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21ST ANNUAL SKIN OF COLOR SOCIETY SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM March 6, 2025 | Orlando, FL

Dear SOCS Members, Colleagues, Supporters, and Guests,

Welcome to the 21st Annual Skin of Color Society Scientific Symposium!

We are thrilled to have you with us today for our signature skin of color dermatology community gathering of distinguished SOCS leaders and members, research fellows, dermatology residents, medical students, and industry supporters worldwide.

This year's Symposium is themed, "Innovating for Equity," which aptly reflects our mission to advance skin of color dermatology to achieve health equity and excellence in patient care through research, education, mentorship, and advocacy.

In keeping with our tradition since SOCS was founded by Dr. Susan C. Taylor in 2004, we will showcase groundbreaking research and insights from highly esteemed experts, thought leaders, and emerging researchers.

We thank our Scientific Committee Co-chairs Crystal Aguh, MD, FAAD, and Cesar Antonio Virgen, MD, PhD, FAAD, and their dedicated committee for their incredible work in curating an outstanding scientific program for you today, which I trust you will find highly informative and thought-provoking.

We extend our gratitude to our sponsors for their generous support, which makes this Symposium and other important SOCS initiatives and programs possible.

Thanks to the dedication and contributions of many leaders, members, and collaborators, we have accomplished so much in this past year in fulfillment of our mission and strategic plan.

To those of you who are not yet members of this dynamic organization, I invite you to join us in the vital work we do. To our current members, I encourage you to become more involved and engaged with us.

As a founding member of this amazing organization, I deeply value my SOCS family, and it has been a tremendous honor to serve as your President.

Thank you for joining us today and for your commitment to SOCS.

Sincerely,



Victoria H. Barbosa, MD, MPH, MBA, FAAD
President, Skin of Color Society

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Dear SOCS Members, Colleagues, Supporters, and Guests,

We warmly welcome you to the 21st Annual Skin of Color Society Scientific Symposium, "Innovating for Equity."

Today's Scientific Symposium offers an exciting array of invited speakers, panel discussions, and presentations of oral abstracts, scientific iPosters, and Innovations Grant finalists, representing diverse perspectives from highly recognized experts, emerging researchers, and new voices in the field.

Our keynote presentation features a moderated conversation with Uché Blackstock, MD, Founder and CEO of Advancing Health Equity, emergency physician, and New York Times-bestselling author of "Legacy: A Black Physician Reckons with Racism in Medicine."

Our rich scientific program features fascinating talks on artificial intelligence and hidradenitis suppurativa, insightful panel discussions on mentorship and improving diversity in research, and an interesting mix of oral and iPoster abstract presentations on a variety of important topics of interest to our global skin of color dermatology community. In addition, we will hear from two finalists for the SOCS Early Career Innovations Grant, who will share their novel ideas.

Immediately following the Symposium, we invite you to join us for SOCS grant and award announcements, a book signing with Dr. Blackstock, and a reception celebrating our 21 years of progress and achievements in skin of color dermatology.

We hope that you fully enjoy today's program and find it to be insightful and enriching.

Thank you for joining us today and participating in the Skin of Color Society.

Warm regards,



Crystal Aguh, MD, FAAD
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GENERAL INFORMATION

21ST ANNUAL
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THURSDAY | MARCH 6, 2025

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OFFICIAL LANGUAGE English

CONFERENCE PURPOSE

Facilitating a platform for the exchange of information related to skin of color, the Symposium aims to unite professionals, including international colleagues, residents, and research fellows. This event will feature presentations on cutting-edge research, the sharing of valuable experiences, and collaborative discussions steering the future trajectory of dermatology's special interest in skin of color.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Who will benefit from attending?

- | Dermatologists
- | Dermatology Residency Programs
- | Physicians with an interest in skin of color
- | Residents, fellows, medical students with an interest in skin of color

WEATHER The average maximum daytime temperature in early March in Orlando, FL is 70 F (22 C), while the average minimum temperature is 47 F (8.5 C).

MEETING ATTIRE The attire for all the educational sessions and social events is business casual.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Skin of Color Society fully complies with the legal requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the rules and regulations thereof.

CME The meeting is not sanctioned for CME/PRA Category 1 Credits. However, the meeting will comply as much as possible with the policies and best practices of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education. All individuals in a position to control the content of the activity, including speakers and authors, moderators, and planning committee members, will properly disclose relevant financial relationships with any commercial interests pertinent to their talk or the subject of the meeting.

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*Division of Dermatology
Assistant Professor, Department of Internal Medicine
Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at Austin*

INVITED SPEAKER | Artificial Intelligence and Skin Health Disparities

Dr. Adamson is a board-certified dermatologist and assistant professor in the Department of Internal Medicine. His primary clinical interest is in caring for patients at high risk for melanoma of the skin, such as those with many moles (particularly atypical moles) or a personal and/or family history of melanoma. He is interested in how artificial intelligence can be leveraged to take care of this patient population.

Dr. Adamson's research involves understanding patterns of health care utilization including overuse and underuse in dermatology. He is interested in how effectively and efficiently the health care system delivers care to patients with skin cancer, the most common type of cancer in the United States. He is passionate about health care disparities, access to specialty health care and health care costs. He speaks nationally about health care quality, value and the application of evidence-based medicine within dermatology.



Crystal Aguh, MD, FAAD

*Associate Professor; Director, Ethnic Skin Program; Director, Ethnic Skin Fellowship
Department of Dermatology, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine*

CO-CHAIR and MODERATOR

Dr. Aguh is an Associate Professor of Dermatology and Director of the Ethnic Skin Program at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Dr. Aguh's area of research focuses primarily on skin conditions that disproportionately impact minority populations, with particular emphasis on cicatricial alopecia. She has authored four books on hair loss and has published numerous peer-reviewed journal articles and given multiple national and international talks on these topics. As a result of her work, Dr. Aguh is the recipient of numerous prestigious research awards & grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Skin of Color Society, Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions and the Dermatology Foundation. In April 2019, Dr. Aguh, along with other prominent awardees including then-former Vice President Joe Biden, was honored by the National Minority Quality Forum with the 40 under 40 Leaders in Minority Health award for her academic work. Dr. Aguh completed her residency at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, serving as the chief resident in her final year training. She received her undergraduate degree from Duke University and earned her medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, with honors, earning induction into Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society.



Victoria H. Barbosa, MD, MPH, MBA, FAAD

*Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Chicago Medicine
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Dr. Barbosa is an Associate Professor of Dermatology at the University of Chicago where she also serves as Director of the Hair Loss Program and Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Section of Dermatology. She is an expert in the areas of alopecia and in treating skin diseases in people of color. She is a sought-after lecturer at national and international meetings, has published textbook chapters and original research, has co-edited a textbook on dermatology in skin of color, and has co-authored a book on skin care.

She began her career at the international cosmetics company L'Oréal where she rose to the level of vice president in research and development. She built and directed the L'Oréal Institute for Ethnic Hair and Skin Research, a one-of-a-kind research facility devoted to understanding the differences in hair and skin of people of different ethnicities. She then went on to open a successful private practice, Millennium Park Dermatology, where her outstanding care earned her the distinction of being named to Chicago Magazine's list of Top Doctors seven times.

Dr. Barbosa is passionate about nurturing others on the path to being a physician. She serves on the Executive Committee of the Pritzker School of Medicine Admissions Committee and is a Lewis Society Career Advisor to over 40 medical students per year. She has served as a clinical and research mentor to several medical students and residents. Dr. Barbosa is committed to service to the field of dermatology. She is currently the President of the Skin of Color Society where she has also served as a founding board member and more recently as the co-chair of the scientific committee. She is also the Vice President of the Illinois Dermatological Society, a past president of the Chicago Dermatological Society, and a scientific advisor for the Scarring Alopecia Foundation. She is a member of the American Dermatological Association, Womens Dermatological Society, American Hair Research Society, and the National Medical Association. Dr. Barbosa holds a B.A. from Harvard College and an M.D. cum laude from the Yale University School of Medicine where she was inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha, the national medical honor Society. She completed her internship in Internal Medicine at the Massachusetts General Hospital, her residency in dermatology at Yale and was a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar at Johns Hopkins. She earned a master's degree in Public Health from the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health and an M.B.A. from the Kellogg School of Management.



Uché Blackstock, MD

Founder & CEO, Advancing Health Equity

Author of *Legacy: A Black Physician Reckons with Racism in Medicine*

KEYNOTE SPEAKER | Legacy & Health Equity: A Fireside Chat with Dr. Uché Blackstock

Dr. Uché Blackstock is an emergency physician with over 17 years of experience and a second-generation Harvard graduate. She is the founder of Advancing Health Equity, an organization dedicated to dismantling racism in healthcare. She is also an MSNBC medical contributor and author of the New York Times bestselling memoir *Legacy: A Black Physician Reckons with Racism in Medicine*.

Dr. Blackstock is a respected thought leader on bias and racism in healthcare. Described by Forbes as, “a growing voice that is bringing to light and offering solutions to unconscious bias and structural racism among healthcare organizations,” she speaks to organizations across all sectors about the intersection of medicine, health equity, and systemic racism.

In her memoir, *Legacy: A Black Physician Reckons with Racism in Medicine*, Dr. Blackstock uses a personal lens to tell a broader story about race in America, raising a call to action for health equity. The book is her odyssey from child to medical student to practicing physician—to finally seizing her own power as a health equity advocate against the backdrop of the pandemic and the Black Lives Matter movement.

In the 1980s, Dr. Blackstock’s mother headed an organization of Black woman physicians who cared for patients and the broader community. Dr. Blackstock and her twin sister followed in their mother’s footsteps and headed to Harvard Medical School, making them the first Black mother-daughter legacies from the school. With only about 6 percent of physicians being Black, and only 3 percent being Black women, the Blackstock sisters were making history.

What Dr. Blackstock did not learn at Harvard was that the lack of diversity among physicians has a direct impact on patient care. Black Americans have far worse health outcomes than any other group in the country. One striking example: Citing a study by the National Bureau of Economic Research, the New York Times reported that “the richest Black mothers and their babies are twice as likely to die as the richest white mothers and their babies.”

Dr. Blackstock’s writing, including numerous OpEds, has been featured in the Chicago Tribune, Scientific American, The Washington Post and STAT News for the Boston Globe. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she appeared regularly on radio and cable news programming to amplify the message around racial health inequities, including with CNN, NPR Morning Edition, The Brian Lehrer Show, Dr. Oz, The New York Times, and has been featured recently on PBS NewsHour and in Essence, as well as on panels at Afropunk and Essence Fest.

Dr. Blackstock is a former associate professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine and the former faculty director for recruitment, retention, and inclusion in the Office of Diversity Affairs at NYU School of Medicine. She received both her undergraduate and medical degrees from Harvard University, making her and her twin sister, Oni, the first Black mother-daughter legacies from Harvard Medical School.



Valerie D. Callender, MD, FAAD

Professor of Dermatology, Howard University College of Medicine

Medical Director, Callender Dermatology & Cosmetic Center

Founder & Principal Investigator, Callender Center for Clinical Research

PANELIST | Improving Diversity in Research: How to Improve Diversity in Basic and Translational Research

Dr. Callender is a board-certified dermatologist who is known for her sensitive and cutting-edge approach to the management of hair loss in women and the treatment of pigmentation disorders. Dr. Callender has performed leadership roles in many dermatological organizations, including the Women’s Dermatologic Society and the Skin of Color Society, which she is Past President of both societies, and has served on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the American Academy of Dermatology. Dr. Callender is the current President of the American Dermatological Association, the oldest Dermatologic Society in the United States.

She is the Founder and Medical Director of the Callender Dermatology & Cosmetic Center and Founder and Principal Investigator for Callender Center for Clinical Research, which is in the Washington, DC metropolitan region. Dr. Callender received her medical degree from Howard University, where she also did her residency and currently serves as Professor of Dermatology at the College of Medicine. She is the recipient of the Women’s Dermatologic President’s Award and Mentor of the Year Award, and the Dermatology Foundation’s Clark W. Finnerud Award. The Clark W. Finnerud Award is given each year to an individual who has devoted extraordinary time and talent as a part-time teacher and clinician.



Seemal R. Desai, MD, FAAD

President, American Academy of Dermatology

Founder & Medical Director, Innovative Dermatology

Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Dermatology, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

INVITED SPEAKER | *Navigating Goals in Leadership: Insights from an AAD President*

Dr. Desai, a Diplomate of the American Board of Dermatology and a Board-Certified Dermatologist, graduated with honors from Emory University. He received his medical training at Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia, and received his Doctor of Medicine degree, Magna Cum Laude with honors.

Following medical school, Dr. Desai completed his medical internship in Internal Medicine. He then went on to complete his residency at The University of Alabama at Birmingham and served as Chief Resident for the Department of Dermatology.

Dr. Desai has been active on a local, state, and national level with numerous medical organizations, and is also actively involved in teaching and mentoring medical students and residents. He is the Founder & Medical Director of Innovative Dermatology, a state-of-the-art private practice in the Dallas area, and also serves as Clinical Assistant Professor of Dermatology at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

Dr. Desai authored numerous publications and has been invited to present at countless national and international Dermatology events. His clinical expertise includes the treatment of vitiligo, and other disorders of pigmentation, psoriasis, acne, skin disease in skin of color, cosmeceuticals, and new drug therapies.



John E. Harris, MD, PhD, FAAD

Professor and Chair, Department of Dermatology, UMass Chan Medical School

Founding Director, Vitiligo Clinic and Research Center

Founding Director, Autoimmune Therapeutics Institute

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Dr. Harris is Chair of Dermatology, Director of the Autoimmune Therapeutics Institute, and Director of the Vitiligo Clinic and Research Center at UMass Chan Medical School. He is a dermatologist and physician-scientist, caring for patients in a vitiligo specialty clinic and running a research laboratory focused on understanding disease pathogenesis and developing new treatments. His group integrates basic, translational, and clinical research strategies to accomplish this. As a result, clinical trials in vitiligo have shown success. Dr. Harris founded Villarix Therapeutics (acquired by Incyte in 2022) and four other companies to develop treatments for inflammatory skin diseases.



Tamia A. Harris-Tryon, MD, PhD, FAAD

Associate Professor

Thomas L. Shields Professor of Dermatology

UT Southwestern Medical Center Dallas

PANELIST | *Improving Diversity in Research: How to Improve Diversity in Basic and Translational Research*

Dr. Harris-Tryon is a physician-scientist and Associate Professor of Dermatology and Immunology at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, Texas. She is an expert in the skin microbiome. Since 2017, the Harris-Tryon lab has discovered how diet and the immune system alter skin biology and the impact of these changes on the microbiome. Her team is translating discoveries from the bench into new therapies for individuals with skin diseases.



Tarannum Jaleel, MD, MHSc, FAAD

Assistant Professor, Duke Department of Dermatology
Director, Duke Dermatology Sponsored Clinical Trials Education

INVITED SPEAKER | Variation in the Effect of Sex Hormones in Hidradenitis Suppurativa

Dr. Jaleel received a Bachelor of Science in Biophysics from University of Alabama in Birmingham 2007. After graduation, she worked with the European Institute of Women's Health as a Fulbright scholar. She received both her Medical Degree and completed her residency in dermatology from University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine. She then joined on as faculty at Duke in 2016 and completed a Master's in Health Sciences through Duke's Clinical Research Training Program.

Dr. Jaleel's research focuses on studying the role of sex hormones in skin inflammation as it relates to hidradenitis suppurativa (HS) disease pathogenesis. Her early work on this topic has been funded by the Dermatology Foundation, Skin of Color Society, and Duke School of Medicine Precision Genomics Collaboratory Fostering Interdisciplinary Genomic Science pilot grant. Her most recent awards include the BIRCWH K12 grant and Physician-Scientist Strong Start Award that will allow for understanding the mechanisms by which hormone signaling modulates skin inflammation with the future goal of identifying novel therapeutic targets.

Her interests also include developing tools to decrease disparities in health outcomes and promoting diversity in dermatology clinical trials. She serves as the SOCS co-chair for the SOCS-NMA Diversity in Dermatology Clinical Trials Mentorship Program and is also the primary director for Duke Skin of Color Fellowship program.



Roopal V. Kundu, MD, FAAD

Associate Dean for Admissions, Jacob R. Suker, MD, Professor of Medical Education
Professor of Dermatology and Medical Education, Founder/Director Northwestern Center for Ethnic Skin and Hair
Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

PANELIST | Cross-Generational Mentorship: Pearls for Ensuring Success for Trainees

Dr. Kundu is the Jacob R. Suker, MD, Professor of Medical Education and is a professor of dermatology and medical education at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. Dr. Kundu serves as the founding director of the Northwestern Center for Ethnic Skin and Hair (established in 2005) which provides medical and procedural dermatology care, along with educational programs, community outreach, and clinical trials research. Dr. Kundu has served many mentorship roles in her career, first as a program director for the both the dermatology and combined medicine-dermatology programs for nearly 8 years before moving on to become the Associate Dean of Admissions in 2016. She loves the opportunity to see patients, teach, conduct research in her areas of interest, and be a part of the development of the next generation of dermatologists. Dr. Kundu has held leadership roles with the American Academy of Dermatology, Skin of Color Society, and the Association of American Medical Colleges.



Shawn G. Kwatra, MD, FAAD

Dr. Joseph W. Burnett Professor and Chair, Department of Dermatology, University of Maryland School of Medicine

PANELIST | Improving Diversity in Research: How to Improve Diversity in Basic and Translational Research

Dr. Kwatra is the Joseph W. Burnett Endowed Professor and Chairman of Dermatology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore, MD, USA. He runs a basic and translational research laboratory along with a clinical trials unit and is funded by the National Institutes of Health and has been an author or co-author on over 250 publications.



Janiene Luke, MD, FAAD

Clinical Professor and Residency Program Director, Loma Linda University Health

PANELIST | Cross-Generational Mentorship: Pearls for Ensuring Success for Trainees

Dr. Luke is a Clinical Professor and serves as Residency Program Director at the Loma Linda University Department of Dermatology. Dr. Luke specializes in medical and cosmetic dermatology with expertise in hyperpigmentation, hair disorders, and skin of color. She is also the Director of the Cosmetic and Laser Center at LLU and created the Resident Cosmetic Clinic, a curriculum designed to give residents specialized training in performing cosmetic procedures.

Dr. Luke is active in numerous national societies such as the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD), SOCS, NMA, WDS and APD. She currently serves as a member of the ACGME Dermatology Review Committee, is the Co-Chair of the Technology/Media Committee and sits on the Board of Directors for the Skin of Color Society (SOCS).

Dr. Luke's passion for educating patients as well as the public have resulted in numerous contributions to various media outlets. In her spare time, Dr. Luke enjoys singing, traveling and cooking.



Natasha A. Mesinkovska, MD, PhD, FAAD

Associate Professor; Vice Chair, Clinical Research, Department of Dermatology, University of California Irvine

PANELIST | Cross-Generational Mentorship: Pearls for Ensuring Success for Trainees

Dr. Mesinkovska is a prolific writer, speaker and researcher. She is a Mayo Clinic and Cleveland Clinic trained dermatologist and dermatopathologist who currently serves as the Vice Chair, Clinical Research, Department of Dermatology, University of California, Irvine, CA. She runs a busy clinical research unit, and is dedicated to alopecia, aging and inflammatory disorders research. As a faculty of the University of California Beckman Laser Institute, she is involved in developing non-invasive imaging modalities for skin and hair conditions. Natasha is an exceptional educator and mentor, a recipient of many awards and grants, recognizing her educational, clinical and research performance. She served as a Chief Scientific Officer for the National Alopecia Areata Foundation (2015-2022) a role essential in developing clinical trials that lead to approval of novel therapies and on Board of Directors for the American Hair Research Society. She is the Director for Integrative Dermatology at the University of California Irvine, S. Samueli Integrative Health Institute advancing evidence based research in integrative and functional studies.



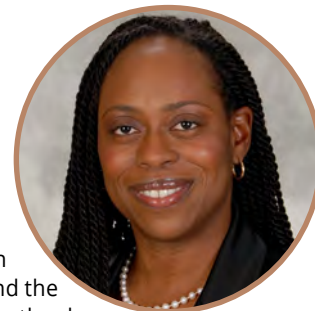
Ginette Okoye, MD, FAAD

Professor and Chair, Department of Dermatology, Howard University College of Medicine

Adjunct Professor, Department of Dermatology, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

MODERATOR | Cross-Generational Mentorship: Pearls for Ensuring Success for Trainees

Dr. Okoye is Professor and Chair of Dermatology at Howard University College of Medicine. Her areas of clinical and research expertise are in health disparities in dermatology and hidradenitis suppurativa. Dr. Okoye left her native Trinidad & Tobago to attend Barry University, where she earned her BS degree. She then earned her Medical Degree from Columbia University's College of Physicians & Surgeons and completed her dermatology residency training at Yale University. She has been recognized by the American Academy of Dermatology with a Presidential Citation, a Volunteerism Award, a Patient Care Hero Award, and the 2023 William James, M.D. Mentor of the Year Award. She is the author of over 90 publications, including a textbook, *The Fundamentals of Ethnic Hair*.



Amit G. Pandya, MD, FAAD

Associate Medical Director for Phototherapy and Dermatologist, Palo Alto Foundation Medical Group

Adjunct Professor, Department of Dermatology, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

PANELIST | Cross-Generational Mentorship: Pearls for Ensuring Success for Trainees

Dr. Pandya is a Dermatologist at the Palo Alto Medical Foundation in Sunnyvale, California and an Adjunct Clinical Professor of Dermatology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, Texas. He earned his MD from UT Southwestern and completed residencies in internal medicine at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas and Dermatology at UT Southwestern. His clinical practice and research are focused on vitiligo, melasma and other pigmentary disorders. He is also interested in mentorship, diversity, equity and pipeline programs. In his free time, he enjoys traveling, scuba diving, hiking, bicycling, salsa and bachata dancing with his wife Laura.



Cesar Antonio Virgen, MD, PhD, FAAD

Assistant Attending, Dermatology Services, Department of Medicine, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

CO-CHAIR and MODERATOR

Dr. Virgen is an Assistant Attending at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, in the Department of Medicine, Dermatology Service. He is part of the inaugural cohort of MSK Faculty Scholars. Dr. Virgen cares for patients with skin lymphomas (such as cutaneous T-cell lymphomas, cutaneous B-cell lymphomas, and others) as well as for cancer patients and survivors who develop skin, hair, and/or nail conditions as side effects of cancer treatment. Before joining MSK, he worked at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. He completed his residency at the University of California, Irvine, and earned his medical degree from the University of California, San Diego. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Alberta.





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11:00AM-12:30PM **SOCS & SOCS Foundation Annual General Business Meeting**

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| Victoria H. Barbosa, MD, MPH, MBA, FAAD
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12:48-12:51PM **INDUSTRY CHAMPION SPONSOR SHOWCASE**

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12:51-12:53PM **Introduction to the Program**

| Crystal Aguh, MD, FAAD
Associate Professor; Director, Ethnic Skin Program; Director, Ethnic Skin Fellowship; Department of Dermatology, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine

| Cesar Antonio Virgen, MD, PhD, FAAD
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12:53-1:13PM **Navigating Goals in Leadership: Insights from an AAD President**

| Seemal R. Desai, MD, FAAD
President, American Academy of Dermatology; Founder & Medical Director, Innovative Dermatology; Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Dermatology, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

1:13-1:38PM **Artificial Intelligence and Skin Health Disparities**

| Ade Adamson, MD, MPP, FAAD
Division of Dermatology, Assistant Professor, Department of Internal Medicine, Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at Austin

1:38-1:46PM **ORAL ABSTRACT PRESENTATION**

Psychiatric and Autoimmune Comorbidities in Vitiligo: The Role of Demographic and Socioeconomic Factors

| Swathi Holla, MS
4th Year Medical Student, Baylor College of Medicine

1:46-2:02PM **EARLY CAREER INNOVATIONS AWARD FINALISTS**

Evaluating the Efficacy of Photodynamic Therapy for the Treatment of Acne Vulgaris in Fitzpatrick Skin Types IV-VI

| Francisca Kartono, DO, FAAD, FAOCD
Founder, MI Skin Center

Improving Erythema Visualization in Digital Images of Pigmented Skin

| Will Lewis, MD
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2:02-2:22PM **BREAK Featured iPoster Session 1**

2:22-2:26PM **EARLY CAREER INNOVATIONS AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT**

PRESENTED BY
Dhaval Bhanusali, MD, FAAD and EltaMD

2:26-3:11PM **Cross-Generational Mentorship: Pearls for Ensuring Success for Trainees Panel**

MODERATOR | Ginette Okoye, MD, FAAD
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PANEL

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3:11-3:36PM **Variation in the Effect of Sex Hormones in Hidradenitis Suppurativa**
I Tarannum Jaleel, MD, MHSc, FAAD
*Assistant Professor, Duke Department of Dermatology,
 Director, Duke Dermatology Sponsored Clinical Trials Education*

3:36-3:45PM **ORAL ABSTRACT PRESENTATION**
Markers of Inflammation and Metabolic Disease in Hidradenitis Suppurativa: A Preliminary Analysis of TNF- α in Biospecimens from Howard University Department of Dermatology
I Madison Blackwell, BS
2nd Year Medical Student, Howard University College of Medicine

3:45-4:05PM **BREAK Featured iPoster Session 2**

4:05-4:50PM **Improving Diversity in Research: How to Improve Diversity in Basic and Translational Research Panel**
I MODERATOR I John E. Harris, MD, PhD, FAAD
Professor and Chair, Department of Dermatology, UMass Chan Medical School; Founding Director, Vitiligo Clinic and Research Center; Founding Director, Autoimmune Therapeutics Institute; Chief Innovation Officer (CINO), Alys Pharmaceuticals

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I Shawn G. Kwatra, MD, FAAD
Dr. Joseph W. Burnett Professor and Chair, Department of Dermatology, University of Maryland School of Medicine

4:50-4:58PM **ORAL ABSTRACT PRESENTATION**
Investigating DNA Methylation in Prurigo Nodularis: Racial Variations in Epigenetic Neuroregulation
I Shahin Shahsavari, BA
3rd Year Medical Student, Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth

4:58-5:40PM **KEYNOTE SESSION**
Legacy & Health Equity: A Fireside Chat with Dr. Uché Blackstock
I Uché Blackstock, MD
*Founder & CEO, Advancing Health Equity
 Author of Legacy: A Black Physician Reckons with Racism in Medicine*
I MODERATOR I Crystal Aguh, MD, FAAD
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I Q & A

5:40-5:45PM **Closing Remarks**
I Victoria H. Barbosa, MD, MPH, MBA, FAAD
Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Chicago Medicine, President, Skin of Color Society

5:45-6:15PM **Grant and Award Announcements**
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6:15-7:00PM **BOOK SIGNING WITH DR. UCHÉ BLACKSTOCK**
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