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February 2017

“Community”

BEST Workshop attendees participating in the interactive course.  Photo by Dr. Paula Trief

BEST Workshops

The Academy of Upstate Educators offers the BEST workshop series each spring and fall. BEST (Build Excellent Skills for Teaching) consists of two 2-hour sessions that cover the following:

1. How to create a positive learning environment
2. How to actively engage the learner
3. How to provide effective feedback
4. How to deliver an effective presentation

If you are an Asst. Prof. and joined the faculty on or after July 1, 2015, you are required to participate in the BEST course within your first 2 years on the faculty.

***** SO, THIS WOULD BE YOUR LAST OPPORTUNITY *****

The Spring 2017 workshops are scheduled for May 12th and May 19th. For more information or to register for these workshops, please contact Michele Henderson at hendermi@upstate.edu or 464-1681.
Upstate was well-represented at the annual meeting of the AAMC (Association of American Medical Colleges) Learn-Serve-Lead 2016 meeting, held in Seattle WA, in November, 2016. Campus leaders presented at seminars, led workshops, and were enthusiastic participants in the many interesting discussions relevant to the varied missions of medical colleges in the US and Canada. President Laraque-Arena graciously hosted a dinner for Upstate attendees, pictured above.

Honors & Awards ~ Congratulations to:

Timothy Byler, MD, Urology, received the Best Abstract Award at SIU Internationale Meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Oct. 2016.

Robert D. Fechtner, MD, Chair, Ophthalmology, received the Life Achievement Honor Award from the American Academy of Ophthalmology at its annual meeting in October. Dr. Fechtner was one of 27 ophthalmologists nationwide to receive this honor. The award recognizes his contributions in scholarship and leadership within the academy, which is the world’s largest association of eye physicians and surgeons.
Leadership in Service

International Leadership

Dmitriy Nikolavsky, MD, *Urology*, was an invited surgeon at a live reconstructive surgical workshop, in Cordoba Argentina, Oct. 2016.

National Leadership

Dominic A. Carone, PhD, ABPP-CN, *Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation*, has been elected to serve a five-year term on the Board of Directors for the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology (AACN), his term will begin Feb. 2017. Dr. Carone is a Diplomate of the AACN. At Upstate, Dr. Carone serves as a neuropsychologist and coordinator of the Neuropsychology Assessment Program and is a member of our voluntary faculty.

Margaret Formica, MSPH, PhD, *Public Health and Preventive Medicine*, was invited to participate in the meeting, Public Health & the Firearm Epidemic: A National Consultation, in Boston, MA, Nov. 2016.

Leszek Kotula, MD, PhD, *Urology*, served as a scientist reviewer for applications submitted for the 2016 Prostate Cancer Research Program (PCRP), Department of Defense, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP).

Henry Roane, PhD, *Pediatrics*, has been selected to serve as the editor-in-chief of a new journal that will be published by The American Psychological Association. the journal will be titled, *The Journal of Behavior Development*.

Andras Perl, MD, PhD, *Medicine*, was appointed Editor-in-Chief, of the Journal of Rheumatology and Orthopedic Medicine, and Associate Editor, of Arthritis and Rheumatology, the official journal of the American College of Rheumatology.

Simone Seward, MPH, *Public Health & Preventive Medicine*, is a member of the Association for Prevention Teaching and Research (APTR) Annual Meeting Planning Committee.

Ruth S. Weinstock, MD, PhD, *Medicine*, served on the NIH/NIDDK Review Panel, DP3 RFA, "Improving Diabetes Management in Pre-teens, Adolescents and/or Young Adults with Type 1 Diabetes," Nov. 9, 2016.
Martha Wojtowycz, PhD, Public Health & Preventive Medicine, is a member of the Association for Prevention Teaching and Research (APTR) Annual Meeting Planning Committee.

State and Local Leadership

Leah Kaufman, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology, was appointed the Co-Chair of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists District II (NY State) Task force on Opioid Addiction in Pregnancy, overseeing the organization’s NYS Health Foundation Grant Work Plan to increase access for patients and education for providers throughout the state.

Jennifer Kelly, DO, FACE, Medicine, has been elected President of the Upper New York Chapter of the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists.

University Leadership

Luke A. Probst, PharmD, BCPS, has been named executive director of Pharmacy Services with oversight of clinical and distributive pharmacy services on the Community and Downtown campuses and throughout the Upstate University Health System. Dr. Probst, who has more than 30 years of pharmacy experience, most recently served as director of Pharmacy for the Downtown Campus, and is a member of our voluntary faculty.

Leadership in Education

Point-of-Care software applications for education and practice

Joshua Steinberg MD, Family Medicine- Clinical Campus, collaborating with HeeRak Kang MSIV, 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 300,000 downloads worldwide, and wish to announce our latest offering.

Health Maintenance Visit Checklists: written for Upstate students, the app organizes the activities in health maintenance visits (well child checkups, adult physicals, prenatal visits) and suggests various items to accomplish at each visit. The app was developed in collaboration with recent Upstate Advisory Dean Dr. Paula Dygert. The app is free for iOS (iPhone) devices, available here: https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/health-maintenance-visit-checklists/id1153278996?mt=8
Grants Awarded

**Erika P. Ambika, MD, Medicine, PI**
Kamada, Ltd.
Open-label Post-marketing Study of KamRAB Administered as a Single Dose with Active Rabies Vaccine In Children Exposed to Rabies
12/2/16-12/1/17

**Erika P. Ambika, MD, Medicine, PI**
GlaxoSmithKline, Inc.
A Phase II, Global, Randomized Study to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of Danirixin (GSK1325756) Co-administered with a Standard-of-care Antiviral (oseltamivir), in the Treatment of Adults Hospitalized with Influenza
11/28/16-11/27/17

**Sharon A. Brangman, MD, Medicine, PI**
Bruin Biometrics, LLC
Evaluation of the SEM Scanner 200 for the Detection of Early Pressure Ulcers, a Multi-Site Longitudinal Study
9/26/16-9/25/17

**Gennady Bratslavsky, MD, Chair, Urology, PI**
Astellas Pharma Global Development, Inc.
A Randomized Study of Enzalutamide in Patients with Localized Prostate Cancer Undergoing Active Surveillance (ENACT)
11/1/16-10/31/17

**Gary C. Chan, PhD, Microbiology & Immunology, PI**
NIH: National Institute of Allergies & Infectious Diseases
Novel Anti-HCMV Strategies
8/17/16-7/31/17
$ 415,790

**Melanie A. Comito, MD, Pediatrics, PI**
St Baldricks Foundation
St. Baldrick's Infrastructure Grant 2016
12/1/16-11/30/17
$ 59,607

**Melanie A. Comito, MD, Pediatrics, PI**
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
EveryChild (APEC14B1) PCR - COG Foundation
10/26/16-10/25/17
Joseph B. Domachowske, MD, Pediatrics, PI
MedImmune, Inc.
A Phase 2b Randomised, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled Study to Evaluate the Safety and Efficacy of MEDI8897, a Monoclonal Antibody With an Extended Half-life Against Respiratory Syncytial Virus, in Healthy Preterm Infants
10/11/16-10/10/17
$10,334

Joseph B. Domachowske, MD, Pediatrics, PI
Diassess, Inc.
Clinical Performance of a Diassess Influenza A and B Test
11/14/16-11/13/17
$3,000

Timothy P. Endy, MD, MPH, Chair, Microbiology & Immunology, PI
Cornell University
FeverPhone: Point of Care Diagnosis of Febrile Illness Using a Mobile Device
7/1/16-3/31/107
$18,519

Timothy P. Endy, MD, MPH, Chair, Microbiology & Immunology, PI
Cherokee Nation Technology Solutions, LLC
USAMRMC Dengue Virus and Military HIV Research Program (Cost Reimbursable)
9/19/16-9/18/17
$467,402

Timothy P. Endy, MD, MPH, Chair, Microbiology & Immunology, PI
Cherokee Nation Technology Solutions, LLC
USAMRMC Dengue Virus and Military HIV Research Program (Fixed Price)
9/19/16-9/18/17
$207,480

Steven V. Faraone, PhD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, PI
Orebro University
Predicting Psychiatric and Medical Outcomes of Adult Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
11/1/16-10/31/18
$40,625

Christopher N. Fortner, MD, Pediatrics, PI
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Implementation of Outpatient Clinical Pharmacy Services
11/1/16-10/31/17
$56,160
Vivian Gahtan, MD, Surgery, PI
NIH: National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute
The Role of The Thrombospondins In Intimal Hyperplasia
11/29/16-12/29/18
$ 1,620,000

Ajeet Gajra, MD, Medicine, PI
Genentech, Inc.
A Phase III, Open Label, Randomized Study of Atezolizumab (Anti-PD-L1 Antibody) Compared With a Platinum Agent (Cisplatin or Carboplatin) in Combination with either Pemetrexed or Gemcitabine for PD-L1-Selected, Chemotherapy-Naive Patients with Stage IV Non-Squamous Or Squamous Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer
8/31/16-8/30/17

Stephen J. Glatt, PhD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, PI
University of California at San Diego
Gene Expression Biomarkers for Early Identification of Mild Cognitive Impairment: A Twin Study
9/15/16-4/30/17
$ 206,329

Stephen J. Glatt, PhD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, PI
Syracuse University
The Alcohol-Pain Connection: Mechanisms and Genetic/Psychological Correlates
7/1/16-6/30/17
$ 25,166

Marvin Heyboer, III, Emergency Medicine, PI
Co-Investigators:
William Grant, EdD, Emergency Medicine
Susan Wojcik, PhD, Emergency Medicine
WoundVision, LLC
Feasibility Study Comparing Transcutaneous Oximetry Measurement (TCOM) with Long Wave Infrared Thermography (LWIT) in Patients with Lower Extremity Wounds to Evaluate Accuracy in Predicting Healing and Measuring Potential for Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatment (HBOT) Effectiveness in Patients Undergoing TCOM
8/2/16-8/1/17
$3,500

William G. Kerr, PhD, Microbiology & Immunology, PI
Health Science Center Foundation at Syracuse
Paige Foundation Funds
10/1/16-3/31/17
$ 16,700
Grants

Mira F. Krendel, PhD, Cell & Developmental Biology, PI
NYS Department of Health
Targeting Ny01e for Breast Cancer Therapy
1/1/17-12/31/17
$180,000

Mark Laftavi, MD, Surgery, PI
Astellas Pharma Global Development, Inc.
Astagraf XL to Understand the Impact of Immunosuppression on De Novo DSA Development and Chronic Immune Activation in Kidney Transplantation
10/2/16-10/1/17
$12,000

Mark Laftavi, MD, Surgery, PI
Quark Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
A Phase 3, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of QPI-1002 for Prevention of Delayed Graft Function in Recipients of a Donation After Brain Death Older Donor Kidney Transplant
9/30/16-9/29/17

Michael B. Lax, MD, Family Medicine, PI
NYS Department of Labor
Low Wage Workers’ Health Project
$45,842

Juntao Luo, PhD, Pharmacology, PI
NYS Department of Health
Structure-Based Nanocarrier Design for Targeted Cabazitaxel Delivery in Advanced Breast Cancer Brain Metastases
1/1/17-12/31/18
$180,000

Kristopher G. Maier, PhD, Surgery, PI
US Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity
Local Inhibition of HSP90 to Prevent Intimal Hyperplasia after Balloon Injury
9/30/16-3/29/18
$283,926

Dmitriy Nikolavsky, MD, Urology, PI
Northeastern Section of the American Urological Association
Endoscopic Urethral Stricture Treatment Using Liquid Buccal Mucosa Graft
11/4/16-12/31/18
$30,000

Dorothy C. Pan, MD, Medicine, PI
Merck, Sharp & Dohme Corp.
A Phase III Study of Pomalidomide and Low Dose Dexamethasone with or without Pembrolizumab (MK3475) in Refractory or Relapsed and Refractory Multiple Myeloma (rrMM)
10/3/16-10/2/17
Andras Perl, MD, PhD, *Medicine*, PI
NIH: National Institute of Arthritis, Musculoskeletal & Skin Diseases
Treatment of Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE) with N-acetylcysteine (NAC) 8/1/16-7/31/18
$1,250,000

Andras Perl, MD, PhD, *Rheumatology*, PI
LuCIN
Lupus Clinical Trial Network Infrastructure Grant 2016
06/01/16 –
Annual Direct cost: $80,000

Mark E. Polhemus, MD, *Medicine*, PI
US Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity
The Effect of Antimalarial Drugs on the Immune Response to Rabies Vaccine for Post-Exposure Prophylaxis 9/29/16-2/28/18
$ 647,174

Elizabeth A. Reddy, MD, *Medicine*, PI
CytoDyn, Inc.
A Phase 2b/3, Multicenter Study to Assess the Treatment Strategy of Using PRO 140 SC as Long-Acting Single-Agent Maintenance Therapy for 48 Weeks in Virologically Suppressed Subjects with CCR5-tropic HIV-1 Infection 6/23/16-5/30/18
$ 16,346

Paula M. Trief, PhD, *Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences*, co-I
Ruth S. Weinstock, MD, PhD, *Medicine*, consultant
InquisitHealth, Inc.
Technology to Scale a Phone-Based Diabetes Prevention Program 9/1/16-2/28/17
$ 16,346

Ruth S. Weinstock, MD, PhD, *Medicine*, PI
Unitio, Inc.
T1D Exchange Quality Improvement Initiative 10/25/16-2/28/17

Ruth S. Weinstock, MD, PhD, *Medicine*, PI
George Washington University
TODAY2 Phase 2 (T2P2): Long-Term Post-Intervention Follow-Up 8/1/16-4/30/17
$ 160,523

Li-Ru Zhao PhD, *Neurosurgery*, PI
NIH: National Institute of Aging
Targeting the Hematopoietic System: The Role of Hematopoietic Growth Factors in Restricting A-beta Accumulation in Alzheimer's Disease 9/30/16-4/30/17
$ 1,664,904
Publications


Anderson KM, Blakely SA, O’Donnell CI, Nikolavsky D, Flynn BJ. Primary non-transecting bulbar urethroplasty long-term success rates are similar to transecting urethroplasty. Int Urol Nephrol. 2016 Nov 14; PMID: 27844407


**Publications**


Saweris, M, **Gorji R, Li F.** An academic and regional leader in anesthetist medicine. New York State Society of Anesthesiologists *Sphere Newsletter.* 2016(Sep); 68(3): 11-18


Li F. Annual meeting reflection, *SNACC Newsletter*, Winter 2016; 4-5


McCulloch N, **Wojcik SM, Heyboer III M.** Patient outcomes and factors associated with healing in calciphylaxis patients undergoing adjunctive hyperbaric oxygen therapy. *J Amer Coll Clinical Wound Specialists.* 2016. PMC 5197060
Published Abstracts


Books and Book Chapters


Cantor RC, Stork CM, Marraff, JM. (Eds.) Clinical Toxicology. Clinical Decision Support: Toxicology. 2016


**Books & Book Chapters**


**Stevens CD, Miller LE.** *Clinical Immunology & Serology : A Laboratory Perspective*, 4th ed. F.A. Davis Co., 2017


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**Posters**


Iwuchukwu, CO, Dunton RF. Liposarcoma recurrence at port site after video assisted thoracoscopic surgery. Eastern Cardiothoracic Surgical Society, St Pete Beach, FL, Oct. 2016


Reyes-Fondeur L, Oest ME, Zimmerman ND, Horton JA. Limited field radiotherapy induces local and abscopal effects on bone structure and marrow adiposity. 63rd Annual Meeting of the Orthopaedic Research Society, San Diego, CA, March 19-22, 2017


Diep J, Sekhar R, Sifonios A, Thomas PS. Cryoanalgesia for intractable craniofacial pain following carotid-cavernous fistula embolization. The New York School of Regional Anesthesia’s 16th World Congress of Anesthesiologists meeting, Hong Kong, China, Sept. 2016


Steven Hanes, PhD, *Biochemistry & Molecular Biology*, gave a talk on the Bin3 Methyltransferase at the 4th International Meeting on La and Related Proteins (LARPs) in Wiltshire, UK, Sept. 15, 2016.

Steven Hanes, PhD, *Biochemistry & Molecular Biology*, gave a seminar on the Ess1 Prolyl Isomerase at the Department of Biochemistry, Oxford University, UK, Sept. 19, 2016.


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**National**


Robert Cooney, MD, Chair, Surgery, presented “The UNYSQI Experience - Getting our Collaboratives to Collaborate: An Interactive Workshop to Enhance Learning Collaboratives,” at the 16th Annual NSQIP Meeting, San Diego, CA, July 16, 2016.


Brooke Levandowski, PhD, Family Medicine, presented “Team-Based Primary Care and Suicide Prevention in the VA: Perspectives from the Front Lines,” at a Veterans Administration Health Services Research & Development Cyberseminar, Nov. 2016.


Fenghua Li, MD, Anesthesiology, presented “Can We Prevent Postoperative Vision Loss” at a Mini Workshop at the New York State Society of Anesthesiologists 70th Post Graduate Assembly, New York, NY, Dec. 2016.

Golam Mohi, PhD, *Pharmacology*, presented “JAK2 in Hematopoietic Development and Diseases,” at the University of Miami School of Medicine, Miami, FL, Jan. 6, 2017.

Andras Perl, MD PhD, *Rheumatology*, presented “Metabolic Control of T-cell Lineage Specification in SLE via mTOR,” at the Frontiers in Immunology and Rheumatology Seminar, Stanford University School of Medicine, Palo Alto, CA. June, 2016.


Paula M. Trief, PhD, Dean's Office/Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, developed and facilitated a workshop titled "Exploring Resilience: Self-Assessment to Promote Resilience and Break the Negative Cycles," at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), in Seattle WA, 11/12/16. Co-presenters were W. El-Amin, B. Vidauretta and J Von Hofe.


State & Local


Dennis Daly, MD, Family Medicine, presented “Clinical Geriatric Topics,” at the Sixth Annual Fall Faculty Development: Geriatric and Palliative Care for the Office Preceptor, Cortland, NY, Oct. 2016.

John Epling, MD, Chair, Family Medicine, presented “University/College of Medicine Updates Session,” at the Sixth Annual Fall Faculty Development: Geriatric and Palliative Care for the Office Preceptor, Cortland, NY, Oct. 2016.

James Greenwald, MD, Family Medicine, presented “Unified Prem-Clerkship Curriculum,” at the Sixth Annual Fall Faculty Development: Geriatric and Palliative Care for the Office Preceptor, Cortland, NY, Oct. 2016.


Thomas LaClair, MD, Family Medicine, presented “Family Medicine Clerkship,” at the Sixth Annual Fall Faculty Development: Geriatric and Palliative Care for the Office Preceptor, Cortland, NY, Oct. 2016.


Mary Obear, MD, PhD, Family Medicine, presented “Clinical Geriatric Topics,” at the Sixth Annual Fall Faculty Development: Geriatric and Palliative Care for the Office Preceptor, Cortland, NY, Oct. 2016.

Carrie Roseamelia, PhD, Family Medicine, presented “Palliative Care,” at the Sixth Annual Fall Faculty Development: Geriatric and Palliative Care for the Office Preceptor, Cortland, NY, Oct. 2016.

Ryan Sidebottom, DO, Urology, presented “Beyond Pads and Diapers,” at the Auburn Community Hospital’s Women’s Health Institute Meeting, Auburn NY, Oct 2016.

Paula M. Trief, PhD, Dean’s Office/Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, developed and facilitated a workshop titled "Strengthening a Culture of Inclusion One Small Group at a Time: SUNY Upstate Medical University’s Corps of Diversity Allies and the Engagement Priority," at the SUNY 2016 Diversity Conference: Awareness to Action: Building a Culture of Inclusive Excellence, in Albany NY, Nov., 10, 2016. Upstate co-presenters were Maxine Thompson (Diversity & Inclusion), Grace VanNortwick (Dean's Office), and Suzanne Badman (Nursing Administration).
Community

Martha Wojtowycz, PhD, Public Health & Preventive Medicine, presented "Report to the Community: Current Community Data," at The State of our Babies’ Health in Syracuse, Syracuse NY, Nov. 2016.

Upstate Medical University's hour-long talk radio program, "HealthLink on Air" appears twice – from 6 to 7 am and from 9 to 10 pm, Sundays, on WRVO Public Media. The show and individual interviews are also available as podcasts 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
Alexandra Cole Spadola, MD
Robert Corona, DO
James Demer, MD
Joseph Domachowske, MD
Robert Fechtner, MD
Moustafa Hassan, MD
Jeanna Marraffa, PharmD
Michael Mix, MD
Deirdre Neilen, PhD
Louise Prince, MD
Anna Stewart-Ibarra, PhD, MPA
Michael Zuber, PhD

Sam Benjamin, MD
Melanie Comito, MD
Timothy Damron, MD
Kathleen Deters-Hayes, MS, LCSW-R
Nienke Dosa, MD, MPH
Elizabeth Ferry, MD
Travis Hobart, MD
William Marx, DO
Jennifer Moffat, PhD
Richard O’Neill, PhD
Jaclyn Sisskind, MD
Andrea Viczian, PhD
**Department News**

**Ophthalmology**
The Department of Ophthalmology’s Center for Vision Research (CVR) was awarded the Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award from Lions District 20-Y1 at their annual fall conference dinner in Syracuse. The Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award was “established in 1993; the award honors outstanding Lions and non-Lions or organizations who perform exemplary service to a Club, district, or community. These honorees possess the highest examples of Lionistic character, ideals, purpose, and service.” William J. Brunken, PhD (director of the CVR) was on hand to accept the award on behalf of the CVR. In addition, Emeritus Professor John Hoepner, MD, (co-founder of the CVR) and Carol Miller, MSEd were also awarded an Uplinger award.

**Urology**
Natasha Ginzburg, MD, Urology was highlighted in the book, “My Scientific Name, U is for Urologist”, Nov 2016.
https://customized.org/MyScientificName/U

**Faculty Governance**

Dear Faculty,

As your elected Chair of the Faculty Council, and thus the Campus Governance Leader, I continue to make recommendations to the University administration on behalf of faculty through our shared governance structure. I cannot do this well without faculty participation. There are two Faculty Council Task Forces, in particular, that I expect will generate much discussion in the coming months: one on the role of Voluntary Faculty, and one on Faculty Engagement.

Another way for Faculty to engage with University administration is to attend forums and ask questions. The upcoming Faculty Forums in the Weiskotten Hall Alumni Auditorium at noon include Chief Diversity Officer Maxine Thompson on February 6, 2017; Chief Financial Officer Eric Smith on April 24, 2017; and Vice-President of Strategic Affairs Ramesh Sachdeva on June 19, 2017. Please join us for these forums as well as the Annual Celebration of the Faculty on March 14, 2017 at 4:30-6 pm in the IHP atrium.

Thank you for all that you do for our students!

Sincerely,
Jay M. Brenner, MD
Promotions

Deborah Bradshaw, MD, *Neurology*, was promoted to Professor.

Luis Castro, MD, *Family Medicine*, was promoted to Associate Professor.

Ajeet Gajra, MD, *Medicine*, was promoted to Professor.

Andreas Meier, MD, *Surgery*, was promoted to Professor (previously tenured).

Robert Ostrander, MD, *Family Medicine*, was promoted to Associate Professor.

Oleh Pankewycz, MD, *Medicine*, was promoted to Professor.

David Pruyne, PhD, *Cell & Developmental Biology*, was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure.

Amy Sanders, MD, *Neurology*, was promoted to Associate Professor.

Wendy Stockwin, MS, *CHP-Clinical Laboratory Sciences*, was promoted to Assistant Professor.

Zhong-Jin Yang, MD, *Anesthesiology*, was promoted to Professor.

Dianbo Zhang, MD, *Radiology*, was promoted to Associate Professor.

New Faculty

Aisha Baig, MD, Assistant Professor, *Pediatrics*
Dr. Baig received her medical degree from St. George’s University and completed her residency at Hackensack University Medical Center. She pursued additional training in Pediatric Pulmonary Medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Silviu Pasniciuc, MD, Assistant Professor, *Medicine*
Dr. Pasniciuc received his medical degree from the Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy and completed his residency and pursued additional training in Hospice and Palliative Care at the Cleveland Clinic. He joins us from Hospice of CNY.
New Faculty

**Andrea Shaw, MD**, Assistant Professor, *Pediatrics*
Dr. Shaw received her medical degree from SUNY Upstate Medical University and completed her residency at Duke University Medical School. She has been on the faculty of UCLA and joins us from the Syracuse Community Health Center.

**Erin Wentz, PT, PhD, PCS**, Associate Professor, *CHP-Physical Therapy*
Dr. Wentz received her doctoral degree from the University of Michigan. She is a licensed NYS Physical Therapist and has prior teaching experience. She has 20 years of clinical experience in pediatric physical therapy and is certified as a Pediatric Clinical Specialist.

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**In Memoriam**

**Dr. William J. Williams** died on November 4th in Jamesville, NY. Bill was born and raised in Bridgeton, NJ. He attended Bucknell University and is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He served in the Navy during World War II and the Korean War. Bill served SUNY Upstate Medical University for 33 years as Distinguished Service Professor, the Edward C. Reifenstein Professor of Medicine and as Dean of the College of Medicine. As Dean (1991-1992 and 2002-2004), he oversaw a college with more than 600 students and 480 faculty, responsible for undergraduate medical education leading to the M.D. degree and the M.D./Ph.D. combined degree, in addition to graduate and continuing education programs. Bill was most proud of *Williams Hematology*, for which he served as editor-in-chief. Bill is survived by his wife, Karen; his children, Susan Williams, Scott Williams, and Sally Lowenstein; and his stepchildren, Ted Hughes, Mark Hughes, Kristin Hughes, Anne Hughes, William Hughes, and Megan McGraw. He was the beloved PopPop to 18 grandchildren. He will be remembered for his loving kindness, his generosity, and as an incredible teacher, mentor, and friend.
Dr. Kenneth E. Gale, MD, a prominent cancer surgeon in upstate New York for nearly 70 years, died on January 12, 2017. He was 95 years old.

Dr. Gale was born in Binghamton, NY, the son of Jacob and Eva Goldstein. He graduated from Nottingham High School, Syracuse University and the Syracuse University College of Medicine, where he matriculated as part of the US Navy's V-12 program during World War II. After completing residency at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago and active duty service as a US Navy physician at the Brooklyn Navy Hospital and Halloran VA Hospital in Staten Island, Dr. Gale returned to Syracuse in 1948 to establish his private practice. He was affiliated with St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center, Crouse Irving Memorial Hospital, Community General Hospital, and also was an Associate Clinical Professor of Surgery at Upstate.

Dr. Gale participated in establishing the first ever oncology clinic in Syracuse, NY, and pioneered the palliative treatment of metastatic cancer tumors through the use of hormone therapy. He was also an early researcher in cancer survivorship, helping to establish the first cancer registry program in upstate New York. He was a well-known researcher, and published numerous articles and scientific papers detailing the results of his cancer research over the years, and was a frequent speaker at domestic and international cancer conferences.

Dr. Gale was a member of the Boards of Education of the Syracuse and Fayetteville-Manlius school districts, and also a chairman of the United Jewish Appeal of Syracuse.

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 February 6, 2017**
**12-1pm**
9299 Wsk – Doust Board Room

*Journal Article: “Twelve tips on writing a discussion case that facilitates teaching and engages learners”*

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

*Ann Botash, MD, Professor, Medicine*

~ Lunch will be provided ~

Faculty Development Seminar Series – **Tuesday Feb. 28, 2017**
**12-1pm**
Room 318 Wsk-Health Sciences Library

“Pre-Matriculation Mediation”

*Presenter: Mary Ann Grandinetta, Academic Support Services*
*SUNY Upstate Medical University*

~ Lunch will be provided ~

Medical Education Journal Club - **Monday March 6, 2017**
**12-1pm**
Doust Board Room (9299 WHA)

*(Journal Article to be Announced)*

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

*Ann Botash, MD Professor, Medicine*

~ Lunch will be provided ~
10th Annual Celebration of the Faculty –
Tuesday March 14, 2017
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 10th 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 our 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. 10th!

Facility Development Seminar Series – Tuesday March 28, 2017
12-1pm Room 318 Wsk-Health Sciences Library

“Community Service Learning”

Presenter:
Simone Seward, MPH, Instructor, Public Health & Preventive Medicine

~ Lunch will be provided ~
Upcoming Events

Active Learning Collaborative Monthly Meeting Schedule

12:00 – 1:00 PM     Room 1508 Setnor Academic Bldg.

Peer mentoring group to support development and implementation of interactive, engaging teaching methods.

FEBRUARY 27, 2017
MARCH 27, 2017
APRIL 24, 2017
MAY 22, 2017

~ Lunch will be provided ~

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or 464-1681

Minority Faculty & Residents Meeting Schedule

12:00 – 1:00 PM     Room 1164 Weiskotten Hall

Where open discussions take place about minority faculty issues and opportunities.

FEBRUARY 14, 2017
MARCH 14, 2017
APRIL 11, 2017
MAY 9, 2017
JUNE 13, 2017

~ Lunch will be provided ~

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2017 (COM FAPC) Dates:

College of Medicine Faculty Appointments & Promotions Committee (COM FAPC) Calendar

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The Academy of Upstate Educators Announce...

The B.E.S.T. Program
(Build Excellent Skills for Teaching)

Friday May 12th & Friday May 19th
8-10 AM
Room 3507/3508 Setnor Academic Bldg.

If you are an Asst. Prof. and joined the faculty on or after July 1, 2015, you are required to participate in the BEST course within your first 2 years on the faculty

***** SO, THIS WOULD BE YOUR LAST OPPORTUNITY ******

We will offer this course twice per year, in the fall and spring, so sign up now and get off to a great start! The classes are scheduled for 2 dates (You must attend both workshops for credit):

This is a 4 session course (2 sessions per workshop).
Topics include:

➢ How to create a safe learning environment
➢ How to actively engage the learner
➢ How to provide effective feedback
➢ How to deliver an effective presentation

Prior to each class, you will receive a brief content video. The in-class time will provide interactive experiences to build skills (e.g. role plays, small group discussions). Participants say that this format is highly engaging and interesting.

99% of past participants said they would recommend this course to others.

“There were helpful tips for people who already have years of experience and those who are newer to the classroom.”

“Great course!”

“It was interesting and contained information to help instructors to put their ‘best foot forward’!”
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You must register by MAY 7\textsuperscript{th}. Please contact Michele Henderson via telephone at 464-1681 or e-mail at hendermi@upstate.edu

Faculty Development - Website Calendar

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\textit{~ For more information on all upcoming events, please visit the Faculty Affairs Website “Events Calendar”}
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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/

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

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