

The AAAAI Foundation and Dr. William and Judith H. Busse Lectureship: Investing Together in Our Future



Both Judy and Bill are Wisconsinites (Milwaukee and Sheboygan, respectively) and met at the University of Wisconsin from which they graduated (Judy: BA and MBA) and (Bill: BS and MD).

Judy's initial degree was in education but she returned to school and earned an MBA in accounting. Judy is a CPA and worked as an accountant in a number of Madison firms. She is now retired but volunteers on a seasonal basis as an accountant for a low income tax program.

Following an internship (University of Cincinnati) and military service (1968-70), Bill completed his residency in Internal Medicine and fellowship in Allergy and

Immunology at the University of Wisconsin where he has been a faculty member since 1974.

At the University he is a professor of medicine and was Department of Medicine chair (2004-2009) as well. His research interests have included mechanisms of asthma for which he has had NIH funding for over 30 years.

In addition, Bill has served as a NIH advisor and member of the NHLBI Council and currently Board of External Experts, as well as an original member of the NIH sponsored Asthma Guidelines for which he was chair of the Expert Panel Report 3. Bill is presently principal investigator of the NIH supported Inner City Asthma Consortium. He was also president of the AAAAI, 2000-2001. Judy and Bill have two children: Paula J. Busse, M.D. (New York, NY) and Philipp W. Busse, J.D. (Portland, OR).

2017 marks the 4th year of the AAAAI Foundation and Dr. William and Judith H. Busse Lectureship: Investing Together in Our Future award. It will be presented in Plenary session 2101: Severe Asthma Exacerbations: Mechanisms, Sequelae and Management on Saturday, March 4, 2017: 8:15 to 9:45 am, GWCC, Exhibit Hall B1.

**The AAAAI Foundation and Dr. William and Judith H. Busse
Lectureship: Investing Together in Our Future Lecturer –
Leonard Bacharier, MD FAAAAI**



Dr. Bacharier is the Donald B. Strominger Professor of Pediatrics and Professor of Medicine at Washington University School of Medicine, Clinical Director of the Division of Pediatric Allergy, Immunology and Pulmonary Medicine, and Unit Co-Leader for the Pediatric Patient Oriented Research Unit.

He received his undergraduate degree in biophysics from The Johns Hopkins University and his medical degree from Washington University School of Medicine. Dr. Bacharier was an intern and resident in pediatrics at St. Louis Children's Hospital and a fellow in Pediatric Allergy and Immunology at Children's Hospital, Boston and Harvard Medical School.

He returned to Washington University after fellowship to work with Dr Robert Strunk, his long-time mentor, and became active in the area of asthma clinical research. Dr. Bacharier's research focuses on childhood asthma, ranging from the role of RSV infection in disease inception to exploring novel management strategies in preschool children.

His career has been based in team science, evidenced by his participation in numerous NIH funded asthma consortia, including the Severe Asthma Research Program and the VDAART study. He is extremely grateful for his opportunity to have worked closely with Dr. Busse in several venues, including AsthmaNet and the Inner City Asthma Consortium.

His involvement in the AAAAI has been central to his professional activities, including being a founding member of the New Allergist Immunologist Committee. He is the incoming Chair of the ADT Interest Section. He is an Associate Editor for *The Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology* and serves on the Editorial Board of *The Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology: In Practice*. He is also a Director of the American Board of Allergy and Immunology.