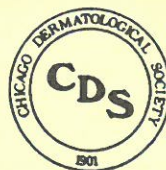


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Dr. Iris Aronson was born in Tel-Aviv, Israel, to holocaust survivors and emigrated to the USA with her family when she was a young girl. She grew up on the north side of Chicago, attending Senn High School. She attended college at the University of Illinois at Chicago. In her first year she met her future husband, Andrew Aronson. They married in 1967 when Iris was in her first year of medical school. Andrew is a pediatric nephrologist at the University of Chicago Hospitals.

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I feel very fortunate to have known him over the past several years. He was honest, ethical, and knowledgeable. He would often provide advice on patient care, how to survive in the world of managed care, and even places to visit on vacations. I will miss him very much.

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AWARDS

The Awards Committee of the Society has chosen the recipients of the Practitioner of the Year and the Founders Award for 1996.

Practitioner of the Year

Awarded each year to an individual for exemplary service as a practitioner of dermatology:

Samuel Solomon, M.D.

Founders Award

Awarded each year to an individual who has devoted extraordinary time and talent as a part-time teacher and clinician:

James B. Pinski, M.D.

Samuel Solomon, M.D.

Samuel Solomon, M.D. was born in Chicago and raised on the North Side. He attended Navy Pier (the campus for the University of Illinois in Chicago) and completed his B.S. in chemistry and zoology at the Champaign campus. He remembers his year downstate with great fondness — it was his first time away from home.

He traveled back to Chicago for medical school, enrolling at the University of Illinois College of Medicine. Sam notes that his class numbered two hundred students, of which five were female — a sharp contrast to today's 50% representation of each sex. After graduation, Sam interned at Evanston Hospital. He remembers it as a modest-sized community hospital where "you knew everyone."

Following his internship Sam served in the Army, spending one year of his two-year service in Vietnam. "I was deeply moved and touched by what I saw," he remembers. "It was a year that tested one in many ways."

Upon discharge from the Army, Sam began his residency in Dermatology at Northwestern University. Fondly reminiscing about Samuel Bluefarb, M.D., then chairman of the department, Sam describes the respect and admiration he felt for his teachers and colleagues.

Sam began his practice of dermatology in two part-time locations, Glenview and Evanston. After 1½ years, however, he joined Sidney Kaplan, M.D. in Waukegan and Lake Forest. Their association continues to this day, although Kaplan now works only part time. More recently Sam has taken a partner, Benjamin Dubin, M.D. Not only do they share a philosophy of the practice of medicine, but many other interests.

Sam's passion, however, is gardening. He's a certified plant judge under the auspices of the Gardeners of America. Currently he's involved in producing a gardening program on cable access television. "Easy Gardening" now reaches 750,000 homes in the greater Chicago area.

Clearly, Sam's joy is his family. He has been married to Andrea for only a year and one half but that time has been filled with great sharing and satisfaction. His children, too, are a source of great pride. Jeffrey is a Ph.D. in applied anthropology. Adam is receiving his masters degree in U.S. History. Sara has embarked on a career as a professional chef.

The Chicago Dermatological Society also occupies a special place in Sam's heart. Reflecting on the meetings he attended in the 1960's, Sam notes the "pecking order" that was religiously followed. The older and wiser practitioners sat in the first few rows, the partially seasoned colleagues in the next few rows, and

the novices and uninitiated were relegated toward the rear.

Most of all, he remembers, "my fondest memories in regards to ongoing dermatologic education are associated with the Chicago Dermatological Society. The array of patient cases, the protocols, and discussion have made learning a pleasure and, yes, almost effortless." He has learned much from his colleagues and hopes he has been able to impart some of his experiences for use in their practices.

James Bernard (J.B.) Pinski, M.D.

James Bernard Pinski was born on October 31, 1934, in New Orleans, Louisiana. At age 6, he moved with his parents to Chicago. He attended grade school and high school in Chicago and college at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana, where he received a B.A. and B.S. degree. Next, he attended the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago, graduating in 1959. He then entered the U.S. Army and served a rotating internship at Brooke General Hospital in San Antonio, Texas, followed by a dermatology residency at Letterman General Hospital and the University of California in San Francisco. Upon completion of his residency, he then served as Chief of Dermatology for the U.S. Army in Heidelberg, Germany, with a rank of Major from 1963-1966.

His interest in dermatology began as a child due to his admiration of his family dermatologist, Marcus Caro, M.D. He was fortunate that his medical school course in dermatology was taught by Dr. Caro, who further influenced J.B. to choose dermatology as a career.

On his return from Germany, J.B. contacted the President of the Chicago Dermatological Society, who at that time was Dr. John Haeberlin. Dr. Haeberlin was planning to retire soon and offered J.B. the opportunity of gradually assuming his practice, which had previously been the practice of Francis Senear, M.D. and before him, William Allen Pusey, M.D. J.B. also opened an office in Kankakee and for a short time worked with Frank Dunlap, M.D.

Dermatology and life in general have been very good to Dr. Pinski. He is blessed with a wonderful family: Dee, his wife, and three sons. Kevin, the oldest, is now his partner in the practice of Dermatology and Cosmetic Surgery in Chicago.

Dermatology has provided a stimulating and rewarding career. In an attempt to return something to Dermatology, J.B. has funded the Max J. and Vera H. Pinski Lectureship in honor of his late parents.

J.B. feels very humbled and extremely flattered by his selection to receive the 1996 Chicago Dermatological Society Founders Award.

1996 Service Awards

50 years

	Year elected
James Barrock, M.D.	1946
Samuel M. Bluefarb, M.D.	1946

45 years

James B. Howell, M.D.	1951
Stanley Huff, M.D.	1951
Royal E. Ihrke, M.D.	1951
Louis Rubin, M.D.	1951
Malcom C. Spencer, M.D.	1951

40 years

Richard Crotty, M.D.	1956
Fred Malkinson, M.D.	1956

35 years

Junji Hasegawa, M.D.	1961
H. Victoria Iverson, M.D.	1961

30 years

Richard Bernstein, M.D.	1966
Marshall Blankenship, M.D.	1966
Frank E. Dunlap, M.D.	1966
Maria Medenica, M.D.	1966
Donald E. Temple, M.D.	1966

25 years

James McNeese, M.D.	1971
Ronald B. Minkin, M.D.	1971
Samuel Solomon, M.D.	1971
John E. Stopka, M.D.	1971
Palmer G. Tibbitts, M.D.	1971

New Officers for Chicago Dermatological Society

The following slate of officers has been chosen for 1996-97:

President	Henry Roenigk, M.D.
President-elect	Bruce Bennin, M.D.
Vice-President	Jerome Garden, M.D.
Secretary	Bruce Bennin, M.D.
Treasurer	Kathleen Remlinger, M.D.

New Officers for Illinois Dermatological Society

The following slate of officers has been chosen for 1996-97:

President	Thomas Andrews, M.D.
President-elect	Katherine Wier, M.D.
Secretary/Treasurer	Harry Goldin, M.D.

Job Search

Danilo V. Del Campo, M.D. would like to find a board certified or board eligible dermatologist for a part-time position at his office in northwest Chicago. Dr. Del Campo can be contacted at (312) 286-8111.

The Dean Medical Center in Madison, Wisconsin, is looking for a female dermatologist to join their large group of more than 300 physicians, including seven dermatologists. The majority of their practice is fee for service patients; about 40% of their patients belong to their own HMO. Please contact Dr. Robert McDonald at (608) 252-8000.

Female dermatologist is leaving an academic position to pursue private practice. She is available to begin practice immediately. She graduated from the University of Illinois Medical School and received her dermatology training at the University of Texas. Please contact Jamey Morgan at (800) 334-6407.

Long Range Planning Committee

This committee met on March 20, 1996. Chaired by Sophie Welykyj, M.D., other members include Mark Gendleman, M.D., Henry Roenigk, M.D., David Shanker, M.D., Charles Zugerman, M.D., and Ben Dubin, M.D.

Several recommendations were made:

- 1.) A seventh meeting could be held during the academic year. It should be a clinical meeting at a neutral (non-university) location with major input from private practitioners in order to not burden the various institutions with a second meeting during the year.
- 2.) The president of the Society should contact individuals who will attend upcoming meetings to discuss certain cases according to their area of expertise.
- 3.) The format of the Society's Centennial Meeting in the fall of year 2001 should be awards, cases, and speakers. The Centennial Committee (with Marshall Blankenship, M.D. as chair) should merge temporarily with the long range planning committee.
- 4.) A speakers bureau should be established.
- 5.) A Public Service Award should be added to honor or recognize any non-dermatologist who has served our Society or specialty.
- 6.) The Society should not participate in any cancer screen since many area hospitals are already providing this service.
- 7.) The members of our Society will be polled regarding several issues. This will be implemented with a questionnaire on the back of the CME evaluation forms.

Silas Wallk Day of Learning

The Chicago Dermatological Society's annual Silas Wallk Day of Learning was held at the Chicago Medical Society on January 10, 1996. The day is dedicated to the memory of Silas Wallk and his legacy of providing outstanding learning opportunities for his colleagues.

About 100 participants attended the program of self-assessment in dermatopathology. Drs. Sid Barsky, Darryl Bronson, Ann Eng, David Fretzin, Tony Fu, Joan Guitart, Dan Kelly, Salve Ronan and Tom Victor presented unknown slides for evaluation and then reviewed and discussed the findings. The cases were of outstanding quality and the discussion was stimulating and illuminating.

Most of us had the pleasure and privilege of knowing Silas Wallk, but many of our youngest colleagues did not.

Silas Wallk was born in Peoria, Illinois, in 1923. He served as a Captain in the army medical corps in the Philippines. His dermatologic training was at Bellevue and New York Skin and Cancer Hospital. He returned to Chicago and for the rest of his professional life was a leader in the dermatological community in our area and in the country. He created the Great Lakes Dermatological Society and its wonderful Day of Learning.

My fond memories of Sy were from various meetings. At the local Chicago Dermatological Society meetings he was always an active contributor, adding interesting information and anecdotes on many cases. He was intimately familiar with the literature and had almost a photographic memory for the references. He would always keep the discussions lively. In addition to his academic inclination, he was an expert clinician and member of the community. He was a family man who had a wonderful relationship with his wife and children. Sy's wife Charlotte attended this year's meeting.

The only disappointment of the day was that A. Bernard Ackerman, M.D. was unable to attend due to the severe winter storm in New York. He said, "Sy was a man who had a rarefied soul and an impeccable character, to which was added more than a dash of courage." He misses Sy very much and knows that we do, too.

This day was a tribute to Dr. Wallk and his love for learning. It is part of his legacy.

Bruce Bennin, M.D.

Midwest Clinical Conference

The Midwest Clinical Conference for 1996 was held on January 19-21, at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers. The dermatology portion of the program took place on Saturday, January 20, and consisted of four outstanding presentations: Donna L. Stockton, M.D. discussed "Melanoma;" Jeffrey S. Altman, M.D. spoke about "Dermatologic and Laser Surgery;" Nona M. Craig, M.D. elaborated on "The Dermatological Manifestations of HIV Infection;" and Robert J. Signore, D.O. concluded the program with a lecture entitled "Interesting Descriptive Terms in Dermatology."

Most of the attendees were primary care physicians. After each presentation, there was stimulating discussion between the speakers and audience. Over 80% of the attendees rated the course as well organized and helpful for their practices. I would like to add my personal thank you to that of the Chicago Dermatological Society to all four speakers for a job well done.

Benjamin A. Dubin, M.D.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

University News

Mary E. Shepherd, M.D., Ph.D. joined the Division of Dermatology at Cook County Hospital as an Attending Physician in October, 1995. Dr. Shepherd previously was Chief of Dermatology at Nellis Federal Hospital located on Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, Nevada. Mary completed her Dermatology Residency at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) Galveston, Texas in 1992. Her internship in Internal Medicine was also completed at UTMB after graduating from the University of Illinois College of Medicine. Prior to entering medical school she was an Assistant Professor of Microbiology and Immunology at the University of Illinois Medical School, having completed a Ph.D. in Molecular Biology at Texas Woman's University and Post-doctoral work in Cellular Immunology at the University of Alabama in Birmingham.

Dr. Shepherd's son, Damon G. Munchus, completed his Master's in Public Policy from the Kennedy School for government at Harvard University in June, 1994. He is currently a first year law student at New York University.

Dr. Shepherd's plans for research include evaluations of the immunological changes resulting from laser tissue interactions at the cellular level. She loves to read science fiction and enjoys music, hiking, and Shakespeare.

Ethical Awareness

The American Academy of Dermatology has recently created an Ethical Awareness Committee, chaired by Stephen Webster, M.D. One phase of this program is to encourage local dermatological societies to form their own active ethics committees and to increase the dialogue on ethics among their members. To this end, they have asked local societies to present one or more "ethical cases" at our regular dermatology meetings along with our other "live" cases. These cases could be posted outside an otherwise empty room and included in our meeting program. Several sample ethical cases have been sent to our educational program director. These cases could be included in the discussion of the other clinical cases. Accordingly, this program addition may be implemented in next year's schedule. An Ethics Committee of the Chicago Dermatological Society has been appointed. Members of this committee are: David Lorber, M.D., Harry Goldin, M.D., and Brian Cook, M.D.

Election Updates

One for the books? *The Guinness Book of World Records*, that is. Our own former president, John Weiss, M.D. was elected secretary-treasurer of the San Francisco Dermatology Society this month. In three years he will be president, perhaps the first to serve in two major U.S. cities. "They got tired of my talks about how we did it in Chicago," John explained.

William A. Caro, M.D. has been elected president of the American Society of Dermatopathology.

NEW MEMBERS

Jeffrey Altman, M.D.

Dr. Altman grew up in Northbrook, Illinois, and graduated with an A.B. degree from Washington University in St. Louis. He then completed his internship in internal medicine at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and his dermatology residency at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center. Following his residency, he did a one year fellowship in Mohs and laser surgery with Dr. Timothy Rosio at the Marshfield Clinic. He is in practice with his father, Arthur Altman, M.D., in Arlington Heights, Illinois. He resides in Palatine with his wife, Pam, and their two daughters, Jennifer Rose and Laura Emily.

Jeff is indebted to Drs. Eugene Bauer, Roger Pearson, and Fred Malkinson for stimulating his interest in dermatology. He is grateful to his father for his support and for the many pearls of wisdom he has given him over the years.

Heidi J. Baca, M.D.

Dr. Baca graduated from St. Louis University with a B.A. degree in Biology. She then received her M.D. degree from the University of Illinois, Chicago, where she achieved AOA membership. Following this, Dr. Baca took a one year internship in Internal Medicine at Northwestern University Hospital and a dermatology residency at the University of Illinois, Chicago. She then completed a one year fellowship in Mohs and dermatologic surgery at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

Dr. Baca has recently joined the Department of Dermatology at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center as director of Mohs, laser and dermatologic surgery.

Michael H. Berkson, M.D.

Dr. Berkson was originally from the Chicago area. He went to Northwestern University Medical School. He then completed an internal medicine residency at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, California. That was followed by a dermatology residency and fellowship in photopheresis at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. He is married to a surgical pathologist, Grace Hartman, M.D., and has two children. He is in private practice in Chicago.

Jerome D. Fallon, M.D.

Dr. Fallon (nicknamed "J.D.") is very excited to be included in his favorite city's dermatological society. He is a Midwesterner through and through, having grown up in the small town of Hillside, Michigan. He attended the University of Notre Dame for pre-med, University of Michigan Medical School, and completed an internal medicine internship at Northwestern. He then took a sojourn to Boston for a dermatology residency at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Fallon is now in private practice in Racine, Wisconsin, with the All Saints Medical Group. He has special interests in dermatological clinical trials and dermatologic surgery. He resides in Racine with his wife, Susan, and two daughters, Kelsey and Jesse.

Melanie F. Griem, M.D.

Dr. Griem received her B.A. from Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, and her M.D. from the University of Chicago. She completed a dermatology residency at the Medical College of Wisconsin and a dermatopathology fellowship at the University of Chicago. She is in private practice in Flossmoor with Dr. Manuel Mesirow and in Merrillville, Indiana, with Dr. Mitchell Bressack.

Lori A. Heinrich, M.D.

Dr. Heinrich received her B.S. from the University of Wisconsin in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and her M.D. from the University of Wisconsin Medical School in Madison. She completed an internship and dermatology residency at the University Hospital and Clinic in Madison. She is in private practice in Milwaukee.

James Herrmann, M.D.

Dr. Herrmann attended Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana, and Northwestern University for both medical school and residency. He is married to Maureen Herrmann, who is an internist at the Glen Ellyn Clinic. They live in Wheaton, Illinois, with their two children, Andrew and Erin. He is in private practice at the Wheaton Medical Clinic. His special interests are laser surgery and phototherapy.

Jeanne M. Hoag, M.D.

Dr. Hoag went to college at the University of Illinois at Urbana and medical school at the University of Illinois at Chicago. After completing a pediatric residency at the University of Chicago, she was employed for two years as a pediatrician at Humana. She then completed a dermatology residency at the University of Illinois. Jeanne is board certified in both dermatology and pediatrics and is practicing dermatology at two multi-specialty group practices affiliated with Ravenswood Hospital.

Mark D. Hoffman, M.D.

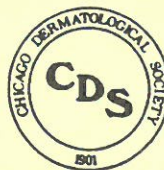
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Tehming Liang, M.D.

Dr. Liang received his Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of Chicago where he began his research in the mechanism of androgen action. He spent eight years at Merck where he was involved in designing compounds for inhibiting androgen actions. Proscar (finasteride), a drug for treating benign prostatic hyperplasia, became the best known compound from this research project. Subsequently, Dr. Liang received his M.D. from the University of Miami. After his internship in internal medicine at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, he completed his dermatology residency at the University of Chicago. Dr. Liang was associate professor and chair of Department of Dermatology at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. Recently, Dr. Liang left academia to start his dermatology private practice in Bolingbrook.

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