“Community”

Faculty members share their experiences and insights about ways to engage their learners in this meeting of the Active Learning Collaborative. This peer-mentoring group meets monthly (two groups, 8 AM and noon) to learn from, and provide support to, each other, as they develop active learning interventions, e.g., flipped classrooms, Khan Academy-type talks, etc. There's always a lively discussion. Open to anyone! Just contact Michele Henderson to sign up.

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Honors & Awards ~ Congratulations to:

William J. Brunken, PhD, FARVO, Ophthalmology, has been named a Silver Fellow of the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, Fellows Class of 2015. With this recognition, Dr. Brunken serves as a role model and mentor for individuals pursuing careers in vision and ophthalmology research. ARVO is the largest eye and vision research organization in the world, its members include nearly 12,000 researchers from more than 75 countries.

Richard Cantor, MD, Emergency Medicine and Pediatrics, was chosen to serve as a Keynote Speaker at the 2014 International Conference on Emergency Medicine held in Hong Kong, June 11, 2014.

Amit Dhamoon, MD, PhD, Medicine, received a Physician of the Year Award at the 2014 Excellence in Healthcare Awards program, Oct. 16, at the Lodge at Welch Allyn in Skaneateles. Dr. Dhamoon was recognized for setting a superior example of providing quality healthcare in our community. The event was presented by Bankers Healthcare Group, the Central New York Business Journal News Network and BizEventz.

Bernadette Dunn, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, received subspecialty certification in Brain Injury Medicine, successfully sitting for the first certifying examination offered. This is a new subspecialty awarded jointly through the American Boards of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and Psychiatry and Neurology.

Fuad Farah, MD, Medicine, received an award from the Onondaga County Medical Society at the society’s annual dinner held Nov. 13 at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool. Dr. Farah received the Distinguished Service award, the organization’s highest honor.

David E. Kolva, MD, FAAFP, Family Medicine, has achieved the degree of Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), the national medical association representing nearly 115,900 family physicians, residents and medical students. The degree was conferred during a convocation on October 25, 2014, in conjunction with the AAFP’s annual meeting in Washington, DC.

Michael Lax, MD, MPH, Family Medicine, received an award from the Onondaga County Medical Society at the society’s annual dinner held Nov. 13 at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool. Dr. Lax received the Physician Service to the Community award.

John McCabe, MD, Chief Executive Officer of University Hospital, has been named to the Becker’s Hospital Review’s list of 100 physician leaders of hospitals and health systems in 2014. Dr. McCabe’s inclusion on the list reflects his healthcare experience, accolades and his commitment to quality care, according to Becker’s. It is the fifth time Dr. McCabe has been recognized by Becker’s.
Cynthia Morrow, MD, MPH, Bioethics & Humanities, received an award from the Onondaga County Medical Society at the society’s annual dinner held Nov. 13 at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool. Dr. Morrow received the Physician Service to the Community award.

Dmitriy Nikolavsky, MD, Urology, received the First Place Award for a Moderated Poster Presentation, North Eastern AUA 2014, Amelia Island, FL.

Dmitriy Nikolavsky, MD, Urology, was awarded Best Teacher by the Department of Urology, SUNY Upstate Medical University, June 2014.

Mark Polhemus, MD, Microbiology & Immunology, has received a 2014 International Educator Award from the International Center of Syracuse. The award recognizes Dr. Polhemus for his outstanding contributions to promoting international and global understanding through cross-cultural awareness, education, voluntary service, advocacy, community building and leadership. He accepted the award at the center’s International Citizen Awards Dinner, Nov. 14, held at Upstate Medical University.

Claudine T. Ward, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, received subspecialty certification in Brain Injury Medicine, successfully sitting for the first certifying examination offered. This is a new subspecialty awarded jointly through the American Boards of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and Psychiatry and Neurology.

Anthony Weiss, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, has passed the subspecialty board exam in Behavioral Neurology and Neuropsychiatry. It is a difficult exam with only a 50% pass rate. Dr. Weiss is our first faculty member to achieve board-certification in this specialty.

Margaret Wells, PhD, RN, APN-BC, College of Nursing, has been named by SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher as a member of the class of 2014 Student and Faculty Fellows who will work with SUNY leadership to implement new strategies for collective impact on their campuses and in their communities. The fellows were chosen based on their interest in collective impact and an established desire to contribute more to their campuses and communities.
Leadership in Service

International Leadership

Ajeet Gajra, MD, Medicine, was appointed Track Leader for solid tumors by SIOG (International Society of Geriatric Oncology), served as reviewer on the scientific review committee, served as a Jury member for the Young Investigator award, and as Co-Chair of the Poster sessions for their Annual Meeting, held in Lisbon, Portugal, Oct 2014.

National Leadership


Ajeet Gajra, MD, Medicine, was appointed to the Education Committee of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), 2014-16.

Laura Knight, MD, Pathology, was appointed to a four-year term on the Editorial Board of the journal, Academic Forensic Pathology, beginning Jan 1, 2015.

Andras Perl, MD, PhD, Medicine, was appointed Chairperson of the T-cell Biology and Targets in Autoimmune Disease, American College of Rheumatology, Boston MA, Nov 2014.

Andras Perl, MD, PhD, Medicine, was awarded an American College of Rheumatology Medical Student Preceptorship for Yuxin Liu, and, Graduate Student Preceptorship for Nick Huang.

M. Saeed Sheikh, MD PhD, Pharmacology, served as a grant reviewer on the Basic Mechanisms of Cancer Therapeutics-C (ZRG BMCT-C) study section, NIH, January 2014, June 2014 and Oct. 2014.

M. Saeed Sheikh, MD PhD, Pharmacology, served as a grant reviewer on the EHD-CB section of the Department of Defense, Prostate Cancer Research Program, Aug. 2014.

Paula M. Trief, PhD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, has been invited to serve on the Editorial Board of Health Psychology, a key American Psychological Association (APA) journal.
Paula M. Trief, PhD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, served as an Invited Reviewer for the Joslin Diabetes Research Center Pilot & Feasibility (P&F) Grant Program, Harvard Medical School, Dec., 2014.

Margaret A. Turk, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, participated in the White House Summit and Research Forum on Improved Health and Fitness of Americans with Disabilities on October 6 and 7, 2014. She led and moderated a panel on the second day Research Forum entitled: “Measuring Outcomes in Children with Disabilities,” one of 4 panels developed to review the state of the science and discuss future research directions. The Summit was sponsored by the Department of Health & Human Services, the President’s Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition, and the National Institutes of Health Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

University Leadership

Jayne R. Charlamb, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology, will be director of the new Division of Breast Health and Breastfeeding. Dr. Charlamb, one of a handful of physicians in New York State to also be an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC), is coordinating with lactation consultants around the area to provide comprehensive breastfeeding support and the opportunity for women with complicated cases to seek treatment. The new division will also be home to the Breast Cancer High Risk Program.

William Marx, DO, FACS, Surgery, has been named Adult Trauma Program Medical Director and Chief of the Division of Trauma, Critical Care, Burn and Emergency Surgery. Dr. Marx joined the Upstate faculty in 1993. From 1993 to 2006 he held multiple leadership positions in Trauma and Critical Care, including as director of surgical critical care, the associate director of trauma and interim director of trauma. In 2006, Dr. Marx was named the Chief of Staff at the Syracuse Veterans Association Medical Center and remained active at Upstate as the Associate Dean for Veterans Affairs, a member of the Admissions Committee and as a faculty member in the Practice of Medicine Course. Dr. Marx will also serve as the chief of surgery at the Syracuse VA Medical Center.
Leadership in Education

Joshua Steinberg MD, *Family Medicine, Binghamton Clinical Campus*, collaborating with HeeRak Kang MSII, produces free iPhone software applications on medical topics written specifically for students, residents, and clinicians to both educate and elevate clinical practice. We have surpassed 250,000 downloads worldwide, and wish to announce our latest offering.

**Preop Eval**: this app provides evidence-based point-of-care decision support for nearly every question a clinician could ask as one clears a patient for surgery. It is based upon the 2014 ACC-AHA guideline, supplemented by the most recent recommendations from the ESA, ASA, ACCP, ICSI, and more, reviewing the cardiac clearance algorithm, preop testing, perioperative medication management, and the timing of surgery. The app is free for iOS (iPhone) devices, available at:


Grants Awarded

**Donna Bacchi, MD, MPH**, *Public Health & Preventive Medicine*, PI
NYS Department of Health
Children's Environmental Health Center
4/1/14-3/31/15
$50,000

**Ann Barker-Griffith, MD**, *Ophthalmology*, PI
Allergan Sales
Ultrastructure of Corneal Nerves by Scanning Electron Microscopy
8/12/14-12/31/15
$10,827

**Jeffrey Bogart, MD**, *Radiation Oncology*, PI
AbbVie Inc.
A Phase 1 Dose Escalation and Phase 2 Randomized, Placebo-Controlled Study of the Efficacy and Tolerability of Veliparib
12/03/14-12/02/15

**Sharon Brangman, MD**, *Medicine*, PI
NYS Department of Health
Legislative Grant - Elder Health Services
4/01/14-3/31/15
$41,666
Grants

**Timothy Damron, MD, Orthopedic Surgery, PI**
McMaster University
Prophylactic Antibiotic Regimens in Tumor Surgery (PARITY)
12/04/14-12/03/15

**Susan Demartini, MD Pediatrics, PI**
University of South Florida
CTLA-4 Ig (Abatacept) for Prevention of Abnormal Glucose Tolerance and Diabetes in Relatives At-Risk for Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus Protocol TN-18
8/11/14-8/10/15

**Joseph Domachowske, MD, Pediatrics, PI**
AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP
An Observational, Non-Interventional Study in the United States to Characterize Respiratory Syncytial Virus Hospitalizations among Infants Born at 29 to 35 Weeks Gestational Age Not Receiving Immunoprophylaxis
11/24/14-11/23/15

**Joseph Domachowske, MD, Pediatrics, PI**
MedImmune
A Phase 1b/2a Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-controlled, Dose-escalation Study to Evaluate the Safety, Tolerability, and Pharmacokinetics of D529C00002-MEDI8897, a Monoclonal Antibody with an Extended Half-life Against Respiratory...
11/20/14-11/19/15

**Christopher Fortner, MD, Pediatrics, PI**
Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc.
A Phase 3, Open-Label Study to Evaluate the Pharmacokinetics, Safety, and Tolerability of Lumacaftor in Combination with Ivacaftor in Subjects 6 Through 11 Years of Age With Cystic Fibrosis, Homozygous for the F508del-CFTR Mutation
11/20/14-11/19/15

**Ajeet Gajra MD, Medicine, PI (institutional)**
Celgene Protocol Number: ABI-007-NSCL-005 - Safety and Efficacy of nab®-paclitaxel (Abraxane®) in Combination with Carboplatin as First Line Treatment in Elderly Subjects with Advanced Non-small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC): A Phase IV, Randomized, Multicenter study.
12/14-11/16

**Karol Kerr, MD, Pediatrics, PI**
Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
COG Protocol Study: ADVL1322; A Phase 2 Trial of Pazopanib NSC#737754, IND#65747 in Children with Refractory Solid Tumors
11/10/14-11/09/15
**Grants**

**Leslie Kohman, MD, FACS, Surgery, PI**  
CareFusion 2200 Inc.  
Success of Inpatient Indwelling Catheter Treatment for Malignant Pleural Effusions  
10/31/14-10/30/15

**Sarah Lappin, DO, Medicine, PI**  
Lown Institute  
Learning to Talk: Overuse; An Inter-Professionalism Communications Curriculum Focused on the Nexus of Overuse and Patient-Centered Care  
11/01/14-10/31/15  
$7,350

**Julius Gene LaTorre, MD, MPH, Neurology, PI**  
Portola Pharmaceuticals  
Multicenter, Randomized, Active-Controlled Efficacy and Safety Study Comparing Extended Duration Betrixaban with Standard of Care Enoxaparin for the Prevention of Venous Thromboembolism in Acute Medically Ill Patients  
5/05/14-5/04/15

**Mehdi Mollapour, PhD, Urology, PI**  
One Square Mile of Hope  
Antitumor Activity of Hsp90 Inhibitors in Trastuzumab Resistant HER2+ Breast Cancer  
11/2014 – 11/2015  
$20,000

**Andras Perl, MD, PhD, Medicine, PI**  
Rheumatology Research Foundation  
Health Professional Research Preceptorship  
9/01/14-8/31/15  
$2,000

**Bernard Poiesz, MD, Medicine, PI**  
Avillion Development 1 Ltd  
A Multicenter Phase 3 Randomized, Open-Label Study of Bosutinib versus Imatinib in Adult Patients with Newly Diagnosed Chronic Phase Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia  
9/25/14-9/24/15

**Jonathan Riddell, MD, Urology, PI**  
AHRA: The Association for Medical Imaging Management  
Calming the Fears  
11/10/14-5/10/15  
$7,500
Telisa Stewart, DrPH, *Public Health & Preventive Medicine*, PI
Madison County Rural Health Council
Use of Electronic Medical Records by Healthcare Providers in Madison County
9/01/14-8/31/15
$10,000

Christine Stork-Medicis, PHARMD, DABAT, FAACT, *Emergency Medicine*, PI
Denver Health and Hospital Authority
Monitoring Acetaminophen Use in Adults: "A Multi-System Surveillance Program"
1/01/14-12/31/16
$30,000

Margaret A. Turk, MD, *Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation*, site PI
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: National Center for Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities
Disability Research and Dissemination Center; Y3 renewal
10/31/14 – 10/30/15

GlaxoSmithKline, Inc.
Safety and Immunogenicity Study of GSK Biologicals' MMR Vaccine (209762)
Comparing Immunogenicity and Safety to Merck & Co., Inc.'s MMR Vaccine, in Healthy Children 12 to 15 Months of Age
7/28/14-7/27/15
$4,644

Gilead Sciences Inc.
A Phase 2/3, Open-Label Study to Evaluate the Safety and Efficacy of E/C/F/TAF in HIV-1 Infected Virologically Suppressed Adolescents
10/01/14-9/30/15

Ruth Weinstock, MD, PHD, *Medicine*, PI
Jaeb Center for Health Research Inc.
Racial Differences in Mean CGM Glucose in Relation to HbA1c
10/01/14-9/30/15
$39,600

Ruth Weinstock, MD, PHD, *Medicine*, PI
Ultradian Diagnostics LLC
Continuous Monitoring of Glycemic Oscillations in Interstitial Fluid
9/01/14-8/31/15
$196,798
**Ruth Weinstock, MD, PHD, Medicine, PI**
Mylan Inc.
An Open-Label, Randomized, Multi-Center, Parallel-Group Clinical Trial Comparing the Efficacy and Safety of Mylan's Insulin Glargine with Lantus in Type 1 Diabetes Patients
10/30/14-10/29/15

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**Books and Book Chapters**


**Posters**

Gokey J, Dasgupta A, Amack JD. The V-ATPase accessory protein Atp6ap1b mediates dorsal forerunner cell proliferation and left-right asymmetry in the zebrafish embryo. 11th International Conference on Zebrafish Development and Genetics, Madison, WI, June 2014

Dasgupta A, Amack JD. Characterizing the role of junction plakoglobin during kupffer’s vesicle morphogenesis. 11th International Conference on Zebrafish Development and Genetics, Madison, WI, June 2014


Brenner J, Bbuye S, Wojcik S, Page N, Wetterhahn L. Physicians continue to use ‘against medical advice’ forms when designating patients against medical advice at discharge. 2014 International Conference on Emergency Medicine, Hong Kong, China, June 2014

Chehab M, Davuluri M, Byler T, Nikolavsky D. Treatment selection and adherence by patients with refractory overactive bladder. NS AUA Meeting, Amelia Island, FL, Nov. 2014

Deakin NO, Turner CE. Paxillin interacts with and inhibits HDAC6 to regulate microtubule acetylation, Golgi integrity and polarized cell migration. ASCB Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, Dec. 2014


Granatot PA, BR Alkins. Comparison of AmpliVue GBS assay and culture for detecting group B streptococci in vaginal/rectal specimens following Lim broth enrichment. Association of Molecular Pathology, Washington, DC, Nov. 2014


Heyboer M, Milovanova TN, Wojcik S, Grant W, et al. CD34+/CD45-dim stem cell mobilization by hyperbaric oxygen changes with oxygen dosage. UHMS Annual Scientific Assembly, St. Louis, MO, June 2014


Krendel M, Chase SE. Myosin 1e is required for the maintenance of the glomerular filtration barrier in the adult kidney. ASN Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, Nov. 2014

Bi J, Pellenz CD, Krendel M. FSGS-associated mutations in MYO1E disrupt intracellular localization of Myo1e and result in podocyte junctional defects. ASN Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, Nov. 2014

Martin C, Morgan M, Santiago W, Jennings S, Mariani P, Heyboer M. Hyperbaric oxygen for avascular necrosis of the femoral head: A case study. UHMS Annual Scientific Assembly, St. Louis, MO, June 2014


Siebert JR, Flynn KH, Ahmad B, Osterhout DJ. Pattern of oligodendrocyte progenitor cell migration following a spinal contusion injury. Society of Neuroscience Meeting, Washington, DC, Nov. 2014


Hegsted A, Pruyne D. The formins FHOD-1 and INFT-1 are important for ovulation and localize to the somatic gonad of C. elegans. ASCB Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, Dec. 2014

Abouelleil M, Riddell J. Robotic conversion of cecostomy tube to Malone antegrade continence enema (ace), surgical technique. NS AUA Meeting, Amelia Island, FL, Nov. 2014

Santiago W, Wojcik S, Jennings S, Mariani P, Morgan M, Heyboer M. Effects of hyperbaric oxygen therapy on blood pressure. UHMS Annual Scientific Assembly, St. Louis, MO, June 2014

Daugherty M, Shapiro O. Is there a necessity for lymph node dissection in patients with biopsy proven Gleason 6 disease; analysis of the seer database. NS AUA Meeting, Amelia Island, FL, Nov. 2014.


Carroll RT, Oakes E, James ML, **Sirotkin V**. Role of Myo1 C-terminal domains in Myo1 localization and regulation of actin patch dynamics. American Society for Cell Biology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, Dec. 2014


**Trief, PM**, Thompson M, Badman SM, Van Nortwick G, Chang P. Strengthening a culture of diversity and inclusion one small group at a time: The Upstate Medical University Corps of Diversity Allies. Annual Meeting of the American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC), Chicago, IL, Nov. 2014


Davuluri M, Toler A, MD, **Wojtowycz A, Bratslavsky G, Vourganti S**. Can we afford prostate MRI and is it worth it? – A decision analysis comparing cost effectiveness of systematic transrectal ultrasound guided biopsy and MRI – ultrasound fusion prostate biopsy in the initial and repeat biopsy setting. NS AUA Meeting, Amelia Island, FL, Nov. 2014


**Presentations**

**International**


**Wenyi Feng, PhD**, *Biochemistry and Molecular Biology*, presented “Dangerous Rendez-vous: Chromosome Fragility Induced by Replication-Transcription Conflict” at the Gordon Conference on Genomic Instability, Hong Kong, China, July 2014.

**Kerry Greene-Donnelly, MBA R.T.(R)(M)(CT)(QM)**, *Medical Imaging Sciences, CHP*, presented “Computed Tomography Dosimetry, Safety & Image Quality, Cardiac CT, CT Angiography, Musculoskeletal CT, and Virtual CT Imaging” at The Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization Radiological Health Program, Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 6-7, 2014.


Mehdi Mollapour, PhD, *Urology*, presented “Mps1 Mediated Phosphorylation of Hsp90 Activates the Spindle Assembly Checkpoint” at the 7th International Conference on The Hsp90 Chaperone Machine, Abbey Seeon, Germany, Oct. 2014.


Andras Perl, MD, PhD, *Medicine*, presented “Strategic Approaches to Biomarker Development in SLE,” at the LUPUS 2014 Meeting, Quebec City Canada, Sept. 2014.

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**National**


Paul A. Granato, PhD, *Pathology*, presented “Evaluation of the Nanosphere Verigene Enteric Pathogen Test for Detecting Important Viral and Bacterial Agents of Diarrhea” at the Association of Molecular Pathology annual meeting, Washington, DC, Nov. 2014.


Presentations


Colleen O’Leary, MD, *Anesthesiology*, presented at a Panel entitled “Everything You Need to Know about Lawsuits, but Didn’t Know Whom to Ask” and her topic was “Current Climate of Liability in Anesthesiology” at the American Society of Anesthesiologists Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, Oct. 2014.


Andras Perl, MD, PhD, *Medicine*, presented “Metabolic Control of Pathogenesis and Disease Activity in SLE” at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Rheumatology Grand Rounds, Pittsburgh, PA, Aug. 2014.


Andras Perl MD, PhD, *Medicine*, presented “Metabolic Biomarkers of Disease Activity and Target for Treatment in SLE. Activation of Endocytic Recycling Modulates the Nitric Oxide/Mitochondrial Hyperpolarization/mTOR pathway in Lupus T-cells” at the Hospital for Special Surgery/Cornell University Weill Medical College, Rheumatology Grand Rounds, New York, NY, Sept. 2014.

Andras Perl, MD, PhD, *Medicine*, presented “Metabolic Control of Autoimmunity by mTOR” at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, Department of Microbiology and Immunology Seminar, San Antonio, TX, Oct 2014.

Andras Perl, MD, PhD, *Medicine*, presented “Autophagy Pathways as Therapeutic Targets” at the American College of Rheumatology, Boston, MA, Nov 2014.


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Joshua Steinberg, MD, Family Medicine, Binghamton Clinical Campus, presented “How to Do an Excellent Preoperative Evaluation” and “Must-Have iPhone Apps for Family Physicians” at the Family Medicine Education Consortium Northeast Regional Conference, Washington DC, Oct. 2014.

Joshua Steinberg, MD, Family Medicine, Binghamton Clinical Campus, presented “Shared Online Curricular Materials: OB Readings”, at the Family Centered Maternity Care conference, American Academy of Family Physicians, Denver, CO, July 2014.

Paula M. Trief, PhD, Faculty Affairs, presented “Stopping the Tenure Clock” in “Faculty Career Flexibility: Supporting the Faculty of Today and Tomorrow INRoAD Session”, representing SUNY Upstate Medical University, at the Annual meeting of the AAMC Group on Faculty Affairs, Boston, MA, July 2014.

State & Local


Hiroshi Kato, MD, Medicine, presented “Approach to a Patient with Arthralgia: Practical Diagnostic and Therapeutic Principals of Rheumatoid Arthritis,” at the Slocum-Dickson Educational Institute’s 13th Annual Teaching Day, Utica, NY, Nov 2014.

Paul Ko, MD, Emergency Medicine, presented “ACLS Updates 2.0” at the RMED Cortland Grand Rounds, Cortland, NY, Feb 2014.


Fenghua Li, MD, Anesthesiology, presented at a Problem-Based Learning Discussion entitled "Vagal Nerve and Deep Brain Stimulators: Anesthetic Implications” at the 68th Annual New York State Society of Anesthesiologists Post Graduate Assembly meeting, New York, NY, Dec. 2014.

Presentations


Community


Upstate Medical University's hour-long talk radio program, "HealthLink on Air" appears from 9 to 10 p.m. Sundays on WRVO Public Media. Each interview segment is archived at [www.upstate.edu/healthlinkonair](http://www.upstate.edu/healthlinkonair), as well. Many of the interviews draw on the expertise of Upstate faculty. To suggest an interview, please contact Amber Smith in Marketing & University Communications at smithamb@upstate.edu or 464-4822. The following members of the faculty participated in the past quarter:

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Department News

Department of Surgery: A former colleague, Margaret Tandoh, MD, is headed to Liberia to help with the Ebola epidemic. Margaret is a young trauma surgeon now living in Vermont that was born in Liberia. Several weeks ago she left her extended family from Liberia, all of whom live with her in Vermont, to run a new Ebola treatment unit in Buchanan, Liberia. She felt it was important to give back to her country. She will be staffing the unit there for the next several months. Her email is Margaret.Tandoh@med.uvm.edu

The Regional Perinatal Center of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, has been awarded ultrasound practice reaccreditation through 2017 in the area of obstetrical ultrasound. The center achieved this recognition by meeting rigorous voluntary guidelines set by the diagnostic ultrasound profession. All facets of the practice were assessed, including the training and qualifications of the physicians and sonographers; ultrasound equipment maintenance; documentation; storage, and record keeping practices; policies and procedures to protect patients and staff; quality assurance methods; and the thoroughness, technical quality and interpretation of the sonograms the practice performs.

The Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation celebrated its 25th anniversary in October, 2014. A two day Brain Injury Symposium was hosted by Upstate PM&R, and included presentations from brain injury specialists from University of Rochester Medical Center, Ohio State University Medical Center, Wingate University in North Caroline, Spalding Rehabilitation Hospital, and SUNY Upstate Medical University Hospital. Dr. Robert Weber was honored as the founding and continuing department chair.
Promotions

Miriam Donohue, PhD, Cell & Developmental Biology, was promoted to Assistant Professor, January 2015

Mohammed Jawed, MD, Radiology, was promoted to Associate Professor, January 2015

Mira Krendel, PhD, Cell & Developmental Biology, was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure, January 2015

Michael Vertino, MD, Neurology, was promoted to Associate Professor, January 2015

Matthew Vilburn, DC, Cell & Developmental Biology, was promoted to Assistant Professor, January 2015

New Faculty

Abdulhafiz Ahmed, MD, Assistant Professor, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences
Dr. Ahmed received his medical degree from Georgetown School of Medicine and completed his residency at the University of Maryland. He also pursued additional training in Community Psychiatry at the University of Maryland. He has been in private practice and on staff at Hutchings Psychiatric Center and the VA Medical Center.

Alexander Banashkevich, MD, Assistant Professor, Radiation Oncology
Dr. Banashkevich received his medical degree from the University of British Columbia and completed his residency at the Cancer Center of Southeastern Ontario.

Katherine Beissner, PT, PhD, Chair and Professor with Tenure, CHP-Physical Therapy Education
Dr. Beissner earned her PhD at Syracuse University. She taught in the PT program and was the Department Chair at Ithaca College for many years.

Jodie Brown, RN, MSN/MBA, Clinical Associate Professor, College of Nursing
Ms. Brown earned her MSN/MBA at the University of Tampa. She has been a SUNY Upstate employee for many years.
Ambika Eranki, MD, Assistant Professor, *Medicine*
Dr. Eranki received her medical degree from Kasturba Medical College in India and completed her residency at Wayne State University. She pursued additional training in Infectious Disease at Wayne State.

Deborah Goldman, MD, Assistant Professor, *Pediatrics*
Dr. Goldman received her medical degree from the University School of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and completed her residency at The Children’s Hospital in Boston. She pursued additional training in Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition at New England Medical Center. She has been on the faculty of Fairview University Medical Center and the University of Minnesota Medical Center.

Deborah Longley, MD, Assistant Professor, *Radiology*
Dr. Longley received her medical degree from Albany Medical College and completed her residency at the University Health Center of Pittsburgh. She pursued additional training in Body Imaging at the University of Minnesota Hospital. She has been on the faculty of the University of Minnesota and joins us from private practice.

Stephen Merriam, MD, Assistant Professor, *Ophthalmology*
Dr. Merriam received his medical degree at SUNY Upstate Medical University and completed his residency at Harkness Eye Institute. He pursued additional training in Pediatric Ophthalmology at the University of Wisconsin. He has been on staff of Crouse Hospital and a member of our voluntary faculty.

Nuri Ozden, MD, Assistant Professor, *Medicine*
Dr. Ozden received his medical degree from Marmara University School of Medicine in Turkey and completed his residency at St. Louis University School of Medicine. He pursued additional training in Gastroenterology at the University of Nebraska, Transplant Hepatology at the University of Miami and Advanced Endoscopy at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. He has been on the faculty at Meharry Medical College, University of Rochester and University of Arizona.

Elena Schmidt, MD, Instructor, *Neurology*
Dr. Schmidt received her medical degree from the University of Medicine and Pharmacy “Gr. T. Popa” and completed her residency at SUNY Upstate Medical University. She pursued additional training in Neurophysiology also at Upstate.

Jennifer Stanger, MD, Assistant Professor, *Surgery*
Dr. Stanger received her medical degree from, and completed her residency at, the University of Calgary. She pursued additional training in Pediatric Surgery at the University of British Columbia.

Anna Stewart, PhD, Assistant Professor, *Medicine*
Dr. Stewart received her doctoral degree from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry.
Faculty Development - Upcoming Events

Please RSVP to Michele Henderson at (hendermi@upstate.edu) or telephone (315-464-1681) if you are interested in attending any of the following events.

Medical Education Journal Club - Monday February 2, 2015 12-1pm 3509 Setnor Academic Bldg


Hosted by Tom Poole, PhD, Associate Professor, Cell & Developmental Biology

Ann Botash, MD Professor, Medicine

~ Lunch will be provided ~

Faculty Development Seminar Series – Tuesday February 24, 2015 12-1pm Room 318 Wsk-Health Sciences Library

“Academy of Upstate Educators B.E.S.T. Program”

Presenter: Member(s) of the Academy of Upstate Educators

~ Lunch will be provided ~
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“Approaches to Student Incivility”

Presenters:
Ann Botash, MD,  Professor, Department of Medicine
Jill Dungey, PT, DPT, GCS, Assistant Professor, CHP-Physical Therapy
Pamela Mahon, PhD, Associate Dean and Professor, College of Nursing

~ Lunch will be provided ~

8th Annual “Celebration of the Faculty –
Thursday March 12, 2015

Institute for Human Performance (IHP) Atrium
4:30 - 5:00 pm – Reception
5:00 – 6:00 pm – Program

We will individually recognize and honor members of the faculty of all of the colleges who joined us as new colleagues during the past year. We will celebrate those who were promoted and/or tenured, and those who achieved significant professional milestones. Additionally, we will honor the recipients of the 8th Annual Gold Standard Awards. This award recognizes and honors those members of our faculty who have shown a true PASSION for, and excellence in, their work, whether it be in research, clinical service and/or teaching. Family members of honorees are invited to join the celebration.

Opportunities to come together in community are very important. So, please mark your calendar and join us for music, laughter and fun, and a chance to recognize and celebrate the commitment and excellence of our faculty.

*** Currently Accepting Nominations for the Gold Standard Awards
For more information, please contact Paula Trief, PhD, Senior Associate Dean – Office of Faculty Affairs and Development (464-1681).

Deadline for nominations is Feb. 13th!
Upcoming Events

Faculty Development Website Calendar

Faculty Development - Website Calendar

~ For more information on all upcoming events, please visit the Faculty Affairs Website “Events Calendar”

Be Sure to Visit our “Events Calendar” on the Faculty Affairs & Faculty Development Website

To access the calendar, simply go to the home page of "faculty affairs and faculty development" http://www.upstate.edu/facultydev/ and then click on the "Events Calendar" in dark blue (on the left side of our home page).

Once you have accessed the calendar, you will see various events posted that might be of interest to you and/or members of your department. To obtain more information, simply click on the event. You will see titles, presenters, times, locations, contact information, etc.

Please Note: these events have been copied to Upstate's main website calendar as well. (Accessed from the top of the Upstate home page.)
Notes & Corrections:

Please Note:

1. In an effort to keep the Faculty Commons manageable, we will be concentrating on external presentations and service.

2. Please remember – we do not include any publications, books, book chapters, etc. that are currently “in press”. Please wait until you have publication information before you include these submissions.

Useful Website Links:

Promotion and Tenure Information
http://www.upstate.edu/facultydev/promotion.php

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

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