

## David Sun Lectureship in Postgraduate Education

The David Sun Lectureship in Postgraduate Education was established by Mrs. Sun in memory of her husband. Dr. Sun died at the peak of his career. He was an outstanding gastroenterologist and investigator. The speaker, with a distinguished background in gastroenterology or an allied field, is chosen by the President and Course Directors of the Postgraduate Program subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.

### 2018 Lecturer

#### David A. Johnson, MD, MACG

*Translational Approaches to Common GI Diseases...Thinking Outside of the Box...The Future is Now!*



Dr. David A. Johnson is Professor of Medicine/Chief of GI at Eastern Virginia School of Medicine. He has been published in many peer-reviewed journals and books. He edited the books, "Sleep Effect on Gastrointestinal Health and Disease: Translational Opportunities for Promoting Health and Optimizing Disease Management" (2018), "Gut Microbiome: New Understanding and Translational Applications for Disease Management" (2015), the American College of Physicians' book "Dyspepsia," (2008); the 2005 and 2010 GI Clinics of North America series on "Obesity Issues for Gastroenterologists," and edited the 2012 ACP module on CRC screening. He is a Past President of ACG (2006-2007).

Since 2000, he has served on both the GI Multi-society CRC Screening Task Force and ACG guidelines committee for CRC screening and has co-authored these screening guidelines and others. He has delivered multiple named lectures, including at the national ACG meetings where he has given *The American Journal of Gastroenterology* Lecture in 2005, the Emily Couric Memorial Lecture in 2010, and the J. Edward Berk Distinguished Lecture in 2015. In May 2012, he was acknowledged as the invited lecturer at the National Institutes of Health as a "Great Teacher" (this distinction is awarded to 2 non-NIH physicians each year). He has been honored by the ACG as a "Master of Gastroenterology", received the ACG's Berk/Fise Clinical Achievement Award for lifetime achievements and contributions in 2012, and received the William D. Carey ACG Board of Governors Award for lifetime distinguished contributions in 2015. In 2016, Dr. Johnson received the AGA Distinguished Educator Award. He served for 6 years on the American Board of Internal Medicine (Gastroenterology) Board of Examiners, is currently section editor for *MedScape GI*, and is esophageal section editor for *Journal Watch Gastroenterology* (NEJM). In 1999-2000, he worked with State Senator Emily Couric to develop the historic legislation to mandate colon cancer screening with colonoscopy as the preferred standard.