



**Wakefield, MA – July 16, 2024 - [The Society for the Study of Reproduction \(SSR\)](#), the Society for Reproductive Biology (SRB), and the Society for Reproduction and Fertility (SRF) have announced that Professor Francesca Duncan of the Northwestern University (USA) is the 2024 Recipient of the RV Short Medal and Lecture.**

Professor Duncan, who obtained her PhD at the University of Pennsylvania, is the Thomas J. Watkins Professor of Reproductive Science in the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University, and is a world leader in her specialist area of female reproductive aging. Her research has helped define changes that occur within the ovary during the aging process and her work has significantly enhanced our understanding of premature ovarian aging/early menopause and the development of ovarian cancer. Most recently, she has been awarded funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation to investigate non-hormonal methods of female contraception.

The three societies that sponsor and administer the Short Medal are each engaged in advancing science to support reproductive health in humans and animals. The societies are based in Australasia (SRB), United Kingdom (SRF) and North America (SSR). The Medal was developed to celebrate the remarkable and creative contributions of the late Professor Roger Short of the University of Melbourne. Some of his accomplishments and remarkable wit can be sampled at <https://www.science.org.au/learning/general-audience/history/interviews-australian-scientists/professor-roger-short>

The Medal will be presented to our awardee in a ceremony in the autumn in which Professor Duncan will deliver the 2024 RV Short lecture.

### **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](http://www.ssr.org).