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Career MSU Professor Wins Society of Toxicology Merit Award

Reston, Va.; March 17, 2014 — Celebrating a career of toxicological excellence, the Society of Toxicology (SOT) presents Michigan State University’s Jay I. Goodman, PhD, with the 2014 SOT Merit Award. With this award, SOT, a professional association of more than 7,700 toxicologists, annually honors a scientist who has contributed greatly to the science of toxicology throughout his or her career. Dr. Goodman will be formally presented with his peer-nominated award at SOT’s 53rd Annual Meeting and ToxExpo in Phoenix, Ariz., on March 23, 2014, and will deliver a lecture on March 24, 2014.

“Dr. Goodman has been on the forefront of investigating the molecular mechanisms of chemically induced carcinogenesis,” says nominator James E. Klaunig, PhD, ATS, IATP, “and the work from the Goodman Lab has been recognized nationally and internationally for its impact on providing scientific foundation in the regulations developed for carcinogenesis and toxicology.”

The SOT Merit Award recognizes Dr. Goodman for his research on epigenetic mechanisms involved in carcinogenesis and the implications of this for advancing science-based safety assessment of chemicals. His lab’s work has been cited in the US Environmental Protection Agency’s “Carcinogen Risk Assessment Guidelines,” and he has authored more than 125 peer-reviewed papers.

In addition to his research, Dr. Goodman has played an integral role in the toxicological community through his leadership roles with multiple toxicology-related organizations, including serving as president of SOT from 1999-2000, memberships on agency and government advisory committees, and his work educating the next generations of toxicologists.

Dr. Goodman received his BS from Long Island University’s College of Pharmacy and his PhD in pharmacology from the University of Michigan (mentor, Dr. Thomas R. Tephly). He conducted his post-doctoral training at the University of Wisconsin’s McArdle Laboratory for Cancer Research (mentor, Dr. Van R. Potter).

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About SOT
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