

## **2017 RODNEY F. GANEY, PH.D., COMMUNITY-BASED RESEARCH AWARD**

The Rodney F. Ganey, Ph.D., Community-Based Research Award is presented annually to a regular faculty member who has completed at least one research project that addresses a need within South Bend or the surrounding area. This year we recognize a molecular cell biologist whose cutting-edge research to understand disease pathology and develop treatments for diseases ranging from Niemann-Pick Type C to malaria has shaped Notre Dame's Boler-Parseghian Center for Rare and Neglected Diseases, of which she is the founding director. In 2015, she sought to apply her considerable expertise in a specifically local context, winning a Ganey Collaborative Community-Based Research Seed Grant for a project to improve rare disease management in our community. With that grant, she and her team partnered with advanced Notre Dame pre-med students, local pediatricians, and families of rare-disease patients to help create a knowledge base and analytic framework for rare-disease recognition in northern Indiana. Now, for the first time, local clinicians, patients, and their families have support close to home.

The University of Notre Dame is proud to present the 2017 Rodney F. Ganey, Ph.D., Community-Based Research Award to

### **Kasturi Haldar**

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