

which is the most recently updated comprehensive textbook on meningiomas, being published by Springer in 2008.

### **BrainLAB Community Neurosurgery Award**



**Alan T. Villavicencio, MD**  
Alan T. Villavicencio, MD, is director of the Minimally Invasive Spine Program and Research and Development at

Boulder Neurosurgical Associates. He is also founder and director of the Trigeminal Neuralgia Program at this practice. He is director of neurosurgery at Longmont United Hospital and director of surgery at the Minimally Invasive Spine Institute.

Dr. Villavicencio received his medical degree cum laude from Harvard Medical School in 1995. He completed his internship in general surgery in 1996 and his residency in neurological surgery in 2001, both at Duke University Medical Center. Following his residency, he undertook a one-year fellowship in orthopedic minimally invasive and reconstructive spine surgery at the Institute of Spinal Disorders at Cedars-Sinai and the University of California, Los Angeles.

Dr. Villavicencio has authored more than 50 peer-reviewed articles, wrote seven book chapters, and presented at nearly 100 conferences worldwide. In addition to the AANS, he is a member of numerous professional organizations, including the American Medical Association, the Colorado Medical Society, the Colorado Neurological Society, and the Congress of Neurological Surgeons.

### **Synthes Skull Base Award**

**Michael Sughrue, MD**  
Michael E. Sughrue MD, is currently a neurosurgical resident at the University of California at San Francisco. He received his medical degree from Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons in 2005.

Dr. Sughrue is the recipient of several research awards including the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Medical Student Research Fellowship (2001), the American Heart Association Medical Student Research Fellowship (2003), the American Medical Association: Seed Research Grant (2004), and the Louis Gibofsky Memorial Prize for Excellence in Immunobiology Research (2005). He is author or co-author of nearly 20 peer-reviewed publications.

### **Ronald L. Bittner Award**



**Matthew McGirt, MD**  
Matthew McGirt, MD, is currently a fifth-year resident in neurosurgery at the Department of Neurological Surgery at Johns Hopkins

Hospital in Baltimore. He graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science from Duke University in 1998. He received his medical degree from Duke University School of Medicine in 2003, followed by an internship in general surgery at the Department of Surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Presently, Dr. McGirt serves as the co-principle investigator and founder of the Neuro-Oncology Surgical Outcomes Laboratory at Johns Hopkins. His current research interests focus on assessing appropriate surgical outcome measures for brain tumor patients, evaluating and implementing outcomes-driven hospital-based safety measures, and assessing the efficacy of surgical and medical therapeutics for neurosurgical diseases through prospective outcomes studies.

### **Preuss Residents Research Award**



**John K. Park, MD, PhD**  
John K. Park, MD, PhD, is currently head of the Surgical and Molecular Neuro-oncology Unit within the intramural

research program of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. He

has been on staff at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) since 2002.

Dr. Park received his medical and doctorate degrees from Harvard Medical School in 1992. In 1998, he completed his neurosurgery residency at the Children's Hospital/Brigham and Women's Hospital/Harvard Medical School and joined the faculty of these institutions.

His laboratory investigates mechanisms of brain tumor development and chemotherapy resistance. In collaboration with the National Cancer Institute, his clinical practice is focused on the surgical treatment of patients with primary and metastatic brain tumors.

Dr. Park has previously received awards and funding from the American Brain Tumor Association, the AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery, the Neurosurgery Research and Education Foundation, the New England Cancer Society, the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and the NIH.

### **Farber Award**



**E. Antonio Chiocca, MD, PhD**  
E. Antonio Chiocca, MD, PhD, has been the chair of the Ohio State University Medical Center Department of

Neurological Surgery since 2004. He holds the Dardinger Family Endowed Chair in Oncological Neurosurgery at the James Comprehensive Cancer Center.

He was previously an associate professor of Neurosurgery at Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School (MGH/Harvard), where he also completed his residency. He received his medical and PhD degrees from the University of Texas Medical School at Houston in 1988.

He was elected to the American Society for Clinical Investigation in 2005 and as a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences in 2005. He is member of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) – D (clinical studies) parent