

ASTMH Announces Newly Elected Society Leadership

September 28, 2022 – The American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene today announced the results from its 2022 election. Members elected Linnie Golightly, MD, as the new President-Elect. John Amuasi, MBChB, MPH, MS, PhD, FWACP, Emily Gurley, PhD, MPH, and Hannah Steinberg, PhD, MSPH, were elected as Board members.

“Our President-Elect, Dr. Golightly, brings significant experience and welcome new ideas. In addition, this is a historic election in that Linnie will be the first African-American President of ASTMH,” said current President Daniel G. Bausch, MD, MPH&TM, FASTMH. “It’s essential that people of color are represented in the highest level of ASTMH decision-making and to spur interest from these communities in our fields of study. New Board members Dr. Amuasi, who adds to the Board’s international representation, and Dr. Gurley will complement the existing Board with their strategic thinking and commitment to the Society’s mission. Dr. Steinberg, as the new Board member representing trainees, will provide us with an essential perspective for our younger members.”

Dr. Golightly is an Associate Professor in Medicine, Microbiology & Immunology and Associate Dean of Diversity and Inclusion at Weill Cornell Medicine in New York City. Her research focus is infectious diseases endemic to low- and middle-income countries (LMIC), with an emphasis on malaria, as well as factors affecting the retention of women, underrepresented minorities and citizens of LMICs in academic careers.

Dr. Amuasi is a senior lecturer at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) in Ghana, where he is head of the Global Health Department of the School of Public Health. Dr. Gurley is a Professor of the Practice in the Department of Epidemiology at the Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

Dr. Steinberg, of the University of Illinois Chicago, was elected Board Member Representing Students, Trainees, Residents or Post-docs Candidates. Her long-term goal is to have a career in infectious disease diagnostic development, ideally for application in low-resource settings.

"I'm excited to work with our newly elected leaders in 2023," said Karen A. Goraeski, CEO. "It promises to be an exciting year, full of hope and possibility. I want to thank our outgoing Board members and the ASTMH team. Despite the challenge

of COVID-19 and other sources of global upheaval over the last few years, the Society is in a good place. We could not have done it without you."

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