New Upstate faculty members who attended this year’s orientation and reception

~ 2015 New Faculty Orientation ~

The 2015 New Faculty Orientation was held on September 30, 2015. Faculty members who recently joined SUNY Upstate Medical University attended the event and received helpful information about our campus. A wine & cheese reception was also held that evening and new faculty members were welcomed by members of Upstate’s leadership, Chairs and other colleagues. Thank you to Dr. Gregory Eastwood and Dr. David Duggan for their warm welcome speeches. We would also like to thank presenters; Julie White, PhD, Student Affairs, Paul Ko, MD, Curriculum Office, Rebecca Kindon, SUNY Health Sciences Library, Holly Chanatry & Jennifer Rudes, Research Administration, and Winter Berry, DO; Leszek Kotula, MD, PhD; Vaughn Whittaker, MD; and Paul Johnson, PhD, MBA, for their contributions. A special thanks to the chairs, campus leaders, other members of the faculty, and to all those who attended as well as those who helped to make this such a successful event again this year!
More Photos From This Year’s New Faculty Orientation & Reception

The orientation was facilitated by Paula Trief, PhD, Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Faculty Development.

In a panel discussion, Drs. Winter Berry, Leszek Kotula, Paul Johnson and Vaughn Whittaker shared their thoughts about the challenges they faced as a new member of the faculty.

David Duggan, MD, Senior Vice President and Dean of the College of Medicine, gave the opening remarks at the orientation.

Gregory Eastwood, MD, Interim President of SUNY Upstate Medical University, shared some words of wisdom in his closing remarks.

Enjoying the New Faculty Reception: (from left to right): Aaron Glass, PhD, Microbiology and Immunology; Elizabeth Horton, Jason Horton, MD, Orthopedic Surgery; Dr. Helen Clancy, College of Nursing.

Dr. Joseph Sanger, Chair of Cell & Developmental Biology (College of Medicine) visited with several new faculty members at the reception.
Honors and Awards

Honors & Awards – Congratulations to:

Lingappa Amernath, MD, Emergency Medicine, received the “ICON of Emergency Medicine Award” by Emergency Physician of India in August 2015 at the PACE International Emergency Medicine Conference. This award was given to honor his contributions for the past 17 years in promoting, lobbying, developing and advancing Emergency Medicine in India.

Joseph Domachowske, MD, Pediatrics, received the American Academy of Pediatrics Achievement Award at the National AAP meeting, for his work in vaccine advocacy. He also received an educational grant from the AAP to help reduce vaccine hesitancy among pediatric providers.

Gregory Fink, MD, Surgery, received the Surgeon of the Year award. He was honored, along with other community healthcare providers, at the 2016 Excellence in Health Care Awards on October 22, 2015.

Roger Greenberg, PhD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, has been selected to receive the 2016 American Psychological Association Career Award for Distinguished Contributions to Education and Training in Psychology. The award recognizes the efforts of psychologists who have made significant contributions to education and training over a lifelong career in psychology. This is truly a major achievement with national recognition. The award will be formally presented at the APA Convention in Denver next August.

Julius Gene Latorre, MD, MPH, Neurology, received the Physician of the Year Award at the 2016 Excellence in Health Care Awards on October 22, 2015.

Maria Lourdes Fallace, Adjunct Instructor, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences received a New York State Assembly Citation on September 15th for being recognized as the 2015 Distinction for Visionary Leadership Honoree for her continuous commitment and advocacy for Hispanic residents in our region. Ms. Lourdes Fallace is the Medical Spanish Instructor at Upstate Medical University and developed curricula for Medical Spanish. She has taught Upstate students since 2000 providing graduates with the necessary linguistic tools to deliver better patient care. The award was presented by Onondaga County Executive Joanne M. Mahoney, Syracuse Mayor Stephanie Miner, and New York State Assemblyman William B. Magnarelli.

Amy E. Sanders, MD, MS, Neurology, was elected a Fellow Member of the American Academy of Neurology.

Joseph G. Sorbello, MSEd, RT, RRT, FAARC, Respiratory Therapy Education, CHP, has been recognized as a Fellow of the AARC (FAARC) by the American Association for Respiratory Care. The official awards ceremony will take place at the AARC International Congress in Tampa FL on November 7, 2015.
Leadership in Service

International Leadership

Joseph Domachowske, MD, Pediatrics, was appointed to the Steering Committee of the World Health Organization’s “Invisible is Incredible” Campaign to promote global vaccine confidence.

Frederick Werner, MS, MME, Orthopedic Surgery, was selected as a co-conference chair and program committee chair for the Ninth Triennial International Hand and Wrist Biomechanics Symposium, Milan, Italy, June 2015.

National Leadership

William J. Brunken, PhD, FARVO, Ophthalmology, is the President-Elect of the Research Directors Council Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology.

Joseph Domachowske MD, Pediatrics, was appointed to the AAP PREP-ID Editorial Board.

Christopher P. Morley, PhD, Family Medicine, has been appointed as the U.S. co-chair of the Working Group on Research Methods, which is sponsored by the Committee on Advancing the Science of Family Medicine (CASFM) of the North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG). His term as co-chair began during the NAPCRG annual meeting on Oct 24, 2015.

Christopher P. Morley, PhD, Family Medicine, has been appointed to the Academic Family Medicine Advocacy Committee (AFMAC) as a representative of the North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG). Dr. Morley also serves on the NAPCRG Research Advocacy Committee, as part of his role as an AFMAC representative, and also serves on the Awards Committee for NAPCRG.

Amy E. Sanders, MD, MS, Neurology, was appointed to a second term as a member of the Quality and Safety Subcommittee of the American Academy of Neurology.

M. Saeed Sheikh, MD, PhD, Pharmacology, served on the Basic Mechanisms of Cancer Therapeutics-C (ZRG BMCT-C) study section, NIH, October 5-6, 2015.

Paula M. Trief, PhD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, served on the NIH/NIDDK Review Panel in response to the RFA-DK-13-023, "Understanding Barriers and Facilitators to Type 1 Diabetes Management in Adults (DP3)", NIH-NIDDK, July, 2014.

Ruth S. Weinstock, MD, PhD, Medicine, served on the NIH/NIDDK Review Panel, “Competition for the Continuation of the Diabetes Prevention Program Outcomes Study (DPPOS) (U01)”, June 22, 2015.

State and Local Leadership

Joseph Domachowske MD, Pediatrics, was re-elected as NYS AAP District II, Chapter 1 Immunization representative, and elected as Chapter Secretary.

Leadership in Education

*Point-of-Care software applications for education and practice*

Joshua Steinberg MD, Family Medicine, Binghamton Clinical Campus, collaborating with HeeRak Kang MSIII, SUNY Upstate College of Medicine, produces free iPhone software applications on medical topics written specifically for students, residents, and clinicians in order to both educate and elevate clinical practice. We have surpassed 290,000 downloads worldwide, and wish to announce our latest offerings.

Depo calendar: Allows a clinician to determine when a Depo-Provera patient needs her next injection at any schedule using 11, 12, 13, 14, or 15 week intervals, and includes review of evidence on duration of effect. The app is free for iOS (iPhone) devices, available here: https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/depo-calendar/id1044418217?mt=8

OB Wheels: Provides two different calculators for LMP, EDD, and EGA on both a calendar calculator as well as a real old-fashioned manual cardboard (scanned) OB wheel, as well as a review of ACOG’s latest scheme for arriving at the final due date from LMP and Sono input. The app is free for iOS (iPhone) devices, available here: https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/ob-wheels/id969845527?mt=8
Grants Awarded

Sandra M. Banas, MST, RPA-C, College of Health Professions, PI
Health Resources and Services Admin
Primary Care Training and Enhancement
7/1/2015-6/30/2016
$1,299,043

Deborah Y. Bradshaw, MD, Neurology, PI
Cytokinetics, Inc.
CY 4031: A Phase 3, Multi-National, Double-Blind, Randomized, Placebo-Controlled, Stratified, Parallel Group, Study to Evaluate the Safety, Tolerability, and Efficacy of Tirasemtiv in Patients with ALS
7/9/2015-6/30/2016

Robert L. Carhart Jr, MD, Medicine, PI
Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceutical
A Prospective Randomised, Open Label, Blinded Endpoint (PROBE) Study to Evaluate DUAL Antithrombotic Therapy with Dabigatran Etxelilate (110mg and 150mg b.i.d.) plus Clopidogrel or Ticagrelor vs. Triple Therapy Strategy with Warfarin (INR 2.0 - 3.0) plus Clopidogrel or Ticagrelor and Aspirin in Patients with Non Valvular Atrial Fibrillation (NVAF) That Have Undergone a Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) with Stenting
8/14/2015-8/13/2016

Robert J. Corona, Jr, DO, MBA, Pathology, PI
Omnyx, LLC
Evaluation of Feature Based Inter Reader Agreement and Precision of the Omnyx IDP System
7/31/2015-12/31/2015

Mary J. Cunningham, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology, PI
Gynecologic Oncology Group
A Phase 3 Placebo-controlled Study of Carboplatin/Paclitaxel with or without Concurrent and Continuation Maintenance Veliparib (PARP inhibitor) in Subjects with Previously Untreated Stages III or IV High Grade Serous Epithelial Ovarian, Fallopian Tube or Primary Peritoneal Cancer
8/19/2015-8/18/2016

Joseph B. Domachowske, MD, Pediatrics, PI
Pfizer, Inc.
An Epidemiologic Study of Pregnant Women and Their Newborn Infants to Describe Immune Status and Respiratory Syncytial Virus and Cytomegalovirus Infection Rates
Grants

Timothy P. Endy, Jr. MD, MPH, Medicine, PI
US Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity
Dengue Human Infection Model (DHIM)
8/14/2015-2/13/2020
$1,061,245

Christopher N. Fortner, MD, Pediatrics, PI
Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
A Phase 3, Rollover Study to Evaluate the Safety and Efficacy of Long-term Treatment with Lumacaftor in Combination with Ivacaftor in Subjects Aged 6 Years and Older with Cystic Fibrosis, Homozygous for the F508del-CFTR Mutation
8/14/2015-8/13/2016

Stephen L. Graziano, MD, Medicine, PI
Pfizer, Inc.
Phase 1/2 Study of PF-06463922 (An ALK/ROS1 Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitor) in Patients with Advanced Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer Harboring Specific Molecular Alterations
7/14/2015-7/13/2016

Steven D. Hanes, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, PI
National Science Foundation
Post-Transcriptional Regulation
8/15/2015-7/31/2017
$664,998

Burk Jubelt, MD, Neurology, PI
Receptos, Inc.
A Phase 3, Multi-Center, Randomized, Double-Blind, Double-Dummy, Active-Controlled, Parallel Group Study to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of RPC1063 Administered Orally to Relapsing Multiple Sclerosis Patients
5/29/2015

Bruce A. Knutson, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, PI
Sinsheimer Foundation
Molecular Dysregulation of RNA Polymerase 1 Transcription in Cancer
8/1/2015-7/31/2016
$50,000

Brooke A. Levandowski, PhD, Family Medicine, PI
Society of Family Planning
Asking the Community: How Can We Improve Contraceptive Conversations Between Young Women and Their Providers?
11/2015-10/2017
$149,982
Stewart N. Loh, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, PI
NIH: National Institute of General Medical Sciences
Design of Switchable Proteins and Enzymes
9/1/2015-6/30/2016
$1,259,387

Juntao Luo, PhD, Pharmacology, PI
NIH: National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering
Rational Design and High Throughput Synthesis of Nanocarriers for Efficient Drug Delivery
8/1/2015-7/31/2015
$452,625

Frank A. Middleton, PhD, Neuroscience & Physiology, PI
Motion Intelligence, Inc.
MicroRNA Expression in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder
8/13/2015-1/31/2016
$33,087

Frank A. Middleton, PhD, Neuroscience & Physiology, PI
Motion Intelligence, Inc.
mRNA sequencing for mTBI (Mild Traumatic Brain Injury)
9/14/2015-8/31/2016
$17,507

Golam Mohi, PhD, Pharmacology, PI
National Institutes of Health: National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute
Role of JAK2V617F in the Pathogenesis of Myeloproliferative Neoplasms
9/2015- 6/2019
$1,617,500

Golam Mohi, PhD, Pharmacology, PI
National Institutes of Health: National Cancer Institute
Role of PTPN1 in Myeloid Malignancies
8/2015- 7/2017
$386,389

Golam Mohi, PhD, Pharmacology, PI
Worldwide Cancer Research (UK)
Role of EZH2 in Myelofibrosis
6/2015- 5/2018
$308,800

Mehdi Mollapour, PhD, Urology, PI
Carol M. Baldwin Breast Cancer Research Fund
Role of PP5 Phosphatase in Tamoxifen Resistance in Breast Cancer
9/2015-9/2017
$50,000
**Grants**

**Christopher G. Neville, PT, PhD, Physical Therapy Education, CHP, PI**  
Roche Laboratories, Inc.  
Observational Study of Postural Stability and Dual-Task Testing: Baseline, Injury and Time-course for Recovery  
1/15/2015-12/31/2015  
$2,635

**Gary F. Neiman, Surgery, PI**  
TheraSource LLC  hMFG-E8 for Alcohol-induced Injury and Infections  
8/26/2015-12/31/2015

**Francesca Pignoni, PhD, Ophthalmology, PI**  
NIH: National Institute of General Medical Sciences  
Novel Regulators of BMP Signaling in Drosophila  
8/15/2015-4/30/2016  
$1,277,496

**Elizabeth A. Reddy, MD, Medicine, PI**  
NYS Dept. of Health  
HIV Primary Care Retention and Adherence Services  
10/1/2015-12/31/2015  
$75,000

**Adam P. Rufa, PT, DPT, OCS, Physical Therapy Education, CHP, PI**  
New York Physical Therapy Association  
The Use of Therapeutic Neuroscience Education in Older Adults with Chronic Back and Lower Extremity Pain  
8/1/2015-10/31/2015  
$2,725

**Rahul Seth, DO, Medicine, PI**  
Immunomedics, Inc.  
An International, Multi-Center, Double-Blind, Randomized, Phase III Trial of 90Y-Clivatuzumab Tetraxetan Plus Low-Dose Gemcitabine versus Placebo plus Low-Dose Gemcitabine in Patients With Metastatic (Stage IV) Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma Who Received at Least Two Prior Treatments (PANCRIIT-1)  
7/27/2015-7/26/2016

**Palma M. Shaw, MD, Surgery, PI**  
New England Research Institute  
Randomized, Multicenter, Controlled Trial to Compare Best Endovascular versus Best Surgical Therapy in Patients with Critical Limb Ischemia  
7/8/2015-7/7/2016

**Ruth S. Weinstock, MD, PhD, Medicine, PI**  
Jaeb Center for Health Research, Inc.  
Mini-Dose Glucagon for Adults with Type 1 Diabetes: A Study to Assess the Efficacy and Safety of Mini-Dose Glucagon for Treatment of Non-Severe Hypoglycemia in Adults with Type 1 Diabetes  
7/1/2015-2/29/2016
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Lax M. Not quite a win-win: The corporate agenda of the stay at work/return to work project. *New Solut* 2015 May;25(1):4-24


Yan D, Jobe F, Hutchison RE, Mohi G. Deletion of Stat3 enhances myeloid cell expansion and increases the severity of myeloproliferative neoplasms in Jak2V617F knock-in mice. *Leukemia* 2015; 10:2050-2061


Morley CP. The politics of tobacco regulation  *Eur J Public Health* 2015 Apr;25(2):186

Fayyazi AH, Taormina J, Svach D, Stein J, Ordway NR. Assessment of magnetic resonance imaging artifact following cervical total disc arthroplasty. *Int J Spine Surg* 2015 Jul;9(30)


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**Posters**


Damron, TA, Oest ME, Mann MA, Morris MD. Effects of Amifostine and Zoledronic Acid on Radiation-associated Bone Damage in a Pediatric Mouse Model. Musculoskeletal Tumor Society Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, Oct. 2015


Wei McIntosh E, Morley CP. Participation in FMSO Activities: Predictive of Family Medicine or Primary Care Residency Selection? 48th STFM Annual Spring Conference, Orlando, FL, Apr. 2015


Roseamelia C, Mader EM. Medical Students’ Reflections of Rural Training Experiences. 48th STFM Annual Spring Conference, Orlando, FL, Apr. 2015


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**Presentations**

**International**

Gennady Bratslavsky, MD, chair, *Urology*, presented “Treatment Approaches for Patients with Small Renal Cell Carcinoma: Active Surveillance in Patients with Renal Cancer, the Modern View on the State of the Problem,” “Renal Cell Carcinoma with Tumor Thrombosis on IVC” and “Prospects for Treatment of Patients with mPKR – What Awaits Us in the Coming 10 Year Anniversary,” at the Xth Anniversary Congress of Russian Association of Oncological Urology, Moscow, Russia, Oct. 1-3, 2015. Dr. Bratslavsky also presented a video session there, titled “Management of RCC Patients with IVC Tumor Thrombosis – Open vs. Minimally Invasive Surgery” and moderated the session titled: “Impact of Ischemia on Renal Function, Myths and Reality.”


Dmitriy Nikolavsky, MD, Urology, presented “Treatment of Bladder Outlet Strictures After Radical Prostatectomy,” “Reconstruction of Vesico Urethral Strictures After Radical Prostatectomy,” and “Urethral Reconstruction for Strictures in Neo-phallic Urethra” at the New York Section of AUA, Lisbon, Portugal, Sept. 2015. Dr. Nikolavsky also moderated the session titled “Reconstruction and Female Pelvic Medicine Sessions” at this meeting.

Fred Werner, MS, MME, Orthopedic Surgery, presented “Biomechanics of Carpal Instability” and “The Biomechanical Engineer and the Surgeon: Let's Talk About the Ideal Wrist Implant” at the 9th Hand and Wrist Biomechanics International Symposium, Milan, Italy, June 2015.

Fred Werner, MS, MME, Orthopedic Surgery, presented “Force in the Scapholunate Interosseous Ligament During Active Wrist Motion” at the International Wrist Investigators Workshop, Seattle, WA, Sept 2015.

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National

Jill Dungey PT, DPT, MS, GCS, Jean Timmerberg, PT, PhD, MHS, Mary Ellen Dougherty PT and Angela Stolfi PT, DPT, presented “Defining the Role of the Center Coordinator of Clinical Education: Identifying Responsibilities, Supports and Challenges” at the Physical Therapy National Educational Leadership Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, Oct. 2015.

Emily Mader, MPH MPP, Family Medicine, presented “Practice Facilitation and Academic Detailing Improves Colorectal Cancer Screening Rates in Safety Net Primary Care Clinics” at the 2015 NAPCRG PBRN Conference, Bethesda, MD, June, 2015.

Christopher P. Morley, PhD, Family Medicine, presented “Global Development and the Healthcare Workforce” at the 8th Annual Human Rights Conference, hosted by Webster University’s Institute for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies, in St. Louis, MO, on October 7, 2015.
Carol Recker-Hughes PT, PhD, Jill Dungey PT, DPT, MS, GCS, Melissa Murphy PT MSPT, ATC and Mary Ellen Dougherty PT presented “A Win-Win Model for Use of a Standardized Patient Examination to Promote Student Readiness and Develop Clinical Instructor Teaching Skills for Clinical Experiences” at the Physical Therapy National Educational Leadership Conference in Baltimore, Maryland in Oct. 2015.

State & Local


**Wenyi Feng, PhD,** *Biochemistry and Molecular Biology,* presented “Novel Function of the Fragile X Mental Retardation Protein in Genome Stability” at the 2015 Eukaryotic DNA Replication & Genome Maintenance Conference, Cold Spring Harbor, NY, Sept. 2015.

**Mehdi Mollapour, PhD,** *Urology,* presented “Inhibition of the Hsp90 Molecular Chaperone ATPase Activity by the FNIPs Co-chaperones,” at the Sixth BHD Symposium and First International Upstate Kidney Cancer Symposium, Syracuse, NY, Sept 23 –26, 2015.

**Joshua Steinberg MD,** *Family Medicine, Binghamton Clinical Campus,* presented “Must Have iPhone Apps for Physicians” at the New York State Academy of Family Physicians Capital Region Family Medicine Conference, Albany NY, Sept., 2015.
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 -- and as a podcast in iTunes. Each interview segment is archived at 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:

Kevin Antshel, PhD
Ann Botash, MD
Robert Carhart, MD
Thomas Curran, MD
Elwaleed Elnour, MD
Ramsay Farah, MD
Seung Shin Hahn, MD
David Heisig, MD
Roberto Izquierdo, MD
Ajay Jain, MD
David Keith, MD
Robert Kellman, MD
Christian Knutsen, MD
Deirdre Neilen, PhD
Robert Olick, JD, PhD
Rich O'Neill, PhD
Ronald Pies, MD
Brian Rieger, PhD
Carol Sames, PhD
Thomas Schwartz, MD
Caitlin Sgarlat, DO
Jana Shaw, MD
George Starr, MD

Department News

Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences- The department's residency training program has maintained its high ranking in US News and World Report for the 2015/2016 academic year. The training program was ranked as #62 out of 196 programs, which places it in the top third of programs for the second year in a row. The ranking is based on votes by board-certified psychiatrists across the nation as to the highest quality residency training programs. It remains the program with the highest reputation outside of New York City and the highest among the SUNY programs, outranking:

Rochester #86
Downstate #99
Buffalo #107
Stonybrook #119
Albany #171

Congratulations to the training directors, Drs. John Manring and Zsuzsa Szombathyne Meszaros, and training coordinators, Katherine Spottek and Cassandra Read and all of the full-time and voluntary faculty, trainees, and staff.
Promotions

Harminder Grewal, MD, *Family Medicine*, was promoted to Clinical Associate Professor.

Kalliopi Petropoulou, MD, *Radiology*, was promoted to Associate Professor.

Amar Suryadevara, MD, *Otolaryngology*, was promoted to Associate Professor.

Amar Swarnkar, MD, *Radiology*, was promoted to Professor.

New Faculty

Amina Akhtar, MD, Assistant Professor, *Radiology*
Dr. Akhtar received her medical degree from Government Medical College Srinagar and completed her residency at Creighton University. She pursued additional training in Ultrasound and Computed Tomography at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. She has been on faculty at University of Nebraska and has been in private practice.

Nidhi Bansal, MD, Assistant Professor, *Medicine*
Dr. Bansal received her medical degree from Maulana Azad Medical College and completed her residency at SUNY Upstate Medical University. She also pursued additional training at Upstate in Endocrinology.

Sajeev Ezhapilli Chennan, MD, Instructor, *Radiology*
Dr. Ezhapilli Chennan received his medical degree from KJ Somaiya Medical College and Research Centre and completed his residency at SUNY Upstate Medical University. He pursued additional training in Neuroradiology at Upstate and Body MRI at Emory University.

Grahame Gould, MD, Assistant Professor, *Neurosurgery*
Dr. Gould received his medical degree from Yale University School of Medicine and completed his residency at Yale-New Haven Hospital. He pursued additional training in Endovascular Neurosurgery at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital.

Jason Horton, PhD, Assistant Professor, *Orthopedic Surgery*
Dr. Horton received his doctoral degree from SUNY Upstate Medical University and completed his postdoctoral training at the National Cancer Institute and the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research.
Divey Manocha, MD, Assistant Professor, Medicine
Dr. Manocha received his medical degree from Maulana Azad Medical College and completed his residency at SUNY Upstate Medical University. He pursued additional training at Upstate in Geriatrics and in Gastroenterology and Hepatology.

Hesham Masoud, MD, Assistant Professor, Neurology
Dr. Masoud received his medical degree from Ain Shams University and completed his residency at Case Western. He pursued additional training at Boston Medical Center in Vascular Neurology and in Endovascular Surgical Neuroradiology.

Muhammad Raza Naqvi, MD, Assistant Professor, Medicine
Dr. Naqvi received his medical degree from Rawalpindi Medical College and completed his residency at the University of New Mexico. He pursued additional training in Hematology/Oncology also at University of New Mexico.

Robert Swan, MD, Assistant Professor, Ophthalmology
Dr. Swan received his medical degree from SUNY Upstate Medical University and completed his residency at Albany Medical Center. He pursued additional training in Uveitis at Massachusetts Eye Research and Surgery Institute.

Matthew Thornton, MD, Assistant Professor, Emergency Medicine
Dr. Thornton received his medical from SUNY Upstate Medical University and completed his residency at Brown University. He pursued additional training in Pediatric Emergency Medicine at Yale University.

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Faculty Governance

Minutes from the Faculty Council meetings are posted on the Governance web site at http://www.upstate.edu/facgov/council/index.php

Our next meeting is Monday, November 16 at 11:45 in the Doust Board Room. All faculty are invited.
In Memoriam

Hadley J. Falk, MD, 65, died on October 12, at Crouse Hospital. Hal was born and raised in California. After graduating from medical school he served several fellowships in plastic and general surgery until the mid 1980s when he joined Dr. Bruce Shafiroff's practice; Syracuse became his home. Dr. Falk was a plastic and reconstructive surgeon who specialized in breast surgery for breast cancer patients. He was loved by his patients for his caring, and expertise. He was ethical and disciplined. He played a significant role in wound care at Crouse Hospital where he was also the former President of the Medical Staff. Hal maintained privileges at all of the Syracuse hospitals, and taught at Upstate. Dr. Falk was a member of The American Society of Plastic Surgeons, The Onondaga Medical Society, and Temple Adath Yeshurun. He was a dedicated volunteer and supporter of breast cancer organizations including the Carol Baldwin Breast Cancer Research Fund, and Susan G. Komen. He is survived by his brother, Randolph (Cindy), and his nephews, Daniel, and David; and a large and loving circle of friends who were like family. Contributions in Hal's memory may be made to breast cancer research.

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.
Faculty Development - Upcoming Events

Medical Education Journal Club - Monday, Nov. 2, 2015
12-1pm
Doust Board Room (9299 WHA)

“Preparing Medical Students for Future Learning Using Basic Science Instruction”

Hosted by Tom Poole, PhD, Associate Professor, Cell & Developmental Biology and Ann Botash, MD, Professor, Pediatrics

~ Lunch will be provided ~

12-1pm
Doust Board Room (9299 WHA)

(Journal Article to be Announced)

Hosted by Tom Poole, PhD, Associate Professor, Cell & Developmental Biology and Ann Botash, MD, Professor, Pediatrics

~ Lunch will be provided ~

Faculty Development Seminar Series - Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2015
12-1pm
Room 318 Wsk-Health Sciences Library

“Nothing About Us Without Us Inclusion and Diversity in the Classroom”

Presenter: Rebecca Garden, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Bioethics and humanities, SUNY Upstate

~ Lunch will be provided ~
Upcoming Events

Medical Education Journal Club -  Monday, Jan. 4, 2016
12-1pm
Doust Board Room (9299 WHA)

(Journal Article to be Announced)

Hosted by Tom Poole, PhD, Associate Professor, Cell & Developmental Biology
and Ann Botash, MD, Professor, Pediatrics

~ Lunch will be provided ~

Faculty Development Seminar Series -  Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2016
12-1pm
Room 318 Wsk-Health Sciences Library

“How Faculty Teach Communication Skills to Students”

Presenter: Joan Mitchell, MD, Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine
SUNY Upstate

~ Lunch will be provided ~

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/](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
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