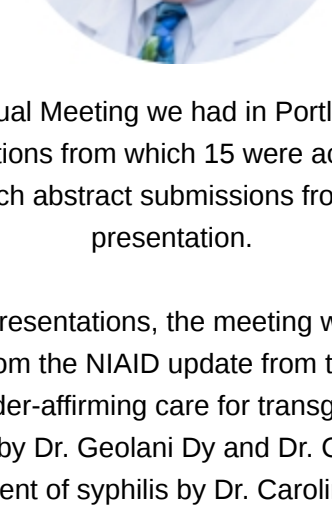


IDSOG Past President Report

Patrick Ramsey, MD



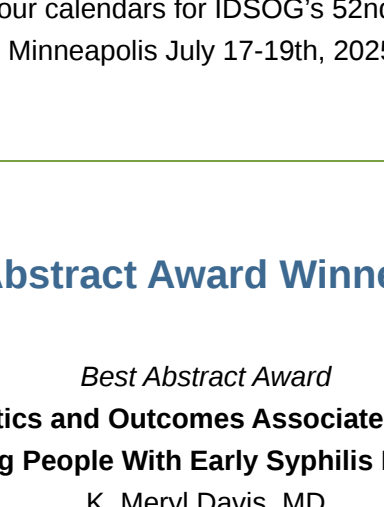
What an incredible 51st Annual Meeting we had in Portland in early August! We had a record 27 travel scholar applications from which 15 were accepted to attend our meeting. We also had a record 98 research abstract submissions from which 79 were accepted for presentation.

In addition to these research presentations, the meeting was rich in science and incredible plenary sessions ranging from the NIAID update from the NIAID Director, Dr. Jeanne Marrazzo, to discussion in gender-affirming care for transgender and gender diverse people assigned female sex at birth by Dr. Geolani Dy and Dr. Olivia Van Gerwen, to advances prevention, testing and treatment of syphilis by Dr. Caroline Cameron and Dr. Kate Meile. The meeting also included 3 fabulous industry sponsored symposia and a CDC forum. Truly an amazing program at an incredible venue coordinated by Dr. Jennifer Balkus and the Scientific Program Planning Committee.

Be sure to SAVE THE DATE for the 52nd Annual IDSOG meeting scheduled July 17-19, 2024 at the Renaissance Minneapolis Hotel-The Depot in Minneapolis, MN. Look out for call for abstracts and meeting registration in early 2025. Last, I encourage you all to consider donating to the IDSOG Travel Scholars fund and encourage colleagues and trainees to consider joining IDSOG. Your continued support is critical to continue to grow and advance IDSOG as an organization!

Message from the 2024-2025 IDSOG President

Gweneth B. Lazenby, MD, MSCR



As we move into the next fifty years of IDSOG, I want to thank our faithful membership for bringing your unique expertise and research to the 2024 meeting. We had a fantastic 51st scientific program in Portland, Oregon this summer. I am grateful to our guest speakers and industry sponsors for their contribution to the meeting experience and informative discussions. It was a pleasure to see old friends, meet new members, and spend time with enthusiastic trainees. The travel scholars fund has provided exciting opportunities to our trainees and future members. This year, we invited fifteen scholars to present their original work. Congratulations to our best abstract, oral presentation, and poster awardees. We look forward to continuing to grow as an organization and diversify our topics of interests and areas of expertise. Mark your calendars for IDSOG's 52nd annual meeting in beautiful Minneapolis July 17-19th, 2025.

Abstract Award Winners

Best Abstract Award

Doubling Down: Characteristics and Outcomes Associated With Discretionary Dosing of Penicillin Among People With Early Syphilis During Pregnancy

K. Meryl Davis, MD
CDC Foundation

Honorable Mention - Abstract

Uptake of the Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Vaccine and Nirsevimab Among Pregnant Patients and Their Neonates

Christine A. Blauvelt, MD
University of California, San Francisco

Early Career Investigator Award

Associations Between Relationship Dynamics and STI Expedited Partner Therapy Acceptance and Delivery Among Adolescent Girls and Young Women in Johannesburg, South Africa

Rebecca Howett, BA, BM BCh
University of Washington

Travel Trainee Scholars

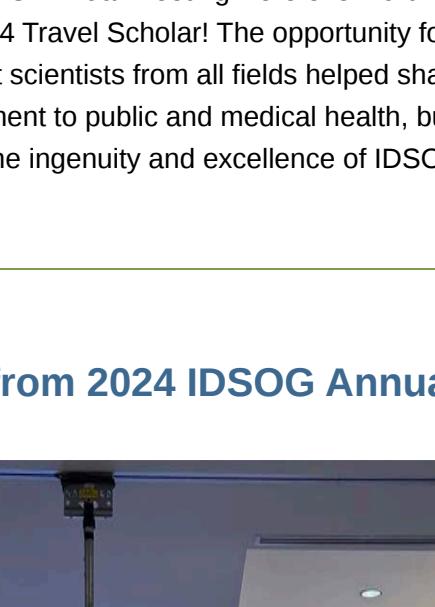


Congratulations to the 2024 IDSOG Travel Scholars:

Marissa Berry
Holly Chateaub
Christine Field
Collrane Frivold
Sheridan George
Erik Holder
Rebecca Howett
Mary Idowu
Lililee Izadi
Fouzia Khan
RyKa Lottis
Osinakachukwu Mbata
Camille Shantz
Paul Wasuwanich
Janice Wong

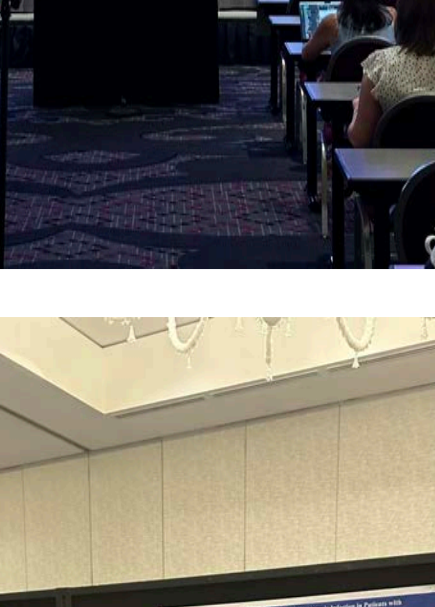
Travel Scholar Experiences

2024 IDSOG Annual Meeting



Sheridan Spivey, Microbiology Ph.D. Student

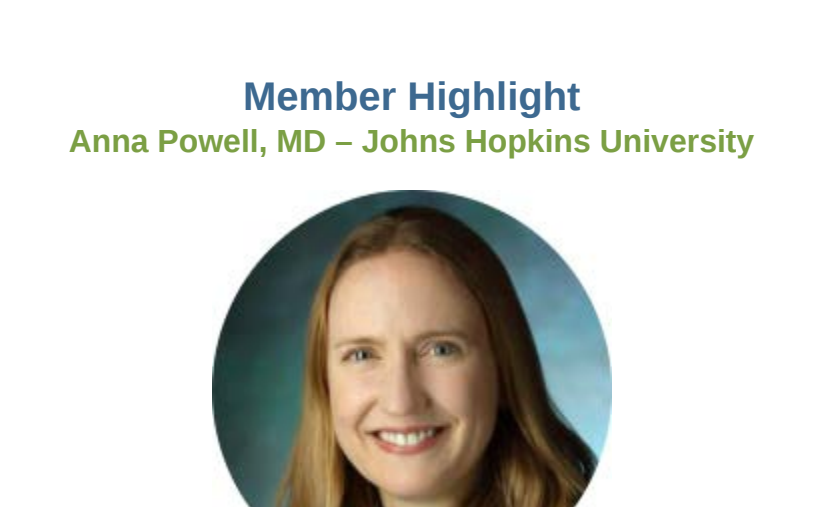
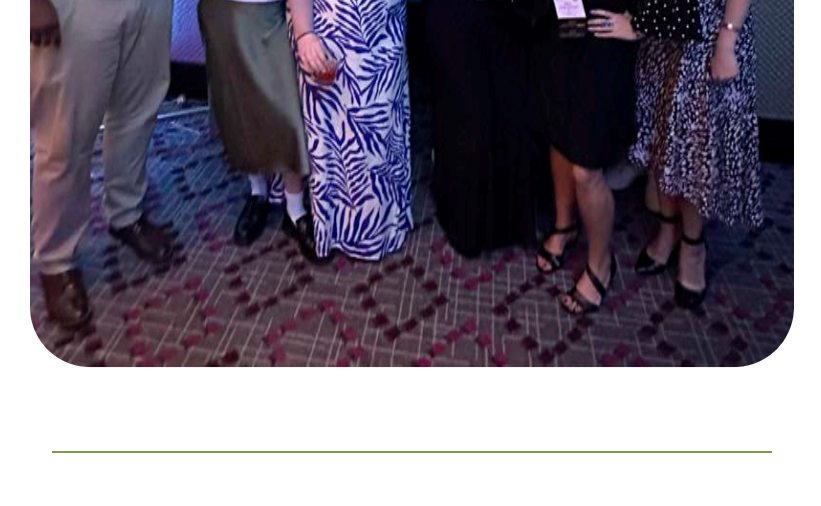
"My experience as an IDSOG 2024 Travel Scholar was enlightening. Being around so many like-minded scientists deeply enhanced my infectious disease knowledge and increased my professional network. I especially learned that IDSOG is a welcoming place for both beginner and expert scientists. I look forward to attending next year!"



Erik Holder, PGY3

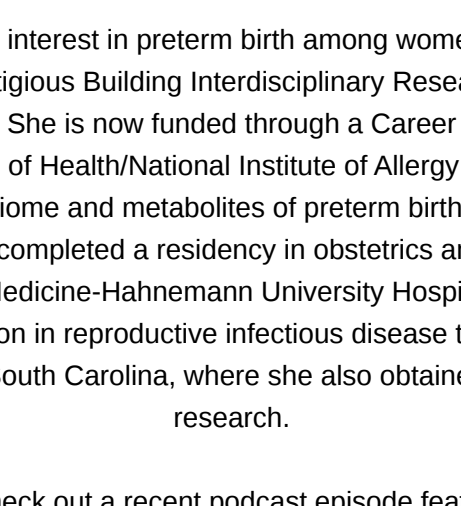
"My expectations for the IDSOG Annual Meeting were even further surpassed when coupled with my experience as a 2024 Travel Scholar! The opportunity for intellectual and personal conversations with brilliant scientists from all fields helped shape my own goals. Infectious disease is a formidable opponent to public and medical health, but it's no match when faced with the ingenuity and excellence of IDSOG!"

Photos from 2024 IDSOG Annual Meeting



Member Highlight

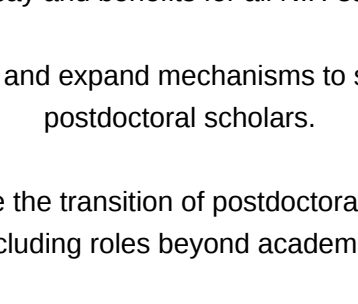
Anna Powell, MD – Johns Hopkins University



Anna Powell, M.D., M.S., an assistant professor of Gynecology and Obstetrics has advanced training in infectious disease. She has expertise in reproductive infectious disease and vulvovaginal disorders, including HIV during pregnancy, pre-exposure prophylaxis, vaginitis and bacterial vaginosis.

Dr. Powell has a research interest in preterm birth among women living with HIV, and she was a recipient of a prestigious Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers Award (K23) from the National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases to study the vaginal microbiome and metabolites of preterm birth among women with and without HIV. Dr. Powell completed a residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Drexel University College of Medicine-Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia. She continued her specialization in reproductive infectious disease through a fellowship at the Medical University of South Carolina, where she also obtained a master's in clinical research.

Click below to check out a recent podcast episode featuring Dr. Powell.



Two Requests for Information (RFI) opportunities from the NIH

NICHD Strategic Plan RFI:

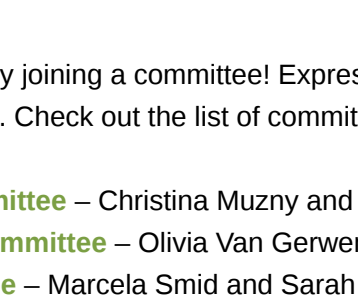
NICHD is updating its current (2020-2024) [strategic plan](#). The updated plan for 2025-2029 will help guide the research NICHD will support over the next five years. The purpose of this RFI is to solicit feedback on the research goals and opportunities under consideration for the refreshed NICHD strategic plan. Please send us your feedback on the research goals and opportunities and we will incorporate them into the response. The deadline for this RFI is September 27. Please send your feedback by Wednesday, September 18.

RFI from the NIH to receive feedback from the biomedical research community to inform implementation of the recommendations from the Advisory Committee to the Director on re-envisioning NIH-supported post-doctoral training:

This RFI is seeking input on how the NIH can most effectively implement certain recommendations from the Advisory Committee. Here are the 6 recommendations made by the Advisory Committee:

- Recommendation 1: Increase pay and benefits for all NIH-supported postdoctoral scholars.
- Recommendation 2: Create and expand mechanisms to support the full talent pool of postdoctoral scholars.
- Recommendation 3: Facilitate the transition of postdoctoral scholars into the next career stage, including roles beyond academic faculty.
- Recommendation 4: Promote training and professional development of postdoctoral scholars and their mentors.
- Recommendation 5: Support safe and diverse perspectives and research environments within institutional research programs.
- Recommendation 6: Improve means to measure and share postdoctoral scholars' career progression.

The deadline for this RFI is October 23. Please send your feedback by Wednesday, October 2.



Have You Read It?

Recent Articles of Interest

[Rising Stillbirth Rates Related to Congenital Syphilis in the United States From 2016 to 2022](#)

[Spontaneous resolution of Trichomonas vaginalis infection in men](#)

[Urgent Need to Understand and Prevent Gonococcal Infection: From the Laboratory to Real-World Context](#)

IDSOG Social Media Updates

IDSOG has joined LinkedIn! Follow us by searching "Infectious Diseases Society for Obstetrics and Gynecology."

You can also follow us on the following networks:
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X/Twitter: @IDSOG_ORG
Facebook: Infectious Diseases Society for Obstetrics and Gynecology

Become Involved in IDSOG!

Join a Committee!

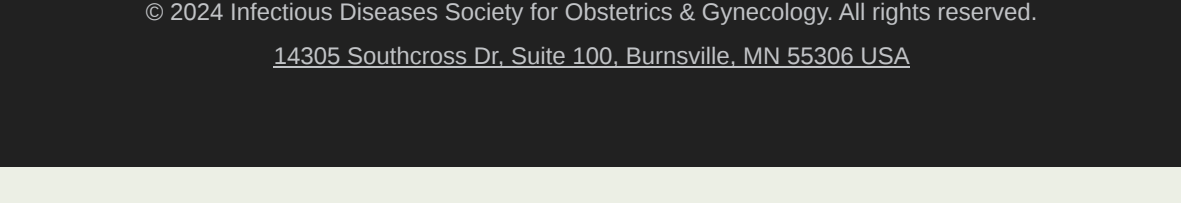
Become involved in IDSOG by joining a committee! Express your interest by sending an email to info@idsog.org. Check out the list of committees you can join below.

- Communications Committee** – Christina Muzny and Marisa Young, Co-Chairs
- DEI Committee** – Olivia Van Gerwen, Chair
- Membership Committee** – Marcela Smid and Sarah Dotters-Katz, Co-Chairs

Upcoming Meetings of Interest

- ID Week:** October 16-19, 2024, Los Angeles, CA.
- Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI):** March 9-12, 2025, San Francisco, CA.
- The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) Annual Clinical and Scientific Meeting:** May 18-18, 2025, Minneapolis, MN.
- IDSOG 2025:** July 17-19, 2025, Minneapolis, MN.
- STI & HIV World Congress:** July 26-30, 2025, Montreal, Canada.
- International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO) World Congress of Obstetrics and Gynecology:** October 5-9, 2025, Cape Town, South Africa
- International AIDS Society Conference:** October 6-10, 2025, Lima, Peru.

Thank You from the IDSOG Communications Committee!



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Marisa Young, MD (Co-chair)
Jennifer Balkus, PhD, MPH
Kevin Ault, MD
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Melissa Herbst Kravetz, PhD (New Member!)

Aissa Kachikis, MD, MSC (New Member!)

Haben Debessai, MD (New Member!)

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