



ABAT Up to Date

December 2022

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Upcoming event on
December 14th!
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Congratulations to
Mary Ann Howland
Winner of the
ABAT Exceptional Service Award



Mary Ann's contributions to ABAT go without saying and are too many to number. That she won AACT's Career Achievement Award in 2019 should demonstrate her merit. She was among the first "class" to take, and pass, the ABAT board examination in 1987. Since then, she has always been involved with ABAT from being a past president in 1989 (following Rich Weisman as the first in 1987) to serving on many committees. She has been and continues to strive to be a mentor and role model to many clinical toxicologists, including non-physician and physician alike. Above all else, Mary Ann considers herself an educator. Her dedication to students and trainees is unmatched, and her legacy continues in all who have had the privilege to learn from her.



Meet the newest ABAT diplomates!



Reem Alsultan, PharmD, DABAT

Reem has a doctor of pharmacy degree from University of Illinois at Chicago. She completed her PGY-1 and PGY-2 in Emergency Medicine Pharmacy at Brigham and Women's hospital in Boston. That was followed by two years of clinical toxicology fellowship at the Arizona Poison and Drug Information Center in Tucson. She is now back at Brigham and Women's as an Emergency Department clinical pharmacist.

Fun facts about Reem:

- loves and appreciates art!
- if she didn't go to pharmacy school, she probably would have ended up as a makeup artist or a painter



Amanda Hammond, Pharmd, DABAT, MPH

Amanda trained at the Mercer University Colleges of Pharmacy and Public Health in Atlanta, Georgia. She did a PGY-1 at Grady Health System followed by a Fellowship in Toxicology at the Georgia Poison Center. During that time, she worked as an Emergency Medicine Clinical Pharmacist for Grady Health System. She has now joined the LIU Arnold and Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy as an Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice. Her current clinical practice site is the ER at Mount Sinai West.

Fun facts about Amanda:

- loves music and theatre and her undergraduate major was in performing arts
- plays 3 instruments
- one of her guilty pleasure dreams to be on the TV show Survivor

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Chiemela Ubani, PharmD, DABAT

Chiemela completed the toxicology fellowship at the Florida/USVI Poison Information Center at Jacksonville, after which he moved directly into poison center directorship. He is now the director of the Southeast Texas Poison Center.

Fun facts about Chiemela:

- he is a connoisseur of french toast
- he enjoys listening to RnB music
- he considers himself to be an excellent pool player (that sounds like a challenge!)



Nick Husak, PharmD, DABAT

Nick got his PharmD from the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy and completed his toxicology fellowship at the Maryland poison center. After graduating, he landed a position as emergency medicine clinical pharmacist at Advocate Christ Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois.

Fun facts about Nick:

- adopted a stray cat when living in Louisiana and named him Louie. Louie has traveled with Nick wherever he has moved for training/work ever since!
- may be able to break the Guinness World Record for fastest time reciting all 50 states in alphabetical order
- his favorite junk food snack is wild berry lifesaver gummies, but only if they are refrigerated!

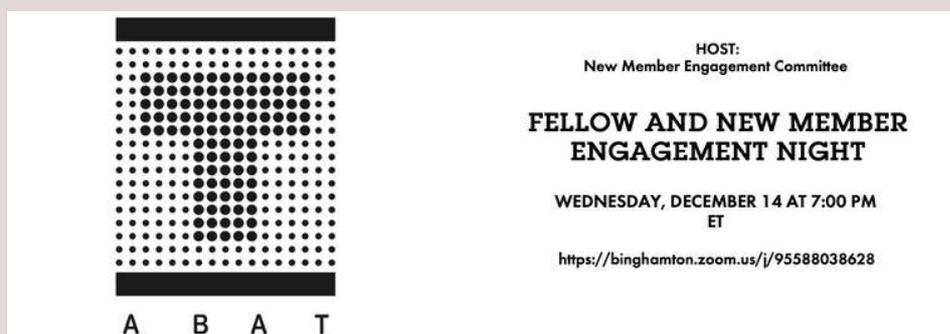
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You're Invited!

All are welcome to attend our Membership Interest meeting this coming December 14th at 7:00 PM EST on Zoom.

We will be reviewing the updated credentialing process and discuss opportunities to work on ABAT committees. We will also have an opportunity for small breakout sessions where you can network. We look forward to seeing everyone!

Mark your calendars and join us if you can!



Zoom link:

<https://binghamton.zoom.us/j/95588038628>



Letter From The President

Fellow Diplomates,

It is with great excitement that I begin my term as President of the American Board of Applied Toxicology. I have been dedicated to clinical toxicology for the last 15 years first as fellow in toxicology, then as a poison center manager turned director; serving the Diplomates of this board now as president has truly been a defining moment within my short career. Thank you for your support. I am fortunate to be taking the lead after strong organizational leadership by former presidents Bryan and Dawn. At the San Francisco ABAT Business Meeting, I outlined my goals for ABAT by placing them into 3 pillars. All goals should be achievable and aimed to position ABAT for continued success and growth.

1. ABAT Organizational Growth

- Continue to include current members, fellows & non-fellow candidates in ABAT activities by offering mentoring and networking projects.
- Expand external toxicology mentorship programs to recruit multi-disciplinary candidates to ABAT.
- Continue to explore innovative venues and methods to offer the ABAT exam every year.

2. ABAT Board of Directors Outreach

- Offer consistent Board outreach and assistance to clinical toxicology fellowship directors, ensuring their fellows can credential and eventually pass the ABAT Board exam.
- Continue to work with AACT & Degnon to enhance and improve administrative support for ABAT by creating a resourceful and navigation-friendly website as well as improving the AACT App for current DABATs.
- Establish more frequent and open communication between the ABAT board and our members.
- Work with AACT to explore using ABAT funds to invest in membership development and member outreach projects, such as research and conference travel grants for members.

3. Call to Service: Expand and energize Diplomate service within ABAT

- Continue to encourage Diplomates with history & experience to stay involved in ABAT activities, to mentor the newest members of our organization.
- For all members to support ABAT through service by signing up for at least one ABAT committee.
- Increase involvement of all ABAT members in AACT programs and committees including applying for fellowship status within AACT

Thank you for electing me as President. I look forward to getting started and working with each of you in the coming months. Of all the duties as ABAT President, meeting and getting to know each of every single one of you is truly the best part of my job.

If you have any suggestions or topics that you would like addressed by the ABAT board, please do not hesitate to reach out to me personally at ABATpresident@clintox.org.



Stephanie Hon, PharmD, DABAT, FAACT

Director, Georgia Poison Center, Grady Health System
Adjunct Faculty, Mercer School of Pharmacy &
Emory School of Nursing

New Fellows



Congratulations



to these DABATs who were inducted this Fall
as Fellows of the American Academy of Clinical Toxicology



Ashley Webb

MSc, PharmD, DABAT, FAACT



Shireen Banerji

PharmD, DABAT, FAACT



Natalija Farrell

PharmD, BCPS, DABAT, FAACT

Interested in applying for FAACT?

Members of AACT who are actively involved in service to the organization may be qualified to apply for Fellowship. Examples of service include, but are not limited to:

- Active involvement in an AACT or ABAT committee or chairing a committee
- NACCT Abstract Reviewer
- Clinical Toxicology peer reviewer
- Presenting posters or symposia at NACCT

Questions about Fellowship?

Contact the current chair, Rachel Gorodetsky, PharmD, DABAT, FAACT

rachel.gorodetsky@gmail.com

Application Deadline June 1st

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**CHECK YOUR
PASSPORTS!**
RENEW IF NEEDED

NACCT 2023

September 27-October 1
Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth
Montreal, Canada

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ABAT Member Spotlight



Susan Skolly-Danziger **PharmD, MS, DABAT**

Susan is based in Orlando, FL, and received her Diplomate status in 1996 after getting hooked on toxicology during a clerkship at the Tampa Poison Center. She holds two Master of Science Degrees from the University of Florida - Forensic Toxicology and Forensic Drug Chemistry. She has acted as Assistant Director of the Miami Poison Center and Director of the Central Pennsylvania Poison Center. She has been active on several ABAT committees and often assists in planning the Residents and Fellows Reception at NACCT.

Currently, Susan focuses most of her time acting as an expert witness and consultant in forensic/clinical toxicology and pharmacology. She is regularly retained in legal cases involving toxicology, and has been deposed hundreds of times as an expert witness in both civil and criminal cases including death penalty cases. She enjoys applying scientific concepts to civil and criminal matters, and using creative teaching methods to educate lawyers, judges and jurors about Clinical Toxicology. She lives the belief that DABATs are ideal drug experts in the legal system, and urges more DABATs to expand their roles in forensics and criminalistics, forensic drug analysis, expert consultation and law enforcement.

She presented a webinar for AACT's Forensic Section in 2021 entitled *Toxicology in Capital Cases - Working with Clients and their Attorneys on a Death Penalty Case - Methodologies*. Watch it [here!](#)

Fun fact: Susan was a collegiate gymnast who competed at the University of Iowa, and has five (that's right - five!) rescue kitties.

