

## CMSR Arthritis Investigators Recognized at the 2017 OARSI Meeting in Las Vegas

Abstracts submitted by Dr. Fadia Kamal and Eric Schott were among the nine highest rated at the 2017 Osteoarthritis Research Society International Conference held in Las Vegas, Nevada April 27-30. They both orally presented their work during the Award and Keynote Plenary session at the opening of the conference, and were announced as Young Investigator Travel Award winners at the conclusion of the session. Dr. Kamal, a Research Assistant Professor in the Department of Orthopaedics, presented her groundbreaking work identifying Gbeta/gamma and its regulation of G-protein coupled receptor signaling as a novel therapeutic target in posttraumatic osteoarthritis. Eric Schott, a PhD trainee in the Department of Pathology, described his findings implicating the gut microbiome in the pathogenesis of osteoarthritis in the context of obesity, and described how manipulation of microbial communities is protective. Both were provided \$1000 to defray travel expenses and are to be featured on the society's web site.

