



## Meet the Candidates

### President-elect 2019-2021

**Sheila Crowe, MD** recently completed four years of American Gastroenterological Association presidency, Sheila who bakes gluten-free for her husband and friends, hopes to focus on celiac disease and other wheat-related disorders and health, advocating for patients, gluten-free medication, treatments beyond the GF diet and prevention of the increasing numbers who suffer from gluten/wheat.

**Alessio Fasano, MD** is the W. Allan Walker Chair in Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition at Massachusetts General Hospital. He also serves as the Division Chief of the Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition department and the Director of the Mucosal Immunology and Biology Research Center. Dr. Fasano brings his experience as Director of the Center for Celiac Research and Treatment to SSCD.

**Nadine Grzeskowiak, RN, BSN, CEN** has been a dedicated researcher, consultant, educator, author, speaker and leader regarding all topics related to intestinal health, celiac disease, non-celiac gluten sensitivity and healing since 2007. As a RN, she sees herself in the unique position to recognize and educate the public and health care providers on celiac disease and NCGS and will welcome the opportunity to serve on the SSCD Executive Council.

**Benjamin Lebwohl, MD** is a gastroenterologist and clinical researcher focused primarily on celiac disease, working to better understand its causes and consequences, and to develop ways to improve the quality of life of patients. Dr. Lebwohl stated, "The SSCD has been a catalyzer of research and knowledge dissemination, and I would like to see the organization grow for the benefit of the celiac disease community."

### Secretary 2019-2021

**Amanda Cartee, MD** is a third year clinical Gastroenterology fellow at Mayo Clinic. On completion of her training, she will be joining the University of Michigan to pursue her clinical and research interest in celiac disease.

**Fernando Chirido, PhD** is a Professor of Immunology and Independent Researcher of the National Council Research (CONICET) in Argentina. His research has investigated basic aspects of celiac disease pathogenesis and immunochemistry of prolamins. More recent work has focused on mechanisms of inflammation and cell death, and regulatory axis in small intestine using clinical samples and animal models. Since 2002, he is Executive Member of the European Working Group on Prolamin Analysis and Toxicity. Since 2015, he sits on the

Membership Committee of the Society of Mucosal Immunology. In 2016, together with other Latin American scientists, he created the Latin American Mucosal Immunology Group.

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[Jennifer Sealey Voyksner, PhD, CSO](#) is a diagnosed CD patient who has dedicated her professional career to helping CD patients manage the disease. As an analytical chemist, she has worked for many years using proteomic approaches to study allergenic proteins, such as gluten, and would be honored to serve as an industrial representative on the SSCD Executive Council.

## **Treasurer 2019-2021**

[Dawn W. Adams, MD, MS](#) is an Assistant Professor in the Center for Human Nutrition in the Department of Gastroenterology at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville. In 2015 she started and currently runs the Adult Vanderbilt Celiac Disease Clinic. She has been a member of the SSCD since 2015 and recently her clinic received SSCD Celiac Disease Unit Recognition for excellence in celiac disease diagnosis and treatment.

[Govind Bhagat, MBBS](#) is a Professor of Pathology and Cell Biology at Columbia University Irving Medical Center where he researches aspects of celiac disease pathology and immunology. Dr. Bhagat has had the pleasure of working with many clinicians and researchers over the years who have helped characterize diverse clinical and pathological manifestations of celiac disease in children and adults. If given the opportunity, he would love to support the SSCD in its mission to foster innovative research, enhance collaborations between established and new investigators and increase awareness of celiac disease.

[Alberto Caminero, PhD](#) earned his doctorate in microbiology at the University of Leon in Spain. His research at the Verdú Lab at McMaster University is focused on the impact of the gut microbiota alterations in celiac disease. He will begin his role as Assistant Professor of the Farncombe Institute in July.

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