AAI Vanguard Lecture
Formerly AAI Minority Affairs Committee (MAC) Guest Lecture

Since 2003, the AAI Annual Meeting has featured a minority scientist guest lecture sponsored by the AAI Minority Affairs Committee. The lecture series features AAI members who are under-represented minority scientists as defined by eligibility to participate in the Minority Access to Research Resources (MARC) Program of the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), NIH. Following are past AAI Vanguard (MAC Guest) Lecturers (note: lecturers’ institutional affiliations reflect their affiliations at the time of their AAI presentation):

2018

Elina Zúñiga, Ph.D.
University of California, San Diego
The art of coexistence: immune adaptations during chronic viral infections

2017

Tyler J. Curiel, M.D., M.P.H., M.R.C.P.
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
Advancing towards optimized cancer immunotherapy

2016

Prosper N. Boyaka, Ph.D.
Ohio State University
Diversity: Lessons from regulation of mucosal immunity by toxins and microbiota

2015

Gabriel Núñez, M.D.
University of Michigan
Linking pathogen virulence, immunity, and the microbiota

2014

Arturo Casadevall, Ph.D.
Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Yeshiva University
A new synthesis for antibody-mediated immunity

2013

Esteban Celis, Ph.D.
Moffitt Cancer Center, University of South Florida
The long road to effective peptide vaccines for cancer: learning from infectious diseases and autoimmunity

2012

Charles E. Egwuagu, M.P.H., Ph.D.
National Eye Institute, National Institutes of Health
Regulation of autoreactive lymphocytes that mediate CNS autoimmune diseases
2011  
Olivia M. Martinez, Ph.D.  
Stanford School of Medicine  
*Effects of viral proteins on lymphocyte function in Epstein Barr Virus B cell lymphomas*

2010  
Albert Zlotnik, Ph.D.  
University of California, Irvine  
*An evolutionary view of chemokines*

2009  
Emil R. Unanue, M.D.  
Washington University School of Medicine  
*The mysteries of peptide selection by the class II MHC molecules*

2008  
Juan J. Lafaille, Ph.D.  
New York University School of Medicine  
*Antigen-induced Foxp3+ regulatory T cells*

2007  
Avery August, Ph.D.  
Pennsylvania State University  
*Tec tyrosine kinase modulation of airway responses*

2006  
Diana M. Lopez, Ph.D.  
University of Miami  
*A unique mucin immunoenhancing peptide with anti-tumor properties*

2005  
Juan Carlos Zúñiga-Pflücker, Ph.D.  
Sunnybrook and Women’s Research Institute, University of Toronto  
*Becoming a T cell: lineage options and decisions by stem cells*

2004  
Randy R. Brutkiewicz, Ph.D.  
Indiana University School of Medicine  
*CD1d-mediated antigen presentation to NKT Cells*

2003  
Richard A. Goldsby, Ph.D.  
Amherst College  
*Human antibody from human artificial chromosome transgenic cloned cattle*