

Nominee – SPR Vice President

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Ophir David Klein

Education: University of California, Berkeley: B.A., Cum Laude Spanish, 1993
Yale University School of Medicine: M.D., 2000
Yale University School of Medicine: Ph.D., Genetics, 1999

House Staff and Fellowship Training: Resident, Pediatrics, Yale University School of Medicine, 2000-2003; Resident, Medical Genetics, University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), 2003-2007.

Faculty Positions: Assistant Professor of Orofacial Sciences & Pediatrics, UCSF, 2007-2011; Director of Program in Craniofacial Biology, UCSF, 2009-present; Associate Professor of Orofacial Sciences & Pediatrics, UCSF, 2011-2015; Chair of the Division of Craniofacial Anomalies, 2013-present; Medical Director of the Craniofacial Center, UCSF, 2013-present; Chair of the Division of Orthodontics, UCSF, 2014-2016; Professor of Orofacial Sciences & Pediatrics, UCSF, 2015-present; Chief of the Division of Medical Genetics, UCSF, 2016-present. Hillblom Distinguished Professor in Craniofacial Anomalies (since 2013) and Epstein Professor of Human Genetics (since 2016), UCSF.

Current Position: Professor of Orofacial Sciences & Pediatrics; Chief of the Division of Medical Genetics; Director of Program in Craniofacial Biology; Chair of the Division of Craniofacial Anomalies; Medical Director of the Craniofacial Center, UCSF.

Current Society Memberships: Society for Pediatric Research, American Society of Human Genetics, American College of Medical Genetics, International and American Associations for Dental Research, American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association, American Society for Clinical Investigation.

SPR Activities: Presentations at SPR Annual Meetings. Symposium moderator for Annual Meeting. Active member.

Research Interests: Developmental biology and birth defects, stem cell biology and regenerative medicine, clinical genetics, craniofacial and intestinal biology.

Other Information: Recipient of 2005 SPR Fellow Research Award; Recipient of 2015 SPR E. Mead Johnson Award.

Comment: SPR has been an important part of my career since I was a trainee, and I look forward to giving back to the organization as an officer. In this era of precision medicine and with an increased focus on early life as a critical period for determination of lifelong health status, there are great opportunities ahead for the society and for the field of pediatric research as a whole. There are also grave challenges facing health care and biomedical research, particularly under the current administration, and it is critical that our community speak clearly and forcefully about the importance of supporting clinical and basic science in pediatrics.