



Member Spotlight



Name & Credentials: Gerald P Morris, MD, PhD

Job title and place of employment: Assistant Professor of Pathology at the University of California, San Diego

Graduated from: BS from University of Michigan, MD, PhD from Wayne State University

How long have you been an ASHI member? Since 2008

Your first ASHI meeting? Toronto 2008. It was exciting to meet everyone who had written all of the papers that I was reading as a trainee.

What made you decide to work in this field? Manish Gandhi. We were residents together at Washington University. Manish knew that I was doing postdoctoral research in T cell alloreactivity and suggested that I consider HLA as a clinical specialty. On his recommendation, I met with everyone in the HLA lab and realized that clinical HLA testing was interesting and exciting.

What do you find to be the most rewarding aspect of your work? Before training in HLA, I did a residency in clinical pathology. That gave me a lot of experience with clinical testing from both the laboratory perspective and as a physician using that information to take care of patients. That experience also included a lot of work in blood banking and transfusion medicine which is similar to transplant testing (cell type, antibody screen, crossmatch). I like seeing the practical application of the things I'm interested in from a scientific standpoint. It's great to see patients benefit from the advances in the field.

Tell us a fun fact about yourself...likes? dislikes? Hobbies? I collect comic books....lots and lots of comic books.