

# The CHOICE Institute at UWSOP

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## Welcome from Anirban Basu

Dear Friends,

As many of you know, last Fall, the very successful Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research and Policy Program (PORPP) expanded to become The Comparative Health Outcomes, Policy, and Economics Institute or, simply, The CHOICE Institute at UWSOP. The establishment of the Institute is a testament to the continuous academic and other professional successes accomplished by our faculty, students, senior fellows, and alumni. This newsletter highlights some of those recent successes.

We have exciting news! I would like to thank our anonymous donor who established a first of its kind endowment for the Institute: **[The CHOICE Institute Diversity Endowed Graduate Fellowship](#)**. This new diversity fellowship supports underrepresented CHOICE graduate students in the field of health economics, outcomes research, and policy with deep personal experience with, and connection to, diverse cultures. We believe deeply in the benefits of this fellowship and have arranged **a 50% match to all gifts made to the Diversity Endowment Fund**. Please consider a gift to this fund while this match is available to boost the impact of your gift.

I look forward to seeing many of you at ISPOR. Please join us our traditional alumni and friends gathering on Monday, May 21 (details below).

Sincerely,

*Anirban*

Anirban Basu, PhD

Professor and Stergachis Family Endowed Director, The CHOICE

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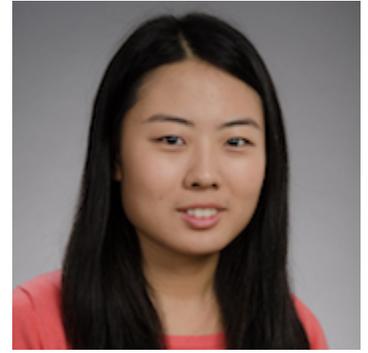
### **Alumnus Strassels named Center Director at Ohio State**

**Scott Strassels** moves into his new role as Center Director for Surgical Outcomes. [MORE](#)



### **Basu trains Indian leaders on health economics**

CHOICE Director **Anirban Basu** was invited to train Indian government officials and health care leaders in health economics. [MORE](#)



### **Li, Bounthavong, and Grewal recognized for their impact**

**Meng Li, Mark Bounthavong, & Simi Grewal** advance health care in Seattle and beyond. [MORE](#)

## **UW CHOICE ALUMNI & FRIENDS RECEPTION AT ISPOR**

Each year incoming students, current students, faculty, alumni, corporate advisory board members, friends and family join us for a fun filled evening of drinks and appetizers after the first day of the annual ISPOR conference at our Alumni & Friends Reception. It is a great opportunity for our incoming students to meet everyone and long-time colleagues and friends to catch up towards the end of the academic year. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Monday, May 21 at 5:30 p.m. at Phillips Seafood, Baltimore, Maryland**

## **CHOICE faculty and students in the news**

**Zach Marcum's** study finds metformin has mortality benefits even with low kidney function ([Read about the study](#))

**Blythe Adamson** was interviewed by BBC about her research with **Lou Garrison** and others on a modeling study of HIV vaccination campaigns in South Africa ([Published research](#))

PhD Candidate **Mark Bounthavong** wrote an editorial about nalaxone for the Annals of Internal Medicine ([Read the editorial](#))

**Lauren Strand** wins Garrison Family Endowed Prize in Health Economics for her research on statin use ([Read more](#))

CHOICE faculty **Josh Carlson** wins Pharma Foundation's National Value Assessment Award designed to help advance

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holistic, patient-driven solutions ([Read more](#))

Congratulations to **Andy Stergachis** who was named a Fellow to the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Academy of Pharmaceutical Research and Science (APhA-APRS). ([Read more](#))

**Anirban Basu** received the 2018 Health Policy Statistics Section Achievement Award, which honors individuals who have made significant contributions to the development of statistical methods or developed innovative statistical applications for health care policy or health services research ([Read more](#))

Congratulations to CHOICE alum **Marita Zimmerman** who joined the Institute of Disease Modeling in Bellevue, Washington as a Research Economist ([Read more](#))



## STUDENTS BLOG TO START CONVERSATIONS WITH STUDENTS WORLDWIDE

"It was really interesting to see the conversations that happen between the great minds of the field on Twitter, but it sometimes felt hard to engage as a student," said UW ISPOR student chapter president **Nathaniel Hendrix**. The students want the blog to benefit other students worldwide. "We share our experiences with aspects of student life from the application process through the dissertation, as well as providing technical tutorials and writing about new papers in the field."

[Blog](#)

## DEVINE SELECTED TO ACADEMY AND RECEIVES UWSOP FACULTY INNOVATION AWARD

It was announced recently that **Beth Devine** was selected to the Academy Health Methods Council. In addition, she received the UWSOP Faculty Innovation Award for leading an interdisciplinary team that will look at pharmacogenomic testing for older adults. The team will study the feasibility of optimizing medication based on genetic variability. The team includes **Isabelle**



**Ragueneau-Majilessi** from Pharmaceutics and **Jennifer Wilson-Norton** from Pharmacy. [Academy Announcement](#)



## **WELCOME CHOICE'S NEWEST FACULTY MEMBER, DOUG BARTHOLD**

We welcome Dr. Doug Barthold, PhD., Research Assistant Professor, to the faculty of the Department of Pharmacy and to The CHOICE Institute! As a health economist and health services researcher, Dr. Barthold is interested in the relationships between health policies, health care utilization, and health outcomes, especially in the pharmaceutical sector. He has experience in rigorous empirical analyses of important policy questions. [MORE](#)

## **NEUMANN PRESENTS AT JOINT HICOR/PHENOM SEMINAR AND UW PAA KATTERMAN LECTURE**

On Wednesday, May 2, 2018, Peter Neumann, Sc.D. joined our PHEnOM seminar to discuss whether the Institute for Clinical and Economic Review (ICER) is becoming the U.S.' counterpart to England's National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE). On Thursday, Dr. Neumann addressed an audience of UWSOP alumni, friends, faculty, and students on Measuring Value in Healthcare at the UW Pharmacy Alumni Association's annual Don B. Katterman Memorial Lecture. [MORE](#)





## NOVEL FELLOWSHIP ESTABLISHED BY WASHINGTON RESEARCH FOUNDATION

The partnership between **Washington Research Foundation** and The CHOICE Institute at UWSOP creates opportunities for students and researchers at non-profit research institutions in Washington state. The Washington Research Foundation (WRF) has created four new fellowships per year at The CHOICE Institute designed to support non-profit research institutions and life science researchers. [Read more.](#)

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