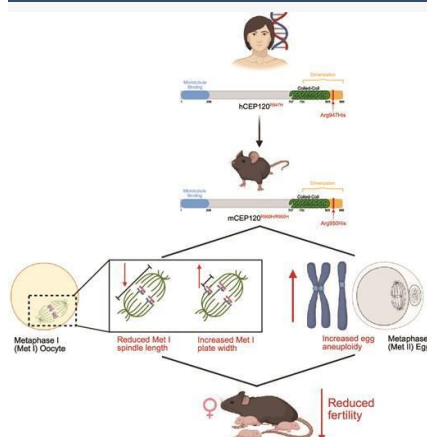


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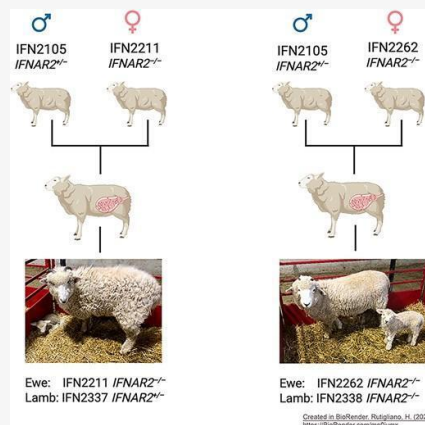


A human *CEP120* gene variant impairs meiotic spindle building causing aneuploidy

Duke and colleagues found that a human CEP120 gene variant disrupts meiotic spindle assembly, increasing egg aneuploidy and reducing fertility, highlighting its potential as a biomarker for reproductive risk.

Pregnancy in type I interferon receptor (*IFNAR2*) knockout sheep challenges the accepted paradigm for pregnancy recognition in ruminants

Davies and colleagues found that sheep lacking the type I interferon receptor (*IFNAR2*) can establish and maintain healthy pregnancies, challenging the long-held view that interferon tau signaling is essential for pregnancy recognition in ruminants



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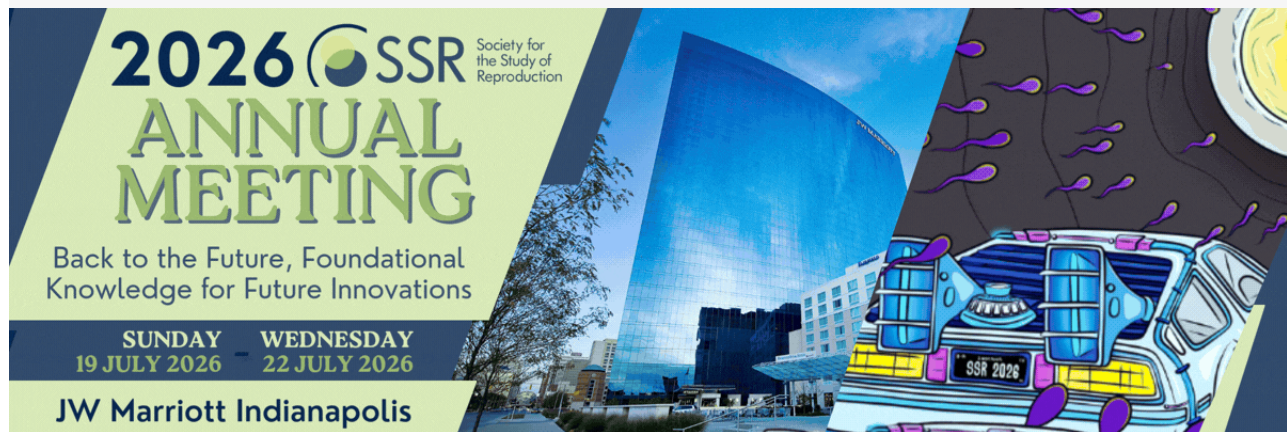
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Spotlight
TODAY

ANNUAL MEETING



The USDA Merit Awardees

- Camila Ezepha, Virginia Tech
 - Hannah McDowell, Northwestern University
 - Brandi Dunn, Colorado State University
 - Megan Patterson, Mississippi State University
 - Tomas Armani, Universidad Nacional de Mar del Plata
 - Jada Nix, University of Missouri
 - Shyamkumar T S, Purdue University
 - Rajan Iyyappan, University of Florida
 - Sarah Bynum, Texas A&M University
 - Isabel Rodriguez, Iowa State University
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Lalor Foundation Merit Awardees

- Julia Balough, University of Pittsburgh
 - Aishwarya Bhurke, Michigan State University
 - Ji-Eun Oh, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
 - Dhanvika Mopure, University of Missouri
 - Brianna Thompson, Northwestern
 - Virginia Savy, NIEHS
 - Taylor Schissel, University of Michigan
 - Lauren Haky, Northwestern University
 - Shivi Khurana, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
 - Prianka Hashim, Northwestern University
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Anita Payne Gates Foundation Recipients

- Karine de Mattos, Massachusetts General Hospital / Harvard
 - Harshitha Vasan, University of Kansas Medical Center
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US Trainee Travel Awardees

- Julia Balough, University of Pittsburgh
 - Aishwarya Bhurke, Michigan State University
 - Dipanwita Das, University of Nebraska Medical Center
 - Karine de Mattos, Massachusetts General Hospital
 - Camila Ezepha, Virginia Tech
 - Caleigh Grote, Iowa State University
 - Robin Kruger, University of Michigan
 - Qiyang Liu, Baylor University
 - Hannah McDowell, Northwestern University
 - Taylor Schissel, University of Michigan
 - Muhammad Siddique, University of Florida
 - Nikhil Srivastava, University of Wyoming
 - Kathryn Storey, Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute
 - Garima Thapa, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
 - Emily Thomas, University of Michigan
 - Brianna Thompson, Northwestern
 - Abdul Waheed, University of Florida
 - Kiara Wiggins, University of California-Irvine
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International Trainee Travel Awardees

- Genet Addisu, Addis Ababa University
 - Tomas Armani, Universidad Nacional de Mar del Plata
 - Jenna Douglas, Monash University
 - Sabrina Martini, McGill University
 - Emily Walshe, University of Edinburgh
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International Abstracts Awardees

- Jenna Douglas, Monash University
 - Emily Walshe, University of Edinburgh
 - Sabrina Martini, McGill University
 - Tomas Armani, Universidad Nacional de Mar del Plata
 - Marianne Watters, University of Edinburgh
 - Yamila Gamaleri, CEDIE
 - Seungmin Bae, Sungkyunkwan University
 - Paulo Campos-Junior, Federal University of São João del-Rei
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Burroughs Wellcome Fellowship Awardees

- Ryan Lum, Yanagimachi Institute for Biogenesis Research
- Maria Tyree, Pennsylvania State University
- Valerie Ericsson, East Carolina University
- Jadesola Oladosu, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- Isha Chauhan, Cornell University
- Maria Camila Lopez Duarte, Texas A&M University
- Ramses Santacruz-Marquez, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- Daniela Chavez, Towson University
- Jingyue Duan, Cornell University
- Mariana Ianello Giassetti, Baylor University

Post-Doctoral Platform Awardees

- 1st Place: Virginia Savy, NIEHS
 - 2nd Place: Karine de Mattos, Massachusetts General Hospital / Harvard
 - 3rd Place: Antonella Caceres, Rutgers University
 - 4th Place: Bhawna Kushawaha, Indiana University
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Post-Doctoral Poster Awardees

- 1st Place: Kathryn Storey, Smithsonian Institution
 - 2nd Place: Rajan Iyyappan, University of Florida
 - 3rd Place: Anastasiia Vasetska, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
 - 4th Place: Megan Sage, Old Dominion University
 - 5th Place: Na-Young Rho, Yale University
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Pre-Doctoral Platform Presenters

- 1st Place: Julia Balough, University of Pittsburgh
 - 2nd Place: Hannah McDowell, Northwestern University
 - 3rd Place: Aishwarya Bhurke, Michigan State University
 - 4th Place: Camila Ezepeha, Virginia Tech University
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Pre-Doctoral Poster Presenters

- 1st Place: Dhanvika Mopure, University of Missouri
 - 2nd Place: Taylor Schissel, University of Michigan
 - 3rd Place: Brianna Thompson, Northwestern
 - 4th Place: Megan Patterson, Mississippi State University
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COMMITTEE UPDATES

Membership Committee

Congratulations to the Emerging Investigator Grant Awardees!

- Mariana Ianello Giasseti, Baylor University
 - Debabrata Das, William and Mary
 - Ayelet Ziv-Gal, University of Illinois
 - Taylor Kohn, Baylor College of Medicine
 - Bikem Soygur, Bucks Institute for Research on Aging
 - Mariana Sponchiado, University of Missouri
 - Vijay Simha Baddela, Research Institute for Farm Animal Biology (Germany)
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Virtual Education Committee

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New Investigator Bootcamp

Are you a new PI or getting ready to enter the job market to start your independent lab? Is there is a specific topic you would like to learn about? The Virtual Education Committee is looking for topic suggestions for the New Investigator Bootcamp. Topic suggestions from other career stages in the field are very welcome too.

[Submit Suggestions](#)

Experimental Methods and Techniques

Do you have a colleague who has developed an incredible method or technique important to the field? The Virtual Education Committee is seeking nominations for the Experimental Methods and Techniques in Reproduction webinar and the BOR series.

[Submit Nomination](#)

Rising Stars in Reproduction

Do you know an up-and-coming member of the SSR community who is making an impact in their field? SSR and the SSR Virtual Education Committee encourage you to nominate them (self-nominations and multiple nominations are welcome) as an SSR Rising Star! The Rising Stars in Reproduction program is designed to introduce and highlight research from new investigators to the SSR membership and broader reproductive biology research community. Those who are selected as Rising Stars will have the opportunity to host a webinar for the SSR community in early 2027. We are excited to hear more about your novel work!

[Submit Nomination](#)

PODCAST

EP 62: 2025 Repro BioArt Awards with Avery Hlavacek, and Lyda Yuliana Parra Forero



In this episode of The Future Conceived, hosts Pam Monahan and Ana Cheong sit down with the brilliant minds behind the stunning winning images of the 2025 SSR Repro BioArt Contest. This annual competition, organized by the Society for the Study of Reproduction's Public Affairs Committee, celebrates the extraordinary beauty, creativity, and discovery revealed under the microscope.

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