-present. **Research:** Functional anatomy and evolution of mammals [for details, please see <http://www.public.asu.edu/~refishe1/>].



Candidate's Statement: As a founding faculty member at a new medical school, I have benefitted greatly from the experiences shared by fellow AAA members on curricular design. I also value how welcoming and supportive the AAA is to students, junior faculty, and established members alike. I would like to collaborate with AAA members to develop new programs and online resources, including those that address the needs of course directors (e.g., information on lab design or renovation), as well as early stage investigators (e.g., balancing research and teaching; navigating the job market). I am also interested in fostering community outreach, K-12 education, and building bridges between the AAA and other scientific societies.

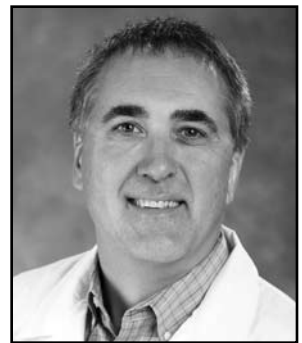
BRIAN K. HALL, born 1941; Univ. Research Professor Emeritus, Dalhousie Univ., Halifax; Univ. Research Professor, 2002-2007; George S. Campbell Professor of Biology, 2001-2007; Professor of Physiotherapy: Faculty of Health Sciences, 1989-1992; Asst. Professor to Professor of Biology, 1968-2007; Miller Visiting Research Professor, Univ. of California, Berkeley, 1997; Raine Memorial Visiting Professor, Dept. of Anatomy and Human Biology, Inst. of Human Biology, and Faculty of Medicine, Univ. of Western Australia, 1992, 2005; Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Visiting Lecturer, The Univ. of Alberta, 1985, 1990, 1992. International Craniofacial Biology Distinguished Scientist Award, 1996; Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada (FRSC),



1985; Kovalevsky Medal, 2001; Foreign Hon. Member of the Amer. Acad. Arts & Sci., 2002; Killam Prize, 2005. **AAA Activities:** Keith & Marion Moore Young Anatomist's Publication Award Committee, member 2007-2009, chair 2009-2010. **Other Professional Activities:** *International Journal of Developmental Biology* 1994-present; *Evolution and Development*, 1998-present; *Acta Zoologica*, 2000-present; *Zoology*, 2003-present; NRC (Canada) Monograph Editorial Board, 2002-present; *Journal of Experimental Zoology*, 1998-2006. **Research:** Development and evolution of neural crest-derived craniofacial skeletal tissues.

Candidate's Statement: Trained as an experimental embryologist, I have witnessed the rise of evo-devo and an upsurge in interest in comparative biology at the same time as morphology is in danger of being regarded as old fashioned or an unnecessary body of knowledge. Darwin's theory of evolution was only possible because of his knowledge of morphology and relationships between organisms. AAA is in an unusually strong position to integrate anatomical knowledge into 21st century biology and medicine (as symposia at the past few annual meetings demonstrate). I want to play a role in keeping AAA as a premier society of organismal biology.

KIRK M. MCHUGH, born 1960; Tenured Assoc. Professor, Dept. of Pediatrics, The Ohio State Univ. and Nationwide Children's Hospital; Adjunct Assoc. Prof., Dept. of Physiology, The Ohio State Univ.; Adjunct Assoc. Professor, Div. of Anatomy, The Ohio State Univ.; Director, Shared Resources, The Research Institute, Nationwide Children's Hospital; Director, Nephrology and Urology Research Affinity Group, Nationwide Children's Hospital; member, Comprehensive Cancer Center, The Ohio State University; member, Integrated Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program, The Ohio State University; member, Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology Graduate Program, The Ohio State University; member, Graduate Faculty, The Ohio State University, Ph.D., Univ. of Cincinnati, College of Medicine, Dept. of Anatomy and Cell Biology, 1986; Postdoctoral Fellow, Cincinnati Children's Hospital, Basic Science Division 1986-1989; Asst. Professor to Assoc. Professor, Thomas Jefferson Univ., Dept. of Anatomy and Developmental Biology, 1989-2002; Assoc. Professor, The Ohio State Univ. and Nationwide Children's Hospital, 2002-present; Council Member, Village of Riverlea, Ohio, 2007-present; **Teaching:** Human Gross Anatomy, 1989-2009; Developmental Biology, 1989-2009 (course coordinator); Cell Biology, 1989-2002 (course coordinator); Anatomy 911, Embryological Origin of Human Birth Defects, 2008-present (course coordinator); **AAA Activities:** AAA Education Committee, 2007-present; reviewer, *Anatomical Sciences Education*. **Other Professional Activities:** ASPN, Mentoring Committee, 2007-present; ASPN Membership Committee, 2007-present; ASPN, Career Development Committee, 2009-present; member, NIDDK-KUH Fellowship Study Section, 2008-present; ad hoc reviewer for various NIH Study Sections, 2002-present; continuous NIH-funded principal investigator, 1989-2009; mentor to 5 doctoral students, 5 postdoctoral students, and 3 medical fellows, 1990-present. **Research:** Molecular basis of smooth muscle differentiation and pathogenesis in the gastrointestinal and urogenital tracts.



Candidate's Statement: First and foremost, it is an honor to be considered as a candidate for a position on the AAA Board of Directors. I believe that there are two key challenges facing anatomists in the coming years. The first is finding constructive ways to maintain quality teaching initiatives in an age of reduced contact hours. Second, identifying fundable research endeavors in the Anatomic Sciences for future generations of anatomists. As a councilor, I will do my best to address these key issues and support the society in any way I can. I look forward to the challenge.

BRENDA J. RONGISH, born 1966; Tenured Assoc. Professor of Anatomy and Cell Biology, Univ. of Kansas Medical Center; Ph.D. Univ. of Iowa (Iowa City) Dept. of Anatomy, 1994; Postdoctoral Fellow, Medical Univ. of South Carolina, 1994-1997; Postdoctoral Fellow, Univ. of Kansas Medical Center, 1997-2000; Research Asst. Professor to Assoc. Professor, Univ. of Kansas Medical Center, 2000–present; **Teaching:** Human Gross Anatomy, 2001–present; Cell and Tissue Biology/Histopathology, 2003–present; Human Embryology, 2007–present; Graduate Developmental Biology, 2004–present. **AAA Activities:** reviewer, *The Anatomical Record* and *Developmental Dynamics*, 2004–present; invited speaker and AAA representative to the International Anatomical Congress, Kyoto, Japan, 2004; organizer and chair of three AAA symposia/sessions; recent invited talks at Experimental Biology 2009. **Other Professional Activities:** Ad-hoc reviewer, SBIR/STTR, 2002; NIH ZRG1 F05, 2003, 2004; AHA Cardiovascular Development, 2004; NIH P01, 2004; NSF Frontiers in Integrative Biological Research, 2007; NSF Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences, 2009; Univ. of Kansas School of Medicine Service: Vice-chair, Faculty Council, 2007-2008; Executive Committee, 2006-2008; Faculty Council, 2003-2008; MD/PhD Admissions Committee, 2008–present. **Research:** Biophysical and signaling roles of the ECM during cardiovascular morphogenesis, gastrulation, and the development of left-right asymmetry; current funding from NHLBI and the G. Harold and Leila Y. Mathers Charitable Foundation [for details, please see <http://www.kumc.edu/anatomy/rongish.html>].



Candidate's Statement: As an anatomist for 20+ years, I am excited about representing the many facets of the anatomical disciplines. My mentors fostered a great respect for AAA and its dedication to teaching and research excellence. I am actively involved in medical anatomy and my research on biophysical forces of early morphogenesis dovetails perfectly with the anatomical sciences. I hope to encourage the next generation of anatomists to become involved in AAA through service. AAA is perfectly positioned to reach across the boundaries of conventional scientific societies. I will strive to promote AAA as an inclusive and vibrant scholarly home.

Board of Directors: Student/Postdoc (Vote for 1)

JOSHUA W. LITTLE, born 1979; Predoctoral Fellow and Ph.D. Student of Anatomy, Saint Louis Univ. School of Medicine, Center for Anatomical Science and Education, 2006–present; D.C., National Univ. of Health Sciences, 2005; Part-time Faculty, Dept. of Anatomy, National Univ. of Health Sciences, 2006; **Teaching Assistantships** (Saint Louis Univ.): Allied Health Sciences Human Anatomy, 2006; Medical Human Anatomy, 2007; Graduate Neuroscience, 2008; Medical Neuroscience, 2008; Undergraduate Basic Human Anatomy, 2009. **Professional Activities:** AAA, 2008–present; American Academy of Pain Management, 2009; International Association for the Study of Pain, 2009. **Research:** Mechanisms of central sensitization in pain states, with an emphasis on elucidating the roles of reactive nitroxidative species within pain modulating centers of the central nervous system.



Candidate's Statement: As a clinician and anatomist in training, my experiences have shaped my approach to the anatomical sciences. I emphasize the clinical relevance of anatomy, develop important interdisciplinary relationships with researchers, and promote anatomy as the foundation of biomedical scientific research. Because AAA also supports these approaches, I am excited for the potential opportunity to serve as a supportive member on the Board of Directors. If elected, I will serve to support clinical relevance in anatomical research and education, represent the interests of young anatomists, and promote student and postdoctoral involvement in AAA within and outside anatomy.

REBECCA S. LUFLER, born 1983; B.S. James Madison Univ., Health Sciences and Biology, 2005; Ph.D. candidate, Boston Univ. School of Medicine, 2005-present; Vesalius Teacher Training Program, 2005-present. **Teaching:** Teaching Asst., Medical Histology 2007, Medical Gross Anatomy 2006-2008; Teaching Associate, Medical Gross Anatomy, 2008; Tutor Coordinator and Tutor, Medical Gross Anatomy, 2006-present; Guest Lecturer, Medical Gross Anatomy, 2008-present; Laboratory Instructor, Neuroscience, Northeastern Univ., 2008. **Professional Activities:** Graduate Medical Sciences Student Organization, 2007-present, Secretary, 2009; AAA, 2006-present; AACA, 2007-present. **Awards:** Lippincott Williams Wilkins/AAA Education Research Scholarship, 2008; ACR REF/Abbott Health Professional Graduate Student Research Preceptorship Award, 2008; Student/Postdoctoral Education Research Award, 2008; Langman Award, Runner-Up, 2009. **Research:** Medical education, clinical anatomy, and biomechanics.



Candidate's Statement: Training as a doctoral candidate in Anatomy and Neurobiology has solidified my enthusiasm for teaching in the anatomical sciences and has fostered my strong interest in anatomy research. Clinical, anatomical, and educational research are vital for training successful students, and I want to encourage these practices among the disciplines represented within AAA. I am particularly interested in investigating the best practices for cultivating successful learning. My interest and enthusiasm have been nurtured in my experience as a student member of AAA, and I am excited for the opportunity to continue to build upon this pillar of the association.

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