





# letter from the executive director and president



*Mark Nichols, SFP president, and Susan Higginbotham, SFP executive director, converse at Reproductive Health '09*

Dear SFP fellows, colleagues, and supporters,

On behalf of the board of directors and staff, we are delighted to provide you with the Society of Family Planning's 2009 Annual Report. As we provide a snapshot of our accomplishments for the year, we are reminded of Janet Geringer Woitiz, who said, "Part of having a strong sense of self is to be accountable for one's actions. No matter how much we explore motives or lack of motives, we are what we do."

What did we do in 2009? Most importantly, for the third consecutive year SFP managed a Request for Proposals cycle where we were delighted to allocate \$1.15 million,

representing a \$550,000 increase over the previous year, to researchers for large and small/pilot grants. Please see pages 3–4 in this report for more information on studies certain to make significant contributions to the field of family planning.

Further, we convened our society's fifth annual meeting in October in Los Angeles. The meeting, *Reproductive Health 2009*, was co-produced with our colleagues at the Association of Reproductive Health Professionals and Planned Parenthood Federation of America. SFP functioned as the lead partner for the scientific abstracts program at the conference, where 15 oral presentations and 99 posters were selected and on display. In addition, SFP sponsored a well-attended career development seminar specifically for SFP junior fellows on research methods, and we introduced the SFP Mentor Project. We also held our annual fellowship business meeting and the annual SFP awards presentations and dinner (more information on pages 5–6).

Moreover, in terms of fellowship growth, by the end of calendar year 2009 we had 212 members, including 76 full fellows, 23 candidate fellows, and 113 junior fellows. Altogether, SFP gained 42 members in 2009, which represents a twenty-five

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percent increase in new fellows. We also have a growing number of members from the public health and social science disciplines, contributing to our fellows who are clinical researchers in obstetrics and gynecology, internal medicine, and family medicine, thus making SFP even more interdisciplinary as an academic society.

Finally, we wish to sincerely thank our fellows for your contributions to the field, as we are only as strong as our membership. Additionally, we want to express our deep appreciation for all of the fellows and colleagues who volunteered in 2009 as we incrementally developed our committees, including the scientific abstracts, grant review, junior fellows, senior fellows, membership, and nominations committees.

Thank you for your involvement in SFP, and for your support of our essential mission.

Warm regards,



Susan Higginbotham, M.Ed  
Executive Director



Mark Nichols, MD  
President, SFP Board of Directors

*“The generous research support provided by the Society will not only facilitate study of important questions in contraceptive provision, but it will also have a major positive impact on my academic career.”*

—Jessica Kiley, MD,

MPH



*Daniel Grossman, 2009 grantee, will study cervical priming in South Africa*

## SMALL/PILOT GRANTS

\$15,000 maximum award

Mandy Coles, University of Rochester—\$14,980

Provision of reproductive health services among adolescent medicine providers

Shannon Criniti, Drexel University College of Medicine—\$14,986

Predictors of contraception choice and use in HIV-positive women: A pilot study

Shana Judge, University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill—\$14,520

The effect of parental involvement laws on the timing of teenagers' abortions

Megan Kavanaugh, Guttmacher Institute—\$15,000

Abortion patients perspectives on receiving contraceptive services during abortion care

Patricia Lohr, bpas—\$12,896

Disposal of fetal tissue after elective abortion: What women think

Diane Morof, University of Zimbabwe—\$14,997

Acceptability of Mirena® in Zimbabwean Women

Courtney Schreiber, University of Pennsylvania—\$15,000

Penn Family Planning and Pregnancy Loss Center database proposal

Jeanelle Sheeder, University of Colorado, Denver—\$14,847

Ambivalence versus indifference towards pregnancy in young women

Gretchen Stuart, University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill—\$15,000

A pilot study of early postpartum intrauterine contraception

## **LARGE GRANTS**

\$120,000 maximum award

Lynn Borgatta, Boston Medical Center—\$30,453

Mifepristone versus laminaria for cervical preparation prior to surgical abortion at 14-16 weeks

Gillian Dean, Planned Parenthood of New York City—\$118,499

The sensitivity of manual versus electric vacuum aspiration to detect completed abortion at less than 6 weeks of pregnancy

Alison Edelman, Oregon Health Sciences University—\$119,958

A non-hormonal model for emergency contraception: a prostaglandin-endoperoxide synthase 2-specific inhibitor

Daniel Grossman, Ibis Reproductive Health—\$110,500

Cervical priming before D & E in South Africa

Jessica Kiley, Northwestern University—\$119,982

Comparison of levonorgestrel-releasing and copper intrauterine devices on glucose tolerance in women with recent gestational diabetes mellitus: A randomized trial

Joseph Potter, University of Texas at Austin—\$120,000

Unmet demand for surgical sterilization among Mexican-origin women

Gina Secura, Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine—\$119,928

Development and testing of a computerized contraceptive decision-making tool

David Turok, University of Utah—\$119,928

EC choice and outcomes: The copper T380A IUD vs. oral levonorgestrel for emergency contraception

Dilys Walker, Instituto Nacional de Salud Pública—\$37,563

The knowledge, attitudes, & practices of Mexican health care providers in relation to abortion



*SFP fellow Gillian Dean received the Outstanding Researcher Award*

**S**FP'S ANNUAL MEETING in association with *Reproductive Health 2009* in Los Angeles was a resounding success, with nearly 700 attendees at the overall conference. The meeting began with the pre-conference SFP Career Development Seminar, which was developed by the Junior Fellows Committee and attended by over 75 SFP members. Designed to provide our fellows with opportunities to learn from established researchers employing multi-disciplinary approaches, the seminar met the goals established by the committee, and both the faculty and the program received very positive reviews.

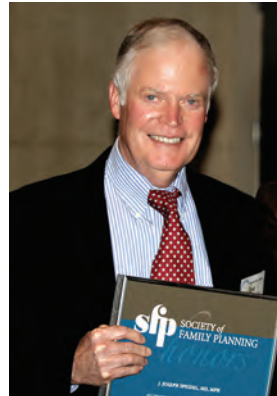
**SCIENTIFIC ABSTRACTS REVIEW:** Another essential aspect of the conference that SFP managed as the lead partner was the scientific abstracts review process. There were 15 oral presentations selected, and 99 posters on display in the exhibit hall. Conference attendees gave the presentations high marks on the evaluation, and most agreed that the scientific portion of the meeting grows stronger each year. **Gillian Dean, MD**, a SFP fellow and grantee received the Outstanding Researcher award for best oral abstract presentation for her SFP-funded project: "The safety and efficacy of digoxin as a fetocidal agent prior to 2nd trimester abortion."

**AWARDS:** SFP presented our two annual awards, the SFP Lifetime Achievement Award and the Allan Rosenfield Award for Lifetime Contributions to International Family Planning, to Jacqui Darroch, PhD, and SFP fellow, Joe Speidel, MD, MPH, respectively. Dr. Darroch presented "A Century of Contraceptive Use in America: Lessons from the Past, Challenges of the Future, while Dr. Speidel presented "Family Planning: Progress, Lessons Learned, and the Unfinished Agenda." In addition, SFP board member, Beverly Winikoff, MD was selected as the Guttmacher Lecturer. Further, numerous SFP fellows presented data, led seminars, participated on panels and gave talks at *Reproductive Health 2009*, contributing to an increase in SFP's visibility within the general conference.

**OTHER SFP EVENTS:** The annual SFP business meeting was held on October 1, and the most interesting aspect of the meeting was the presentations by the 2007 SFP grantees. Phil Darney, MD, was also recognized at the meeting for his essential leadership and service on the board of directors as President and Immediate Past President.

The SFP annual reception and dinner was held immediately after the meeting and was attended by 135 fellows and guests. During the dinner program, Mitch Creinin, MD, was recognized for his term as board President, and we welcomed Mark Nichols, MD, as incoming President.

The highlight of the program was the special recognition award presented by the SFP board of directors to Dorothy Nortman, MA, for her body of work at the Population Council. Both Dorothy and her son Don Nortman, MD, addressed the guests.



*SFP 2009 honorees included Joe Speidel (top photo), Dorothy Nortman (bottom center, lower photo), and Jacqui Darroch (right, lower photo)*

*“SFP is one of very few organizations funding and supporting abortion research in the United States. With our grant, we were able to launch a study that should add to the limited literature on very early surgical abortion and will enhance service provision to women.”*

*—Gillian Dean, MD*



# SFP fellowship demographics and growth in 2009



*Dave Turok, SFP Fellow, and Sarah Prager, SFP Junior Fellow*

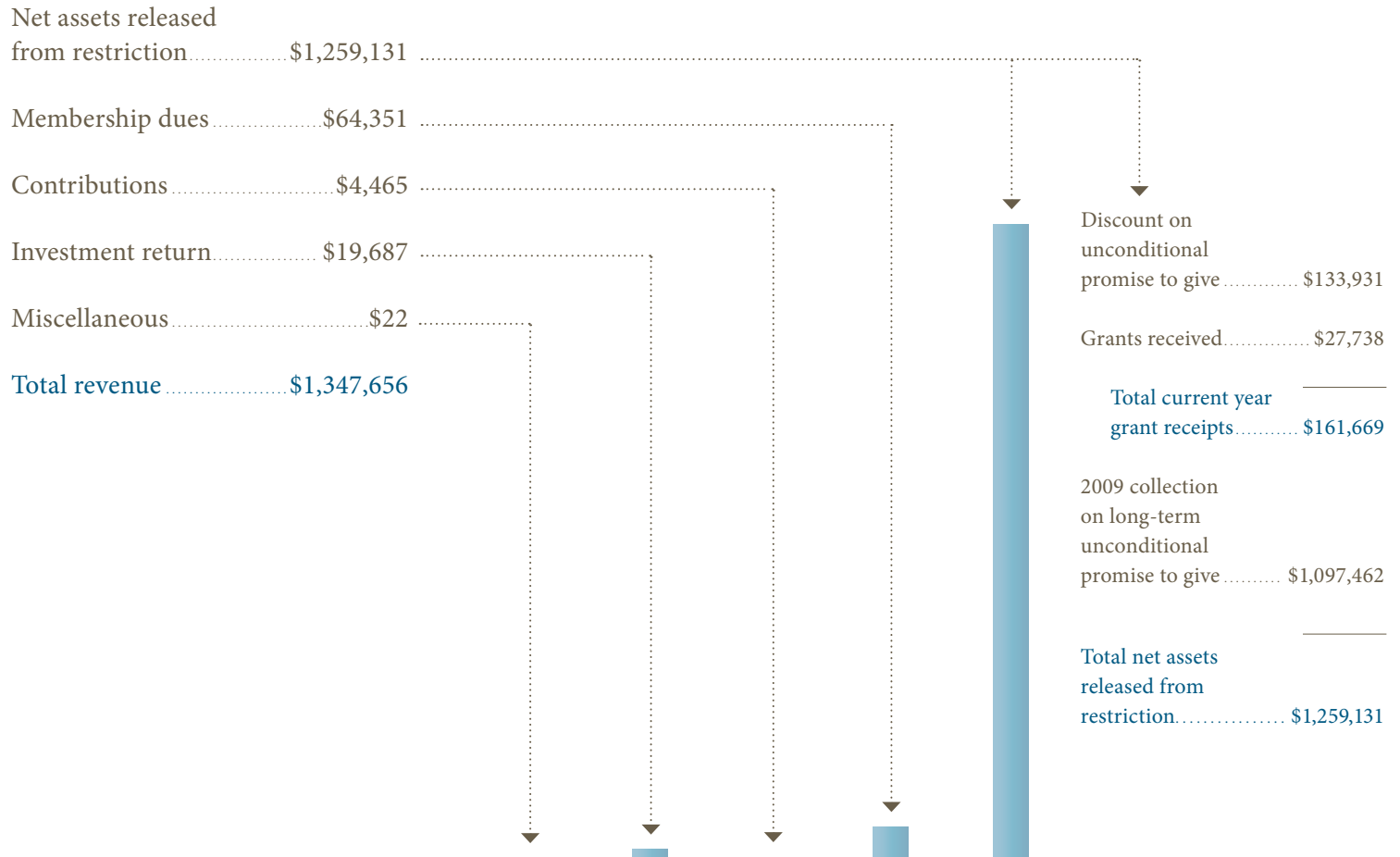
**F**ROM SFP'S INCEPTION IN 2005, until the end of calendar year 2009, we have accepted 212 qualified fellows, including 76 full fellows, 23 candidate fellows, and 113 junior fellows. In terms of demographics, the SFP fellowship is comprised of approximately 80 percent physicians, including obstetrician/gynecologists, internists, family medicine, and public health doctors. In addition, PhDs in social sciences and public policy make up about 15 percent of the membership, and the other 5 percent of our fellows have law degrees, advanced practice nursing degrees, and other similar backgrounds. Finally, almost 30 percent of our fellows have master's degrees in public health in addition to their other credentials, making for a well-rounded and experienced membership.

*“Our SFP grant enabled us to transition an idea and some preliminary data into a much more significant research project. The rapid review and response process let us initiate the project and enroll half the patients in the time it would have taken other funders to notify us of an initial review. This will make our data available to other researchers in the field at least a year earlier than it would have been if funded by other grant mechanisms.”*

*—David Turok, MD*

# 2009 audited financials

## 2009 REVENUE



2009 EXPENSES



*“It is increasingly clear that women need help in selecting the contraceptive option that is right for them. By supporting the development of our decision-assisting tool for contraceptive choice, the SFP grant is a progressive and visionary step in meeting this important need.”*

—Gina Secura, MPH, PhD

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*Melissa Gilliam, SFP President-Elect (top left), and at-large board members James Trussell (bottom left), Beverly Winikoff (top right), and Eve Espey (bottom right)*



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*With sincere gratitude, the Board of Directors for the Society of Family Planning wishes to acknowledge Mitchell D. Creinin, MD, for serving as President of the Board from 2007–2009. We thank you for your hard work and perseverance in moving the Society’s mission forward.*





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