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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **American Association of Anatomists (AAA) 2014 Award Winners**

*Presenting awards for Scientific, Education, and Leadership Contributions to the field of anatomy*

**BETHESDA, Md. (April 15, 2014)** – The [American Association of Anatomists \(AAA\)](http://www.aaa-anatomists.org) is honored to announce its 2014 award winners. All awards will be presented during the *Closing Awards Ceremony* being held at the San Diego Marriott Hotel on Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. during AAA's 2014 Annual Meeting at Experimental Biology (EB).

The 2014 award winners are:

**Henry Gray/Elsevier Distinguished Educator Medal:** Jeffrey Laitman, PhD, of the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, Past-President of the American Association of Anatomists, will receive AAA's highest education medal, presented by Elsevier, publisher of *Gray's Anatomy for Students*, for his distinguished work in human anatomy education. He will be presented with a plaque and a \$4,000 honorarium. In addition, he will present a lecture, *Beyond Facts: The Deeper Responsibility of Teachers to Their Students*, on Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at the San Diego Convention Center during the 2014 Annual Meeting at EB.

**Henry Gray/ Lippincott Williams & Wilkins Scientific Achievement Medal:** Drew Noden, PhD, of Cornell University, College of Veterinary Medicine, will receive AAA's highest scientific medal, presented by Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, recognizing all of his unique meritorious contributions and achievements in the anatomical sciences. He will be presented with a medal and a \$1,000 honorarium. Dr. Noden will also lead a lecture, *Getting Ahead: Changing Perspectives on Crainiofacial Development*, on Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at the San Diego Convention Center during the 2014 Annual Meeting at EB.

**AAA/Wiley A.J. Ladman Exemplary Service Medal:** Kathy Svoboda, PhD, of Texas A&M University, Baylor College of Dentistry, Past-President, American Association of Anatomists, will be honored by Wiley for her exceptional service to the society and/mentorship and outreach in the field of Anatomy. She will be honored with a plaque and a \$1,000 honorarium. She will also lead a lecture, *30 Minutes: Integrating Imaging, Cell and Developmental Biology with Teaching and Service*, on Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at the San Diego Convention Center during the 2014 Annual Meeting at EB.

**Basmajian Award:** Rebecca Pratt, PhD, of Michigan State University, College of Medicine, will be honored for her excellence in teaching gross anatomy and her accomplishments in biomedical research and scholarship in education. She will be presented with a plaque and a \$1,000 honorarium.

**Postdoctoral Fellowship Awards:** Foteini Hassiotou, PhD, of the University of Western Australia, School of Chemistry and Biochemistry; Caleb Bailey, PhD, of the Stowers Institute for Medical Research and Eric Van Otterloo, PhD, of the University of Colorado, School of Dentistry, will each be honored with a fellowship of \$20,000, plus travel support to the 2015 Annual Meeting. This fellowship is intended to provide salary support to the recipients.

**Keith & Marion Moore Young Anatomists Publications Award:** Janine Ziermann, PhD, of Howard University, College of Medicine, will receive a \$500 honorarium and \$500 in travel support to the Annual Meeting. She is being recognized for having the best publication by a young anatomist in our society's journal [\*The Anatomical Record\*](#).

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**About AAA:** *The American Association of Anatomists (AAA) was founded by Joseph Leidy in Washington, D.C. in 1888 for the "advancement of anatomical science." Today, via research, education and professional development activities, AAA serves as the professional home for an international community of biomedical researchers and educators focusing on the structural foundation of health and disease.*

**About Experimental Biology (EB):** *EB is an annual meeting comprised of over 14,000 scientists representing six sponsoring societies and multiple guest societies. Primary focus areas include anatomy, physiology, pathology, biochemistry, nutrition and pharmacology. EB is open to all members of the sponsoring and guest societies and nonmembers interested in the latest research impacting life sciences. Attendees represent scientists, academic institutions, government agencies, non-profit organizations and private corporations.*