

Dr. Talia Swartz, Daughter of NYCPM's Dr. Mark Swartz, Honored by Mt. Sinai



Talia H. Swartz, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, and Co-Director of the Medical Scientist Training Program (MD/PhD) at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai (ISMMS), has received the 2020 Distinguished Scholar Award from the school. Dr. Swartz's lab at Mt. Sinai seeks to understand the "mechanisms that mediate" chronic inflammation that persists in HIV patients, even those whose viral loads are controlled.

In a soon-to-be-released **video**

(<https://app.frame.io/presentations/fea7a706-8609-4c82-b56b-ed0e0ff58394>) produced by ISMMS, Dr. Swartz explains that identifying the pathways could yield implications for therapeutic solutions for both HIV and COVID-19 patients.

During the same video, Dr. Swartz (daughter of a very proud **Mark H. Swartz, MD**, NYCPM's Professor of Medicine and Vice President, Medical and Professional Affairs) states that among her proudest accomplishments was to start a family while training. In fact, this is one of the stated goals of the award:

"The Distinguished Scholar Award offers funding to help Assistant Professors with independent research programs as they integrate family caretaking responsibilities into their careers."

Dr. Talia Swartz credits support at Mt. Sinai and at home with nurturing her desire to become a physician-scientist.