2013 Award Winners
Ninth Annual Lewis Landsberg Research Day

First Place, Basic Science
Michelle Oliveira-Fernandes, MS, Graduate Student
P.I. Warren G. Tourtellotte, MD, PhD, FCAP
*The transcription factor Egr3 promotes muscle stretch receptor morphogenesis and innervation homeostasis*

Second Place, Basic Science
Laura A. Sena, Student
P.I. Navdeep Chandel, PhD
*Mitochondria are required for antigen-specific T cell activation through ROS signaling*

Third Place, Basic Science
Relja Popovic, PhD, Research Associate
P.I. Jonathan D. Licht, MD
*MMSET dysregulates gene expression in myeloma through global and focal changes in H3K36 and H3K27 methylation*

First Place, Clinical Research
Reeti Chawla MD, Pediatric Endocrinology Fellow
P.I. William L. Lowe Jr. MD and M. Geoffrey Hayes PhD
*Genes associated with obesity in adulthood are associated with newborn birth weight and adiposity*

Second Place, Clinical Research
Daniel C. Lee, MD, Assistant Professor
P.I. Daniel C. Lee, MD
*Assessment of diffuse myocardial fibrosis in systemic sclerosis by cardiac magnetic resonance imaging*

Third Place, Clinical Research
Aksharananda Rambachan, BA, Medical Student
P.I. John Y.S. Kim, MD
*Reasons for readmission after carotid endarterectomy*
First Place, Public Health and Social Sciences Research
Jennifer M. Duncan, PsyD, Post-Doctoral Fellow
P.I. Bonnie Spring, PhD, ABPP
*eHealth behavior change: Mobile to integrate technology into standard weight loss treatment*

Second Place, Public Health and Social Sciences Research
Lisa B. VanWagner, MD, MS, F32 Post-Doctoral Research Fellow
P.I. Mercedes Carnethon, PhD
*Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease and subclinical atherosclerosis: Analyses from the coronary artery risk development in young adults (CARDIA) study*

Third Place, Public Health and Social Sciences Research
Jennifer A. Hershfield, MA, MS, Graduate Student
P.I. Linda A. Teplin, PhD
*Trajectories of substance use disorders in youth after detention*

Outstanding Research Addressing Women’s Health
Basic Science: Ann Marie Carias, PhD Student
P.I. Thomas Hope, PhD
*Epithelial thinning of the epithelium of the female reproductive tract and HIV-1 transmission*

Clinical Research: Jun Wang, PhD, Research Assistant Professor
P.I. Seema A. Khan, MD
*Lipid metabolism genes in contralateral unaffected breast: potential estrogen receptor-specific cancer risk biomarkers*

Public Health and Social Sciences Research: Javiera Pumarino, BA, Research Assistant
P.I. Joyce Tang, MD, MPH
*Motivators and barriers to behavior change among postpartum women with prior gestational diabetes*

Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities
2nd Annual Community-Engaged Research Partnership Award

South Asian Healthy Lifestyle Initiative
Accepted by Santosh Kumar and Promila Mehta from Metropolitan Asian Family Services, and Namratha Kandula, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor in Medicine-General Internal Medicine and Geriatrics and Swapna Dave, MBBS, MPH, Study Coordinator in Medicine-General Internal Medicine and Geriatrics.