

2026 AAOGF/SMFM Scholars Retreat

Thursday, July 30, 2026

All times are in Eastern Daylight Time

Airport: The closest airport is LaGuardia (LGA), though JFK and Newark (EWR) are also convenient options.

Recommended Accommodations:

NewYork-Presbyterian Helmsley Medical Tower

1320 York Avenue, New York, NY 10021

Please call 212-774-5700 to make a reservation

6:00 – 8:00 PM Welcome Cocktail Reception
Griffis Faculty Club
1300 York Avenue
New York, NY 10065

After entering the building, turn right; the room is down the hall on the left.



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Friday, July 31, 2026

8:00 – 9:00 AM

Breakfast & Introductions

1305 York Avenue, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10065

Conference Room WGC-B, WGC-C

Welcome Remarks – Laura Riley, MD

Given Foundation Professor and Chair of Obstetrics & Gynecology

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Scholar and faculty introductions, featuring a 1-minute elevator pitch describing your background, research focus, and its significance.

9:00 – 10:00 AM

Lauren Osborne, MD

Vice Chair of Research, Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Weill Cornell Medicine

Keynote Presentation - “Neuroactive Steroids and Perinatal Mental Health”

10:00 – 10:30 AM

Melissa Frey, MD, MS

ABOG/AOOGF Scholar Award

Weill Cornell Medicine

“Randomized Controlled Trial of Facilitated Cascade Testing for BRCA1/2 Mutations”

10:30 – 10:45 AM

Break

10:45 – 11:15 AM

Beth Pineles, MD, PhD

AAOGF/SMFM Scholar Award

Perelman School of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania

“DERESTRICT: Deimplementation of Activity Restriction for Preterm Birth Prevention in High-Risk Pregnancy”

11:15 – 11:45 AM

David Huang, MD

AAOGF/ABOG Scholar Award

The Regents of the University of California, San Francisco

“Elucidating the Transcriptomic Landscape of the Human Endometrium at a Single-Cell Level During the Window of Implantation: Understanding How Aberrant and Artificial Endometrial States Contribute to Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes”



11:45 – 12:15 PM	Teresa Boitano, MD <i>AAOGF/GOG-F/FWC Scholar Award</i> <i>University of Alabama at Birmingham</i> “Improving Minority and Rural Patient Enrollment and Retention in Gynecologic Oncology Therapeutic Clinical Trials”
12:15 – 1:30 PM	Break for Lunch 1305 York Avenue, WGC-B, WGC-C
1:30 – 2:30 PM	Juan Cubillos-Ruiz, PhD <i>Professor of Microbiology and Immunology in Obstetrics and Gynecology</i> <i>Weill Cornell Medicine</i> Keynote Presentation - “Reprogramming the Immune System to Control Ovarian Cancer”
2:30 – 3:00 PM	Shilpa Darivemula, MD, MS <i>AAOGF/SASGOG Pilot Award</i> <i>University of Massachusetts T.H. Chan School of Medicine</i> “Toward Person-Centered Care in Heavy Menstrual Bleeding: Eliciting Patient and Provider Perspectives and Preferences Using Mixed Methods”
3:00 – 3:30 PM	Asha Talati, MD, MSCR <i>AAOGF/ABOG Scholar Award</i> <i>University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</i> “Identifying Equity Focused Strategies to Implement Reproductive Genetic Care”
3:30 – 4:00 PM	Walk to The Frick Collection 1 East 70th Street, New York, NY 10021
6:00 PM	Group Dinner at Bella Blu 967 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10021



Saturday, August 1, 2026

7:45 – 8:15 AM	Breakfast 1305 York Avenue, WGC-B, WGC-C
8:15 – 8:45 AM	Ashley Bartell, MD, PhD <i>AAOGF/SMFM Scholar Award</i> <i>University of Michigan</i> “A Randomized, Placebo-Controlled Trial of Dapagliflozin for Cardiovascular Risk Reduction in the Postpartum Period of Hypertensive Pregnancies”
8:45 – 9:15 AM	Dhanu Thiyag, MD, MPH <i>AAOGF/ABOG Scholar Award</i> <i>University of Michigan</i> “Clinical Evaluation of At-Home Urine-Based Human Papillomavirus Screening”
9:15 – 9:45 AM	Sara Till, MD, MPH <i>AAOGF/ABOG Bridge Grant</i> <i>University of Michigan</i> “Phenotypic Differences to Adjuvant Treatment for High Tone Pelvic Floor Dysfunction”
9:45 – 10:00 AM	Break
10:00 – 10:30 AM	Juno Obedin-Maliver, MD, MPH, MAS <i>AAOGF Bridge Grant</i> <i>Stanford University</i> “Advancing Accurate Understanding of Sexual and Reproductive Health Through Novel Survey Design Among Understudied Women”
10:30 – 11:00 AM	Stephen McCartney, MD, PhD <i>AAOGF/ACOG Bridge Grant</i> <i>University of Washington</i> “Delineating Decidual Immunometabolism Across Gestation”
11:00 – 12:00 PM	Professional Development & Focus Groups
12:00 PM	Adjourn Boxed lunches will be provided



Professional Development & Focus Groups

Group 1: First-Year Scholars

Objective: Review expectations and discuss milestones and timelines during the funding period.

Faculty: Donna Johnson MD, Donald Dudley MD, William Catherino MD

Group 2: Second-Year Scholars

Objective: Identify challenges and develop strategies for a successful transition toward research independence.

Faculty: Emily Su MD, Irina Burd MD, Kjersti Aagaard MD

Group 3: Bridge Scholars and Third-Year Scholars

Objective: Discuss current and pending applications for continued funding, identify barriers, and develop plans for achieving research independence.

Faculty: Uma Reddy MD, Lubna Pal MD, Louise Laurent MD

