Families and staff of the Upstate Child Care Center collected toys, and Dr. Smith donated funds, to support Loguen Park, a city park recently renamed to honor Dr. Sarah Loguen, the first African-American woman doctor and a COM graduate.

Advocates for Upstate Medical collected dozens of gifts for newborns at their annual holiday luncheon on Dec. 10th.

The College of Health Professions and Team Upstate collected nearly 200 toys to benefit the Christmas Bureau.
Faculty Achievements

Honors & Awards ~ Congratulations to:

Irene Cherrick, MD, *Pediatrics*, is the recipient of the CNY Hospice Anita Award - given to a local physician for their dedication to care, and compassion for, patients at the end of life.


Michael Iannuzzi, MD, MBA, *Medicine*, was awarded the Castle Connolly's America's Top Doctors Award; the Best Doctors in America Award, and the Best Doctors Award in 2008.

Bernard J. Poiesz, MD, *Medicine*, was honored by the Regional Physicians Assistants of Central New York, Physician of the Year Award 2008.

Barbara W. Streeten, MD, was honored for her years of service for the Departments of *Ophthalmology* and *Pathology* on October 31, 2008. A retirement dinner was held in Dr. Streeten’s honor at the LaFayette Country Club on December 6, 2008. Dr. Streeten is now a Professor Emeritus.


Catherine Vernon, MD (VA), *Medicine*, received a Special Contribution Award for Research Compliance Service to the VA R&D Department, at the recommendation of Dr. Bernadette Kalman, ACOS/R&D VAMC Syracuse, 2008.

Departmental Honors

The Department of Pediatrics recently received a full, five-year accreditation for its pediatric residency program.

Service

National Leadership

Sharon Brangman, MD, *Medicine*, has been elected President-elect of the American Geriatrics Society, with a term that begins in May 2009 for one year, and then she will become President in May 2010 for one year.

Rebecca Garden, PhD, *Bioethics and Humanities*, will serve as an Executive Committee Member, Division on Literature and Science, of the Modern Language Association (appointment January 1 2009 to January 2014).

**Donna-Ann Thomas, MD, Anesthesiology**, was elected Alternate ASA delegate from the NYSSA in December of 2008.

Catherine Vernon, MD, *Medicine*, was chosen and detailed by VA Central Office to conduct human FDA-regulated human research study compliance audits at the Little Rock VAMC, as mandated by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG), 2008.

**Ruth Weinstock, MD, PhD, Medicine**, served a member of the National Institutes of Health, National Center for Research Resources Special Emphasis Panel, Science Education Partnership Awards (R25), December 15-16, 2008.

**State Leadership**

J. Robert R. Calimlim, MD, *Anesthesiology*, was Program Coordinator of the PGA Sub-Committee on Local Arrangements for the Post Graduate Assembly Medical Students Component for 2008-2009. The Medical Student Program ran from December 13-14, 2008 at the PGA.

Bettina Smallman, MD, *Anesthesiology*, Communication Committee, NYSSA, PGA.

Bettina Smallman, MD, *Anesthesiology*, was certified PALS Instructor 2008.

Andrew Sopchak, MD, *Anesthesiology*, served as an Alternate District Director and delegate, 62nd Annual Postgraduate Assembly held in New York, NY on December 12-16, 2008.

**Donna-Ann Thomas, MD, Anesthesiology**, was elected Vice President of the 5th District NYSSA in December of 2008. Dr. Thomas also represented the 5th district as a delegate to the NYSSA in December 2008 and was appointed to the Reference Committee, the Pain Committee and the Communication Committee of NYSSA.

**University Leadership**

Ann Barker-Griffith, MD, *Ophthalmology*, was appointed the Director of the newly renovated Eye Pathology Lab. The new lab is located at 2137 Weiskotten Hall.

Muhammad Sarwar, MD, *Anesthesiology*, was appointed Director of Cardiac Anesthesia, Department of Anesthesiology, October, 2008.
Educational Leadership and Teaching Contributions

Charlie Bergstrom, MD, Pediatrics, has been accepted into the competitive Educational Scholars Program of the Ambulatory Pediatric Association. This is an honor and will provide support for his work on the development of the Department of Pediatrics inpatient curriculum.

J. Robert R. Calimlim, MD, Anesthesiology, was appointed to serve as Director of Simulation Technology for the Department of Anesthesiology. The goal is to develop an education module for CA-1, CA-2 and CA-3 residents and integrate the modules into the residency curriculum.

Dorothy Hwang, MD, Anesthesiology, was appointed to Associate Program Director of the Anesthesiology Residency Program in December, 2008.

A special thank you to the faculty members listed below who volunteered their busy time to serve as mentors in the Junior Faculty Mentoring Program. Mentorship enhances success and satisfaction and the mentees are grateful for their guidance and support.

Robert Beach, PhD
Deborah Bradshaw, MD
Richard Cross, PhD
Peter Cronkright, MD
Paul Cunningham, MD
Philip Holtzapple, MD
Eugene Kaplan, MD
Lisa Kaufmann, MD
Barry Knox, PhD
Leslie J. Kohman, MD
Steve Landas, MD
Michael Meguid, MD
Patricia Numann, MD
Steve Taffet, PhD
Gregory Threatte, PhD
Paula Trief, PhD
Margaret Turk, MD
Christopher Turner, PhD
Ruth Weinstock, MD

This program now has a name, TEMPO (Trusted and Experienced Mentors Promoting Others). The 2009 class of mentees is currently enlisting mentors, so please be ready to say "Yes".
Grants Awarded

**Irene Cherrick, MD, Pediatrics,** has been granted a $10,000 infrastructure grant from the St. Baldrick's Foundation to further research for the Children's Oncology Group via salary support for clinical research associates and education.

**Sheldon Isaacson, MD, Anesthesiology, (PI)** “A Randomized, Double-Blind, Multi-Center, Parallel-Group Study of Tapentadol Immediate Release (IR) vs. Oxycodone IR for the Treatment of Subjects with Acute Post-Operative Pain Following Elective Arthroscopic Shoulder Surgery” Sponsor: Ortho-McNeil Janssen Scientific Affairs, LLCm IRB #5765; Co-PI’s: W. Gao, MD, J. Lok, MD, L. Dinu, MD, DA Thomas, MD, K. Setter, MD, D. Hwang, MD

Publications


Shapiro A. Shapiro O. Delongchamps NB. **Bogart JA. Haas GP. De la Roza G.** Autopsy evaluation of a prostate treated with brachytherapy. *Anticancer Res* 2008; 28:3909-3912. [Shapiro A is Radiation Oncology resident; Delongchamps NB is visiting resident from the Univ of Paris]


**Haas GP.** To circumcise or not to circumcise: the medical debate over a religious and cultural tradition. *Canadian J Urology* 2008; 15:4043.

LaSpina M, **Haas GP.** Update on the diagnosis and management of prostate cancer. *Canadian J Urology* 2008; 15 Suppl 1:3-13; discussion 13. [LaSpina is a Urology resident]
Iguchi T, Wang CY, Delongchamps NB, Sunheimer R, Nakatani T, de la Roza G, Haas GP. Association of prostate cancer and manganese superoxide dismutase AA genotype influenced by presence of occult cancer in control group. *Urology* 2008;72:238-41; discussion 241-2. [Iguchi T is visiting fellow from Osaka City Univ; Nakatani is professor of Urology, Osaka City Univ]]


Pawlikowski BT, Maimone MM. Alpha-dystrobrevin isoforms differ in their colocalization with and stabilization of agrin-induced acetylcholine receptor clusters. *Neuroscience* 2008; 154:582-594.


**Trief PM.** Depression: Not a normal part of aging. *Diabetes Self-Management* 2009;Jan-Feb:30-34.

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**Published Abstracts**


Book Chapters


Posters

**Ball R, Thomas PS, Chatterjee D.** Continuous interscalene brachial plexus block in a 4-year-old after traumatic amputation of the right upper extremity. Presented at the Annual Postgraduate Assembly in Anesthesia Annual meeting, New York, NY December 2008


**Kirsch D.** Necessary components for outreach initiatives: Bringing a RN-BS program to a rural community hospital. Presented at the 2008 American Association of Colleges of Nursing Baccalaureate Education Conference: 'Keeping Pace with Rapid Changes in Baccalaureate Nursing Education', San Antonio, Texas, December 4-6, 2008


Presentations

International

Timothy De Ver Dye, PhD, Public Health and Preventive Medicine, presented a paper entitled “Maximizing the Value of International Field Experience for Medical Students: Toward a New Model of sustainability and Community Impact” at Educación Médica para el Siglo XXI, in Havana, Cuba, December 2, 2008.


M. Saeed Sheikh, MD, PhD, Pharmacology, presented "MDM2 and Pirh2 ligases and p53 regulation" at Cancer Research Institute of Montpellier, INSERM and University of Montpellier 1, Montpellier, France, Dec. 2008.

National

Ran Anbar, MD, Pediatrics, presented a Basic American Society of Clinical Hypnosis Workshop on, “Hypnosis Induction Techniques”, “Hypnosis with Children and Adolescents” and Hypnosis for Chronic Disease” at Albuquerque, NM, 2008.

Ran Anbar, MD, Pediatrics, presented an Advanced American Society of Clinical Hypnosis Workshop on “Hypnosis for Chronic Disease”, at Albuquerque, NM, 2008.

Ran Anbar, MD, Pediatrics, presented “Hypnosis for Childhood Respiratory Disorders”, at Morristown Memorial Hospital Department of Pediatrics Grand Rounds and Overlook Hospital Department of Pediatrics Grand Rounds, Morristown, NJ 2008.

Peter Beatty, PhD, and R. Eugene Bailey, MD, Family Medicine, presented “Development of Rural Teaching Community Health Centers: Progress And Outcomes After Three Years” at the Society of Teacher of Family Medicine Annual Conference on Predoctoral Education. 2009 Savannah Marriott Riverfront. Savannah, GA.


Elizabeth A. Demers, MD (Anesthesiology), William F. Lavelle, MD (Orthopedic Surgery), George Youssef, MD and Julie Niezgoda, MD presented “Epidural versus IV Narcotic PCA for Postoperative Pain Control in Pediatric Scoliosis Patients” at the American Society of Anesthesiologists 2008 Annual Meeting- Orlando, FL, October 18-22, 2008

Shelly-Anne Rodriguez, MD, Elizabeth A. Demers, MD (Anesthesiology), Maria Fuertes, MD, Pablo Motta, MD and Julie Niezgoda, MD presented “Characteristics of Patients with Immediate Postoperative Extubation after Congenital Cardiac Surgery” at the American Society of Anesthesiologists 2008 Annual Meeting- Orlando, FL October 18-22, 2008.

John W. Epling MD, Christopher P. Morley MA, CAS (Family Medicine), Marcin Szot, Michael Wade, Robert Ploutz-Snyder, PhD (Medicine) presented “Impediments to Obesity Management in Primary Care: A Survey of Central New York PBRN Participants” at the 2008 annual meeting of the North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG), Rio Mar, Puerto Rico.

Rebecca E Garden, PhD, Bioethics and Humanities. presented "Sympathy, the Nurse, and Female Power: The Case of Edith Wharton’s The Fruit of the Tree," at the Gender, Science, Culture panel, arranged by Women’s Studies in Language and Literature, at the Modern Language Association annual conference, San Francisco, CA, Dec. 2008.

Sheldon Isaacson, MD, Anesthesiology, co-authored the presentation “Comparison of Two Stylet Angels for Intubation with the GlideScope” for the 2008 American Society of Anesthesiologists Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida, October, 2008.

Christopher Morley, MA, CAS (Family Medicine), Nienke Dosa, MD, MPH (Pediatrics), Sweety Jain, MD; John Reiss, PHD, Monique Winslow, Ph.D, Irene Jurczyk, BBA, Dana Boyd, BS, Jeffrey Tamburo, LMSW, presented “Transition Planning & Management: Continuity of Care for Youth With Developmental Disabilities” at the Society of Teacher of Family Medicine Annual Conference on Predoctoral Education, 2009 Savannah Marriott Riverfront. Savannah, GA.

Colleen O’Leary, MD, Anesthesiology, presented at a Point-Counterpoint Panel “Should a Consent Form for Regional Anesthesia be Used?” “Pro: Written Informed Consent for Regional Block is Necessary” at the American Society of Anesthesiology Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL October 22, 2008.

Lynn-Beth Satterly, MD, Barbara Carranti, RN, MS, CNS, Christopher Morley, MA, CAS. Andrea Manyon, MD, Clyde Satterly, MD, Family Medicine, presented “Partnering The University With The Community for Service, Education, and Research” at the Society of Teacher of Family Medicine Annual Conference on Predoctoral Education. 2009 Savannah Marriott Riverfront. Savannah, GA.

Barbara Carranti, RN, and Lynn-Beth Satterly, MD, Family Medicine, presented “Enhancing Continuity Through Collaborative Education: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Care of The Underserved” at the Society of Teacher of Family Medicine Annual Conference on Predoctoral Education. 2009 Savannah Marriott Riverfront. Savannah, GA.


State

Dale Avers PT, DPT, PhD, Physical Therapy- CHP, presented “Measuring and Assessing Function” at the first Interdisciplinary Grand Rounds of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester NY.

Carlos J. Lopez III, MD, Anesthesiology, presented the “New Techniques to Monitor Sedation in the Intensive Care Unit” and “The Nuts and Bolts of ICU Ventilators: Pressure Support, Pressure Control & PEEP; BiPAP & CPAP; and Strategies for Crisis Management”, at the 62nd Annual Post Graduate Assembly, New York State Society of Anesthesiologists, December, 2008.

Nancy Nussmeier, MD, *Anesthesiology*, presented “Anesthetic Management of the Patient with Heart Failure” at Grand Rounds, Department of Anesthesiology, Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York, New York, November, 2008

Nancy Nussmeier, MD, *Anesthesiology*, presented “The Patient with Heart Failure” at the Grand Rounds, Department of Anesthesiology, New York University Department of Anesthesiology, New York, New York, December, 2008


Bettina Smallman, MD and N. Puthumana, *Anesthesiology*, presented “Spinal Anesthesia in a two-week-old full term neonate presenting with hypotonia and failure to thrive with suspected congenital myopathy for vastus muscle biopsy” at the December 2008 62nd Annual Post Graduate Assembly in New York, NY.

Bettina Smallman, MD, *Anesthesiology*, presented “Pediatric Pain Management – A Pharmacological Approach” and “Regional Anesthesia for Pediatric Patients” at the 62nd Annual Postgraduate Assembly in New York City in December 2008.


Allen Silverstone, PhD, *Microbiology & Immunology*, presented to the Department of Environmental Medicine NIEHS Environmental Health Sciences Center Seminar Series "Associations between long term exposure to PCBs and major health effects in the Anniston. AL health survey: Diabetes, Metabolic Syndrome, and Autoimmunity" at the University of Rochester School of Medicine, Dec. 12, 2008.

Community

Robert B. Barlow, PhD, *Ophthalmology*, visited the multi-age classroom of Miranda Hine at the New School in Syracuse, NY on December 3 to talk to the children about the visual system of the horseshoe crab.

Allen Silverstone, PhD, *Microbiology and Immunology*, spoke to the Community Advisory Bd. (including government people and fund people) to the Environmental Health Sciences Center Program on how Anniston, AL was polluted by PCBs and what citizens groups did about it. Rochester, NY, December 12, 2008.

U.S. Rep. Dan Maffei, visited the SUNY Upstate Medical University campus Dec. 18 to meet with Dr. David Smith and other leaders. While on campus, Maffei toured the laboratory of Michael Zuber, PhD, assistant professor of *Ophthalmoology* and of *Biochemistry and Molecular Biology*. Dr. Zuber and his team are studying induced retinal cells, which hold promise in treating retinal diseases, such as retinitis pigmentosa and macular degeneration. Dr. Zuber’s team, in collaboration with Drs. Andrea Viczian and Eduardo Solessio, recently received national attention when they reprogrammed pluripotent cells to functioning eyes.

### Promotions

**Robert Corona, DO, Pathology**, was promoted to Clinical Professor, January 2009

**Sara Grethlein, M.D., Medicine**, was promoted to Professor, January 2009

**Abid Iraqi, M.D., Medicine**, was promoted to Clinical Associate Professor, January 2009

**John Loh, M.D., Radiation Oncology**, was promoted to Associate Professor, November 2008

**Gary Nieman, Surgery**, was promoted to Clinical Associate Professor, January 2009

**Hemangini Shah, M.D., Radiation Oncology**, was promoted to Associate Professor, January 2009

### New Faculty

**Paul Abbass, MA**, Adjunct Instructor, *College of Health Professions – Radiation Therapy Technology*

Mr. Abbass received his master’s degree in Medical Physics from Illinois Institute of Technology and his bachelor’s degree from SUNY Upstate Medical University. He has worked as a Medical Physicist at 21st Century Oncology and as a Radiation Therapist at Faxton St. Lukes Healthcare.
Jiri Bem, MD, Assistant Professor, Surgery
Dr. Bem received his medical degree from Charles University in Prague and completed his residency at SUNY Buffalo. He pursued additional training in Colon and Rectal Surgery here at SUNY Upstate Medical University. He has been on the staff of the Veterans Administration Hospital and Crouse as well as a voluntary faculty member here.

Joanne L. Coppola, MS, Adjunct Instructor, College of Nursing
Ms. Coppola received her master’s degree from SUNY Upstate Medical University. She has been on the staff of Syracuse Developmental Center, Community General Hospital and Jamesville Family Medicine, P.C.

Katherine McCarthy, MD, Assistant Professor, Pediatrics
Dr. McCarthy received her medical degree from SUNY Upstate Medical University and completed her residency at New York University Medical Center. She has been in private practice, the Interim Medical Director of Auburn Memorial and a member of our voluntary faculty.

Barbara Mols-Kowalczewski, MD, Assistant Professor, Medicine
Dr. Mols-Kowalczewski received her medical degree from the Medical Academy of Warsaw, Poland and completed her residency at New York Medical College. She pursued additional training in Endocrinology and Metabolism at George Washington University Medical Center. She joins us from the faculty of Arnot Medical Center.

David Pruyne, PhD, Assistant Professor, Cell & Developmental Biology
Dr. Pruyne received his doctoral degree and completed his post-doctoral fellowship at Cornell University. He continued at Cornell as a Research Associate.

Cheryl Roe, MS, Instructor, Public Health & Preventive Medicine
Ms. Roe received her master’s degree from the University of Vermont in Biostatistics. She has worked for The University of Chicago and the Vermont Department of Health.

Michael Roe, PhD, Associate Professor with Tenure, Public Health & Preventive Medicine
Dr. Roe received his doctoral degree from the University of Vermont and completed his post-doctoral training at University of North Carolina, Duke University and Glaxo Research Institute. He has been on the faculty of the University of Chicago and University of Vermont.

Satinder Singh, MD, Assistant Professor, Medicine
Dr. Singh received his medical degree from the University College of Medical Sciences in India and completed his residency here at SUNY Upstate Medical University.
Faculty Development - Upcoming Events

Faculty Toolbox Series – Registration is required

**Manuscript Preparation and Peer-Reviewed Publication**
March 10, 2009 8:30 a.m. - noon
Presented by Thomas Welch, MD   Chair, Department of Pediatrics

**Successful NIH Grant-Writing Strategies**
April 20, 2009  2-5 p.m.
Presented by Dr. Anna McCormick, NIH Program Officer, and our own panel of NIH study section members

Other News

**Save the Date!!**

**A Celebration of the Faculty**
March 23, 2009 - 4:30-6:00 pm
at the IHP

A celebration of the faculty with food, music and fun!

This celebration is to welcome new faculty, to recognize faculty members who have been promoted and/or tenured, and to honor faculty members who demonstrate a true passion for their work, be it research, teaching or service, with the 2nd Annual Gold Standard Awards.

More information to follow.
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"I represent our Office of Faculty Affairs, and my staff and I are committed to developing the potential of new faculty and see them succeed and thrive". Please feel free to call or email for more information:

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