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## Jacobsen Scholar Award recognizes mid-career research faculty at Upstate

Three Upstate Medical University scientists have been named to receive a new award established to honor mid-career research faculty. The Jacobsen Scholar Award will be presented at Fall Faculty Convocation on Sept. 16.

David Amberg, PhD, professor of biochemistry and molecular biology; Wendy Kates, PhD, associate professor

of psychiatry and behavioral sciences; and Barry Knox, PhD, professor of biochemistry and molecular biology and ophthalmology, are the first recipients.

The idea for the award emerged through an Engaging Excellence recommendation. The criteria was developed by a committee chaired by Vice

President for Research Steven R. Goodman, PhD, and included Richard Cross, PhD; Timothy Endy, MD, MPH; David Mitchell, PhD; Maxwell Mozell, PhD; Paula Trief, PhD; and Steven Youngentob, PhD.

"The Jacobsen Scholar Awards begin to fulfill the Engaging Excellence

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## Celebrations, tours set for Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital

Because of the widespread public interest in the Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital, especially from the nearly 8,000 children's hospital campaign donors of record, 1,000 employee donors, and nearly 400 major donors, events and tours have been scheduled over a four-day period, of Sept. 10 through Sept. 13, to allow the broadest possible community participation in this historic event.

Self-guided tours for staff will be held Sept. 10, from noon to 3:30 p.m. A

Community Dedication Ceremony will follow from 4 to 6 p.m., featuring presentations from local and state dignitaries.

A group of the largest donors to the campaign and campaign volunteers, who played leadership roles in making the Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital a reality, will be feted at a reception with the hospital's namesake, Thomas Golisano, on Sept. 11.

Special tours for all other major donors will be conducted Sept. 12 and

13, with public open houses occurring Sept. 12, from 1 to 5 p.m., and Sept. 13, from noon until 5 p.m. Over the course of the extended weekend, entertainment will be provided by the Open Hand Theater, The Paul Robeson Performing Arts Company, Signature Syracuse Singers and the Syracuse Children's Chorus, among others.

A complete schedule of the children's hospital ceremonies will be included in the Sept. 2 issue of *Upstate Update*.

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recommendation that we focus on retention of outstanding faculty through recognition and reward,” said Dr. Goodman.

All tenured basic science and clinical research faculty, who have been at Upstate a minimum of four years and a maximum of 25, were considered for the award. The selection criteria centers on three-year grant funding and mid-career status measures, while publication impact and recent awards were

also considered. Award winners receive \$10,000 on their base salary and an additional \$10,000 in the first year to support their laboratory activities. The award will be given annually.

Combined, the three award winners hold more than \$7.3 million in external funding and pursue research in diverse areas.

Dr. Amberg analyzes complex cytoskeletal interactions within cells and his work impacts Sickle Cell disease and other disorders. Dr. Kates uses

imaging to study neurodevelopment in individuals with genetic or psychiatric disorders. Dr. Knox studies the molecular basis of vision and blinding diseases.

“We are pleased to honor the remarkable achievements of three outstanding researchers,” said Upstate President David R. Smith, MD. “Their work truly inspires hope for further understanding for a range of human health issues.”

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to 5 p.m. at the Welch Allyn Lodge, 4355 State Street Road in Skaneateles. The retreat includes a poster session; breakfast, lunch, and late afternoon social hour; and a keynote address by Anne Messer, PhD, of the Wadsworth Center of the state Department of Health and professor in the School of Public Health at the University of Albany. The retreat is sponsored by the College of Graduate Studies.

**The Third Annual CNY Lung Cancer 5k Walk and Run will be held Sept. 20 at Longbranch Park in Liverpool.** Registration begins at 9 a.m. followed by a 10 a.m. start. The fees are: \$20 each for lung cancer survivors, \$25 per adult, and \$10 per child. Prizes will be awarded to the top individual fundraiser, the largest family team and the largest corporate team. The first place runner in each age category will receive trophies. The event also includes a silent auction and raffles. Register online at [www.lungevity.org](http://www.lungevity.org) or on-site the day of the event. Proceeds benefit the Lungevity Foundation for lung cancer research.

**“Obstructive Sleep Apnea: Maintaining Good Patient Outcomes” will be presented** by Casey Hammerle, MS, RN, CBN, of University Hospital at Nursing Grand Rounds Sept. 23, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in 103 Weiskotten Hall. One contact hour will be provided by the Institute for Continuing Nursing Education. Everyone is welcome. Registration is

not required. For information, e-mail [albanese@upstate.edu](mailto:albanese@upstate.edu) or call 464-9443.

**The SUNY Upstate community is invited to University Hospital's 23rd Annual Nursing Excellence Celebration** Sept. 24 at the Convention Center at Oncenter, 800 S. State St., Syracuse. A reception and cash bar will be held in the Atrium, from 5:30 to 6 p.m. followed by a buffet, from 6 to 7 p.m. Awards will be presented in the ballroom at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person or two for \$40. Table of 10 tickets are available for \$175. The proceeds will benefit University Hospital's Nursing Recognition Fund. The deadline for online reservations is Sept. 18. Tickets will be available in the Nursing Recruitment Office, 511 Jacobsen Hall on Sept. 21 and 22. To register online, visit [www.upstate.edu/specialevents.php](http://www.upstate.edu/specialevents.php).

**Join Team Upstate for the 5k Walk/Run to Cure Diabetes to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation,** to be held Sept. 26 at the Knoll Pavilion at Long Branch Park in Liverpool. Registration begins at 9 a.m.; the Team Upstate photo at 9:45 a.m.; followed by the walk/run at 10 a.m. The event includes a DJ, magicians and games. Food and beverage will be provided prior to and following the walk/run. A Team Upstate T-shirt will be given to students who donate a minimum of \$15 online and all others who donate a minimum of \$30 online by Sept. 15. Register at [www.upstate.edu/jdrf](http://www.upstate.edu/jdrf). For more information, call 464-7555, 464-6335, 464-2528; 464-2543; or 464-6512.

**The 10th Annual Pat's Pavement Pounder will be held Sept. 27, rain or shine,** from noon to 3 p.m. at the Fayetteville-Manlius High School Track, 8201 East Seneca Turnpike Manlius. Proceeds will benefit University Hospital's Dr. William J. Waters Center for Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders and the Patrick Cole Courage Award. The entry fee is \$20 per person and \$40 per family. For more information, call 682-6286 or visit [www.kidsmiracles.org/patspavementpounder](http://www.kidsmiracles.org/patspavementpounder).

**In response to an executive order from Gov. David Paterson that eliminates bottled water as a state expenditure,** Upstate Medical University has stopped purchasing bottled water with state funds. Upstate's Sustainability Task Force is developing a plan to phase out the use of bottled water and increase the availability of filtered tap water on campus. “A decision such as this involves the concerted effort of our entire campus community,” said Tom Pelis, chair of the task force. For more information, visit [http://upstate.edu/green/thinking\\_green/bottled.php](http://upstate.edu/green/thinking_green/bottled.php) or go to <http://upstate.edu/green>, click on the “Thinking Green” link and then “Upstate Moves to Eliminate Bottled Water.”

**Upstate's mixed bowling league is recruiting members through Sept. 14.** The league bowls Tuesdays, at 5:15 p.m. at Lakeview Bowling Center, 715 Old Liverpool Road, Liverpool. To join or for more information call 464-7882 (e-mail [benward@upstate.edu](mailto:benward@upstate.edu)) or 464-2412 (e-mail [mieczkoc@upstate.edu](mailto:mieczkoc@upstate.edu)).