

The AAAAI Foundation and William T. Shearer and Lynn Des Prez Lecture: Investing Together in Our Future



William T. Shearer, MD, PhD, FAAAAI, was Professor of Pediatrics and Immunology at Baylor College of Medicine, and the former Chief of the Allergy and Immunology Service at Texas Children's Hospital. He graduated from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis in 1970. He received his clinical training in pediatrics, allergy and immunology at the Washington University's affiliated hospitals, St. Louis Children's Hospital, and Barnes Hospital. He received a Research Scholar Award from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and a Faculty Research Award from the American Cancer Society for his early research work. He joined the faculty of Washington University in

1974 and was promoted to professor in 1978 prior to moving to Baylor College of Medicine. In 1981, he was elected to membership in the American Society for Clinical Investigation and received the Distinguished Teacher Award in 1984 from Baylor College of Medicine. Washington University conferred its Alumni Achievement Award on Shearer in 2000, the Houston Regional Cabinet Award in 2003, and in 2008 appointed him an Ethan A. H. Shepley Trustee of the Washington University Board of Trustees and member of the School of Medicine National Council at Washington University. In 2008 he was elected to the Association of American Physicians, Chair of the Program Directors Assembly (1986-1991), Vice-President of the Accredited Council for Graduate Medical Education Residency and Review Committee for Allergy and Immunology (1996-2001).

Shearer was active in professional and clinical immunology organizations at the national level for many years, serving as Director and Chair of the American Board of Allergy and Immunology (1990-1995); Director of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology (AAAAI) from 1992-2002; Chair of AAAAI's Clinical and Laboratory Immunology Committee which published the Core Content Outline for Clinical and Laboratory Immunology and the Practice Parameters for the Diagnosis and Management of Immunodeficiency; and member and Associate Editor of the Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (2000-2015). He was elected Councilor (1997-2001) and President of the Clinical Immunology Society (2001-2002). For editing the Primer on Allergy and Immunologic Diseases 5th edition, he was given the Special Recognition Award by the AAAAI in 2004. In 2005, he received the Arnold J. Rudolph - Baylor Pediatric Award for Lifetime Excellence in Teaching.

Lynn Des Prez is a Philadelphia native and served as the Administrative Director of the American Board of Allergy and Immunology for 31 years, following a career in law and economics. Shearer and she shared a long-distance marriage until 2006, when she moved to Houston. She continues her involvement with allergy and immunology through Shearer's many activities. She shares his philanthropic efforts via the AAAAI Foundation, and a Diversity Scholarship at Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine. She served as 2011-2012 President of the AAAAI Associates in raising scholarship and asthma camp funds. In 1997 she received the AAAAI Distinguished Layperson Award. In 2002 she received the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology's (ACAAI) Distinguished Service Award. She has served professional and civic associations, was a church elder, and holds office in a prison ministry and Houston's Etoffe Litteraire. She is interested in continuing education, health, finance, technology, and musical theatre. Dr. Shearer passed away in October 2018. He is survived by his wife Lynn Des Prez, a sister and six children.

2019 marks the 5th year of the AAAAI Foundation and William T. Shearer and Lynn Des Prez Lecture: Investing Together in Our Future award. It will be presented in Plenary Session 2101: Outcomes, Education and Healthcare Delivery in Allergic Diseases, Saturday, February 23, 2019: 8:15 AM - 9:45 AM, Moscone Center South, Hall A

The AAAAI Foundation and William T. Shearer and Lynn Des Prez Lecture: Investing Together in Our Future Lecturer – Dr. Carla M. Davis, MD, FAAAAI



Dr. Carla M. Davis is an Associate Professor and, Chief of the Section of Immunology, Allergy, Rheumatology and Retrovirology at Texas Children's Hospital in the Department of Pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine, as well as Director of the Texas Children's Hospital Food Allergy Program. She received her medical degree from Duke University and after finishing a three-year residency program in pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine in 2000, she completed a two year fellowship in Allergy/Immunology at Baylor College of Medicine. After practicing as a private allergist, she returned to Baylor and was appointed as an Associate Professor in the Department of Pediatrics, Allergy/Immunology Section in 2015 and appointed as Chief in 2018.

Dr. Davis is focused on improving the quality of life for infants, children and adolescents with food allergies. Dr. Davis is published in the area of allergy and immunodeficiency with a focus on both IgE and non-IgE mediated food allergy and has over 15 ongoing clinical trials and research studies. Dr. Davis is the recipient of three Fulbright & Jaworski Faculty Educational Excellence Awards at Baylor. Her active roles as a teacher and researcher in the field of food allergy have been recognized through a Research Mentorship Award in 2016 for her work with resident and fellow trainees. Dr. Davis has been involved in the AAAAI since 2001 in diverse roles, including Chair of the Leadership Institute Working Group and the Committee on the Underserved, Vice Chair of the Secondary Immune Deficiency Disease Committee, and member of the Inclusion, Diversity and Representation Task Force, Annual Meeting Program Committee, Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Disorders, Anaphylaxis, and Adverse Reactions to Foods Committees. She is board certified in both Pediatrics and Allergy/Immunology and President-Elect of the Texas Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Society.