

DISTINGUISHED AWARDEES

THE ACC DISTINGUISHED AWARDS WERE ESTABLISHED TO RECOGNIZE OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CARDIOVASCULAR PROFESSION. On the pages that follow, you will find citations describing the contributions made by each of this year's awardees.

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Timothy Bartholow, MD
Madison, WI

DISTINGUISHED AWARDEE CITATIONS

WILLIAM CLIFFORD ROBERTS, MD, DSC, MACC

Lifetime Achievement Award

For his long and distinguished career best characterized as the world's most eminent cardiac pathologist, it is an honor for the cardiovascular community to recognize William Clifford Roberts, MD, MACC with this year's Lifetime Achievement Award.

A graduate of Emory University, Dr. Roberts worked as chief of pathology for the National Institute of Health (NIH) in the 1960s alongside cardiology luminaries Eugene Braunwald, MD, MACC and the late Andrew (Glenn) Morrow. He also served as the first head of the pathology section of its National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. Dr. Braunwald remembers Dr. Roberts as a great collaborator. "Together we learned a great deal about the natural (and unnatural) history of many congenital, valvular and cardiomyopathic disorders," says Braunwald. "Dr. Roberts attended our rounds and clinical conferences, which sharpened his skills as a pathologist and enhanced his contribution to the clinical services."

Throughout his career, Dr. Roberts has been a distinguished writer, publishing both clinical books and over 1,500 articles. He has also served as editor-in-chief of the American Journal of Cardiology since 1982.

After more than 30 years at the NIH, Dr. Roberts joined the faculty of Baylor University Medical Center, where he focuses on training fellows in cardiovascular disease and pathology. Dr. Michael Emmett, MACP, chief of medicine at Baylor University Medical Center says he has an impact on colleagues, residents and fellows at the institution. "When he examines a heart he not only describes what he sees but tells us a story about the patient's life from that unique cardiac perspective – and it's always amazing what we learn from him," says Emmett.

He has also had a profound impact on the ACC, serving on many committees including on the Board of Trustees. He received the College's highest honor, Master of the ACC, in 2004.

Dr. Roberts has positively influenced the lives of so many patients, clinicians, and investigators. On behalf of all, many congratulations to Dr. William Clifford Roberts, MACC, the 2016 ACC Lifetime Achievement Award winner.

Peter A. McCullough, MD, MPH, FACC

Distinguished Fellowship Award

Carole A. Warnes, MD, FACC is recognized nationally and internationally for her clinical acumen, pioneering work in adult congenital heart disease, and as an innovative educator and role model and mentor for women. Her career as a pioneer, mentor, role model and educator make her a deserving recipient of this year's Distinguished Fellow Award.

For more than two decades, Dr. Warnes has made major contributions to activities at the American College of Cardiology (ACC) including on the Board of Trustees, ACC's Women in Cardiology Section, the Adult Congenital and Pediatric Cardiology Section and other educational leadership positions, including the College's Accreditation Committee and Standards and Oversight Committee. She has been part of seminal publications across a variety of fields, including career development, education and adult congenital heart disease. Her catalogue is impressive, and includes the 2008 ACC/AHA Guidelines on Management of Adults with Congenital Heart Disease, the 35th Bethesda Conference, *How to Encourage more Women to Choose a Career in Cardiology*, and the COCATS training guidelines for adults with congenital heart disease.

Dr. Warnes is a most influential advocate for her female colleagues and trainees. From the start of her career, she served as a role model and mentor for women in their effort to achieve their goals and careers in medicine. She is the quintessential example of a female academician and is recognized from colleagues around the world as an inspiration. Not surprisingly, the Adult Congenital Heart Disease community has quite a number of women who are rising in the ranks as leaders, both in their institutions and nationally, due in part to Dr. Warnes strong support.

Dr. Warnes is also recognized for her exceptional attention to quality patient care. She is director and founder of the Mayo Clinic's Adult Congenital Heart Disease Clinic and in her role has provided care to thousands of patients. Her perspective on clinical cases is highly regarded and she continues to be a pioneer and role model for the next generation of clinicians and leaders.

Kathy J. Jenkins, MD, MPH, FACC
Sandra J. Lewis, MD, FACC

DANIEL I. SIMON, MD, FACC

Distinguished Scientist Award (Basic Domain)

With multiple contributions to basic and translational research through serial groundbreaking discoveries, Dr. Simon is a deserving recipient of this year's Distinguished Scientist Award in the Basic Domain.

Dr. Simon's fundamental studies on integrins paved the way for new translational approaches to target inflammation in vascular injury in atherosclerosis, restenosis, vasculitis, glomerulonephritis and demyelinating disease. His studies contributed critically to understanding the mechanisms of "outside-in" signaling mediated by integrins. He also established that Mac-1 participates in the biological response to vascular injury, and outlined the involvement of a novel forkhead transcription factor in the control of monocyte differentiation.

Dr. Simon also discovered a role for Myeloid-Related Protein (MRP) 8/14 in the pathogenesis of acute myocardial infarction using an ingenious, creative and highly original approach involving profiling of the platelet transcriptome during ST segment elevation myocardial infarction in humans. His translational studies identified MRP8/14 as a biomarker of risk in those with or without established atherosclerotic disease. He showed subsequently that MRP 8/14 also participates in vascular pathophysiology, in experimental arterial injury, atherosclerosis, the Arthus reaction and cardiac allograft rejection.

Most recently, he directed experimental work demonstrating a causal role for MRP8/14 in thrombosis. He has engaged actively in developing novel technologies and therapeutic approaches for a range of inflammatory and vascular disorders.

Important clinical problems have always inspired Dr. Simon's laboratory studies. He has persistently and simultaneously pursued his hypotheses at fundamental levels, and sought novel translational opportunities to apply his scientific discoveries to improve the practice of cardiovascular medicine and patient outcomes. This record of consistent basic and translational research accomplishment and prowess, together with his impressive record of outstanding mentoring, clinical, and leadership abilities, establish Dr. Simon as an exemplar of the physician investigator.

Peter Libby, MD, FACC

JUDITH HOCHMAN, MD, FACC

Distinguished Scientist Award (Clinical Domain)

Dr. Hochman's career accomplishments to-date are without comparison by a lead investigator, as she continues to break new ground in cardiovascular health research. For her contributions to science within cardiovascular medicine and the many ways she has shaped the way we understand and practice cardiology today, Dr. Hochman is a deserving candidate for the Distinguished Scientist Award in the Clinical Domain.

An outstanding scientist, physician and leader in the area of clinical cardiovascular research, she has had a profound influence on the field through her investigation. Dr. Hochman is the senior associate dean for clinical sciences at New York University School of Medicine, associate director of Leon Charney Division of Cardiology, and co-director of New York University Medical School's Clinical Translation Science Institute.

She has been involved in cardiac research for 30 years as an investigator of critically important trials that have and continue to shape national and international cardiology practice. Dr. Hochman's contributions to the scientific community are evident in her work as director of clinical trials at New York University School of Medicine. She has designed and conducted 63 major randomized clinical trials in myocardial ischemia, myocardial infarction, cardiac arrhythmia, cardiogenic shock and occluded coronary arteries. Dr. Hochman continues to spearhead trials which are crucial to the contemporary practice of clinical medicine. She is also a dedicated member on numerous steering committees which continue to improve outcomes in patients through clinical trials testing therapeutic strategies.

Dr. Hochman has also shown dedication to promote research in cardiology through training programs. She not only focuses on changing patient care through her own research but also dedicates time in mentoring promising MD physician and PhD scientists to become independent cardiovascular investigators. Dr. Hochman is truly a distinguished scientist, an exemplary leader in research for decades; generations of researchers will follow her standards in the advancement of cardiovascular medicine.

C. Noel Bairey Merz, MD, FACC

NABIL EL-SHERIF, MB, BCH, FACC

Distinguished Scientist Award (Translational Domain)

With 50 years of extensive research work in the cardiovascular field, it is fitting that Dr. El-Sherif be presented with this year's Distinguished Scientist Award in the Translational Domain.

Dr. El-Sherif's research came to its highest eminence between 1965 and 1980, with his extensive work on the pathophysiology of intra-His, atrio-ventricular blocks and bundle branch blocks after myocardial ischemia. He established the role of R-on-T phenomena in arrhythmogenesis and developed an entire line of research related to the role of intraventricular conduction abnormalities. His findings have been instrumental for the field of late potentials and delayed activation in arrhythmogenesis.

His work has also impacted our understanding of cardiac arrhythmias. His series of publications in *Circulation* and other key journals on reentrant ventricular arrhythmias in the late myocardial infarction period are considered a very fundamental work in cardiac arrhythmias to-date. Dr. El-Sherif also conducted research regarding the association of late potentials with cardiac arrhythmias, providing an explanation of mechanisms underlying late potentials and testing their significance in clinical studies.

He subsequently researched T wave alternans (TWA) in animal models and in clinical studies, and his work on calcium handling became essential for our understanding of the mechanisms of TWA.

Outside of his research work, Dr. El-Sherif has also been a dedicated mentor, advising PhD students and trainees pursuing their degrees in both clinical and basic science fields. Many of his trainees continue their independent research activities in institutions worldwide, impacting our future understanding of cardiovascular disease.

Wojciech Zareba, MD, PhD, FACC

SRIPAL BANGALORE, MBBS, MHA, FACC

Douglas P. Zipes Distinguished Young Scientist Award

A highly productive clinical investigator, dedicated educator and an outstanding interventional cardiologist, Dr. Bangalore is fast becoming a major influence in cardiovascular research and clinical care—a true rising star. With his significant contributions in the fields of coronary artery disease and hypertension, he is a deserving recipient of this year's Douglas P. Zipes Distinguished Young Scientist Award.

After attending medical school at Bangalore Medical College in India, he completed his internship and medical residency in internal medicine and fellowship in cardiovascular medicine at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital, Columbia University. He also completed an interventional cardiology fellowship at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Bangalore joined New York University School of Medicine in 2010 and currently serves as the director of research for the cardiac catheterization laboratory, and as the director of the cardiovascular outcomes group at the NYU Cardiovascular Clinical Research Center.

Dr. Bangalore has made significant contributions to the ischemic heart disease management evidence base; these contributions include evaluation of the outcomes of second-generation drug-eluting stents, showing that these are potentially safer than bare metal stents, and the exploration of the comparative effectiveness of PCI versus optimal medical therapy, and that of PCI versus CABG. He is currently conducting the NHLBI-funded ISCHEMIA CKD trial, which tests whether a routine invasive strategy reduces events in SIHD patients with advanced chronic kidney disease (CKD). At 350 sites in 33 countries, this will be the largest treatment strategy trial in this patient population.

He has also made many major contributions to the evidence base regarding the management of hypertension, explored the outcomes with β -blocker therapy and investigated optimal BP goals in patients with and without coronary artery disease.

Dr. Bangalore's remarkable accomplishments make him a most worthy recipient of the Douglas P. Zipes Distinguished Young Scientist Award.

Judith Hochman, MD, FACC

JOHN MICHAEL CRILEY, MD, FACC

Distinguished Teacher Award

Dr. Criley has dedicated his life to teaching the art and science of medicine. As chief of cardiology at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, and professor of medicine at UCLA, where he has taught for over 40 years (and continues to teach), innumerable students, paramedics, nurses, and physicians from around the world have benefited from his brilliance as a teacher. He is greatly esteemed by his mentees; he is a gifted teacher at the bedside, in a conference room, or a large lecture hall. His mastery of the cardiac anatomy, physiology and physical exam has made him a legendary clinician and teacher, and a deserving recipient of this year's Distinguished Teacher Award.

Dr. Criley developed the Los Angeles County Paramedic Training Program in 1969, which provides mobile emergency medical services. His leadership and vision made this a highly effective and life-saving program for countless people in Los Angeles County and subsequently across the nation.

In the 1960s, Dr. Criley produced films on the functional anatomy of the aortic and mitral valves. In the 1990s, he created CD-ROMs and subsequently launched a free website on the physiology of heart sounds and murmurs to improve clinicians' physical examination abilities as well as a teaching module on electrocardiography.

He has been recognized worldwide with numerous teaching awards and honors. He pioneered the use of many imaging modalities to demonstrate mechanisms of physical findings in health and in disease. He has dedicated his career and made it his life's work to teach students—from the basics at the bedside, to the most up-to-date diagnostic and treatment modalities in cardiovascular medicine today. By developing virtual teaching tools, which he has made available without charge, Dr. Criley's impact as a teacher is perhaps the most profound of anyone in medicine today.

Robert James Siegel, MD, FACC

BIYKEM BOZKURT, MD, PHD, FACC

Gifted Educator Award

Throughout her career, Dr. Bozkurt has dedicated herself to promoting educational excellence across the full spectrum of learners. For her commitment and excellence in education, she is a deserving candidate for this year's Gifted Educator Award.

Since early in her career, Biykem has received recognition as a gifted educator. On the national level, she was recognized as a gifted teacher by the American College of Cardiology as junior faculty in 2005 when she received the Proctor Harvey Young Teacher Award. The award is presented to a young member of the ACC who distinguishes themselves by dedication and skills in teaching, with the goal of stimulating the awardee to continue their careers in education. Indeed, this award was stimulating recognition, as she has continued to excel in her career through contributions in education and academic scholarship. As a professor at Baylor College of Medicine (BCM), she has received the Barbara and Corbin J. Robertson, Jr. Presidential Award for Excellence in Education in 2014, their most prestigious award in education. She also received their Master Clinician Lifetime Award, the highest award given to clinical faculty at BCM.

As the associate director of the Clinical Scientist Training Program (CSTP), a graduate school level MS and PhD degree program at BCM, she co-led selection and training of senior fellows and junior faculty for careers in clinical and translational research. Additionally, she worked on the development and implementation of the curriculum, monitored the academic progress of and served as a mentor to individual trainees and participated in a variety of graduate school activities, including participating in thesis and advisory committees. She has also been active in educational initiatives and practice guideline development for ACC, the American Heart Association (AHA) and other national organizations.

Dr. Bozkurt is among an elite group of academic leaders who personify what it means to be a master educator; she exemplifies the criteria for this prestigious award in every way.

Christie Ballantyne, MD, FACC

Distinguished Service Award

With his profound contributions to medicine and the delivery of health care, no person is more deserving of the ACC's Distinguished Service Award than Dr. Guyton. His service to the College has truly been exemplary, long-standing and impactful; he has been a tremendous ambassador for the field of cardiovascular disease.

Dr. Guyton has been engaged with the ACC throughout his career. He was a first runner-up for ACC's Young Investigator Awards in 1976 and reached the distinction of FACC upon completion of his thoracic surgery residency in 1982. Throughout his career he has endeavored to bring the disciplines of cardiology and cardiac surgery closer together. To that end, he is universally viewed as a statesman and ambassador for the treatment of cardiac disease. He has always viewed the care of the patient as of paramount importance and has consistently urged our professions to work closely together in a unified approach for the treatment of our patients.

He has been the distinguished Charles Ross Hatcher, Jr. professor of surgery at Emory University since 1990, as well as the chief of the division of cardiothoracic surgery and the director of Emory's thoracic surgery residency program.

He has held multiple leadership positions in the Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS) serving as treasurer and then president of the STS in 2003 – 2004. He has also been a long-standing member of the Board of Trustees of the ACC and is currently the treasurer, a member of the Executive Committee and is the chair of the Budget Finance and Investment Committee of the ACC.

Dr. Guyton is a distinguished academic scientist, an exemplary educator and dedicated servant to all of our patients with cardiovascular disease. For the contributions he has made and continues to make to patients with cardiovascular disease and our profession, he is a deserving recipient of this award.

Michael J. Mack, MD, FACC

International Service Award

Dr. Daniel Penny, FACC, then the chief of cardiology at the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne, Australia, visited the city of Hue in central Vietnam, where he was an invited lecturer. While there, it became quite apparent to him that local facilities and care were inadequate for the hundreds of children dealing with congenital heart disease. He was devastated by this discovery and took action. For his efforts, we honor him with this year's International Service Award.

He organized support from local city leadership and raised money to build a new local care center. Knowing he needed to also adequately train and equip those who would be providing care, he, over the course of 20 trips, trained over 100 local physicians, nurses and other workers. His philosophy was not to only train the caregivers, but also those who would become future leaders of the next generation. As a result of his efforts, the center performed over 700 open heart operations in 2009, mainly in children, and did approximately 900 cardiac catheterizations, all done by Vietnamese doctors and staff. Previously, 100 surgeries and 200 catheterizations were done by *visiting* physicians. In recognition of his work, Dr. Penny was awarded in 2011 the For the People's Health Award Medal, Vietnam's highest health honor.

Dr. Penny was recruited to Texas Children's Hospital in Houston where, since September 2010, he has served as chief of pediatric cardiology. His chairman, Dr. Mark Klein, stated he is "one of the most creative and innovative pediatric cardiologists on the planet. The application of his talents to the creation of this heart center in Vietnam literally has saved the lives of thousands of Vietnamese men, women and children".

Additionally, he has received multiple grants, performed basic research in physiology and neurodevelopment, and internationally has distinguished himself as a respected scientist, gifted communicator and brilliant clinician.

In summary, Dan Penny is a brilliant scientist and wonderful person who has extended his impact past the laboratory to the clinical arena, and to the larger international community. He is a complete physician and servant and his impact will be felt for many generations.

Hugh D. Allen, MD, FACC

KANU CHATTERJEE, MBBS, FACC

Distinguished Mentor Award

There are moments in a career when you are truly humbled to write a letter of support for someone who not only made an enormous impression on you personally, but by whom you were awestruck by their talents. This was case for Dr. Kanu Chatterjee.

I first met Dr. Chatterjee during house staff training at the UCSF in the early 1980s; he was then and remained the personification of excellence in patient care, education and clinical research. He was a model academic clinical cardiologist and continued to practice and teach at the University of Iowa in his “retirement” until the time of his passing earlier this year. Our field has lost an irreplaceable mentor, investigator, clinician and human being.

Dr. Chatterjee quietly commanded the respect and admiration of both his trainees and peers through his scholarship, keen clinical insight and humanism. There are not enough superlatives to describe Dr. Chatterjee as a clinician, to express the impact he has had on hundreds if not thousands of trainees and for his preeminent role in cardiovascular medicine and biology. I consider myself extremely fortunate to have had the opportunity to be a trainee and benefit from his wise counsel. It was an honor and privilege for me to nominate Dr. Kanu Chatterjee for the ACC Distinguished Mentor Award. In my mind, there simply was no better mentor.

Gordon Tomaselli, MD, FACC

MARGO MINISSIAN, PHDC, ACNP, AACC

Distinguished Associate Award

An outstanding nurse practitioner who has demonstrated excellence in promoting women’s heart health including patient care, advocacy and research, Margo is a very deserving recipient of the Distinguished Associate Award.

Margo is a PhD candidate and serves as a nurse scientist and cardiology nurse practitioner at Cedars-Sinai Heart Institute’s Barbra Streisand Women’s Heart Center (BSWHC). Margo has a strong commitment to women’s heart health and a desire to promote heart disease prevention locally and nationally. She was hired in 2005 to assist in starting a women’s heart program that has since grown to be a robust center that includes diagnosis, treatment, education, advocacy and philanthropy. She is an excellent clinician with specialty training and certification as a clinical lipid specialist through the National Lipid Foundation. Her area of specialty includes statin myalgias in women and she currently has a blinded randomized study evaluating the role of vitamin. Margo has presented her research at the American Heart Association (AHA) and the American College of Cardiology (ACC) Scientific Sessions and has given multiple presentations nationally on women’s cardiovascular disease and dyslipidemias.

In addition to her clinical responsibilities, Margo is the immediate past national co-chair of the Cardiovascular Team Council, for which she represents 4,000 nurse, pharmacist and physician assistant members of the ACC. She sits on the Council Chairs Committee and has chaired the Cardiac Care Associates Liaison Work Group. Margo has sat on many national committees, task forces, and writing groups and has been actively involved in ACC activities since 2005. Margo was the recipient of the 2010 ACC Outstanding Advocate of the Year Award, the first time a nurse has been honored by the ACC for her advocacy efforts. Margo's local and national visibility has contributed to the recognition of nurse practitioners' contributions to the mission of the ACC. For the impact she's made both within and outside of the ACC, we are honored to present her with this year's award.

C. Noel Bairey Merz, MD, FACC

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Bernadine Healy Leadership in Women's CV Disease Award

Throughout her entire career, Dr. Bairey Merz has demonstrated steadfast dedication to reducing women's disability and death from cardiovascular disease, making her one of the world's most respected experts on coronary heart disease in women. For the profound impact she has had on the diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular disease in women, she is a deserving recipient of this year's Bernadine Healy Leadership in Women's CV Disease Award.

Dr. Bairey Merz is a pioneer and an innovator in the field. She pioneered the concept of heart health among women with her establishment of a Women's Heart Center, the concept of which has been subsequently emulated by numerous other physicians and clinics across the country and beyond.

Her primary area of scientific research is in ischemic heart disease in women, and she is the chair and principal investigator of the NHLBI-sponsored Women's Ischemia Syndrome Evaluation (WISE) study, considered to be the most important study of women and ischemic heart disease to date. Her study's findings have provided new understanding, new diagnostic approaches and potential targets for treatments for this previously understudied area.

A distinguished author and collaborator, Dr. Bairey Merz has served on many international committees and editorial boards. Her scientific intellect speaks for itself. However, with all her accomplishments, she still finds time to give back to the next generation, serving as a mentor for many clinicians and investigators in the field. She has created an enduring legacy of physicians and scientists to continue the work that is so desperately needed in this field.

Dr. Bairey Merz is also an outspoken advocate for CV disease and women, and helped establish the Women's Heart Alliance to encourage women to be screened for heart disease and know their risks. It is only fitting that an award named after Dr. Bernadine Healy be given to Dr. Noel Bairey Merz, given they are two women who have impacted the health & hearts of women everywhere.

Martha Gulati MD, MS, FACC

TIMOTHY BARTHOLOW, MD

Honorary Fellowship Award

The mission of the ACC is to transform cardiovascular care and improve heart health. Family physician Timothy Bartholow exemplified ACC's mission while serving as chief medical officer of the Wisconsin Medical Society with his instrumental work on the design and funding of SMARTCare, an ACC-led, three-year quality improvement project focused on patients with stable ischemic heart disease.

The project, intended to improve patient care and outcomes while reducing spending through use of a suite of clinically validated tools and decision aids, was done in partnership with ACC's Wisconsin and Florida chapters and through a grant from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI). On behalf of the project, Dr. Bartholow spent countless hours educating business leaders, payers and health care stakeholders on the College's quality initiatives, practice guidelines and accomplishments. He mentored College members before the dozens of meetings organized for the Wisconsin Chapter with more than 30 national organizations. And his advocacy work for SMARTCare convinced key congressional leaders that ACC would be a strong strategic partner for implementing health care payment reform and quality initiatives.

As part of his work, Dr. Bartholow secured a bipartisan letter of support for the program from the Wisconsin Congressional Delegation to the Secretary of HHS. His efforts led to legislation that ultimately allowed NCDR participation to qualify as a substitute for PQRS data submission. He lobbied many primary care and specialty societies to support SMARTCare, arguing clinicians—rather than payers or administrators—should lead efforts to define quality standards, metrics, and quality improvement programs. Dr. Bartholow has also been an advocate for clinicians outside of cardiology using ACC's Appropriate Use Criteria and other decision-support tools to ensure patients receive “the right care, at the right time”. As a result of these and many other contributions he has made to the ACC, we award Dr. Bartholow Honorary Fellowship in the American College of Cardiology.

The Wisconsin Chapter of the ACC

KENNETH BRIN, MD, PHD, FACC

Master of the American College of Cardiology

For his track record as a distinguished educator, mentor, teacher and colleague, and for his dedication to the field, Kenneth Brin, MD, PhD exceeds the challenging requirements and expectations for Master of the American College of Cardiology.

He is recognized as a leader not only within the ACC, but in organized medicine in general. Throughout his career, he served in multiple committee leadership roles for the ACC and the American Medical Association. He currently serves as chair of the American Medical Association's CPT Editorial Panel.

He is appreciated for his expertise in clinical cardiology and has dedicated himself to advocacy on behalf of patients and colleagues. Dr. Brin has advocated for fair and ethical coding and reimbursement paradigms for physicians and serves as a leading voice for cardiology as we transition from a volume-based reimbursement system, to one based on value.

Dr. Brin distinguished himself early in his career as the recipient of the Clinical Investigator Award from the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute. His educational background in applied mathematics from Brown University and his MD and PhD (Basic Medical Sciences) from New York University prepared him to be a leader not only in clinical medicine, but also in administrative positions. He currently serves as vice president of medical informatics for Advocate Medical Group/Midwest Heart Specialists. In addition to his ABIM certifications in internal medicine and cardiovascular diseases, he also holds certifications in echocardiography and nuclear cardiology. His intelligence, drive and accomplishments precisely compliment the stellar company of past recipients of MACC.

Michael Mansour, MD, FACC

PAUL L. DOUGLASS, MD, FACC

Master of the American College of Cardiology

Dr. Paul L. Douglass has provided consistent, dedicated service to the ACC throughout his 25 years as an FACC. He served on ACC's Board of Trustees and worked on multiple ACC initiatives, including supporting the ACC health fair during the Scientific Session in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina. For his dedication, we honor him with the designation Master of the American College of Cardiology.

A native of Nashville, Tennessee, Dr. Douglass received his undergraduate degree in biology from Northwestern University in 1972. He received his MD degree from Meharry Medical College in 1976 and joined Metropolitan Atlanta Cardiology Consultants where he now practices clinical and interventional cardiology. Dr. Douglass is the chief of the division of cardiology and director at the Cardiovascular Services, Atlanta Medical Center and is a clinical assistant professor of cardiology at Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta.

He served on the Advisory Panel of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute and the Special Emphasis Panel and Disparities Working Group. He was president of the Atlanta Medical Association, president of Georgia State Medical Association and president of the Association of Black Cardiologists.

He is an active lecturer on various topics related to cardiovascular disease, with a special interest in addressing health care disparities in black patients and other underrepresented minorities. During his tenure as president of the Association of Black Cardiologists in 1994, Dr. Douglass spoke about the need for health care reform. He has been a champion of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

It is a rare individual who is so gifted and who has used his gifts so effectively as a clinician and educator for the benefit of society. Dr. Douglas is such an individual, with a long and outstanding career in clinical cardiology and who has been a role model through service, teaching, and clinical research mentoring generations of cardiovascular trainees. He has provided consistent leadership, dedicated service and substantial contributions in support of the ACC's goals, programs and activities and is highly deserving of the Master designation.

John Gordon Harold, MD, MACC

ROBERT A. HARRINGTON, MD, FACC

Master of the American College of Cardiology

In prominent leadership roles throughout his career, Dr. Robert Harrington has established a legacy of excellence in patient care, clinical research, scholarship, mentorship and national advocacy for scientific investigation. His lifelong commitment to high value, compassionate, collaborative, patient-centered care is the foundational attribute on which his accomplishments are based. For his commitment to excellence and leadership, he is a deserving recipient of the designation of Master of the American College of Cardiology.

Dr. Harrington is the Arthur L. Bloomfield Professor of Medicine and chairman of the department of medicine at Stanford University. Previously, he served as the Richard Sean Stack, MD, Distinguished Professor and director of the Duke Clinical Research Institute (DCRI) at Duke University.

Dr. Harrington is internationally recognized for his contributions to the evaluation and management of patients with acute coronary syndromes, particularly in the areas of risk assessment and anti-thrombotic therapies. He is a strong proponent of the design and execution of simple, less expensive, large-scale, randomized clinical trials to address important unanswered questions in cardiovascular disease that impact public health. He has served in multiple leadership roles for the NHLBI, FDA and the American Heart Association.

The College benefited immeasurably from Dr. Harrington's service on the Board of Trustees from 2008-2015. His long and distinguished track record within the College provides convincing testament to his effectiveness in areas of the highest strategic priority. Indeed, he has contributed enormously to the College's efforts in education, science, quality and publications. He was instrumental in setting new directions in lifelong learning and early attempts to embed randomized trials in the CathPCI Registry.

Dr. Harrington is an extraordinary role model, not only for trainees, but also for his peers and colleagues. He has an uncanny ability to forge consensus in ways that enable all stakeholders to feel their views have been respected. Committed, energetic and self-effacing, he is the quintessential leader who will continue to serve the College well as Master.

Patrick T. O'Gara, MD, MACC

KIM ALLAN WILLIAMS, SR., MD, FACC

Master of the American College of Cardiology



Williams received his undergraduate degree at the University of Chicago, followed by medical school at the University of Chicago's Pritzker School of Medicine. He completed his internal medicine residency at Emory University, and overlapping fellowships in cardiology, clinical pharmacology, and nuclear medicine at the University of Chicago. He is board certified in internal medicine, cardiovascular diseases, nuclear medicine, nuclear cardiology and cardiovascular computed tomography.

He served as professor of medicine and radiology and director of nuclear cardiology at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. He then became the Dorothy Susan Timmis Endowed Professor and chair of the division of cardiology at Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit, MI. In 2013, Williams assumed the position of James B. Herrick Professor and chief of the division of cardiology at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, IL.

Williams has served on numerous committees and boards at the national level, including the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology (ASNC), the American Heart Association, the American Medical Association (AMA), the Certifying Board of Nuclear Cardiology, the Certifying Board of Cardiac Computed Tomography, the Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography and the Association of Black Cardiologists (ABC). He served as president of ASNC and as chairman of the board of ABC. He also served on the Cardiovascular Disease Examination Board of the American Board of Internal Medicine.

Williams previously served as chair of the ACC's Cardiac Imaging Committee, the Cardiovascular Imaging Collaborative, the Coalition of Cardiovascular Organizations and the Cardiac Imaging Council. He has also been an ACC delegate to the AMA since 2000. Williams served as president of the ACC over this last year. We thank him for his dedication and service with this Master of the American College of Cardiology designation.

PRESIDENT-ELECT BIOGRAPHY



THIS YEAR, THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CARDIOLOGY WELCOMES RICHARD A. CHAZAL, MD, FACC AS OUR PRESIDENT-ELECT. He will serve as president April 2016-March 2017. We invite you to learn more about him below.

RICHARD A. CHAZAL, MD, FACC

President-Elect

Richard A. Chazal, MD, FACC is a senior cardiologist and the medical director of the Heart and Vascular Institute for Lee Memorial Health System, a four hospital, not-for-profit system in Fort Myers, FL. Chazal has practiced clinical cardiology in Fort Myers since 1983 with expertise in echocardiography, diagnostic catheterization and coronary computerized tomography angiography. During his tenure, he has been a participant in multiple clinical trials.

Chazal received his undergraduate degree from the University of Florida and went on to complete medical school and internal medicine training at the University of South Florida. Subsequently, Chazal completed a fellowship in cardiovascular disease at the Krannert Institute of Cardiology at Indiana University, where he spent one year working under Harvey Feigenbaum, MD, FACC as a designated echocardiography fellow.

Chazal served as councillor, treasurer and president of the ACC's Florida Chapter. Subsequent to his stint as president and governor for the Florida Chapter, he was elected chair of the ACC Board of Governors. He has also been ACC treasurer and chair of the Budget and Finance Committee. In these capacities, Chazal has spent eight years on the ACC Board of Trustees, seven of which were on the Executive Committee.

Nationally, Chazal has served as a member and/or chair of over 50 committees and workgroups for the College. He is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha and Omicron Delta Kappa honoraries through the University of South Florida. He is the recipient of multiple awards from the ACC Florida Chapter, including the Special Achievement Award, the Presidential Citation, the Distinguished Service Award, and the Founder's Award. In 2011, the Southwest Florida Affiliate of the American Heart Association awarded him their Golden Heart Award, and in 2014 he was designated Distinguished Fellow of the American College of Cardiology. He received the inaugural Community Teaching Award from the Family Medicine Residency Program via Florida State University School of Medicine Fort Myers Program in 2015.

He serves as courtesy assistant professor of medicine for the University of Florida and clinical assistant professor of medicine for Florida State University. He and his wife Linda have three children and two grandchildren.