

In the Fall of 2018, I transitioned from Emory University to become the Chief of Neuroanesthesia at Columbia University Medical Center. Our division provides anesthesia care for over 3000 neurosurgical and neurovascular cases annually. Since joining SNACC, I have participated as a presenter, moderator, abstract reviewer, committee member, and as a special interest group organizer. At this year's meeting, I will lead an educational workshop focused on peri-operative EEG waveform interpretation for fellows and other interested SNACC members. As a member of the Scientific Affairs Committee, I am positive that the new meeting format will improve the presentation of important clinical updates while continuing to provide a scholarly forum for high-impact research relevant to neuroanesthesia, neurocritical care, and the clinical neurosciences. My experiences with other national organizations have made me very optimistic about the future of SNACC. As the chair of abstract review for Experimental Neurosciences at ASA, I have noticed an increase in the number of quality mechanistic investigations related to brain physiology. I also serve on the Scientific Advisory Board for AUA/IARS, as well as several ASA Committees (Research, Scientific Advisory, and Neuroeducation). Currently, I manage several laboratory and clinical research projects related to neuroanesthesia. Specifically, my research group focus on preserving neuronal function in the perioperative period, the links between sleep/anesthesia and mechanisms of unconsciousness. I have received funding for my research by the NIH, Veterans Administration, and private foundations. Several of my mentees have been recognized for scholarship at national meetings.