

## Heritage Lectureship

### Heritage Lectureship, Honoring Drs. Robert Becker, Jerry Dolovich, Elliot Middleton, John Salvaggio, Burton Zweiman (5<sup>th</sup> year)

4101 Food Allergy Insights: Novel Observations in the Diagnosis and Management of Food Allergy

Monday, February 27, 2023

Convention Center, Lobby Level, Hall 2, 9:30 am – 11:00 am

**Lecturer: Ruchi Gupta, MD MPH**

Expanding Our Understanding of Food Allergy: Common but Not Equal in All Races

The Heritage Lectureship will be presented by Ruchi Gupta, MD MPH during in plenary 4101 Food Allergy Insights: Novel Observations in the Diagnosis and Management of Food Allergy on Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> in Convention Center, Lobby Level, Hall 2, 9:30 am – 11:00 am (presentation at 9:30 am)

The AAAAI Foundation is proud to introduce the AAAAI Foundation Heritage Lectureship. The Lectureship is our way of honoring and memorializing former members whose lectureship tenure has passed, but still have funds to support more education. Remaining assets from the AAAAI lectureships presented at the Annual Meeting were graciously transferred to the Foundation to create the Heritage Lectureship. The following lectureships were transformed into the first Heritage Lectureship at the 2019 Annual Meeting:

#### *The Robert J. Becker Memorial HEDQ Lectureship*

The Robert J. Becker Memorial HEDQ Lectureship was started in 1992 with a donation by Robert J. Becker, MD FAAAAI. Becker was a member of the AAAAI for 50 years from 1947 until his death in 1997. Becker was a practicing allergist and was founder of First Health Group Corporation of Downers Grove, Illinois. He was interested in the social, economic and political aspects of medicine in the United States. Lectureship Tenure: 15 years

#### *The Jerry Dolovich Memorial Lectureship*

Jerry M. Dolovich, MD, divided his professional work between clinical allergy and allergy-related research and teaching. Dolovich's main initial research interest was late allergic responses. He concentrated his research on practical problems encountered in the clinic, including the identification of ethylene oxide as an allergen. His later research interests were in the study of nasal polyps. Dolovich's personal and professional characteristics endeared him to many and facilitated the process of discovery in his science. He was valued and beloved by his patients, colleagues and students. He knew and never forgot his facts, and he never forgot his patients. Lectureship Tenure: 19 years

#### *The Elliot Middleton Memorial Lectureship*

Elliott M. Middleton, MD FAAAAI, was interested in research early in his career as a medical student at Columbia. His research continued and flourished throughout his academic career.

His focused on the various biochemical factors that governed the *in vitro* release of histamine from animal and human peripheral blood leukocytes, adrenergic-cholinergic “imbalance” in allergic reactions and asthma,  $\alpha$ -adrenergic effects on leukocyte function in asthmatic individuals, and the biochemical basis for the modulation of allergic reactions by drugs. Later in his life, he became a recognized expert on flavonoids. Middleton also served as AAAAI President and was a fine clinician and outstanding teacher, as the more than 75 fellows he mentored during his career will attest. Lectureship Tenure: 16 years

#### *The John E. Salvaggio Memorial Lectureship*

John E. Salvaggio, MD FAAAAI, was Chairman of the Department of Medicine at Tulane University and in 1989 became Vice Chancellor for Research. He was president of the American Board of Allergy and Immunology and played a major role in developing the standards and credentials during the board’s formative years. He also served on the Executive Committee of the AAAAI and was President from 1985 to 1986. Salvaggio’s main research interests related to the mechanisms and pathogenesis of occupational and environmental pulmonary disease induced by organic dust and simple chemicals. He authored or co-authored more than 400 original scientific articles, books and chapters. Lectureship Tenure: 16 years

#### *The Burton Zweiman Memorial Lectureship*

Burton X. Zweiman, MD FAAAAI, is widely regarded for his many accomplishments in the education, research and clinical arenas. His extraordinary skills as an educator won him the most prestigious teaching awards at Pennsylvania University. In the research arena, he made important contributions to our early understanding of the actions of immunosuppressive agents. He made seminal observations on the immunopathogenesis of demyelinating diseases and, throughout his entire career, provided important insights into the cellular basis of IgE-mediated inflammation. In the clinical arena, Zweiman is recognized as the physician’s physician. Lectureship Tenure: 17 years

#### **Ruchi Gupta, MD MPH**



Ruchi Gupta, MD, MPH, is a Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and a Clinical Attending at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago. Dr. Gupta has 17 years of experience as a board-certified pediatrician and health researcher and currently serves as the founding director of the Center for Food Allergy & Asthma Research (CFAAR). She is world-renowned for her groundbreaking research in the areas of food allergy and asthma epidemiology, most notably for her research on the prevalence of pediatric and adult food allergy in the United States. She has also significantly contributed to academic research in the areas of food allergy prevention, socioeconomic disparities in care, and the daily management of these conditions. To reduce the burden of these diseases and improve health equity, she and her team develop, evaluate,

and disseminate interventions for families and conduct work to inform local, national, and international health policy. Dr. Gupta is the author of the Food Allergy Experience and Food Without Fear, has written and co-authored over 160 peer-reviewed research manuscripts, and has had her work featured on major TV networks and in print media. She and her team strive to improve the lives of children and their families through their research and hope to continue finding answers and shaping policies around allergic conditions.

Professor of Pediatrics & Medicine, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine  
Clinical Attending, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago  
Director, Center for Food Allergy & Asthma Research (CFAAR)