Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences
Awards Ceremony, Lecture and Reception

Distinguished Alumni Award
E. John Wherry, PhD

Honorable Lifetime Membership Award
Diane Merry, PhD

Friday, April 25, 2014
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Thomas Jefferson University
Dorrance H. Hamilton Building

Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients

1983 Sydney Spector, PhD ’56
1984 Eileen Randall, PhD ’60
1985 Ronald Jensh, PhD ’66
1986 Gary McGarrity, PhD ’70
1987 Joseph Borzelleca, PhD ’56
1988 Richard Rothman, MD, PhD ’65
1989 Philip Rosenberg, PhD ’57
1990 Julian Ambrus, MD, PhD ’54
1991 Mark Brown, MD, PhD ’69
1992 Fredric Rieders, PhD ’52
1993 Melvin Johnson, PhD ’69
1994 Kent Weinhold, MS ’75, PhD ’79
1995 Mildred S. Christian, PhD ’79
1996 Prabhavathi B. Fernandes, PhD ’75
1997 Wade H. Berrettini, MD, PhD ’79
1998 George J. Trachte, PhD ’79
1999 Scott Waldman, MD, PhD ’80
2000 Mark E. Brezinski, MD, PhD ’88
2001 Elaine Z. Francis, PhD ’78
2002 Richard B. Thomson Jr., MS ’76, PhD ’80
2003 Georganne Buescher, EdD, MS ’75
2004 Eli Fromm, PhD ’67
2005 Michael Rieders, PhD ’85
2006 Brian O’Rourke, PhD ’90
2007 Susan Dillon, PhD ’85
2008 Thomas B. Knudsen, PhD ’81
2010 Nicholas Nicolaides, PhD ’92
2011 Leonard M. Rosenfeld, PhD ’64
2012 Richard A. Brigandi, MD ’97, PhD ’97, FAAP
2013 Yun Yen, MD, PhD ’88
Welcome | Mary Whitman, PhD ’86
President
Jefferson Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences
Alumni Association

Introductions and Presentation of Awards | Gerald B. Grunwald, PhD
Dean
Jefferson Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

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Distinguished Alumni Award and Lecture | E. John Wherry, PhD
T cell responses to persisting and non-persisting pathogens

Moderated Questions and Thanks | Gerald B. Grunwald, PhD

Networking Reception | Second Floor Lobby
Hamilton Building

Honorees

E. John Wherry, PhD, graduated from Thomas Jefferson Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences in 2000, receiving a doctorate in microbiology and immunology after completing his dissertation in the lab of Laurence “Ike” Eisenlohr, VMD, PhD. In his relatively short career since then, he has risen to Associate professor (with tenure awarded in 2010) and is currently the director of the Institute of Immunology at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. He has published over 120 articles, many of which are in prestigious journals such as Nature, Science and Immunity, and has contributed review articles to Nature Immunology and Immunity amongst others. Dr. Wherry currently holds grants worth in excess of $6 million and is the director of a U19 Award.

Dr. Wherry’s research has been focused on understanding the factors that influence the differentiation of T lymphocytes, in particular the cytotoxic subset marked by the expression of CD8+ T cells. His lab is now considered one of the pre-eminent labs in the transcriptional analysis of T cells. He was identified by Smithsonian magazine as one of 37 scientists under age 36 whose careers were full of promise.

Diane Merry, PhD, is an associate professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Thomas Jefferson University. Dr. Merry is also a member of the Kimmel Cancer Center Biology of Prostate Cancer Program and the Farber Institute for Neurosciences. She previously served for seven years as the director of the PhD program in biochemistry and molecular biology. She has been recognized with many honors, including the Jefferson Medical College Dean’s Citation for Significant Contributions to the Advancement of Education at Jefferson Medical College, the Jefferson College of Graduate Studies Professor Fredric Rieders Faculty Prize in Graduate Education and the Faculty Award for Teaching in Neuroscience, Graduate Program in Neuroscience at Thomas Jefferson University. Dr. Merry is also a member of the Jefferson Medical College Academy of Distinguished Educators (JADE).