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Victoria Fraser

Dr. Fraser is the Adolphus Busch Professor of Medicine, Chair of the Department of Medicine, at Washington University School of Medicine and Physician-in-Chief for Barnes-Jewish Hospital. She is also Director of the Clinical Research Training Center at Washington University and Co-principal Investigator of the university's Institute of Clinical and Translational Science. An expert in infectious disease and antibiotic resistance, Dr. Fraser currently focuses her research on preventing and controlling hospital-acquired infections, adverse events, and medical errors. Health care-associated infections affect almost 2 million people in the United States. By analyzing administrative data and electronic health records in an integrated health care system, Dr. Fraser has identified risk factors for these infections; determined their morbidity, mortality, and costs; and applied interventions in real-world settings to successfully reduce their occurrence. Her clinical interests include the care of underserved patients, specifically patients with HIV/AIDS, and acute chronic infections. She has experience developing and implementing interventions to improve health care outcomes in multiple clinical settings. Many organizations have funded Dr. Fraser's research, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Institutes of Health. She is the principal investigator of a CDC Prevention Epicenters Program grant. In addition, she is the principal investigator for the Doris Duke Fund to Retain Clinical Scientists at Washington University. She currently serves as a grant reviewer for the Department of Defense Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program and has served on the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Microbiology and Infectious Diseases study section, in addition to several National Institutes of Health special emphasis review panels.

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William M. Fogarty Jr.

Dr. Fogarty was born in Saint Louis, Missouri. He obtained his undergraduate education and medical degree from Saint Louis University before moving to the University of Minnesota to complete his Internal Medicine residency and do graduate work in Biochemistry during an NIH Postdoctoral Fellowship. He accepted a commission in the U.S. Public Health Service and spent 3 years doing research at the NIH. He then returned to Saint Louis and accepted a faculty position at Saint Louis University, where he served until entering private practice. While affiliated with academic and community hospitals, he served as a clinician, teacher, and administrator. After Dr. Fogarty retired, he turned his attention to issues of social justice, serving to the present time as a volunteer physician in a local indigent clinic. He carried out numerous medical trips to Central America and served on numerous nonprofit boards. He was active in the ACP at both the state and national levels, became a Fellow in 1993, served as chairman of the Missouri Chapter Health and Public Policy Committee for 20 years and on the national HPPC, and regularly attended ACP Leadership Day. He also has been a regular attendee at the Tennessee Chapter Reading Retreat for more than 20 years. He and his wife of 62 years love to travel throughout the world and to visit their 5 children and 12 grandchildren.

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Richard W. Burns

Richard Burns, MACP, is a distinguished member of the Missouri Chapter of the ACP. A primary care internist who graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia and trained in its internal medicine residency, he has been active in the chapter for many years. This included serving on the Council, leading the education committee and chairing the annual scientific conference, and ultimately being elected as Governor for the 2015 to 2019 term. He is a previous recipient of the chapter's Laureate Award. He has served as a leader in his practice organization, including his role as Associate Chief of Primary Care at the Harry S. Truman VA Hospital, and has been an award-winning teacher. He is considered by his peers to be an outstanding internist and a highly effective leader.



Thomas M. De Fer

Thomas De Fer, MACP, is a career educator at Washington University in St. Louis. He began his career as a resident and chief resident at the Jewish Hospital of St. Louis. He began his career as a hospitalist and educator in the same institution. Not long after the merger of Barnes and Jewish Hospitals, he was chosen to be the clerkship director in medicine, where he performed with distinction. As an individual, he was the recipient of multiple awards for his outstanding teaching. Under his leadership, the clerkship was chosen as the most outstanding in the school every year since 2002. He was selected recently to serve as the Associate Dean for Medical Student Education. Throughout his career, he has mentored a large number of trainees who have continued in careers in medical education in no small part based on his example. Dr. De Fer has been a loyal and contributing member of the Missouri Chapter.

ACP National Awardees

Jane F. Desforges Distinguished Teacher Award

This award was established by the Board of Regents on April 5, 1968, as the American College of Physicians Distinguished Teacher Award and was renamed for Dr. Desforges on January 27, 2007. The award is bestowed upon a Fellow or Master of the College who has demonstrated the ennobling qualities of a great teacher, as judged by the acclaim and accomplishments of former

students who have been inspired and have achieved positions of leadership in the field of medical education, primarily as teachers.



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Elizabeth and Emily Blackwell Award for Outstanding Contributions to Advancing the Careers of Women in Medicine

The Elizabeth and Emily Blackwell Award for Outstanding Contributions to Advancing the Careers of Women in Medicine was established by the Board of Regents in 2017 and named in honor of the Blackwell sisters, pioneering women in medicine who paved the way for women interested in pursuing professional careers in medicine and fostered a sisterhood therein. This award recognizes an individual who has furthered the careers of women medical students, residents, and/or physicians through mentoring and leadership development for the career advancement of women.



2021-2022 Recipient

Betty M. Drees

Dr. Drees is a board-certified endocrinologist with 30 years of practice experience and currently practices at University Health-Truman Medical Centers in Kansas City, MO. She is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and American College of Endocrinology. She is a Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine and the Department of Biomedical and Health Informatics at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine (UMKC). She is the past Dean of the School (2001-2014) and continues to teach medical students, residents, and fellows in endocrinology at UMKC. Dr. Drees is the President of the Graduate School of the Stowers Institute for Medical Research in Kansas City, MO, which provides education and training leading to a doctoral degree in biology. She served as the 2020 President of the Kansas City Medical Society. Dr. Drees has been recognized by *Ingram's Magazine* as one of Kansas City's Most Accomplished and Successful Women (2008) and as an Icon of Education (2019). She was listed among *MidwestCEO's* Influential Women in 2009. She has an interest in community wellness outreach and diabetes prevention. Dr. Drees is funded by the William G. McGowan Charitable Fund for research on using lifestyle to reverse metabolic syndrome (Enhanced Lifestyles for Metabolic Syndrome) and by the Health Forward Foundation on community diabetes prevention

Ralph O. Claypoole Sr. Memorial Award for Devotion of a Career in Internal Medicine to the Care of Patients

The Ralph O. Claypoole Sr. Memorial Award was established by the Board of Regents on November 9, 1979. The award honors the first administrator of the College's membership insurance programs. The award is given to an outstanding practitioner of internal medicine whose career has been devoted to the care of patients.



2021-2022 Recipient

Warren C. Lovinger Jr.

Warren Lovinger Jr., MD, MACP, is a primary care internist who obtained his training from elite institutions yet decided very deliberately to devote his entire life and career to being a primary care internist in one small town in Missouri. He has made an enormous difference! For 40 years, he cared for a diverse rural population in office, hospital, emergency, and long-term care settings. He has served in virtually every community and local health care leadership position available. He continues to work for regional economic and educational advancement. Dr. Lovinger has also made significant contributions to organized medicine and the College. He served as President of the Missouri Society of Internal Medicine at the time of the merger of ACP and ASIM and was therefore a Transitional Governor for ACP. He was a member of the national task force directing the merger and later helped with forming the ACP Foundation. He served as the President of the Missouri State Medical Association from 2017 to 2018 and visited every county in the state. Dr. Lovinger is quietly devout and lives his life in unwavering adherence to his religious principles with the great support of his wife of 42 years, Marilyn. One of the clearest indications of his power as a role model is the fact that three of their four children are physicians, two in primary care internal medicine and one in family practice.