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Taking a thermodynamic approach: A conversation with Baron Chanda



This issue of *The Journal of General Physiology* includes the Abstracts for the 68th Annual Meeting of the Society of General Physiologists, scheduled to take place September 2–6 in Woods Hole. We've been publishing the Abstracts for the SGP Annual Meeting since 1996, which was also the first year the SGP presented the Paul F. Cranefield

Award, created to honor long-time *JGP* Editor Paul Cranefield. The Cranefield Award, intended to recognize an independent young investigator who in the preceding calendar year published a truly outstanding article in the *JGP*, has been presented nine times between 1996 and 2013.

In this month's installment of *Generally Physiological*, I'm delighted to present a condensed version of a

conversation with Baron Chanda, winner of last year's Cranefield Award, as a fitting accompaniment to the 2014 Abstracts. My conversation with Baron, which is the second of an occasional series of audio presentations of conversations with notable physiologists, took place in San Francisco, during the 58th Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society.

The interview and transcript are available here: <http://www.jgp.org/cgi/content/full/jgp.201411251/DC1>.

Listeners interested in learning more may wish to explore some of the following closely related *JGP* articles, as well as those cited in the conversation.

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