Founded as the Association of American Anatomists in 1888 by Joseph Leidy, M.D., University of Pennsylvania. Preeminent anatomist of his time, as well as a paleontologist, parasitologist, and geologist.

1908 became American Association of Anatomists.

2019 became American Association for Anatomy.
**OUR MISSION**
Advancing anatomical science through research, education, and professional development.

**OUR VISION**
Inspiring scientific curiosity and discovery

**OUR VALUES**
Community, Respect, Inclusion, Integrity, Discovery

**Community**
Above all, AAA is a community of peers – educators, researchers, and students of the anatomical sciences and anatomy-related fields – that offers support and collaboration to fellow members, future members, as well as healthcare and allied professions.

**Respect**
Our international community respects differences, acts with professionalism, and upholds the mission, vision, values, and policies of the Association.

**Inclusion**
We are firmly committed to welcoming, developing, and maintaining scientists and educators by embracing individuals with diverse life experiences.

**Also See**
Governance & Guiding Documents
Membership

Ethnicity
Source: Membership Application

- White 44.8%
- Not Specified 36.8%
- Hispanic or Latino 3.3%
- Black 2.8%
- Asian or Pacific 10.1%
- American Indian 0.5%
- Other 1.6%
Summary highlights of the AAA Community Engagement

- Annual meeting in April at Experimental Biology
- Regional (one-day) meetings across the US and Canada
- ‘Newsroom’ – collects representative news stories featuring the Association, members and anatomical research
  - Statement on Ethical Use of Human Tissues
  - Presidents Issue Statement on Racism
  - AAA Board of Directors Issues Statement on US Capitol Siege
- Newsletters: ‘Anatomy Now Weekly’
- Webinars
Journals
Grants, Scholarships & Awards

- Anatomy Training Program
- Short-Term Visiting Scholarship
- Postdoctoral Fellowship
- Education Research Scholarship
- Student/postdoc meeting travel awards and competition award
- Early Career Anatomist Publication Award
- Early-career Investigator Awards
- **NEW**: Outstanding Mentor Award & The Excellence in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Award
Featured Awardee
LYNNE A. OPPERMAN, PH.D., FAA
A.J. Ladman Exemplary Service Award
2021 Recipient

Achieving Excellence
Thank you