

## ASHI Member Spotlight

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**How long have you been an ASHI member?** 23 years

**When did you attend your first ASHI meeting?** My first ASHI meeting was in Pittsburgh, 1994. I have two specific memories, the first was feeling overwhelmed by the talks and presentations. The second was from my first One Lambda Party. I'm from New Orleans and have seen lots of craziness at Mardi Gras. It still didn't prepare me for some of the things I saw that night.

**What made you decide to work in HLA:** I was finishing my Ph.D. project and needed to develop an ELISA assay to measure rat IgG in mouse serum post-T-cell depletion. The lab where I developed that assay was the Immunodiagnosics research laboratory, directed by Dr. Frank Gelder, who was also the director of the HLA lab. While working on the ELISA system, we agreed that I would become his post-doctoral fellow and an HLA lab director-trainee.

**Most rewarding aspect:** When we are able to find a donor for a solid organ patient that may be highly sensitized or a stem cell recipient that may have a rare haplotype, it just makes all of the other baloney we deal with on a daily basis worthwhile.

**Fun fact:** I really like to watch English Premiere League Football (soccer) on Saturday and Sunday mornings. I also like listening to podcasts. I also like traveling, especially to teach or inspect labs; but, seriously dislike the hassles of air travel.