

TASK FORCE UPDATE

News from the Women and Medicine Task Force

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The Women and Medicine Task Force (WAMTF) is SGIM's primary vehicle for promoting women's health and the academic careers of women in medicine. The WAMTF facilitates communication among interest groups related to women's health, promotes women's health as a generalist issue in both clinical practice and health policy, and supports the career development of academic women physicians.

During the past seven annual meetings, the WAMTF has sponsored the Distinguished Professor of Women and Medicine (DPWM, formerly Distinguished Professor in Women's Health). At the 2014 annual meeting, Dr. Melissa McNeil presented her keynote address, "Life Lessons Learned: Things I Wish I Had Known," to a standing-room-only crowd. Dr. McNeil also served as expert discussant for the women's health oral abstract and poster sessions.

We are pleased to announce that the DPWM at SGIM's 2015 Annual Meeting in Toronto will be Dr. Katrina Armstrong. Dr. Armstrong is physician-in-chief of the Department of Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital and a world-renowned investigator in the areas of medical decision-making, quality of care, and cancer prevention and outcomes. As the DPWM at the 2015 annual meeting, Dr. Armstrong will deliver a keynote address titled "Ambulances, Epidemiology, and the End of the Week." In this presentation, she will discuss how understanding what is meaningful to each of us individually and as members of a

team is critical for success in academic medicine and how our experiences in clinical training can drive this process across our careers. Dr. Armstrong will also serve as expert discussant for the women's health oral abstract and poster sessions in Toronto. The WAMTF will once again employ a peer-review process to recognize high-quality oral abstracts and posters addressing women's health.

At the 2012 annual meeting, the WAMTF launched its Career Advising Program (CAP), a large-scale initiative to help female junior faculty successfully navigate the academic promotion process. CAP is a two-year longitudinal mentoring experience that focuses on CV preparation, targeted committee membership, and strategies for relationship-building with external letter writers. The third class of CAP advisee-advisor pairs will be matched just prior to the 2015 annual meeting in Toronto. As in prior years, potential participants will be identified from SGIM's on-line mentoring survey. Advisor candidates may be men or women and should be associate or full professors. Advisee candidates should be women at the assistant professor, instructor, fellow, or resident level. For questions about the CAP, please contact Dr. Amy Gottlieb at Amy_Gottlieb@brown.edu.

The WAMTF will complement its CAP at the 2015 annual meeting with two workshops focused on professional development. Specifically, WAMTF members will offer a workshop titled "Executive Pres-

ence, Coaching, and Sponsorship as Tools for Leadership Development." This workshop will introduce SGIM members to career development concepts that are mainstays in the business community and engage in exercises to begin developing these attributes to facilitate advancement within academic medicine. Additionally, members of the WAMTF in collaboration with SGIM's Women's Caucus will offer a workshop titled "Writing for Impact: From Idea to Perspective Piece." This workshop will be highly interactive. Editors from several medical journals will serve as guest facilitators, previewing and then helping to develop ideas of junior faculty mentees eager to share their writing.

The WAMTF and the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) task forces are collaborating to develop a dedicated Women's Health MOC module. This module will provide participants with an in-depth review of the most important topics in women's health and will be available in the spring of 2015.

The WAMTF looks to SGIM membership to support its mission of rewarding high-quality scientific content in women's health at our annual meetings, hosting the popular Distinguished Professor of Women and Medicine keynote address, and sponsoring the very successful Career Advising Program—SGIM's model program for career development mentorship. Please consider supporting our mission. Information on donating can found at <http://sgim.org/about-us/support-sgim>.