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**MAYDAY FUND ANNOUNCES 2019-20 WINNERS OF THE MAYDAY PAIN AND SOCIETY FELLOWSHIP**

***Twelve pain experts selected to prestigious Fellowship program focused on communications and advocacy for improved pain care***

NEW YORK (April 1, 2019) – The Mayday Fund today announced the selection of twelve experts in pain science and care to be Fellows of [The Mayday Pain & Society Fellowship: Communicating Science & Improving Care](#). The Fellows come from across the United States and Canada with a wide range of expertise, including pediatric and geriatric care, pain science, bioethics and psychology.

The Fellows were selected from more than 40 applicants by a multi-disciplinary Advisory Committee, comprising leaders working on pain-related issues in the U.S. and Canada.

“Expert voices are critical to the public’s understanding of pain management and science,” said Christina Spellman, the Mayday Fund’s executive director. “The new Mayday Fellows bring knowledge and needed perspective to help inform the public, healthcare practitioners and policymakers. Their voices will frame the way we speak responsibly about pain, access to care and treatment options.”

The Fellows will attend a four-day, intensive workshop in Washington, D.C., where they will learn skills to effectively communicate and advocate for the translation of scientific research and evidence-based best practices in pain care and management. Following the workshop, the Fellows will receive follow-up coaching support to pursue their advocacy goals.

The new class of Fellows will join 72 experts from the earlier classes of *The Mayday Pain & Society Fellowship*, which operated from 2004 through 2015 and relaunched in 2018.

“The Mayday Fund Trustees are proud to welcome the 2019-20 Fellows, who join this growing cohort of experts,” said Caroline N. Sidnam, a Mayday Fund Trustee. “We believe that public education and elevating quality science are essential to improving the way that pain is understood, treated and advocated for. We look forward to seeing how the new Fellows will move the conversation forward.”

The 2019-20 Fellows are:

- **Samina Ali, MDCM, FRCPC (PEM)**, Professor, Pediatrics & Emergency Medicine, and Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry, University of Alberta

- **Tamara Baker, PhD**, Professor, Department of Psychology, and Director of Gerontology, University of Kansas
- **Edward Bilsky, PhD**, Provost and Chief Academic Officer, Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences, Pacific Northwest University
- **Hance Clarke, MD, PhD, FRCPC**, Staff Anesthesiologist; Director, Pain Services; Director, Good Hope Ehlers Danlos Clinic and Transitional Pain Service; and Medical Director, The Pain Research Unit, Toronto General Hospital; Co-chair, Knowledge Translation, University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain
- **Daniel Goldberg, JD, PhD**, Core Faculty, University of Colorado Center for Bioethics and Humanities, Anschutz Medical Campus
- **Mary Janevic, MPH, PhD**, Assistant Research Scientist, University of Michigan
- **Kate Nicholson, JD**, Principal, ADAdept; National Council on Independent Living
- **Mark Pitcher, PhD**, Director, Health Sciences Inter-Professional Research, University of Bridgeport
- **Pamela Ressler, MS, RN, HNB-BC**, Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor, Tufts University School of Medicine; Founder, Stress Resources
- **Jody Thomas, PhD**, Executive Director, Meg Foundation
- **Janet Van Cleave, PhD, RN, AOCNP**, Assistant Professor, NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing
- **Erin Young, PhD**, Assistant Director, Center for Advancement in Managing Pain, UConn Health; Assistant Professor, School of Nursing, University of Connecticut; Assistant Professor, Department of Genetics and Genome Sciences, UCONN School of Medicine

The four-day workshop in Washington, D.C., in June 2019 will be led by trainers and coaches from [Burness](#), a public interest communications firm that works with non-profit organizations globally to highlight solutions that can be used to improve the human condition and advance social change.

The full Fellowship Advisory Committee includes:

- **Christine Chambers, PhD, RPsych**, Canada Research Chair in Children's Pain; Killam Professor, Departments of Pediatrics and Psychology & Neuroscience, Dalhousie University & IWK Health Centre; 2012 Mayday Fellow
- **Karen Davis, PhD**, Professor, Department of Surgery and Institute of Medical Science, University of Toronto; Head, Division of Brain, Imaging and Behaviour-Systems Neuroscience, Krembil Research Institute, Toronto Western Hospital, University Health Network; 2013 Mayday Fellow
- **Renee Manworren, PhD, APRN, FAAN**, Posy and Fred Love Chair in Nursing Research, Director of Nursing Research and Professional Practice, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago; Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine; 2012 Mayday Fellow

- **Cary Reid, MD, PhD**, The Irving Sherwood Wright Associate Professor of Medicine, Director of Cornell's Translational Research Institute on Pain in Later Life, Division of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine, Weill Cornell Medical College
- **Steven Stanos, DO**, Medical Director, Swedish Health System Pain Medicine and Services, Seattle, WA
- **Gregory Terman, MD, PhD**, Professor, Department of Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine and the Graduate Program in Neuroscience, University of Washington; 2011 Mayday Fellow

For more details on the fellowship, please visit [www.MaydayFellows.org](http://www.MaydayFellows.org).

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#### **About The Mayday Fund**

*The Mayday Fund was established in 1992 to further Shirley Steinman Katzenbach's commitment to social and medical causes. The Trustees decided to adopt Mrs. Katzenbach's special interest in the treatment of pain as the Fund's mission. The name Mayday commemorates the date of her birth and is the international word signaling a cry for help, taken from the French "m'aidez" or "help me."*

*The Mayday Fund, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization since 1992, engages only in philanthropic grant activities defined by its mission targeting the alleviation of pain. It should not be confused with any other organization that uses a similar name or includes "mayday" in its representation.*