

General's Gold Medal is awarded to the graduate student who has achieved the most outstanding academic record in the graduating class for the Doctoral degree. The Council of Graduate Schools/PROQUEST Distinguished Dissertation Award recognizes completed dissertations representing original work that makes an unusually significant contribution to the discipline. Although I did not receive either, I am proud that my work was considered.

5. You are marooned on a desert island. What is the one book you want with you?

Bossy Pants by Tina Fey. She is a great inspiration, making it to comedy's big league, *Saturday Night Live*, at a time where women were not considered capable comedians. The book is so funny and full of great life lessons. I laugh every time I read it.

6. What are some of the hurdles that you have faced as a young, female MD researcher?

There is still discrimination based on age and gender, which is really unfair and infuriating. I am still learning when to stand up and fight for justice, and when to keep quiet and accept it. Thankfully, grace and humour can go a long way in this regard.

7. What direction would you like to see for your future projects?

With my clinical epidemiology training, involvement in the development of the American College of Rheumatology (ACR)/European League Against Rheumatism (EULAR) Classification Criteria for Systemic Sclerosis, and current position of Co-Chair for the ACR subcommittee for Classification and Response Criteria, I am earning a reputation as a methodologist for classification and response criteria development.

I am currently the ACR lead for the EULAR-ACR Classification Criteria for SLE; this four-phase study is underway, and will likely take two years to complete.



Photo courtesy of Dr. Fred Davis, 2015.

Dr. Johnson's research is #1 in the eyes of the CRA (and Dr. Janet Pope).

Working with Dr. Pope and Dr. Murray Baron, we have been successfully funded for the development of new Systemic Sclerosis Subset Classification Criteria. My hope is that the novel methodologic approaches in which I have developed expertise will be applied to other rheumatic diseases.

8. What was your first paid job? How long did it last?

I was a cashier at a McDonald's in St. John's. I aspired to work drive-through, but never got that far!

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CRA: CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

You are invited to submit abstracts for presentation during the 2016 CRA Annual Scientific Meeting and AHPA Annual Meeting! Deadline for submissions is Monday, October 19th, 2015. Details will be available at www.rheum.ca/en/events/upcoming_events/abstracts_2016.

WELCOME TO THE RHEUM

The CRA would like to welcome the following new members:

Ann Clarke, Calgary, AB	Steven Thomson,
Matthew Cooper,	Calgary, AB
Vancouver, BC	Stephanie Tom, Calgary, AB