

in the School of Dental Medicine, Quinn also serves as a senior vice president of Penn's Health System.

James Shorter, Ph.D., assistant professor of biochemistry and biophysics, has received a New Scholar Award in Aging from the Ellison Medical Foundation. The awards provide support (up to \$100,000 per year for a four-year period) for investigators beginning in the first three years after postdoctoral training, when they are establishing their own labs. Shorter's laboratory investigates how cells achieve the successful protein folding involved in the overwhelming majority of biological functions. In particular, they seek to understand how cells prevent, reverse, or even promote the formation of prions and amyloid fibers. Shorter was an inaugural recipient of the 2007 N.I.H. Director's New Innovator Award.

Louis J. Soslowsky, Ph.D., the Fairhill Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and the department's vice chair for research, has won the 2010 Ann Doner Vaughan Kappa Delta Award. Presented by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgery, it is considered the Nobel Prize in the field of orthopaedic surgery research. Soslowsky, who directs the McKay Orthopaedic Research Laboratory, is also senior author of an article that received the Best Paper Award for this year's meeting of the Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons. The other authors of the paper are **Heather Ansoorge**, a Penn graduate student in bioengineering, and **Pedro K. Beredjiklian, M.D., G.M.E.** '97, of the Rothman Institute.

Ben Z. Stanger, M.D., Ph.D., was selected as a 2009 Pew Scholar in the Biomedical Sciences, one of 17 early-career scientists "who display outstanding promise

in research relevant to the advancement of human health." He will receive \$240,000 over four years to support his research. An assistant professor of medicine, he studies how tissues know when to stop growing in order to reach the appropriate size in their own environment. He uses a mouse model to determine how specific genes regulate cell size, division, and death by communicating during development.

Keith L. Wapner, M.D., G.M.E. '85, clinical professor of orthopaedic surgery at Pennsylvania Hospital, is president-elect of the American Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Society. In this role, he serves on the board of directors of the Society's Outreach & Education Fund. He also was a volunteer in the society's Overseas Outreach Program to Vietnam last year. Wapner is a board examiner for the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery. ♥



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