

# HONORING INDIVIDUALS FOR NEW INVENTIONS, PATENTS, & LICENSED TECHNOLOGIES

# INNOVATION 2017 AWARDS



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# MESSAGE FROM MICHAEL DIXON



On behalf of UNMC and UNO leadership and UNeMed staff, we welcome you to the 2017 Research Innovation Awards Banquet as we celebrate all those who make our continued existence possible: You, the innovative UNMC and UNO faculty, staff and students who we honor today.

UNeMed's mission is simple: *Improve healthcare by fostering innovation, advancing biomedical research and engaging entrepreneurs and industry to commercialize novel technologies*.

Innovations all have the same humble beginning—an idea or a hypothesis. The path for an idea to become a product that improves the lives of millions is a daunting and perilous journey fraught with many obstacles. That is why UNeMed was created more than 25 years ago. We are here to help provide the advice, pathways and connections for your idea to grow and make the world a better place.

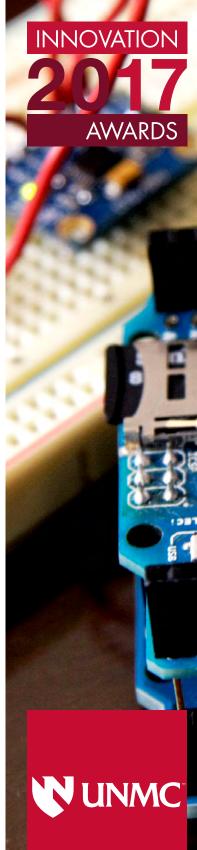
The Innovation Awards represent the culmination of Innovation Week as we celebrate the creators of novel technologies. Today, we will recognize the inventors who have submitted new inventions, received issued U.S. patents, and successfully licensed a technology. In addition, we will look to the future by recognizing a new technology with strong potential, and honor Dr. Donny Suh with the 2017 Emerging Inventor award.

The UNeMed staff is committed to helping you develop your new inventions and make vital connections with industry. Please draw upon our expertise, and visit us at 4460 Farnam Street (Annex 14 on the campus map). Our goal is to help you create relationships that will enable your work to benefit the lives of people throughout Nebraska and around the world.

Sincerely,

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Michael Dixon, Ph.D.
President and CEO, UNeMed Corporation





## INNOVATION AWARDS SCHEDULE

Welcome

Michael Dixon, Ph.D.
President and CEO, UNeMed

**Opening Remarks** 

James Linder, M.D.

President, University Technology Development Corporation & Chief Strategist, University of Nebraska

Innovation Rewind: The Year in Review

Michael Dixon, Ph.D.
President and CEO, UNeMed

#### Presentation of Awards:

**Emerging Inventor** 

Steven Schreiner, Ph.D.

New Inventions

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Issued PatentsLicensed Technology

Steven Schreiner, Ph.D.

Special Awards:

Vice President & Director of Marketing and Licensing, UNeMed

Most Promising New Invention

Closing Remarks

Reception



# **INNOVATION AWARDS HISTORY**

Innovation Week dates back to 1998 when UNeMed and the Intellectual Property Office began hosting the Inventor's Recognition Reception, specifically tailored to honor UNMC researchers who had applied for or received patents in the previous year.

In 2007, UNMC restructured its technology transfer efforts into one organization, merging UNeMed with the Intellectual Property Office. UNeMed—under the leadership of then-CEO, James Linder, M.D.—transformed the Recognition Reception into the Research Innovation Awards.

The awards ceremony was the final event in a week of activities that celebrated the research and innovation at UNMC. In addition to recognizing researchers who secured intellectual property rights, UNeMed also added emerging inventor and lifetime achievement awards. In 2008 it also added the "Most Promising New Invention" as an annual award. In 2013, UNeMed presented for the first time ever, an "Innovator of the Year" Award.

Today, Innovation Week is about far more than recognizing a handful of UNMC scientists who secure patents. It's a celebration that recognizes, rewards and encourages innovative thoughts and ideas, whether they come from the most seasoned and esteemed researcher or the least-known first-year student who might know a better way. This year, the program has grown into the Research Innovation Awards Banquet, an exclusive, invitation-only event that combines the best elements of the Awards program and the annual Shareholder Meeting.

Last year, the collaborative work of Joyce Solheim, Ph.D., and Tatiana Bronich, Ph.D., was featured as the most promising new invention. Innovator of the Year honors went to Irving Zucker, Ph.D.

Dr. Bronich, the Park-Davis Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Dr. Solheim, a professor at the Eppley Institute, were honored for their nanoparticle formulation





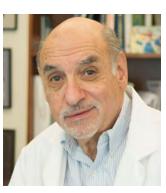
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of a protein for the treatment of cancer. The protein, called CCL21, is short-lived but attracts immune cells to the tumor site. Their nanoformulation protects the protein from degradation and prolongs its beneficial effects.

Dr. Zucker, the Theodore F. Hubbard Professor of Cardiovascular Research in UNMC's Department of Cellular and Integrative Physiology, was named the 2016 Innovator of the Year for his achievement in developing a new strategy for treating cardiovascular disease, and for the discovery of measurable sympathetic vasomotion signatures.

Dr. Zucker's research focuses on the role that central brain mechanisms play in regulating circulation in chronic heart failure and hypertension. His lab is currently developing strategies to reduce excessive sympathetic nerve activity, which is often associated with several cardiovascular conditions.

Dr. Zucker's laboratory has also developed a non-invasive signal processing technique to identify and quantify sympathetic vasomotion. The new method allows for clinical diagnosis of sympathetic failure, assessment of disease severity, tracking disease progression and evaluating or predicting a patient's response to therapy.



Dr. Zucker





# **MOST PROMISING NEW INVENTION**



Mark Carlson, M.D. Professor, Department of Surgery, University of Nebraska Medical Center



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# Nanofiber Sponges for Hemostasis

Mark Carlson, M.D., and researchers Jingwei Xie, Ph.D., and Shixuan Chen, Ph.D., joined forces in a collaboration that addresses a major, unmet need. Together, the trio developed a new technology to stop severe bleeding, which could help stabilize pre-hospital patients with traumatic, non-compressible intra-abdominal hemorrhage.

The technology is a nanofiber-based sponge capable of rapidly absorbing blood and other fluids while still retaining its overall shape and size. The nanofiber sponge absorbs more fluid more quickly than traditional gauze and sponge-based products currently on the market.

The nanofiber-based sponges can be manufactured in a variety of shapes such as pads and cylindrical pellets, similar to a packing peanut.

That flexibility makes it a versatile technology that can be used in a wide variety of bleeding injuries. The pellets can be used to pack the site of a non-compressible hemorrhage, such as battlefield injuries or other traumatic injuries involving internal bleeding. The pad form of the nanofiber sponge can be used to treat compressible hemorrhages such as those that may occur during surgery.

The new nanofiber sponge will be a useful addition to surgical suites, emergency rooms and the battlefield.

Dr. Xie received his Ph.D. in 2007 from the National University of Singapore and joined UNMC in 2014.

Dr. Chen received his Ph.D. in 2015 from Southern Medical University in Guangzhou, China. He joined UNMC later the same year.

Dr. Carlson received his M.D. in 1989 from Case Western Reserve School of Medicine, and joined UNMC in 1999.

#### **EMERGING INVENTOR**



# Donny Suh, M.D.

Associate Professor, Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences, University of Nebraska Medical Center

Chief of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus, Children's Hospital and Medical Center

Donny Suh, M.D., is UNeMed's 2017 Emerging Inventor of the year in recognition of his contributions to improving pediatric ophthalmology.

An avid innovator with five new inventions in fiscal 2017 alone, Dr. Suh is the Chief of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Adult Strabismus at Omaha Children's Hospital & Medical Center, and a volunteer for Orbis International medical missions programs.

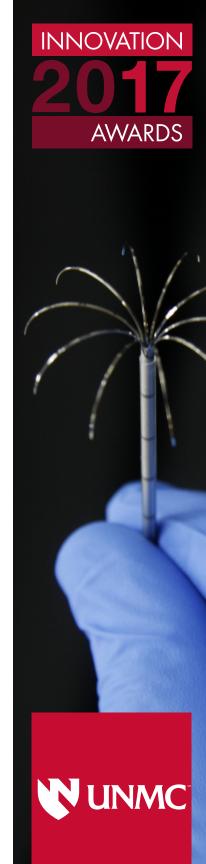
Dr. Suh's first invention, the Strabismus Needle Holder, contains double-angled, locking jaws that allow surgeons to precisely place sutures while accommodating the curvature of the patient's eye and avoiding the nasal bridge. UNeMed negotiated a licensing agreement for the needle holder with Ambler Surgical. The needle holder and a previous invention, the Muscle Hook, are both commercially available.

Dr. Suh also developed the Muscle Injection Forceps, which enables clinicians to securely bundle an eye muscle for Botox injection while simultaneously shielding the patient's eye. The forceps was also licensed to Ambler Surgical, and is currently being manufactured and tested.

His third invention, the Precision Injection Syringe Plunger, facilitates secure, one-handed injections when absolute precision and control are paramount to the patient's safety, such as Botox and intravitreal injections. The syringe plunger is currently under active evaluation by several companies and has garnered substantial interest in Europe.

Currently, Dr. Suh and his team are working on a smartphone camera adapter for medical imaging called MedLens, which has received strong interest from a leading digital fundoscope company. He is also collaborating on a project to design more ergonomic surgical loupes.

Dr. Suh, who joined UNMC in 2000, received his M.D. from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. He performed an internal medicine residency at Baylor University Medical Center before completing an Ophthalmology Residency Program at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Dr. Suh completed his pediatric ophthalmology and strabismus fellowship at the Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.





# **AWARD** WINNERS

# **Most Promising New Invention**

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2017	Jingwei Xie, Ph.D. Shixuan Chen, Ph.D. Mark Carlson, M.D	Nanofiber Sponges for Hemostasis		
2016	Joyce Solheim, Ph.D. Tatiana Bronich, Ph.D	Compositions for Modulated Release of Proteins and Methods of Use Thereof		
2015	Michael Wadman, M.D., F.A.S.E.P. Thang Nguyen, M.S.N., A.P.R.N., F.N.PC			
2014	Jason MacTaggart, M.D.	Orthagonal AquaBlade		
2013	Keshore Bidasee, Ph.D	Targeted Glyoxalase-1 Gene Transfer to Prevent Cardiovascular and End- Organ Complications in Diabetes		
2012	Gregory Oakley, Ph.D.	Small Molecule in Vivo Inhibitors of the N-Terminal Protein Interacting Domain of RPA1		
2011	Babu Padanilam, Ph.D.	Novel Target for the Treatment of Renal Fibrosis		
2010	Stephen Bonasera, M.D., Ph.D	Noninvasive Monitoring of Functional Behaviors in Ambulatory Human Populations		
2009	Paul Dunman, Ph.D	Novel Antibiotic Compounds		
2008*	Guangshun (Gus) Wang, Ph.D	Anti-HIV Peptides and Methods of Use Thereof		
2008*	Janina Baranowska-Kortylewicz, Ph.D	Sex Hormone Binding Globulin: New Target for Cancer Therapy		
Special Awards				

# **Special Awards**

2017	Donny Suh, M.D.	.Emerging Inventor
2016	Irving Zucker, Ph.D	. Innovator of the Year
2015	Tammy Kielian, Ph.D.	. Innovator of the Year
2014	Marius Florescu, M.D	.Emerging Inventor
2013	Howard Gendelman, M.D	. Innovator of the Year
2012	Tammy Kielian, Ph.D.	.Emerging Inventor
2011	Jonathan Vennerstrom, Ph.D	. Lifetime Achievement
2010	Amarnath Natarajan, Ph.D	.Emerging Inventor
2009	Rodney Markin, M.D., Ph.D.	. Lifetime Achievement
2008	Dong Wang, Ph.D.	.Emerging Inventor
2007	Robert LeVeen, M.D.	. Lifetime Achievement

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