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Biophysical Society Announces 2014 Society Fellows

Rockville, MD — The Biophysical Society is delighted to announce its 2014 Society Fellows. This award honors the Society's distinguished members who have demonstrated excellence in science, contributed to the expansion of the field of biophysics, and supported the Biophysical Society. The Fellows will be honored at the Awards Ceremony during the Biophysical Society's 58th Annual Meeting on Monday February 17, 2014 at the Moscone Convention Center in San Francisco, California. The Fellows are:

Barbara Baird, Cornell University, for developing integrated biophysical approaches to elucidate molecular mechanisms of cellular responses.

Michael Brown, University of Arizona, for his theoretical and experimental contributions to the field of membrane biophysics using NMR relaxation in lipid bilayers.

Lila Gierasch, University of Massachusetts, for her pioneering contributions to the understanding of the physical forces underlying protein folding.

Karolin Luger, Colorado State University, for her seminal contributions to the structure-function analysis of chromatin biology.

Benoit Roux, University of Chicago, for his fundamental contributions to theoretical and computational biophysics through groundbreaking discoveries in the central field of biological membranes.

Michael Sheetz, Columbia University, for his groundbreaking discoveries regarding motor mediated motility and mechanotransduction by cells at the single molecule level.

Devarajan Thirumalai, University of Maryland, for his use of

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computational and theoretical models to understand the principles of RNA and protein folding, function, and dynamics.

David Warshaw, University of Vermont College of Medicine, for his substantial contributions to the understanding of the mechanics and regulation of smooth muscle and cardiac disease at the single molecule level.

The Biophysical Society, founded in 1958, is a professional, scientific Society established to encourage development and dissemination of knowledge in biophysics. The Society promotes growth in this expanding field through its annual meeting, monthly journal, and committee and outreach activities. Its 9000 members are located throughout the U.S. and the world, where they teach and conduct research in colleges, universities, laboratories, government agencies, and industry. For more information on these awards, the Society, or the 2014 Annual Meeting, visit www.biophysics.org.