ASHG/Charles J. Epstein Trainee Awards
for Excellence in Human Genetics Research
2016 Recipients Announced

For outstanding trainee research in 2016, ASHG granted 60 awards of $750 and complimentary meeting registration to semifinalists, based on abstracts scored by members of the Program Committee. Of those semifinalists, 18 finalists received an additional $250. The finalists’ presentations were evaluated at the 2016 Annual Meeting, and six winners were selected to receive an additional $1000.

Congratulations to the 2016 Epstein Trainee Award recipients!

**Predoctoral**

**Besse Beryl Cummings,** Harvard Medical School
Abstract: *Improving genetic diagnosis in Mendelian disease with transcriptome sequencing*

**Kevin Galinsky,** Harvard School of Public Health
Abstract: *Population structure of UK Biobank and ancient Eurasians reveals adaptation at genes influencing blood pressure*

**Molly Gasperini,** University of Washington
Abstract: *Discovery and dissection of regulatory elements of the Mendelian disease gene HPRT1 using programmed CRISPR/Cas9 guide pairs for multiplexed deletion scanning*

**Postdoctoral**

**Filomena Pirozzi,** Case Western Reserve University
Abstract: *Unveiling microcephaly mechanisms associated with DNA repair disorders using induced pluripotent stem cells and cerebral organoids*

**Elizabeth K. Ruzzo,** University of California, Los Angeles
Abstract: *Identifying genetic ASD-risk factors in over 2,000 whole-genome sequenced familial samples*

**Ryan S. Tewhey,** Broad Institute
Abstract: *Direct identification of non-coding variants that modulate expression using high-throughput experimental assays*

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