Welcome

We hope you enjoy reading this second issue of The Faculty Commons. You will see a great depth and breadth of accomplishments of the members of our faculty.

We requested information from department chairs, but also from you, members of the faculty, and received a lot of important news. Remember, we are very open to suggestions for improvement.

You will read about the many exciting activities of our faculty. I was really impressed by the national involvement and recognition of so many of you. Service to the larger academic medical community not only broadens our own horizons and opportunities, but also lets our peers know about the excellence of the faculty at SUNY Upstate Medical University. I congratulate you all!

You will also read about the highly trained new recruits who have recently joined us. They are individuals who had many professional options, and chose to join our faculty here at Upstate. In doing so, they are giving us a big vote of confidence and entrusting their careers to us and our leaders. Please let them know they are warmly welcomed by their colleagues.

Wishing everyone a healthy and happy 2008!

P.S. Please scroll down to the last item on the last page (Other News). I’d appreciate some input about an idea.

Faculty Achievements

Honors & Awards ~ Congratulations to:

Richard Aubrey, MD, Professor, Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, has been chosen to receive The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Award for Outstanding District Service for District II.

Richard A. Beers, MD, Professor, Department of Anesthesiology, was recently elected as a board examiner for the American Board of Anesthesiology.
Richard Cross, PhD, Professor and Chair of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, has been named a SUNY Distinguished Professor. The honor is the highest accolade SUNY awards to faculty.

Vivian Gahtan, MD, Professor, Department of Surgery, was named the Recorder for the Eastern Vascular Society (EVS), September 2007

Andrzej Krol, MD, Associate Professor, Department of Radiology, has been promoted to the grade of Senior Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

James Listman, MD, Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, was selected for membership in the Society for Pediatric Research. The SPR is one of two selective societies for academic pediatricians. Membership recognizes accomplishment in independent scientific research by an early to mid career investigator.

Andrea Manyon, MD, Professor and Chair, Department of Family Medicine, was awarded the status of “Fellow” of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Jennifer F. Moffat, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology was awarded Outstanding Teacher Award 2007, College of Graduate Studies, SUNY Upstate Medical University

Carol Recker-Hughes, MA, PT, Assistant Professor, Department of Physical Therapy Education was recipient of the annual Berj Harootunian Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement and Potential as a Scholar in Education, School of Education, Syracuse University, May 2007.

M. Saeed Sheikh, M.D., PhD, Professor, Department of Pharmacology, was appointed to the Editorial Board of ‘Current Molecular Pharmacology’, an international scientific peer-reviewed journal.

Irene Sills, MD, Professor, Department of Pediatrics, was selected for membership in the American Pediatric Society. The APS is one of two selective societies for academic pediatricians. Membership recognizes career accomplishments and national recognition as a leader in the field.

Joseph G. Sorbello, MSEd, RT, RRT, Chair and Associate Professor, Department of Respiratory Therapy Education, was awarded the Specialty Practitioner of the Year Award, Education Specialty Section, American Association for Respiratory Care. Dec., 2007. This award honors outstanding achievements and significant contributions to the profession as a Respiratory Therapist in some significant capacity.

Margaret (Meega) Wells, PhD, MS, RN, NP, Assistant Professor of the College of Nursing, received her PhD in Nursing from Binghamton University. Her dissertation title was: Resilience in Rural Community Dwelling Older Adults. She was selected as the student speaker for graduation. Dec. 2007
Vivian Gahtan, MD, Professor, Department of Surgery, was named as a Lloyd Rogers Endowed Professor at SUNY Upstate Medical University in October 2007. The individual who hold this award must demonstrate (1) evidence of successful mentoring of junior faculty; and (2) success nationally in leadership and publication.

The following faculty members were recognized at the Annual Fall Faculty Convocation, September 19, 2007

SUNY Distinguished Service Professor
Arnold M. Moses, MD, Department of Medicine

Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities
Robert B. Barlow, PHD, Departments of Ophthalmology and Neuroscience & Physiology

Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching
Chaintanya V. Haldipur, MD, Department of Psychiatry

Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Professional Service
Nancy A. Dobbins, BS, Department of Cell and Developmental Biology

Chancellors’ Award for Excellence in Faculty Service
Paula M. Trief, PhD, Departments of Psychiatry, Medicine and Orthopedic Surgery

President’s Award for Excellence and Leadership in Research
Mario Delmar, MD, PhD, Department of Pharmacology

President’s Award for Excellence in Basic Research by a Young Investigator
Michael E. Zuber, PhD, Department of Ophthalmology

President’s Award for Excellence in Professional Service
Daniel A. Jaeger, LFD, Department of Cell and Developmental Biology

President’s Award for Excellence in Faculty Service
Donald C. Blair, MD, Department of medicine

President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching
College of Graduate Studies/College of Medicine, Basic Science
Paul F. Shanley, MD, Department of Pathology

College of Medicine, Clinical Department
Rodger P. Greenberg, PhD, Department of Psychiatry

College of Nursing
Barbara A. Black, RN, MS, MA, ANP

Clinical Campus
Barbara H. Chaffee, MD, MPH, Department of Medicine
President’s Award for Outstanding Voluntary Faculty

**College of Medicine**
Elwin L. Stillman, MD, Private Practice, Lowville, NY

**College of Nursing**
Frank C. Smith, MD, Department of Pediatrics

**College of Health Professions**
Sharon Pieper, RT(T), University of Rochester

**Clinical Campus**
Michael A. Farrel, MD, Broome Obstetrics and Gynecology, PC

President’s Award for Distinguished Services
Richard H. Aubry, MD, MPH, Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

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**Grants Awarded**

**Stephen V. Faraone, PhD- Psychiatry**
PI: Analysis of an ADHD Whole Genome Association, 9/07-9/08
NIH-National Institute of Mental Health- RO1

**Vivan Gahtan, MD- Surgery**

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Co-PI: “Hyperglycemia in endothelial dysfunction and smooth muscle cell migration: Role of NADPH oxidase and thrombospondin-1, Collaborative project, $26,500.

Jeanna Maraffa, PharmD (PI), Christine Stork, PharmD, William Grant, EdD, Susan Wojcik, MS, ATC, and Michael Holland, MD, PharmD, Emergency Medicine, The Role of Fomepizole in DEG Toxicity in Rats; Researcher Initiated Grant Jazz Pharmaceuticals $60,000.

**William Grant, EdD** and Jay Scott, BS, NREMTP, Emergency Medicine, Capacity Building Grant for the Medical Reserve Corps, From the National Association of County and City Health Officials $5,000

**M. Golam Mohi, PhD-Pharmacology**
PI: Contribution of Gab2 and Shp2 in Myeloproliferative Disorders 4/08-3/11
Association for International Cancer Research

**Christopher Morely, MA, Department of Family Medicine**, was the recipient of a Roscoe-Martin Dissertation Grant and Award: "ADHD, Race, Gender & Primary Care", December 2007
Ruth Weinstock, MD, PhD- Medicine
Grant awarded by Onondaga County Department of Health, to develop and pilot test a worksite diabetes prevention program. 1/08-12/08, $50,000

Andras Perl, MD, PhD- Microbiology and Immunology
PI: Mitochondrial Hyperpolarization in Lupus T cells. 2/1/2007-1/31/2009
Alliance for Lupus Research, Total cost: $434,354

Andras Perl, MD, PhD- Microbiology and Immunology
PI: Prospective Study of Rapamycin for the Treatment of Systemic Lupus Erythematosus Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Global Medical Affairs. Total direct cost: $400,000 (plus 25% indirect cost)

B.N.Singh PhD-Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
Co-PI: Trichomonas lipophosphoglycan in immune regulation responses
NIH- 4/07 $160K to Upstate, $250K total

Joseph A. Spadaro, PhD- Orthopedic Surgery
PI: Pilot Study for Electromagnetic Treatment of Stress Fractures of the Tibia
1/15/2008 - 1/14/2009, American Society for Bone and Mineral Research, $50,000

Donna-Ann Thomas, MD- Anesthesiology
PI: ‘A Randomized, Controlled, Phase 3 Study of Gentamicin-Collagen Sponge (Collatamp® G) in General Surgical Subjects at Higher Risk for Surgical Wound Infection . Innocoll Technologies, Ltd

Michael E. Zuber, PhD- Ophthalmology
PI: Genetic Regulatory Network Controlling Vertebrate Eye Formation. 9/07-11/11 NIH- National Eye Institute. $175,000/yr in direct costs for total of $700,000.

The following intramural research grants were recently awarded

Jayne Charlamb, PhD (Surgery) and Deanna Kiska PhD (Pathology)- Co-PIs- Staphlococcus aureus Carrier Status in Breast-feeding Mothers and Infants and Risk of Lactation Mastitis. Pilot

Richard Davis, PhD and Dr. Peter Holohan, PhD- Pharmacology
Co-PIs- Transgenic and Knockin Mouse Models of FENIB. Pilot

Kristopher Maier, MD and Vivan Gahtan, MD, Surgery
Co-PIs-Hyperglycemia in Endothelial Dysfunction and Smooth Muscle Cell Migration: Role of NADPH Oxidase and Thrombospondin-1. Pilot

Andrea Viczian, PhD, Ophthalmology
Publications

**Wendy Kates, PhD, Psychiatry,**
Postdoctoral grant, titled Support for Ioana Coman, Ph.D.

**David Mitchell, PhD- Cell & Developmental Biology**
Electron Microscope Core Facility Upgrade- Equipment

**Publications**

**Abraham JL, Thakral C, Skov L, Rossen K, Marckmann P.**

**Kalb RE, Helm TN, Sperry H, Thakral C, Abraham JL, Kanal E.**

**Thakral C, Abraham JL.**

**Elshatory Y, Everhart D, Deng M, Xie X, Barlow RB, Gan L.**
Islet-1 controls the differentiation of retinal bipolar and cholinergic amacrine cells. *J Neurosci.* 2007 Nov 14;27(46):12707-20

**Hodgman MJ, Horn JF, Stork CM, Marraffa JM, Cantor RM.**

**Olia AS, Casjens S, Cingolani G.**

**Olia AS, Bhardwaj A, Joss L, Casjens S, Cingolani G.**

**Bhardwaj A, Olia AS, Walker-Kopp N, Cingolani G.**

**Faraone SV, Upadhayaya HP.**


Kim, JW; Biederman J; Arbeitman L; Fagerness J; Doyle A; Petty C; Perlis R; Purcell S; Smoller J; Faraone S; Sklar P. Investigation of variation in SNAP-25 and ADHD and Relationship to Co-morbid Major Depressive Disorder. *Am J Med Genet B Neuropsychiatr Genet*. 2007 Sep 5;144(6):781-90.


GAIN Collaborative Research Group; Manolio TA, Rodriguez LL, Brooks L, Abecasis G; the Collaborative Association Study of Psoriasis; Ballinger D, Daly M, Donnelly P, Faraone SV; the International Multi-Center ADHD Genetics Project; Frazer K, Gabriel S, Gejman P; the Molecular Genetics of Schizophrenia Collaboration; Guttmacher A, Harris EL, Insel T, Kelsoe JR; the Bipolar Genome Study; Lander E, McCowin N, Mailman MD, Nabel E, Ostell J, Pugh E, Sherry S, Sullivan PF; the Major Depression Stage 1 Genomewide Association in Population-Based Samples Study; Thompson JF, Warram J; the Genetics of Kidneys in Diabetes (GoKinD) Study; Wholley D, Milos PM, Collins FS. New models of collaboration in genome-wide association studies: the Genetic Association Information Network. *Nat Genet*. 2007 Sep;39(9):1045-51.


Published Abstracts
Published Abstracts of Presentations


Hall WA, Truwit CL. FP13.3. 3-tesla functional magnetic resonance imaging-guided tumor resection at 1.5-tesla. 13th Congress of the European Association of Neurosurgical Societies (EANS), Glasgow, UK, September 2-7, 2007. *Acta Neurochir (Wien)* 2007; XXXIX.


**Presentations**

**National**

Richard H. Aubry, MD, MPH; Martha Wojtowycz, PhD; Pamela Parker, BA, ‘Late Preterm Birth in a Regional Perinatal Program’, 13th Annual Maternal and Child health Epidemiology (MCH EPI) Conference, Atlanta, GA, Dec 2007


Robert B. Barlow, PhD, “Macular Degeneration and the Metabolic Demands of Vision”. The Cleveland Clinic Cole Institute through their Distinguished Lecture Series November 15, 2007.

Catherine Caldicott, MD, "Assessing Moral Reasoning in Medical Practice," Department of Orthopaedic Surgery Grand Rounds, University of Louisville (KY) School of Medicine, January 8, 2008.


Gino Cingolani, PhD, "Structural Studies of Nucleocytoplasmic Transport". November 12, 2007, Cornell University Molecular medicine seminar series.

Stephen V. Faraone, PhD. “Long-Term Effects of Methylphenidate Transdermal System Treatment of ADHD on Growth”, at CHADD, Washington DC, November, 2007

Stephen V. Faraone, PhD, “Genetics Basis of ADHD” at CHADD, Washington DC, November, 2007

Stephen V. Faraone, PhD, “Whole Genome Association Studies of Psychiatric Disorders: The First Findings from the GAIN Initiative” at the ACNP Meeting, Boca Raton Florida, December, 2007

Stephen V. Faraone, PhD hosted the 8th Annual Meeting of the ADHD Molecular Genetics Network, Sanibel, Florida, December 2007


Tayloe Loftus, MD, Presidential address to the National Association of Medicine Clerkship Directors. “Everything I Learned About Being a Clerkship Director I Learned in Medical School", Oct., 2007, New Orleans.

Jennifer Moffat PhD, Presented about her research using the Caliper/Xenogen In Vivo Imaging System at the "Caliper Owner's Group" conference, sponsored by the manufacturer Caliper Life Sciences, October 2007, Hopkinton MA.

Jennifer Moffat, PhD - Selected to participate in the Gordon Conference "Viruses and Cells", June 2007, Tilton NH. Two abstracts from her lab were presented.

Reorganization of cis- and medial-golgi proteins and endosomal markers into the envelope of VZV
Stacey A. Leisenfelder and Jennifer F. Moffat
ACTIVE HOST KINASES AND OTHER CELL COMPONENTS IN THE VIRION OF VARICELLA ZOSTER VIRUS, Jennifer Moffat, Stacey Leisenfelder, Heidi Zapata, and Dongmei Liu

Jennifer Moffat, PhD was on the Scientific Advisory Board and Chair of a session at the 32nd International Herpesvirus Workshop, July 2007, Asheville NC.

Andras Perl PhD. Plenary presentation: Targeting mitochondrial hyperpolarization for the treatment of SLE. National Institutes of Health Roadmap Workshop Bridging the Gap Between Preclinical and Clinical Evaluation of Therapeutic Candidates; July 30-August 1, 2007; Bethesda, MD

Andras Perl PhD. Research Seminar: Metabolic control of organ-specific and systemic autoimmunity. LHD, NIAID, NIH, Bethesda, MD, 1/31/2007

Andras Perl PhD. Mitochondrial and calcium signaling biomarkers in SLE. A NIH Foundation Lupus Biomarker Consortium Meeting, New York City, 8/21/2007

Andras Perl PhD. “Mitochondrial Dysfunction in Lupus T cells”.
Rheumatology Grand Rounds 9/12/2007, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA.

Dawn E. Post, PhD, "Targeted cancer-gene therapy using a HIF-dependent oncolytic adenovirus armed with interleukin-4". The 12th Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuro-Oncology, Dallas, TX, Nov. 2007.


Joseph Sorbello, MS, RT, Keynote Presentation, “Integrating Evidence-Based Medicine (EBM) in Clinical Practice from the Classroom to the Workplace”: Annual Summer Forum for Managers and Educators, the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC), Reno/Lake Tahoe, NV, July 13, 2007

Joseph Sorbello, MS, RT was a speaker at the 27th Annual West Point Respiratory Care Conference, Friday, Nov. 9, 2007. He represented three presentations: “Evidence-Based Practice in Respiratory Care: Part I”; “Evidence-Based Practice in Respiratory Care: Part II”; “ICU-Acquired Weakness”
Joseph Sorbello, MS, RT, “Evidence-Based Practice in Respiratory Care: Part I”; “Evidence-Based Practice in Respiratory Care: Part II”; “ICU-Acquired Weakness”, The 27th Annual West Point Respiratory Care Conference, Nov. 9, 2007.


Robert L. Sunheimer, MS MT(ASCP)SC, SLS Presented a day ASCP workshop for Laboratory Professionals in Dallas TX. Titled, Method Validation and Quality Control: a Blueprint for reporting reliable patient results and a day workshop titled, Biochemical Markers in Disease.


Sebastian Thomas, MD, a miniworkshop at the 61st Post Graduate Assembly in New York City on December 9th entitled “Nerve Blocks for the Management of Chronic Pain”. He also presented a workshop on December 10th entitled “Management of Chronic Pain – Evaluation and Treatment”


International

Richard Cantor, MD, presented “Contemporary Drugs of Abuse” and “Life Threatening Pediatric Rashes” at the 24th Annual Pediatric Emergency Conference in Nassau, Bahamas, October, 2007.

Richard Cantor, MD presented “Cutaneous Signs of Serious Underlying Illnesses” at the 2007 National Pediatric Emergency Medicine Assembly, New York City, NY, April, 2007

Amy L. Friedman, MD, "Improving Non-Adherence in Renal Transplant Recipients by Internet Usage", Prevention in Renal Disease, 6th Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada, Sept. 29, 2007
Amy L. Friedman, MD, "Transplantation in the Elderly", the 24th National Congress of Nephrology, Hypertension, Dialysis and Transplantation, Antalya, Turkey, Nov. 16, 2007

Amy L. Friedman, MD, "Modern kidney transplantation: Not Straight From the Textbook", the 24th National Congress of Nephrology, Hypertension, Dialysis and Transplantation", Antalya, Turkey, Nov. 11, 2007


Robert L. Sunheimer, MS MT(ASCP)SC, SLS, Workshop: “Method Validation and Quality Control: a Blueprint for reporting reliable patient results.”, Dallas TX.


STATE & LOCAL

Dale Avers, PT, DPT, PhD, “Functional Assessment for the Nursing Home Resident”, (1 day course), Federation of Long Term Care Rehabilitation Division, Saratoga, NY, December 1, 2007


Richard A. Beers, MD, "Depth of consciousness monitors and total intravenous anesthesia: A perfect marriage?" Case Discussion Luncheons with the Experts at the 61st Postgraduate Assembly in Anesthesiology, New York, New York State Society of Anesthesiologists, December 2007.

Richard Cantor, MD served as course director/speaker at the 2007 Upstate Medical University Department of Emergency Medicine’s Annual Pediatric Emergency Medicine Assembly, Syracuse, NY, September 2007

Michael J Costanza, MD, “ Renal artery stenosis in the endovascular era”, A. O. Fox Memorial Hospital, Oneonta, New York, September 12, 2007


Christopher Morely, MS, “Gender, Race, ADHD & Primary Care”. The Primary Care Research Faculty Development Program, SUNY-University at Buffalo Department of Family Medicine, May 31, 2007, Buffalo, NY.


Nancy Nussmeier, MD, “Gender in Cardiac Surgery—Is what’s good for the gander good for the goose?”, Invited Visiting Professor, SUNY Downstate Medical Center, Long Island College Hospital, November 29 & 30, 2007

Nancy Nussmeier, MD, “Caring for the Patient with Heart Failure”. The NYS Postgraduate Assembly, New York, NY, December 2007

David F. Wolfe, MSEd, RT “Sleep apnea and congestive heart failure”, the New York State Society for Respiratory Care, Central New York Chapter, Winter Workshop, Liverpool, NY, Jan. 08.
**Department of Ophthalmology:** The Following faculty gave presentations at the 58th Annual Post-Graduate Review Course in Ophthalmology, Syracuse NY, November 30 and December 1, 2007:

**Thomas A. Bersani, MD,** “The Blow-Out Fracture”  
**Patrick A. Costello, MD,** “Specialty IOLs, Fundamentals, and Patient Selection”  
**Michael J. Geiss III, MD,** “An Update on Eye Banking in 2007”  
**Luis J. Mejico, MD,** “An Update on Neuromyelitis Optica”  
**Luis J. Mejico, MD,** “The Adverse Effect of Drugs on the Higher Neuronal Centers Relating to Vision”  
**Stephen W. Merriam, MD,** “A Video Presentation of Strabismus Surgery”  
**Mark J. Safran, MD,** “Innovations in Digital Photography”  
**Marc J. Safran, MD,** “Amblyopia: Perspectives for the Office Technician”  
**Sam C. Spalding, MD,** “Oh Vitreous, Where is Thy Humor?”  
**Stephen G. Spitzer, MD,** “Corneal Ulcers: A Variety of Presentations and Treatments”  
**Barbara W. Streeten, MD,** “A Breakthrough in the Pseudoexfoliation Syndrome”  
**Andrea S. Viczian, PhD,** “Research Update on Macular Degeneration, Diabetic Retinopathy, and Retinitis Pigmentosa”  
**Robert W. Weisenthal, MD,** “The Top Ten Things the Technician Should Know About Corneal Disease”  
**Leslie D. Woodcock Jr., MD,** “Complications in Premium IOLs”

The following members of the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry participated in the Children's Health Innovation Project (CHIP), Nov. 14 and 15, 2007 held at the University Sheraton Hotel in Syracuse New York:

**Kevin Antshel, PhD** “Understanding behavior and social interactions in children with Autism spectrum disorders  
**Wanda Fremont, MD** “School refusal; Reactions of Children Exposed to Media Coverage of Terrorism”  
**Michael Gordon, PhD** “Nature of Collaboration between Mental Health and Child Welfare”  
**Wendy Evers Gordon, PhD** “First Do no harm: identification and treatment issues in childhood trauma”  
**Ronald Saletsky, PhD** “Identifying & meeting the mental health needs of children entering foster care”  
**Jud Staller, MD** “Psychopharmacology in early childhood”

**Community Presentations**

**Michael Costanza, MD,** was a speaker at the Skaneateles Heart Health Awareness Program on Leg pain and heart disease: What is the connection?, February 7, 2007
Michael Costanza, MD, Minimally invasive vascular therapies: alternatives to open surgery HealthLink Lecture, OASIS Health Center, DeWitt, New York April 30, 2007


Ziad El Zammar, MD presented on "Women Stroke Prevention" at the CNY Women's Health Fair & Symposium Sponsored by Congressman Jim Walsh on Nov. 10, 2007.


Joseph Sorbello, MS, RT, “Quick Pulmonary Assessment” at the Franciscan Management Services Annual Fall Forum, Liverpool, NY, Nov. 6 2007

The following members of the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry participated in the program, "Empowered Parenting: Answers to Today's Tough Questions", sponsored by the Syracuse Hebrew Day School and open to the community, on 12/3/07:

Wendy Evers Gordon, PhD “Bullying and peer pressure”
Michael Gordon, PhD “Making Sure it's really ADHD: assessment First, Management Next”
Wanda Fremont, MD “Depression in children and adolescents”
Ronald Saletsky, PhD “Good parenting: applying what we know from science and common sense”.

Posters

Meguid M, Maimone MM, Grethlein SJ,” A Place at the Table: Women in Medicine at SUNY Upstate Medical University.”, The AAMC National meeting, Washington, DC, November, 2007.


**Service**

**State and National Appointments**

**Sharon Brangman, MD** was elected Treasurer of the American Geriatrics Society, and serves as a member of the Executive Committee in May 2007.

**Richard Cantor, MD**, was appointed to the American College of Emergency Physicians Education Subcommittee, Pediatric Emergency Medicine Committee and Publications Subboard, October, 2007. Dr. Canter was also appointed to the American Board of Pediatrics Pediatric Emergency Medicine Subboard, January 2007.

**Michael Costanza, MD**, appointed to the Membership Committee of Eastern Vascular Society 2007-2011

**Vivian Gahtan, MD**, will serve as the Recorder for the Eastern Vascular Society

**Walter A. Hall, MD**, has been invited to administer the oral board examination by the American Board of Neurological Surgery, Houston, TX.

**Brad Long, MSLS**, was appointed as Conference Planning Co-Chair for the Upstate New York and Ontario Chapter (UNYOC) of the Medical Library Association.


**Andrea Manyon, MD** – will serve as the Vice Chair of Steering Committee for Pre-doctoral Education, American Departments of Family Medicine.

**Nancy Nussmeier, MD** - Appointed to the Anesthetic and Life Support Drugs Advisory Committee, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, November 2007


**Susan B. Stowell, M.A., SCT(ASCP)CMIAC** was appointed to the Educational Development Committee of the American Society of Cytopathology

**Steven M. Taffet, PhD**, was appointed to a leadership role in the American Heart Association research community, to serve as Chair of the Policy and Evaluation Subcommittee of the American Heart Association National Research Committee.
**Sebastian Thomas, MD** became President Elect, NYSSA Committee on Pain Management and Member, NYSSA/MSSNY for the Palliative Care Education and Training Council of the State of New York.

**Paula Trief, PhD,** appointed to the Curriculum Development Committee for The Leadership Development Institute, Associated Medical Schools of New York State (AMNYS)

**Beth G. Walsh, B.S., CT(ASCP)CMIAC,** was appointed as Associate Editor of the bi monthly American Society of Cytopathology Bulletin

**David F. Wolfe, MSEd, RT,** will serve as Vice Chair, Education Committee - Educational Products Group, American Association of Sleep Technologists.

**David F. Wolfe, MSEd, RT,** will serve as President-elect, New York State Society for Respiratory Care, Central New York Chapter

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### UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS:

**Mantosh Dewan, MD,** has been appointed to serve as Chair of the College of Medicine Faculty Appointments and Promotions Committee.

**Sara Jo Grethlein, MD,** has been appointed by Dr. Smith to serve as Chair of the newly created President's Advisory Council on Women's Issues (PACWI)

**Jennifer Moffat, PhD,** has been re-elected President of the Graduate Faculty Organization

**Joseph Sanger, PhD,** has been appointed as Interim Vice President for Research in the oversight of the infrastructure for clinical research, and will work with **Nancy Nussmeier MD** towards developing a Center for Clinical and Translational Research as recommended by Engaging Excellence.

**Michael E. Zuber, PhD,** was appointed Vice-chair, for the President’s Awards for Research Committee for 2008.

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### Teaching Contributions

Upstate has three new fellowship training programs that will be lead by:

**Irene Sills, MD,** Program Director of the Pediatric Endocrinology Fellowship

**Yahia Lodi, MD,** Program Director of the Neurovascular Fellowship

**Margaret Turk, MD,** Program Director of the Pediatric Physical Medicine Fellowship.
Promotions

**Donna Bacchi, MD, MPH**, will serve as the Director of the Central New York Master of Public Health Program, and **Sally Sutphen, MSc., MPH**, will serve as the Assistant Director. At its December 19 meeting, the Medical College Assembly approved the Central New York Master of Public Health (MPH) joint degree program with Syracuse University. The program will be administered by Upstate Medical University under the direction of Dr. Bacchi. This approval represents significant background work, networking, and a well-organized behind-the-scenes evolving infrastructure. Following approval by Syracuse University and SUNY System Administration, it is anticipated that the first class will enter in 2009.

**Catherine Caldicott, MD**, will assume the directorship of CBHX 320, Health Care Ethics, required for CON and CHP students.

**Rebecca Garden, PhD**, initiated a new Consortium for Culture and Medicine course titled "Representations of the Nurse in Literature, Film, and Television", Fall 2007.

**Paul Shanley, MD, Pathology, and Sara Grethlein, MD, Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education**, with the support and assistance of Karen Kelly, Coordinator of the MLC Courses, will co-Direct a new four-credit course titled, *MLC III: Current Biomedical Research*, as a required course for fourth-year medical students. The course is designed to bring the scientific basis of medicine back into primary focus by studying clinical and translational research papers after students have had significant clinical experience in the clerkships. The course has been offered as an elective for several years.

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**Promotions**

**College of Medicine**

**Timothy P. Endy, MD, MPH, FACP**, Associate Professor of Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases, has been appointed to serve as *Chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases*.

**Vincent E. Frechette, MD**- Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, has been appointed to serve as *Chief of the Division of General Internal Medicine*.

**Richard Hoopes, Ph.D.** was promoted to *Associate Professor* of *Medicine* in November 2007.

**Kinlap Mak, MD** was promoted to *Assistant Professor* of *Anesthesiology* in November 2007.

**Jennifer Moffat, PhD** was re-appointed *Vice Chair of Department of Microbiology and Immunology*.

**Imad Nsouli, MD** was promoted to *Associate Professor* of *Urology* in November 2007.
Rosemary Rochford, Ph.D., became the new chair of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology. Dr. Rochford received her doctorate and early postdoctoral fellowship training at the University of California at Irvine, a second postdoctoral fellowship at the Scripps Research Institute, and was a staff scientist at Scripps and a faculty member at the University of Michigan before coming to Upstate in 2003. She is an internationally recognized authority on herpes viruses and the etiology of endemic Burkitt’s lymphoma. With her colleagues Dr. Gerold Feuer and Dr. Jennifer Moffat, Dr. Rochford established Upstate’s Center for SCID-hu Mouse Models of Viral Disease and Cancer, a novel and exciting institutional resource with significant applicability to many disease-related research problems. She is principal investigator on two major NIH awards totaling $1.8 million and has a research program in Kenya. She is the author of 45 peer-reviewed publications, not counting her book chapters and invited reviews.

Richard Wojcikiewicz, PhD, Professor, has been named as Interim Chair of the Department of Pharmacology. Dr. Wojcikiewicz received his Ph.D. from the University of Sheffield in the UK. He completed postdoctoral training at the University of Tennessee and at the University of Leicester in the UK. He joined the SUNY Upstate faculty in 1993. His research has focused upon signal transduction and intracellular signaling and more specifically, research into the IP3 receptor field.

New Faculty

College of Medicine

Joyce Farah, M.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine
Dr. Farah received her medical degree from SUNY Upstate Medical University and completed her residency at SUNY Buffalo.

George Holz, Ph.D., Professor with Tenure, Department of Medicine
Dr. Holz joins SUNY Upstate as our first SUNY Empire Scholar. Dr. Holz received his doctoral degree from the University of Illinois Health Sciences Center and completed his postdoctoral training at Tufts University School of Medicine. He has held faculty appointments at Harvard Medical School and New York University.

Sergey Neckrysh, M.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Neurosurgery
Dr. Necrysh received his medical degree from Smolensk Medical Academy in Russia and completed his residency at the University of Illinois. He is also the Chief of Neurosurgery at the Syracuse VA Medical Center. He has been a member of our Voluntary faculty since 2006.

Vinay Pai, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Radiology
Dr. Pai received his doctoral degree from Florida State University. He joins us from the faculty of New York University, School of Medicine.
Guy Perry, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine
Dr. Perry received his doctoral degree from the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada and completed two postdoctoral fellowships at the Université Laval and at the University of Southern California.

Abraham Philip, M.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Pathology
Dr. Philip received his medical degree from St. John’s Medical College in India. He specializes in Forensic Pathology and Pathology & Laboratory Medicine. He also currently works at the Onondaga County Medical Examiner’s Office. He has been a member of our voluntary faculty since 2005.

Jana Shaw, M.D., MPH, Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics
Dr. Shaw received her medical degree from Masaryk’s University in the Czech Republic and completed her residency at SUNY Stony Brook. She pursued additional training in Pediatric Infectious Disease at Johns Hopkins where she also received her MPH degree. She has been a member of our voluntary faculty since 2006.

Russel Smith, M.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Radiology
Dr. Smith received his medical degree from Pennsylvania State University and completed his residency at Reading Hospital & Medical Center. He pursued additional training in Vascular/Interventional Radiology at William Beaumont Hospital. He has held several faculty and locum tenens positions.

Alexandra Spadola, M.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology
Dr. Spadola received her medical degree from Mayo Medical School and completed her residency at New York Presbyterian Hospital. She pursued additional training in Maternal Fetal Medicine at New York Presbyterian Hospital. She joins us from the faculty of Columbia University Medical Center.

Robert Stoppacher, M.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Pathology
Dr. Stoppacher received his medical degree from the University of Vermont and completed his residency at the Medical Center Hospital of Vermont. He pursued additional training in Forensic Pathology at the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner’s Office. He currently is the Deputy Chief Medical Examiner of the Onondaga County Medical Examiner’s Office and has been a member of our voluntary faculty since 2004.

College of Health Professions

Daniel Borawski, Adjunct Instructor, College of Health Professions Radiation Therapy Technician. Mr. Borawski received his Associates Degree from Erie Community College.

Hetty Gingold, Adjunct Instructor, College of Health Professions Arts and Sciences
Katherine Mogle, Adjunct Instructor, College of Health Professions Respiratory Therapy Education. Ms. Mogle received her Masters degree from SUNY Cortland

College of Nursing

Stan Brown, Adjunct Assistant Professor, College of Nursing

Mr. Brown received his Bachelors of Science from Case Western Reserves University

Faculty Development

Upcoming Events

Medical Education Journal Club - February 11, 2008, 5 p.m. in Setnor 3507.

David Turner will present on "Application of Industrial Models to Medical Education".

AMWA / Elizabeth Blackwell Day

The keynote presentation will be held on February 20, 2008, from 12:00n-1:00pm, in the 9th Floor Auditorium of the Weiskotten Hall Addition. The presentation is free and open to the public. Lunch will be provided. A question and answer reception will follow at 1:00pm in the Doust Board Room, 9299 Weiskotten Hall Addition.

The keynote speaker is Lori Mosca, MD, MPH, PhD. The title of her presentation is: “Always Consider the Alternative Hypothesis: Lessons Learned From a Physician-Scientist”.

Dr. Mosca is the director of Preventive Cardiology at New York-Presbyterian Hospital, and a professor of Medicine at Columbia University Medical Center. She founded and is the director of the Columbia Center for Heart Disease Prevention in midtown Manhattan. She is also the recipient of the Upstate Medical University Outstanding Young Alumni Award and the 2007 AMWA Women in Science Award.

Other News

Faculty Needed to Mentor/Supervise Upstate MS1s During Summer 2008

A directory of faculty willing to mentor/ supervises first year medical students has been compiled and students planning to stay in Syracuse are now actively looking for summer research and work opportunities. Mentoring a student's research not only teaches the student important research skills, but is also an excellent way to help you further your research project(s). The current directory is on the web at http://www.upstate.edu/researchadmin/development/pdf/summer_research_directory.doc. Please contact Barbara Humphrey if you would like to be added or to have your entry amended at humphrereb@upstate.edu or 464-4322.
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Input Needed

We’d like to find ways to recognize faculty who go above and beyond, who demonstrate PASSION in their work, whether it be in their service to patients, to students or to scholarship through research. I’m thinking of having a party, a faculty festival (or as George Costanza would say, “A festivus for the rest of us”). We’d celebrate together (music, food), and honor our colleagues who consistently shine with their energy and commitment to their endeavors. Faculty members would be nominated by a peer’s letter in which the ways they go above and beyond are described (no CV, no list of publications or grants). What do you think? Please email me at triefp@upstate.edu and rate this idea on a 0 (total waste of time and energy!) to 10 (awesome/best idea ever!) scale. If you like the idea, tell me how I can make it work. If you hate the idea, tell me what else we might do to recognize these stars. I’ll report results in the next issue of The Faculty Commons.

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Faculty Affairs & Faculty Development
http://www.upstate.edu/facultydev/

Faculty Governance
http://www.upstate.edu/facgov/

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