

# Assembly on Pulmonary Circulation (PC) Newsletter



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## Message from the Assembly Chair

Dear Esteemed Colleagues,

I hope this message finds you well. As we prepare for another exciting gathering at the 2024 American Thoracic Society International Conference in San Diego, I wanted to take a moment to extend my deepest gratitude to every one of you who have played a role in making this event possible.

First and foremost, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all who have submitted abstracts and sessions for consideration. Your dedication to advancing our understanding of pulmonary circulation is truly commendable, and your contributions serve as the cornerstone of our assembly's success.

The past year has been a thrilling period for the Pulmonary Circulation community, marked by significant advancements in pulmonary vascular research and clinical care. We've had the pleasure of reconnecting at numerous conferences, which has contributed to a strong sense of camaraderie within our community. The activities of the Pulmonary Circulation Assembly, both past and present, mirror this progress and sense of community, and we eagerly anticipate what lies ahead.

Dr. Stephen Chan, our esteemed Program Committee Chair, alongside Chair-Elect Dr. Andrea Frump, has meticulously crafted an exceptional program for our Assembly at the 2024 International Conference. Their unwavering dedication and hard work are truly commendable, and I extend my heartfelt gratitude to them. This year, I am excited to report that the Pulmonary Circulation Assembly will be collaborating with the ATS Basic Science Core Group. This presents a fantastic opportunity to advance pulmonary vascular basic and translational science research within ATS and foster collaboration with other assemblies. I extend special thanks to Drs. Kara Goss and Eric Schmidt, who will represent our assembly in the Basic Science Core Working Group.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to the members of the planning committee led by Dr. Natalie Bauer for their tireless efforts in organizing and shaping this year's program. The Planning committee will be requesting submissions for Assembly projects and is actively working on selecting the awardees for the PC Assembly awards to be announced at the Business meeting.

The 2023 Grover Conference held at Devil's Thumb Ranch in Colorado was an extraordinary success, bringing together a global assembly of experts to delve into the frontiers of precision medicine for pulmonary vascular diseases. Against the backdrop of the stunning Colorado landscape, renowned researchers, clinicians, and thought leaders convened to exchange insights, share groundbreaking research, and explore innovative approaches to tackling pulmonary vascular diseases with precision medicine. The conference served as a dynamic platform for interdisciplinary collaboration, fostering rich discussions and sparking new ideas at the intersection of pulmonary medicine, vascular biology, and precision therapeutics. Attendees had the opportunity to engage with cutting-edge research findings, emerging technologies, and best practices in the field, thus paving the way for advancements in patient care and treatment strategies. The 2023 Grover Conference stands as a testament to the power of collaboration and innovation in advancing precision medicine for pulmonary vascular diseases.

Additionally, I want to express my gratitude to our dedicated team behind the

Journal Club led by Dr. Roberto Bernardo. Your meticulous selection of pertinent literature and insightful discussions have greatly enriched our understanding of key topics in pulmonary circulation, enhancing the educational experience for all participants.

The Women's Working Group (WoW, led by Drs. Larissa Shimoda and Ke yuan) and the Early Career Professional Working Group (led by Drs. Zhiyu Dai and Justin Lui) collaborated to host a session on Career Development - Negotiating Job Offers 101. This session featured a distinguished panel of leaders, including Drs. Marlene Rabinovitch (Stanford), Susan Majka (National Jewish), and Serpil Erzurum (Cleveland), with Kara Goss (UTSW) and Hannah Oakland (Yale) serving as moderators. During the session, attendees explored effective negotiation strategies for job offers, catering to both clinicians and researchers. The discussions revolved around invaluable advice on optimizing the overall compensation package, navigating challenges related to family relocations, and addressing the specific obstacles that women scientists might encounter during negotiations.

Acknowledging the pivotal contributions of key stakeholders to the success of the PC assembly activities, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to The Ph.D. and Basic and Translational Scientist Working Group (PBTS WG, led by Dr. Jarrod Barnes), the Science and Innovation Center (SIC, led by Dr. Daniela Valdez Jasso), Dr. Dustin Fraidenburg (Mentorship program), and our esteemed International Representative, Dr. Jurjan Aman. Their unwavering dedication and collaborative efforts have played an integral role in shaping the vibrant and engaging landscape of our assembly.

The Pulmonary Circulation Assembly remains a welcoming hub for trainees, early career researchers, and seasoned professionals alike, offering invaluable mentorship, constructive feedback, and avenues for knowledge dissemination. It serves as a platform for networking, fostering connections with peers and rekindling friendships. We encourage active participation and engagement with our Assembly through various channels, including social media, journal clubs, and online events.

As we look forward to coming together to exchange knowledge, share insights, and forge new connections, let us carry forward the spirit of collaboration and innovation that defines our assembly. Together, we have the power to drive progress and make a lasting impact in the field of pulmonary circulation. Once again, thank you all for your invaluable contributions, and I eagerly anticipate the opportunity to connect with you at the upcoming assembly which will take place Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM PST.

I am looking forward to seeing you all!

Warm regards,

Vinicio A. de Jesus Perez, MD ATSF FCCP FAHA  
Chair, Assembly on Pulmonar Circulation

**Assembly on Pulmonary Circulation (PC)  
Membership Meeting**

**Monday, May 20, 2024  
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

**Building: Marriott Marquis  
Room: Pacific Ballroom 18-19  
Floor: First Floor, Ground Level, North  
Tower**

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### **ATS PC Assembly WoW (Women in Pulmonary Vascular Disease Workgroup) “Strategies for Career Success by Highly Effective Women Scientists”**

This speedy in-person mentoring event will be right before the ATS PC council meeting and will feature invited panelists, Drs. Sharon Rounds, Marlene Rabinovitch, Serpil Erzurum, Anna Hemnes, Corey Ventetuolo, Lahouaria Hadri, Natalie Bauer, Patricia George & more, and will be moderated by Drs Ke Yuan and Larissa Shimoda. The event will cover topics such as personal experience on how to lead and manage a team, work life balance, grant applications and networks.

**Marriott Marquis**

**Santa Rosa Room (First Floor, Ground Level, South Tower)**

Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 5 p.m.

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## **PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

Stephen Y. Chan, MD, PhD (Chair) & Andrea Frump, PhD (Chair-Elect)

The Program Committee Chair Stephen Chan and Chair-Elect Andrea Frump are excited to announce the program for our upcoming meeting in San Diego. First, the chairs thank all PC assembly members for submitting excellent work (472 accepted abstracts in 2024 as compared with 403 last year). Second, the chairs wish to thank the Program Committee for their dedication and assistance with programming.

Based on that activity and strategic planning by our committee, Pulmonary Circulation was able to achieve an exceptionally wide (and possibly historically large) breadth of programming this year with important integration across other assemblies. We were successful in programming 1 jointly-developed symposium (with 10 other assemblies) regarding health disparities in respiratory medicine; 3 scientific symposia and 2 basic science core symposia; 6 meet-the-expert sessions; 1 half day post-graduate course; 4 mini-symposia; 1 RAPiD poster discussion session; 5 poster discussion sessions; and 15 thematic poster sessions. Pulmonary vascular medicine will also be featured in the ATS year-in-review session. Thus, our assembly members will be able to choose from content across basic, translational, and clinical concepts in pulmonary vascular disease, thromboembolic disease, artificial intelligence and machine learning, health disparities, global health, and more!

Because of the wide breadth of programming, some of our best sessions are scheduled on the last day of the conference. So, please plan on staying to the end – you won't be disappointed! We look forward to the participation of all of our facilitators and moderators, including apprentices and emerging investigators, and the dynamic discussions in San Diego.

## ATS 2024 International Conference Assembly on Pulmonary Circulation (PC) Sessions

Session Code	Session Title	Session Type	Session Date	Session Start Time	Session End Time
PG15	YOU'RE THE SWAN THAT I WANT!: A PRIMER ON RIGHT HEART CATHETERIZATION	Postgraduate Course	5/18/2024	12:00 PM	4:00 PM
A14	BUILDING LEGO(LAND): LESSONS LEARNED FROM LARGE SCALE CLINICAL TRIALS IN PAH	Mini Symposium	5/19/2024	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
A56	BUZZING THE TOWER: NOVEL DIAGNOSTIC AND MONITORING TOOLS IN PH	Thematic Poster Session	5/19/2024	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
A57	SOCAL GROUPIES IN PH: GROUP 2 PH AND LEFT HEART DISEASE	Thematic Poster Session	5/19/2024	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
A58	EXPANDING OUR RE(PERT)OIRES IN SAN DIEGO: NOVEL CLINICAL DISCOVERIES IN PULMONARY EMBOLISM	Thematic Poster Session	5/19/2024	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
A59	WAITING FOR SUNSET AT LA JOLLA: LATE BREAKING ABSTRACTS	Thematic Poster Session	5/19/2024	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
A60	REACHING FOR NEW (SHERMAN) HEIGHTS: INTERESTING CASES IN PULMONARY THROMBOEMBOLIC DISEASE	Thematic Poster Session	5/19/2024	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
MTE10	PULMONARY HYPERTENSION AND LUNG DISEASE: CURRENT APPROACH	Meet the Expert	5/19/2024	11:30 AM	12:30 PM
MTE8	PATHOPHYSIOLOGY, MANAGEMENT, AND TRANSPLANT CONSIDERATIONS IN PORTOPULMONARY HYPERTENSION	Meet the Expert	5/19/2024	11:30 AM	12:30 PM
A97	IT'S (NOT) A SMALL WORLD: MOLECULAR AND PHYSIOLOGIC EPIDEMIOLOGY IN PAH	Mini Symposium	5/19/2024	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
B24	WHALE WATCHING: A "RAPID" TOUR OF PAH PATHOGENESIS	RAPiD Poster Discussion Session	5/20/2024	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
B58	WE ARE ON A MISSION (BEACH): HOT CASES IN PULMONARY HYPERTENSION	Thematic Poster Session	5/20/2024	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
B59	DEFINING DISPARITIES IN PULMONARY VASCULAR DISEASES	Thematic Poster Session	5/20/2024	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
B60	CYANOTIC PACIFIC BLUE: GROUP 3 PH AND HYPOXIC LUNG DISEASE	Thematic Poster Session	5/20/2024	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
B61	THE NEED FOR SPEED: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN PVD	Thematic Poster Session	5/20/2024	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
B62	A LEGO STORY: MOLECULAR BUILDING BLOCKS IN PULMONARY HYPERTENSION	Thematic Poster Session	5/20/2024	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
B7	PATHOGENIC CONCEPTS IN PAH REVISITED? A MULTIGENERATIONAL PERSPECTIVE	Scientific Symposium	5/20/2024	9:15 AM	10:45 AM
MTE22	RISK STRATIFICATION SIMPLIFIED IN PAH MANAGEMENT!	Meet the Expert	5/20/2024	11:30 AM	12:30 PM
B86	AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH: HEALTH DISPARITIES AND HEALTH CARE INEQUALITY IN RESPIRATORY MEDICINE	Jointly-Developed Symposium	5/20/2024	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
B95	SURFING IN THE GREEN ROOM: DEFINING MOLECULAR MECHANISMS OF PULMONARY VASCULAR DISEASE	Mini Symposium	5/20/2024	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
C11	COHORT STUDIES IN PULMONARY HYPERTENSION - DEFINING NOVEL PHENOTYPES	Scientific Symposium	5/21/2024	9:15 AM	10:45 AM
C25	GASLAMP QUARTER: SHEDDING LIGHT ON VASCULAR PATHOGENIC MECHANISMS IN PAH	Poster Discussion Session	5/21/2024	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
C58	BACK TO WHERE IT ALL BEGAN: EMERGING CLINICAL INSIGHTS INTO CTEPH	Thematic Poster Session	5/21/2024	9:15 AM	4:15 PM

C59	PICKING UP THE KIDS AT BALBOA PARK: INSIGHTS IN PEDIATRIC PULMONARY HYPERTENSION	Thematic Poster Session	5/21/2024	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
C60	BEACHCOMBING FOR GOLD: -OMICS, INFLAMMATION, AND THE RV IN PH	Thematic Poster Session	5/21/2024	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
C61	FINDING HIDDEN GEMS AT SUNSET CLIFFS: NOT JUST PE AND PH! PULMONARY VEINS, AVMS, AND OTHER PULMONARY VASCULAR CASES	Thematic Poster Session	5/21/2024	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
C62	TOP GUN: NOVEL THERAPEUTICS AND OUTCOMES IN PAH	Thematic Poster Session	5/21/2024	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
MTE33	ADDRESSING BARRIERS TO PALLIATIVE CARE IN PULMONARY ARTERIAL HYPERTENSION- THE WAY FORWARD	Meet the Expert	5/21/2024	10:30 AM	11:30 AM
C106	CORONADO BRIDGE: LINKING NOVEL EXTRA-THORACIC DISEASE MECHANISMS WITH PAH	Poster Discussion Session	5/21/2024	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
D27	LATE BREAKING WAVE! LATE BREAKING ABSTRACTS IN PULMONARY VASCULAR DISEASE	Poster Discussion Session	5/22/2024	8:15 AM	10:15 AM
D8	GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES OF PULMONARY HYPERTENSION BIOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT? AN ATS/ERS JOINT SYMPOSIUM	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2024	8:15 AM	9:45 AM
MTE39	METHAMPHETAMINE AND PULMONARY ARTERIAL HYPERTENSION, WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW	Meet the Expert	5/22/2024	10:30 AM	11:30 AM
MTE45	IMPLEMENTING A MULTIDISCIPLINARY PERT WITH AN EMPHASIS ON QUALITY AND OUTCOMES	Meet the Expert	5/22/2024	10:30 AM	11:30 AM
D105	BALBOA PARK EXPLORERS: TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE AND EPIDEMIOLOGY IN PH	Poster Discussion Session	5/22/2024	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
D95	SURVEYING THE ZOO: -OMICS FOR MECHANISTIC DISCOVERY IN PULMONARY VASCULAR DISEASE	Mini Symposium	5/22/2024	11:00 AM	1:00 PM

### ATS 2024 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ADDITIONAL SESSIONS OF INTEREST

Session Code	Session Title	Session Type	Session Date	Start Time	End Time
C88	HEALTH EQUITY ACROSS PEDIATRIC PULMONARY DISEASES	Scientific Symposium	5/21/2024	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
C89	HIV-RELATED LUNG DISEASE: UPDATES IN PATHOPHYSIOLOGY, CLINICAL TRIALS AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS	Scientific Symposium	5/21/2024	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
C86	PULMONARY REHABILITATION - KEEPING THE WHEEL ROLLING FORWARD	Scientific Symposium	5/21/2024	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
D11	ON THE HORIZON: NEW, NOVEL, AND CUTTING EDGE FOR NONTUBERCULOUS MYOBACTERIA (NTM)	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2024	8:15 AM	9:45 AM
D6	WHAT CAUSES SARCOIDOSIS?	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2024	8:15 AM	9:45 AM
D5	TIME-LIMITED TRIALS IN CRITICAL CARE	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2024	8:15 AM	9:45 AM
D7	WHERE CHILDREN LEARN AND BREATHE: THE IMPACT OF SCHOOL-BASED EXPOSURES ON CHILDHOOD RESPIRATORY HEALTH	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2024	8:15 AM	9:45 AM
D8	GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES OF PULMONARY HYPERTENSION BIOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT? AN ATS/ERS JOINT SYMPOSIUM	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2024	8:15 AM	9:45 AM

D9	LINKING NOVEL MULTI-OMICS WITH MACHINE LEARNING TO UNLOCK LUNG PATHOPHYSIOLOGY	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2024	8:15 AM	9:45 AM
D10	TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK: MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES FOR HIGH-QUALITY LUNG CANCER SCREENING	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2024	8:15 AM	9:45 AM
CS1	CHAIR SYMPOSIUM	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2024	8:15 AM	9:45 AM
D83	RESPIRATORY HEALTH IMPACTS OF HUMAN MADE DISASTERS AND NATURAL DISEASTERS, WILDFIRES, EARTHQUAKES, AND VOLCANOES.	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2024	11:00 AM	12:30 PM
D84	EMERGENT RESISTANCE TO NEW DRUGS FOR MDR-TB TREATMENT	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2024	11:00 AM	12:30 PM
D85	ONE TO RULE THEM ALL? IMMUNE CELLS CONTROL STEM CELL CAPACITY IN THE LUNG	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2024	11:00 AM	12:30 PM
D86	AMBULATORY CRITICAL CARE: A BENCH TO BEDSIDE UNDERSTANDING OF CHRONIC RESPIRATORY FAILURE	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2024	11:00 AM	12:30 PM

### Submit an Assembly/Committee Project Application for Funding in FY2025!

We are happy to announce that ATS will once again accept **NEW Assembly/Committee Projects for FY2025**. All interested applicants should begin developing their ideas for Assembly/Committee Project Applications. **Applications will be available on the ATS website July 1<sup>st</sup> at [www.thoracic.org](http://www.thoracic.org)**

Please consider submitting an application for an Assembly/Committee project. If you have a suggestion for a project application and you need assistance, please contact your **Assembly Planning Committee, Natalie Bauer, PhD** at [nbauer@southalabama.edu](mailto:nbauer@southalabama.edu)

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## PLANNING COMMITTEE

Natalie Bauer, PhD (Chair) and Soban Umar, MD, PhD (Co-Chair)

For the first time since 2017, The Grover Conference on the Pulmonary Circulation was held in October. The 2023 meeting was hosted at a new site, the Devil's Thumb Ranch in Tabernash, CO the conference was a huge success with exceptional attendance of investigators and trainees. Drs. Anna Hemnes, Vinicio de Jesus Perez, and Martin Wilkins led the meeting on "Precision Medicine for pulmonary vascular diseases: The Future is Now". The PC assembly project entitled "Lung Endothelium in Health and Disease" chaired by Drs. Rebecca Hough, Mahendra Damarla, and Troy Stevens is nearing publication as the group is working on final revisions. The Planning Committee is meeting in April to review applications for the Pulmonary Circulation Assembly Mid-Career/Senior Fellowship Research Achievement Award and the Early Career/Junior Fellowship Award. We can't wait to see everyone at ATS!

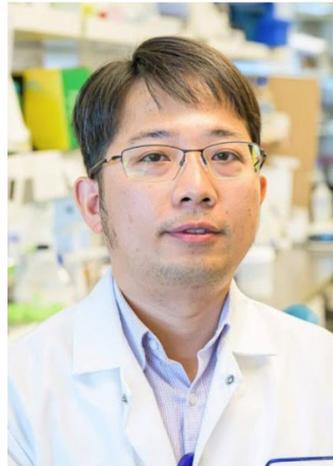


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## EARLY CAREER WORKING GROUP

Justin Lui, MD, MS & Zhiyu Dai, PhD (Co-Chairs)



**Justin K. Lui, MD, MS (left) and Zhiyu Dai, PhD (right)**

Co-Chairs, Assembly on Pulmonary Circulation Early Career Working Group

The goal of the Early Career Working Group (ECWG) is to engage and serve early career professionals within the Assembly on Pulmonary Circulation of the American Thoracic Society (ATS) through the following objectives:

- Enhance career development by promoting participation and engagement in ATS leadership
- Participate in design, curating, and sharing content pertaining to early career professionals
- Create a networking infrastructure for early career professionals to foster collaborative clinical, research, and education endeavors

We would like to graciously thank our outgoing chair, **Rebecca Vanderpool, PhD** (Ohio State University) who founded the ECWG and restructured the leadership to what it is today:

Role	Name	Affiliation
Co-chair, Clinical	Justin K. Lui, MD, MS	Boston University

Co-chair, Basic Science	Zhiyu Dai, PhD	University of Arizona
Vice chair, Clinical	Parth Rali, MD	Temple University
Vice chair, Basic Science	Maryam Sharifi-Sanjani, PhD	University of Pittsburgh
Chair, Early Career Highlights	Aaron W. Trammell, MD	Emory University
Chair, Virtual Happy Hour	Navneet Singh, MD	Brown University
Co-Chair, Early Career Faculty Engagement	Sue Gu, MD	University of Colorado
Co-Chair, Early Career Faculty Engagement	Maanasi Samant, MD	Washington University in St. Louis
Chair, International Engagement	Yuanjun “Steven” Shen, PhD	University of Delaware
Chair, Apprenticeship Program	Yen-Chun “Charly” Lai, PhD	Indiana University
Chair, Industry	Francois Potus, PhD	Québec Heart and Lung Institute

We also welcomed new members to add to our diverse ECWG:

- **Aleksandra Babicheva, PhD** (University of Minnesota)
- **Shelsey W. Johnson, MD** (Brigham & Women’s Hospital)
- **W. Cameron McGuire, MD, MPH** (University of California, San Diego)
- **Clare C. Prohaska, MD** (Indiana University)
- **Alicia N. Rizzo, MD, PhD** (Massachusetts General Hospital)
- **Maidah Yaqoob, MD** (Cedars-Sinai Medical Center)
- **Yifan Yuan, PhD** (University of Maryland)
- **Hannah T. Oakland, MD** (Yale University)

Through the outstanding efforts of our various ECWG members, we organized three webinar events this past year:

- **Navigating the Transition toward Research Independence**, December 12, 2023
  - Moderators: **W. Cameron McGuire, MD; Alicia N. Rizzo, MD, PhD**
  - Speakers: **Dustin R. Fraidenburg, MD; Corey E. Ventetuolo, MD, MS; Zhiyu Dai, PhD; Elena A. Goncharova, PhD**
  - Organizers: **Yuanjun “Steven” Shen, PhD; Alicia N. Rizzo, MD, PhD; W. Cameron McGuire, MD, MPH; Yifan Yuan, PhD; Aleksandra Babicheva, PhD; Shelsey W. Johnson, MD**

- **Career Development Opportunities for Interest in Pulmonary Vascular Disease**, February 26, 2024
  - Speakers/Organizers: **W. Cameron McGuire, MD, MPH; Aleksandra Babicheva, PhD; Maidah Yaqoob, MD**
- **Navigating the Early Career Landscape as an International Trainee**, April 29, 2024.
  - Organizers: **Zhiyu Dai, PhD, Yuanjun "Steven" Shen, PhD, Suellen D'Arc Dos Santos Oliveira, PhD, Yifan Yuan, PhD**

Throughout the year, our program featured a series of bimonthly webinars enriched by virtual happy hour events, which were a collaborative effort between **Navneet Singh, MD, Hannah T. Oakland, MD, Meghan M. Cirulis, MD**, and our Journal Club team. Adding to our initiatives, we're thrilled to introduce the first issue of our ECWG Newsletter, "The Pulse," spearheaded by **Sue Gu, MD, Maanasi Samant, MD, Alicia N. Rizzo, MD, and Raju Reddy, MD**. We're also excited to present the "Roadmap to ATS for Early Career Professionals," a project led by **Sue Gu, MD**, and her team. In the realm of social media, **Aaron W. Trammell, MD, Shelsey W. Johnson, MD, and Clare Prohaska, MD** have been instrumental in promoting our Early Career Professionals. They've worked in harmony with our Web Committee to showcase achievements and updates via our Twitter handle, @ATS\_PC. We owe a great deal of gratitude to **Yen-Chun "Charly" Lai, PhD, W. Cameron McGuire, MD, MPH, and Aleksandra Babicheva, PhD** for their dedication to the selection process for our Apprenticeship Program's new members. It's with great pleasure that we congratulate the newly appointed apprentices:

- **Ranuka Reddy, MD** (University of Florida Gainesville) joining the Web Committee
- **Jamie E. Meegan, PhD** (Vanderbilt University) joining the Program Committee
- **Joel James, PhD** (Indiana University) joining the Planning Committee

These efforts and collaborations continue to enrich our community and support the growth of early career professionals.

### Assembly Mentoring Programs' Meeting Spot

Struggling to find a quiet location to meet with your mentor? The Assembly Mentoring Programs is offering a meeting spot exclusively for mentors and mentee to meet.

**Marriott Marquis**

**Vista, Level 1, South**

Sunday, May 19th – Monday, May 20 from 6 am to 6 pm

**\*Please note, this space is exclusively for Mentoring Program participants\***

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### Reception for PhDs & Other Basic Science Researchers

**Sunday, May 19th from 3 - 5 p.m.**

**San Diego Convention Center  
Sails Pavilion Terrace (Upper Level)**

The ATS Science and Innovation Center (SIC) working group and the PhD working group, would like to invite PhDs and other Basic Science Researchers to a special reception event. The reception will provide an intimate setting for networking while also allowing guests to mingle. Cocktails will be provided.

**Register Here:** <https://conference.thoracic.org/program/events/reception-phd-other-basic-science-researchers.php>