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In this edition, we share the latest HTRS news, opportunities, and links to our upcoming events at ASH 2021. Register Today!

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HTRS Pre-ASH 2021 Events

Register Today!

Grant Review Workshop: Apply Now

Friday, December 10 at 1:00 PM ET

We invite you to apply to participate in our upcoming HTRS Pre-ASH 2021 Grant Review Workshop being held on Friday, December 10th, 2021 from 1:00 to 2:30 PM ET at the Doubletree Hotel in Atlanta, GA.

Deadline for submissions is Wednesday, November 24, 2021. For an application form, [CLICK HERE](#) or email jziegler@versiti.org.

The accepted applicant's in-progress grant application will be discussed in a small-group meeting with the following HTRS-member faculty:

- **Gowthamy Arepally, MD**, Professor of Medicine, Division of Hematology, Vice Chief of Research/Division of Hematology, Duke University Medical Center
- **Veronica Flood, MD**, Pediatric Hematology-Oncology, Children's Wisconsin, Professor, Medical College of Wisconsin

Participants will receive direct feedback for potential improvements to their projects/applications and will have the potential for ongoing discussions with colleagues and mentors. *(Please note: To avoid potential conflicts of interest, applications for the HTRS MRA or ATHN/DREAM Awards cannot be reviewed during this Workshop.)*

To apply, submit grant-specific application materials and/or a description of your project and career goals to jziegler@versiti.org. Materials will be reviewed by faculty in advance and discussed during the small-group workshop.

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HTRS Fellows Network Career Development Webinar #5

Thursday, December 2 at 5:00 PM ET | 4:00 PM CT

Join our next *Fellows Network Webinar: "How to Navigate a National Meeting,"* for helpful tips to get the most out of attending national meetings early in your career.

To register: [CLICK HERE](#)

These HTRS-member panelists will share their experience on the subject, with live Q&A to follow:

- **Bethany Samuelson Bannow, MD**, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Oregon Health & Science University
- **Jordan Shavit, MD, PhD**, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Hemostasis/Thrombosis, C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, University of Michigan Medical School
- **Alisa Wolberg, PhD**, Professor, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, University of North Carolina School of Medicine
- **George Goshua, MD**, 3rd Year Hematology Fellow, Yale University School of Medicine

This is our fifth in a series of Career Development Webinars for fellows, trainees, residents, and medical or PhD students interested in hemostasis and thrombosis. To access our recent Fellows Network newsletters, [CLICK HERE](#).

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ConECCTOR Network and VENUS Meetings at ASH 2021

Friday, December 10 at 4:30 PM ET

Please join us for the upcoming ConECCTOR Network and VENUS Meetings at the

Omni Hotel in Atlanta, GA on Friday, December 10th,

The ConECCTOR Network Meeting will take place 4:30 - 6:00 PM ET. The following HTRS Faculty will make 15-minute presentations on the listed topics with Q&A to follow each topic:

- **Rebecca Kruse-Jarres, MD, MPH:** *"How to Build a Functional Clinical Care Team"*
- **Mary Cushman, MD, MSc:** *"Experience as an Editor: How to Submit and Review Successfully"*
- **Neil A. Goldenberg, MD, PhD:** *"How to Create and Run Multi-Institutional Trials"*

Stay for the HTRS ConECCTOR and VENUS Networking Reception from 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM ET, followed by the Venus Meeting from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM ET.

To register for the ConECCTOR Meeting by December 1, [CLICK HERE](#)

ConECCTOR Meeting Calendar Hold

Watch for the VENUS Meeting registration to launch shortly.

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HTRS Member Mixer at ASH 2021

Friday, December 10 from 8:00 to 10:00 PM ET

Join us for cocktails and camaraderie at our *HTRS Member Mixer*. All HTRS members are welcome to this evening networking event to share food, fun, and fellowship.

We will meet Friday, December 10 from 8:00 to 10:00 PM ET at a location TBA near the World Congress Center in Atlanta, GA. This event is hosted by the HTRS Career Development Networks: ConECCTOR (HTRS junior faculty members) and the HTRS Fellows Network.

To register, [CLICK HERE](#)

Calendar hold

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HTRS/Genentech "Best of ASH 2021" Networking Brunch

Join us to discuss ASH 2021 abstracts and/or presentations at the *HTRS/Genentech "Best of ASH 2021" Networking Brunch* on Sunday, December 12, 2021, from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM ET at the SkyLounge at the Glenn Hotel.

All HTRS members are welcome! A breakfast buffet will be served.

[CLICK HERE](#) to Register

Interested in leading a discussion table during this event, focused on your ASH 2021 abstract? Be sure to indicate this interest when you register (see the registration link, below).

- Sunday, December 12 from 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM ET
- Location: The SkyLounge at the Glenn Hotel [rooftop lounge located at 110 Marietta St NW, Atlanta, GA 30303]
- [Register here](#)

- [View our COVID-19 vaccine requirement](#) for in-person events

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Important Note about HTRS In-Person Events:

Proof of vaccination and masks are required for participation in all HTRS in-person events, in keeping with ASH 2021 guidelines. To review the HTRS Terms and Conditions for onsite participation, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Stay informed, stay safe!

Questions?

Contact your HTRS Meeting Manager, Danielle Barsuglia, at meeting@htrs.org with any questions about these events. We look forward to seeing you in Atlanta, GA for ASH 2021! For the latest updates, visit www.HTRS.org.

Presenting an Abstract at ASH 2021?

Let us know by Monday, November 29

We are creating a listing of ASH 2021 Abstract Presenters who are HTRS members. Please submit your abstract info [HERE](#) to be included, and we will share the listing to promote awareness and support for our colleagues there.

If you are a presenter, consider taking part as a discussion leader at our HTRS/Genentech "Best Of ASH 2021" Networking Brunch on Sunday, December 12th from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM ET at the Glenn Hotel in Atlanta, GA.

If interested in being a discussion leader at this Networking Brunch, [CLICK HERE](#)

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HTRS Student Research Awards

Apply by March 11, 2022 | Mentors Needed!

We are pleased to announce the **2022 HTRS Student Research Awards (SRA) Program**, an 8- to 10-week program for medical, PhD, MD/PhD, or PharmD students working on targeted research projects in hemostasis and thrombosis. Proposed projects may be lab-based, clinical, or epidemiologic in design. The program includes a \$5,000 award stipend plus a \$2,000 travel allowance, collaboration with a research mentor, and a presentation at a 2022/2023 professional meeting.

The application site will open November 30, 2021. **The application deadline is March 11, 2022.** Up to three fellowships will be awarded. For more details, see the [Request for Applications](#).

To apply, visit <https://htrs.smapply.org>.

SRA Mentors Needed

As part of the Student Research Award Program, students are paired with research mentors. Mentor responsibilities include assisting the applicant with the development of a research project plan, and then if the applicant is successful, overseeing the research project and providing career guidance and support. Mentors/labs receive a \$1,000 stipend.

If you are willing to serve as a mentor, please email Jennifer Ziegler, jziegler@versiti.org, at your earliest convenience. Include your research area (platelets, coagulation & fibrinolysis, vascular biology, thrombotic or hemorrhagic disorders) and whether your focus is clinical, basic, translational, epidemiology or public health.

To learn more about mentor eligibility and responsibilities, see the [Request for Applications](#).

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21 Questions Interview: **Toyosi Onwuemene, MD, MS**



Assistant Professor of Medicine-Hematology

Duke University

Getting to Know You

1) Did you have a nickname while growing up? If yes, what was it and the story behind it?

My nickname, which I have answered to since childhood, is “Toyosi.” When people ask me for a shorter version, I laugh and tell them my full name, “Oluwatoyosi.” My full name is only really used by my grandmother, but she lengthens it to “Oluwatomiyosi.”

2) What was your favorite activity or hobby while growing up?

I enjoyed reading. As a child, I “devoured” books while hiding out in the bathroom. My siblings would say I loved reading only because it got me out of doing most chores – my parents were so impressed by my love of reading that they let the others do my work.

3) What interests do you pursue in your free time now?

I enjoy running, going for long walks, and playing the piano. I recently launched my own YouTube channel in which I create coagulation videos for my students and trainees (<https://www.youtube.com/c/coagcoach>). My children tell me I have much to learn from “Baby Shark.”

4) If you could bring one book to a desert island, what would it be and why?

It would be the New King James Version of the Bible because its language is beautiful, and I love its poetry. I also resonate with the Bible’s cast of deeply flawed

and relatable characters living out incredible adventures.

5) If you could bring one movie?

It would have to be the original Star Wars trilogy because I love the idea of a small group of rebels taking on an evil empire and, in the process, winning over the evil empire's greatest villain.

6) If you could live in another time or era, which one would you choose and why?

I would stay in this era because I believe that we are living in the greatest time in history where more of us have a chance to leave our mark on and enhance the world for future generations.

7) If you could invite four people, living or dead, for dinner at your house, who would they be and why?

These four would be Michelle Obama, Oprah Winfrey, Nelson Mandela, and Martin Luther King Jr. I would want to know what gives/gave them the courage to be different.

8) What place in the world would you like to visit for the first time?

I would go first to Australia.

9) Pretend you have decided not to pursue a career in medicine. What alternate career path would you choose?

I would be a novelist and motivational speaker.

10) A genie in a bottle gives you three wishes. What would you wish?

I would wish to 1) know wisdom 2) own a personal jet and crew (no more commercial flights for me) and 3) have someone take all my overnight and weekend calls.

Your Brilliant Career

1) Who were the mentors who inspired you to choose non-malignant hematology as a career?

Laura DeCastro introduced me to non-malignant hematology as a specialty. Lou Diehl and Amy Abernethy encouraged my initial love of malignant hematology. If

not for these mentors, the incredible world of hematology may have remained closed to me.

2) Did you have an “a-ha moment” when you knew this was what you wanted to do?

I went to medical school thinking I would become an oncologist until I gradually fell in love with malignant hematology. However, after one particularly difficult night on the malignant hematology service - a patient bled into his spinal cord and became paraplegic - I knew that a career in malignant hematology was not for me. I started considering other options and my relationship with mentors in non-malignant hematology became significant in my ultimate choice.

3) What do you enjoy most about your career today?

I most enjoy interacting with trainees. I love the enthusiasm they bring to learning. They teach me new things, hold me accountable for sharing my knowledge in a way that is accessible, and remind me of all the reasons I chose a career in medicine.

4) What do you enjoy least about your career today?

I don't enjoy answering pages after hours, especially when a page wakes me up from sleep.

5) Describe a highlight of your career to date.

A highlight of my career is being involved in the NHLBI PRIDE Functional and Translational Genomics of Blood Disorders program led by Betty Pace at Augusta University. The program helped me understand my strengths as a clinician scientist.

6) What scientific or clinical publication in your field has been most influential to your clinical practice and/or research?

It would be the NEJM article establishing caplacizumab as the first FDA-approved therapy for thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura (Scully et al. 2019).

7) Which of your research studies/publications are you most proud of?

I am most proud of my first manuscript (Fatunase et al, 2008), on a prospective clinical study of accelerated partial radiation in breast cancer patients. Successfully

working through the revisions as a new intern on the inpatient general medicine service felt like an unimaginable victory.

8) What assay do you find the most problematic to do and/or interpret for patients?

The panel I find most difficult to interpret is the Extensive Disseminated Intravascular Coagulation (DIC) Panel, which comprises the prothrombin time, activated partial thromboplastin time, thrombin clot time, fibrinogen, d-dimer, antithrombin, and alpha-2-plasmin inhibitor level. Because there are many assays in the panel, the interpretation takes much time and thought.

9) What has changed in medicine for the better and for the worse since you completed your training?

Medicine has changed for the better with the increased availability of novel therapies and treatment strategies. There is also more openness to conversations about physician well-being. However, the world is changing faster than medicine is adapting and these changes increase frustrations for patients and providers alike.

10) What do you predict will be the next major advancement in your field?

I believe that the next major advancement in hematology will happen in the way we deliver care to our patients. With the growing need for hematology care relative to the available providers, there will be increasing opportunities for academic hematologists to reach more patients by acting as coaches to local providers to enhance the care of patients in their local environment.

11) What words of guidance would you give fellows contemplating a career in non-malignant hematology?

I would offer the following wisdom: Career satisfaction comes from doing work that resonates with the core of your being. Even if practical concerns (student loan debt, family pressures, etc.) force a different choice initially, recognize that the door is always open to your becoming a hematologist when you are ready.

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