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15 Society for the Study of Reproduction Distinguished Fellows Unveiled

*Program's Inaugural Year; Honors Transformative And Enduring Impact In The Field Of
Reproductive Science*

RESTON, VA – January 27, 2021 - The Society for the Study of Reproduction (SSR) Board of Directors confirmed the first [15 SSR Distinguished Fellows](#) today in the program's inaugural year. The [SSR Distinguished Fellowship](#) is one of the highest professional scientific honors awarded for outstanding contributions to the scientific discipline of reproductive biology.

The SSR Distinguished Fellowship recognizes the impact of active SSR members and their outstanding contributions to the field of reproductive biology and to SSR. Fewer than 2% of the entire SSR membership have earned the distinction of Distinguished Fellow.

SSR is the world's leading association for supporting the scientific study of reproduction by fostering interdisciplinary communication among scientists, holding conferences and publishing original, meritorious studies to advance the science of reproduction, fertility, and development for the benefit of humans and animals.

“The [Distinguished Fellows Program](#) was established this year in order to recognize the distinguished members of SSR who demonstrate sustained high-impact research, leadership, service and mentorship,” said Francesco DeMayo, president, SSR, “The

nomination and application process for the SSR Distinguished Fellowship is rigorous, competitive and open to all SSR members.”

SSR Distinguished Fellows Inaugural Year and Fellowship Criteria

In the program’s inaugural year of 2021, [15 reproductive biology scientists were honored as Distinguished Fellows](#). Up to five Distinguished Fellowships will be conferred yearly beginning in 2022. Distinguished Fellowship criteria include publishing a significant body of research in reproductive biology with transformative and enduring impact in the field, and 15 years of uninterrupted regular membership in SSR. Distinguished Fellows must also have a strong academic legacy with mentorship, as well as demonstrating leadership and service to SSR.

The Society for The Study of Reproduction 2021 Distinguished Fellows

For a description of each Distinguished Fellows’ achievements and contributions click [here](#).

Janice Bailey, PhD
Scientific Director
Fonds de Recherche du Québec en Nature et Technologies (FRQNT)
Quebec, Canada

Fuller Warren Bazer, PhD
Regents Fellow, Distinguished Professor and O.D. Butler Chair
Texas A&M University

John S. Davis, PhD
Professor and Director of Research and Development at the Olson Center for Women’s Health
University of Nebraska Medical Center

Asgi Fazleabas, PhD
University Distinguished Professor and Associate Chair of Research
Michigan State University, USA

Michael D. Griswold, PhD
Regents Professor of Molecular Biosciences
Washington State University

Peter J. Hansen, PhD

**Distinguished Professor & L.E. "Red" Larson Professor
University of Florida**

**Patricia Hunt, PhD
Meyer Distinguished Professor
Washington State University, School of Molecular Biosciences**

**Martin M. Matzuk, MD, PhD
Director of the Center for Drug Discovery and Professor and Chair in the Department of
Pathology & Immunology at Baylor College of Medicine
Director of Clinical Chemistry at Ben Taub Hospital**

**Bruce Murphy, PhD
Professor, Université de Montréal**

**JoAnne S. Richards, PhD
Professor, Baylor College of Medicine**

**R Michael Roberts, PhD
Chancellor's Professor
University of Missouri**

**Marilyn Renfree AO, FAA, FAIBiol, FSRB, PhD, DSc. DSc (Hon.) LLD (Hon.)
Professor, University of Melbourne**

**Lois A. Salamonsen, PhD
Distinguished Scientist, Hudson Institute of Medical Research
Adjunct Professor, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia**

**Thomas E. Spencer, PhD
Curators Distinguished Professor
University of Missouri**

**Teresa K. Woodruff, PhD
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Michigan State University**

About the Society for the Study of Reproduction

Founded in 1967 with members in more than 50 countries, [The Society for the Study of Reproduction \(SSR\)](#) is the world's leading association for scientists and physicians dedicated to advancing knowledge of reproductive processes in animals and humans. Pioneering scientific contributions from SSR members have been made in the following areas: stem cell

biology, transgenesis, treatment of infertility, contraception, livestock production, pregnancy health, treatment of reproductive system cancers and identification of environmental contaminants. To read the official journal of SSR, *Biology of Reproduction (BOR)*, click [here](#). For more information or to [join SSR](#), visit www.ssr.org.

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