The Faculty Commons
“commons”: (n) a place where members of a community meet for sharing, support and recognition

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“Community”

Enjoying A Beautiful Spring Day At Upstate

SUNY Upstate Medical University students and staff enjoy a glorious day in May at the Weiskotten Hall Courtyard. Central New York is known for its fabulous spring and summer weather as well as our “notorious” winters.

Photo Taken By Michele Henderson
Honors & Awards ~ Congratulations to:

Nienke Dosa, MD, MPH, Pediatrics, a leader in providing care to patients with developmental conditions, was honored last weekend as a New York State Assembly Woman of Distinction. The award was made at a ceremony hosted by Assemblywoman Pam Hunter.

Patricia M. Kane, PhD, Chair, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, was awarded the College of Graduate Studies' Graduate Student Association 2016 Outstanding Teacher Award.

Patricia M. Kane, PhD, Chair, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, was awarded the Humanitarian Award from the Carol Baldwin Research Fund of CNY, for her research and teaching. The award was given on May 7th.

Patricia M. Kane, PhD, Chair, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, has been named a Distinguished Teaching Professor. She was awarded this rank for demonstrating consistently superior mastery of teaching; outstanding service to students and commitment to their ongoing intellectual growth; scholarship and professional growth; and adherence to rigorous academic standards and requirements.

Kamal K Khurana, MD, Pathology, received a Best Doctors in America (New York Area) award.

Danielle Laraque-Arena, MD President of Upstate Medical University, was honored on April 21, 2016 by the local YWCA with its Board of Directors’ Champion of Opportunity Award. The award celebrates the recipient’s commitment and activities to promote diversity and eliminate racism.

Robert Lebel, MD, Pediatrics, was chosen by the Upstate AOA chapter students as a faculty member of AOA.

David Lehmann, MD, PharmD, Medicine, has been named a SUNY Distinguished Service Professor. He was awarded this rank for extraordinary service not only at the campus and the State University, but also at the community, regional, state, national and international levels. Dr. Lehmann has dedicated time in service to academic leadership as chair of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee at University Hospital, chief of the Clinical Pharmacology Inpatient Consult Service, and chief of the Section of Clinical Pharmacology in the Departments of Medicine and Pharmacology. He has previously served as vice chair of the Department of Medicine and chief of the Division of General Medicine.

Mehdi Mollapour, PhD and Dimitra Bourboulia PhD, Urology, won the Basic Science Poster Award at the 2016 American Urological Association meeting, May 6, 2016, San Diego, CA. Their poster was titled, “Kidney Cancer: Basic Research & Pathophysiology IL FNIP Co-Chaperones Protect the Tumor Suppressor FLCN from Ubiquitination and Degradation in the Proteasome.”

Karen Teelin, MD, *Pediatrics*, was chosen by the fourth year AOA students for their Excellence in Teaching Award.

Vaughn Whittaker, MD, *Surgery*, was inducted as a Fellow into the American College of Surgeons.

**Leadership in Service**

**National Leadership**

Gennady Bratslavsky, MD, *Chair, Urology*, attended SUO-CTC Board of Director’s Meeting at the 2016 AUA Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, May 6, 2016.

Michael Cosgrove, PhD, *Biochemistry & Molecular Biology*, served on the Advisory board for a conference sponsored by the Global Technology Community (GTC-Bio) entitled "Epigenetic Enzymes in Drug Discovery."

Donna Osterhout, PhD, *Cell and Developmental Biology*, has been elected to the Governing Council of the American Society for Neurochemistry.

Amy E. Sanders, MD, MS, FAAN, *Neurology*, was chosen to serve on the National Quality Forum’s Standing Committee for the Palliative and End-of-Life Endorsement Maintenance Project.

Amy E. Sanders, MD, MS, FAAN, *Neurology*, was selected to participate in the 2016 Donald M. Palatucci Advocacy Leadership Forum, the American Academy of Neurology’s esteemed advocacy leadership skills development program designed to train neurologists to be effective advocates for their patients at the local, state and national levels.

Ruth S. Weinstock, MD, PhD, *Medicine*, served on the NIH (NIDDK) Special Emphasis Review Panel for the Extramural Loan Repayment Program (LRP) for Clinical Researchers (NOT-OD-05-58) and for Pediatric Researchers (NOT-OD-05-057), April 11, 2016.
State and Local Leadership

Srinivasa S. Thota, MD, *Anesthesiology*, who organized the New York State Society of Anesthesiologists (NYSSA) participation in the 2015 NYS Fair, has been appointed as State Fair Chair for 2016.

Vaughn Whittaker, MD, *Surgery*, was elected to serve as a Regional 9 Representative on the OPTN / UNOS Living Donor Committee.

University Leadership

Joseph Domachowske MD, *Pediatrics*, was named Director of the Global Maternal-Child and Pediatric Health Program at Upstate’s Center for Global Health and Translational Science.

Mark Laftavi, MD, *Surgery*, was appointed as the Director of the Pancreas Transplant Program.

Grants Awarded

Jerrold L. Abraham, MD, *Pathology*, PI
Guerbet, LLC
Detection, Composition, and Neuropathological Significance of MRI Contrast Agent-derived Gadolinium Deposits in the Human Central Nervous System
3/1/16-2/28/17
$222,003

Robert L. Beach, MD, PhD, FAAN, FACNS, *Neurology*, PI
Sage Therapeutics, Inc.
A Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled Study to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of Sage-547 Injection in the Treatment of Subjects with Refractory Status Epilepticus who have Failed Standard Treatment
9/21/15-8/31/17
$79,792

Helene B. Bernstein, MD, *Obstetrics & Gynecology*, PI
March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation
Magnesium Decreases Inflammatory Cytokine Production: A Novel, Important Innate Immunomodulatory Mechanism
9/1/15-6/30/16
$ 79,792

Sharon A. Brangman, MD, *Medicine*, PI
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Methodology Issues in a Tailored Light Treatment for Persons with Dementia
12/1/15-11/30/17
$ 146,159
Grants

Sharon A. Brangman, MD, *Medicine*, PI
NYS Dept. of Health
Central New York Center of Excellence for Alzheimer's Disease
3/1/16 - 5/31/16
$117,500

Gary S. Brooks, PT, DrPH, *Physical Therapy*, CHP, PI
American Medical Association Foundation
The Role of Racial Disparities on Participation in Clinical Trials for Cancer Therapies
3/17/16 - 2/28/17
$1,101

Kathleen M. Dermady, LM, DNP, CNM, MSN, NP, *Obstetrics & Gynecology*, PI
Health Foundation for Western & Central NY
Maternal Child Health Hot Spot Booster
1/1/16 - 8/31/17
$14,480

Joseph Domachowske MD, *Pediatrics*, PI
American Academy of Pediatrics
Immunization Educational Grant
12/15/16 - 05/16
$15,000

Joseph Domachowske MD, *Pediatrics*, PI
Regeneron, Inc.
A Phase 3 Randomized Double Blind Placebo Controlled Study Evaluating the Efficacy and Safety of a Human Monoclonal Antibody REGN2222 for the Prevention of Medically Attended RSV Infection in Preterm Infants.
11/2015 - 06/17
$65,000

Joseph Domachowske MD, *Pediatrics*, PI
GlaxoSmithKline, Inc.
Pilot Study Proposal
3/4/16 - 9/3/16
$5,545

Joseph Domachowske MD, *Pediatrics*, PI
Pfizer, Inc.
An Epidemiologic Study of Pregnant Women and their Newborn Infants to Describe Immune States and Respiratory Syncytial Virus and Cytomegalovirus Infection Rates
10/15/16 - 06/17
$50,000
Joseph Domachowske MD, *Pediatrics*, PI
GlaxoSmithKline, Inc.
A Phase II, Randomised, Observer-blind, Controlled, Multi-country Study to Assess the Safety, Reactogenicity and Immunogenicity of a Single Intramuscular Dose of Different Formulations of GSK Biologicals’ Investigational RSV Vaccine (GSK3003891A), in Healthy Women aged 18 to 45 years.
10/15-09/16
$40,000

Stephen V. Faraone, PhD, *Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences*, PI
Arbor Pharmaceuticals, LLC
CME Multimodal Website for CME about Adult ADHD for PCPs
3/16/16-3/15/17
$100,000

Stephen V. Faraone, PhD, *Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences*, PI
European Commision
Comorbid Conditions of ADHD
1/1/16-12/31/21
$249,100

Christopher N. Fortner, MD, *Pediatrics*, PI
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Therapeutics, Inc.
Additional Research Coordinator (ARC) Award
1/1/16-12/31/16
$ 79,002

Vivian Gahtan, MD, *Surgery*, PI
Society for Vascular Surgery
The Role of STAT Proteins in TSP-1 Mediatred Regulation of MicroRNA miR-7-92 Cluster
6/1/16-8/1/16
$3000

Stephen L. Graziano, MD, *Medicine*, PI
Alliance Foundation Trials, LLC
Randomized Phase II Trial Evaluating the Optimal Sequencing of PD-1 Inhibition with Pembrolizumab (MK-3475) and Standard Platinum-based Chemotherapy in Patients with Chemotherapy Naive Stage IV Non-small Cell Lung Cancer
3/4/16-3/3/17

Karen J. Klingman, PhD, *College of Nursing*, PI
Sigma Theta Tau International
First-pass Design and Prototype for Sleep Research Monitor for Neonates in NICUs
2/1/16-1/31/17
$1000
Karen J. Klingman, PhD, College of Nursing, PI
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Lighting Interventions to Reduce Circadian Disruption in Rotating Shift Workers
9/1/15-8/31/16
$ 52,038

Mark Laftavi, MD, Surgery, PI
Oxford Immunotec, Inc.
Prospective Observational Trial to Evaluate the Correlation of T-SPOT Response to CMV Disease and T cell Mediated Acute Graft Rejection
3/8/16-3/7/17

William F. Lavelle, MD, Surgery, PI
Stryker Howmedica Osteonics
AccuLIF Prospective Patient Outcomes Study
3/30/16-3/29/17

Stewart N. Loh, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, PI
Rutgers University
Synthesis and Characterization of p53-reactivating compounds
2/1/16-1/31/17
$ 145,405

Dragos Mihaila, MD, Neurology, PI
Massachusetts General Hospital
A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Trial of Urate-Elevating Inosine Treatment to Slow Clinical Decline in Early Parkinson's Disease
9/1/15-6/30/16

Christopher P. Morley, PhD, MA, CAS, Family Medicine, PI
University of Rochester
Enhanced Clinical Communication and Quality-of-life Improvement in Managing MVS
10/1/15-10/31/16
$ 92,591

Brian D. Nicholas, MD, Otolaryngology, PI
Otonomy, Inc.
A Prospective, Randomized, Double Blind, Placebo-controlled, Multicenter, Phase 3 Efficacy and Safety Study of OTO-104 Given as a Single Intratympanic Injection in Subjects with Unilateral Meniere's Disease
2/16/16-2/15/17

Arkadii M. Perzov, MD, PhD, Pharmacology, PI
I.M. Sechenov First Moscow State Medical University
9/1/16-1/31/17
$24,000

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Grants

Elizabeth A. Reddy, MD, *Medicine*, PI
NYS Dept. of Health
Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Services in General and HIV Primary Care Settings
7/1/16-9/30/16
$50,000

Manika Suryadevara MD and Joseph Domachowske MD, *Pediatrics*, Co-PIs
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Academy of Pediatrics Adolescent Vaccinations and Wellness Grant
09/15-02/17
$30,000

Manika Suryadevara MD and Joseph Domachowske MD, *Pediatrics*, Co-PIs
GlaxoSmithKline, Inc.
Neutrophil Attenuation with 1A8 Antibody in PVM Infected Mice
09/15-03/16
$65,000

Amar S. Swarnkar, MD, *Medicine*, PI
Centre Hospitalier De L’Universite De Montreal
DELTA Trial: Does Embolization with Larger Coils Lead to Better Treatment of Aneurysms Trial
9/1/14-8/31/17

Janssen Research and Development, LLC
A Phase II, Open Label, and Antiviral Activity of Rilpivirine (TMC278) in Antiretroviral-naive HIV-1 infected Adolescents and Children >/= 6 to <18 years
3/7/16-3/6/17

NYS Dept. of Health
Adolescent/Young Adult HIV Specialized Care Center
7/1/16-9/30/16
$61,750

Ruth S. 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 Mellitus Patients: An Extension Study
2/8/16-2/7/17

Gary M. Winslow, PhD, *Microbiology & Immunology*, PI
NIH-National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Disease
Differentiation and Ontogeny of IgM Memory Cells during Bacterial Infection
3/1/16-2/28/17
$2,024,167
Wei-Dong Yao, PhD, *Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences*, PI
NIH-National Institute of Neurological Disorders & Stroke
Prefrontal AMPA receptors in FTD Pathogenesis
4/1/16-12/31/16
$ 2,002,012

**Publications**


Biondich AS, Joslin JD. Coca: The history and medical significance of an ancient Andean tradition. *Emerg Med Intl.* [E-pub April 7, 2016]


Bonville CA, Cibula DA, Domachowske JB, Suryadevara M. Vaccine attitudes and practices among obstetric providers in New York State following the recommendation for pertussis vaccination during pregnancy. *Hum Vaccin Immunother* 2015;11(3):713-718
Publications


Gruessner RW, Gruessner A. Pancreas after Islet (PAI) transplantation - A first report of the International Pancreas Transplant Registry (IPTR/UNOS). *Amer J Transplant* 2016; 16(2) 688-693. PMID: 26436323


Joslin JD, Goldberger D, Johnson L, Waltz DP. Use of the vocera communications badge improves public safety response times. *Emerg Med Inter.* [E-pub April 4, 2016]


Suryadevara M, Domachowske JB. Prevention of pertussis through adult vaccination. *Hum Vaccin Immunother* 2015;11(7):1744-1747


Trief PM, Cibula D, Rodriguez E, Akel B, Weinstock RS. Incorrect insulin administration: A problem that warrants attention. *Clin Diabetes* 2016(34);1:25-33. PMID: 26807006


Published Abstracts


**Books and Book Chapters**


**Li F.** Spinal Surgery and Intraoperative Monitoring. Anesthesiology: Clinical Case Reviews. Anglío and Urman, eds, Lung, Springer New York LLC, 2015(Dec);193(6):939-945. ISSN: 03412040


**Nanavati, K. Core 4 Of Wellness.** 1st edition. Create Space Independent Publishing Platform

**Posters**


**Botash AS, Brown AC, Welch T.** Student reflections on vaccine hesitancy: “Being persistent without being too pushy.” COMSEP Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO. April 2016

**Korbeci B, Cobb TP.** Abdominal pain in a healthy young female. 45th Annual Family Medicine Refresher Course, Syracuse, NY, Mar 2016


Chung K, **Filipski AW**. Prevention of early childhood obesity. 45th Annual Family Medicine Refresher Course, Syracuse, NY, Mar 2016


**Holz, GG, Chepurny OG, Leech CA**. GPR119 agonist AS1269574 activates TRPA1 cation channels to stimulate GLP-1 secretion. Advances and Breakthroughs in Calcium Signaling, Honolulu, HI, April, 2016

Takeda Y, Shimayoshi T, **Holz GG**, Noma A. Modeling analysis of IP3-mediated Ca2+ mobilization under the control of GLP-1 in mouse pancreatic beta cells. Advances and Breakthroughs in Calcium Signaling, Honolulu, HI, April, 2016

Veluthakal R, Thurmond D, **Holz GG**. Crosstalk of cAMP and Cdc42-PAK1 to evoke glucose-stimulated insulin secretion. 98th Annual Meeting of the Endocrine Society, Boston, MA, April, 2016


Filipski A, LaBounty CR. Pheochromocytoma presenting as an acute coronary syndrome & sepsis. 45th Annual Family Medicine Refresher Course, Syracuse, NY, Mar 2016

Kolaj B, LaBounty CR. Acute shortness of breath in a patient with extremity weakness. 45th Annual Family Medicine Refresher Course, Syracuse, NY, Mar 2016

Nabegh K, Matuszak, Lalley-DeMong V. Posterior reversible encephalopathy syndrome. 45th Annual Family Medicine Refresher Course, Syracuse, NY, Mar, 2016


Fu H, Li F, Yang ZH, Thomas PS. Hyperbaric oxygenation alleviates chronic constriction injury (CCI)-induced neuropathic pain and inhibits GABAergic neuron apoptosis in the spinal cord. Beyond the Doctorate Research Day, SUNY Upstate Medical University, Mar 2016

Bresnahan S, McCaul JW. Primary lung malignancy in pregnancy. 45th Annual Family Medicine Refresher Course, Syracuse, NY, Mar 2016

Flagg S, McMahon GV. Fever in a recent traveler. 45th Annual Family Medicine Refresher Course, Syracuse, NY, Mar 2016

Olson B, Nelsen EK. Resident self-assessment: Lower performing trainee insight into medical knowledge deficits and study methods. Meeting of the Pediatric Academic Societies, Baltimore, MD, May 2016


Nelsen EK, Berry W, Blatt S, McHugh E. Current events: Teaching beyond the literature. Meeting of the Association of Pediatric Program Directors, New Orleans, LA, Apr 2016

Smith A, Shawl AB. Amiodarone pulmonary toxicity in geriatrics. 45th Annual Family Medicine Refresher Course, Syracuse, NY, Mar 2016


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Presentations

International

Gennady Bratslavsky, MD, Chair, Urology, presented “New Concepts in Urologic Oncology,” “Modern Imaging in Urology,” and “Molecular Testing in Urologic Oncology,” at LTD MMT Hospital, Tbilisi, Georgia, April 5-8, 2016.

Rebecca Garden, PhD, Bioethics and Humanities, presented “Beyond Reason: Interpreting Dementia,” at the Modern Language Association annual conference, Austin, TX, Jan 6, 2016.

Angelika Gruessner, PhD, Transplant Surgery, presented “Global Trends in Pancreas Transplantation,” and “Update from the International Pancreas Transplant Registry,” at the IPITA-IXA-CTS joint meeting in Melbourne, Australia, Nov 2015.

Angelika Gruessner, PhD and Rainer Gruessner, MD, Transplant Surgery, presented “The Impact of Center Volume on Outcome of Pancreas Transplants,” at the IPITA-IXA-CTS joint meeting in Melbourne, Australia, Nov 2015.


Presentations


M. Saeed Sheikh, MD, PhD, Pharmacology, presented “Characterization of Novel Tumor Markers and Targets of Cancer Therapy,” in the Department of Biochemistry at Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan, March 2016.


National


Michael Cosgrove, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, presented "Discovery and Characterization of Win Motif Inhibitors of the MLL1 Core Complex," at Epigenetic Enzymes in Drug Discovery Conference sponsored by the Global Technology Community (GTC-Bio), San Diego, CA, Mar 1 - 2, 2016.


Rebecca Garden, PhD, Bioethics and Humanities, presented “Representing and Interpreting Cognitive Disability: Dementia in the Popular and Medical Imaginations,” at the Arts and Health Humanities Conference, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH, April 9, 2016.

Presentations


Brooke A Levandowski, PhD, MPA, *Family Medicine*, presented “The Impact of Team-based Collaborative Care on Suicide Prevention Efforts in the VHA,” at the American Association of Suicidology conference, Chicago, IL, April 2016.


Donna Osterhout, PhD, *Cell and Developmental Biology*, presented “Fyn Signaling and the Cytoskeleton in Oligodendroglia,” at the American Society for Neurochemistry meeting, Denver CO, Mar 2016.


Carol Recker-Hughes, PT, PhD, *Physical Therapy Education -CHP*, presented, "Assessment and Feedback Tools for Clinical Educators," at Baylor Medical Center for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation faculty, Frisco and Dallas, TX, Apr 2016.


State & Local


Community

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:

Ravi Adhikary, MD  Andrea Berg, MD
Deirdre Neilen, PhD  Matthew Elkins, MD, PhD
Timothy Endy, MD  John Epling, MD
Natasha Ginzburg, MD  Jeremy Joslin, MD
William Kerr, PhD  Satish Krishnamurthy, MD
Danielle Laraque-Arena, MD  Matthew Mason, MD
Joan Pellegrino, MD  Rich O’Neill, PhD
Adam Rufa, DPT  Oleg Shapiro, MD
Harold Smulyan, MD  Ross Sullivan, MD
JC Trussell, MD  Jason Wallen, MD

Department News

Department of Surgery - Transplant Surgery received UNOS certification for the Pancreas Transplant Program and is expanding the Kidney Transplant Program.
Promotions

Stephen Knohl, MD, *Medicine*, was promoted to Professor.

Chistine Stork-Medicis, PharmD, *Emergency Medicine*, was promoted to Professor.

New Faculty

**Amit Bhardwaj, MD**, Instructor, *Medicine*
Dr. Bhardwaj received his medical degree from St. George’s University School of Medicine and completed his residency at SUNY Upstate Medical University.

**Melanie Comito, MD**, Professor, *Pediatrics*
Dr. Comito received her medical degree from the University of Iowa College of Medicine and completed her residency at the Medical College of Virginia. She pursued additional training in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at the University of Iowa College of Medicine. She has been on the faculty of the University of Iowa College of Medicine, University of South Dakota School of Medicine, The Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine and Penn State Hershey Medical Center.

**Allison Fahy, MD**, Assistant Professor, *Pediatrics*
Dr. Fahy received her medical degree from the Medical University of the Americas and completed her residency at the University of Illinois. She pursued additional training in Pediatric Clinical Care at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

**Nandhu Mohan, PhD**, Assistant Professor, *Neuroscience & Physiology*
Dr. Mohan received his doctoral degree from the University of Science & Technology in India and completed his postdoctoral training at The Ohio State University and Brigham and Women’s Hospital.

**Sophia Rodriguez, MD**, Assistant Professor, *Pathology*
Dr. Rodriguez received her medical degree from, and completed her residency at, Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She pursued additional training in Forensic Pathology at New Mexico Office of the Medical Investigator.

**Mariano Viapiano, PhD**, Associate Professor, *Neuroscience & Physiology*
Dr. Viapiano received his doctoral degree from the University of Buenos Aires and completed his postdoctoral training at the University of Sao Paulo School of Medicine and at Yale University. He has been on the faculty of Ohio State University and Harvard Medical School, and joins Upstate as an Empire Scholar.
Faculty Governance

Elections were held for officers of the Faculty Council, for SUNY Senators and for Committee members. The following individuals were elected in the most robust election in the history of Upstate. Thank you to all who ran and who voted.

Senators
J C Trussell (COM)
Maria Wheelock (CON)

Alternate Senators
Nienke Dosa (COM)
Wendi Ackerman (Library)
Paul Johnson (CHP)
Patricia Powers (CON)

Faculty Council Chair
Jay Brenner (COM)

Faculty Council Vice Chair
Richard Veenstra (CGS)

Faculty Council Secretary
Kerry Greene-Donnelly (CHP)

Academic Affairs Committee
Helen Clancy (CON)
Nanette Dowling (COM)
Virginia Young (Library)

Upstate Affairs
Roberta Rolland (CON)

Faculty Affairs
Mehdi Mollapour (COM)
Jason Horton (CGS)
Karen Klingman (CON)
Rebeca Kindon (Library)

Council Operations
Dale Avers (CHP)
**In Memoriam**

**Robert R. Kanter, MD**, 67, a nationally known pediatric intensivist who established the specialty in Syracuse in 1980 under then-Upstate pediatrics chair Frank Oski, died on March 28th. After undergraduate and medical degrees at the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Kanter came to Syracuse as a resident under Dr. Oski from 1976-79, and was one of the first to take a fellowship in pediatric critical care medicine at the Children's Hospital National Medical Center in 1979-80. Upon his return to Upstate, he headed a temporary ICU in a former four-bed unit at the end of the 4A wing. A long-time dream was realized in 1985 when a modern state of the art PICU was opened. At the time, it was the largest major fundraising campaign for the Upstate Foundation at $1 million.

Dr, Kanter was forever challenging himself. He received his MPA from Syracuse University’s Maxwell School. He later became interested in disaster preparedness and public health. He was the ultimate collaborator. His prolific list of publications are sprinkled with the co-author names familiar to Upstate including Oski, Weiner, Bove, Robson, Zimmerman, Stuart, Madden, Thompson, Smith, Terndrup, Dosa, Hannan, Domachowske, Andrake, Ragosta, Casper, and Davey. Dr. Weinberger, his chair, said, "First, he did not tolerate mistakes or sloppy work and secondly he had a lot of respect for the role of the nurse. It was always a team approach to the care of the acutely ill child." Dr. Bill Hannan, a PICU attending, said, "He had an incredible gift. He would walk into a room facing the worst possible situation, examine the child, ask a few questions and instinctively and immediately know how to organize and implement a plan to address the patient's needs... For Bob it was never about his legacy. It was only about taking care of sick infants and children and teaching residents and students at the bedside." Dr. Kanter is survived by his wife Deborah and children Caitlin, David and Anna, and grandson Ellis.

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**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

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Medical Education Journal Club -  Monday June 6, 2016
12-1pm
Doust Board Room (9299 WHA)

“Focusing on the Formative: Building an Assessment System Aimed at Student Growth and Development”

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

~ Lunch will be provided ~

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Faculty Educator Development -  Tuesday June 14, 2016
5:30 – 8 pm
Kinnney Performance Center
11th Floor – Golisano Children’s Hospital

“Annual Faculty Scholars Workshop/Dinner”

For Upstate Faculty members who attended at least one Medical Education Journal Club, Faculty Educator Development Seminar, or Faculty Toolbox Workshop during the 2015-2016 academic year.

Upstate Innovations In Student Education

The “X” Factor: Power of observation and feedback in medical education
Presented by: Sarah Lappin DO, Amit Dhamoon MD, Michael Kosters MD, Aditya Kalakonda MD

An inpatient oral presentation tool for pediatric clerkship students
Presented by: Jennifer Nead, MD, Ann Botash, MD

Engaging Students Using Technologies: Creating, Presenting, Sharing, and Collaborating
Presented by: Shuhong Luo, EdD, MSN, RN, Roberta Rolland, PhD, RN, FNP

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Topics for the 2016-2017 Journal Club and Faculty Educator Development (FED) Seminar Series will be announced soon

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SAVE THE DATE!

New Faculty Orientation – Wed. Sept. 21, 2016

Doust Board Room (9299 WHA) and the 9th Floor Cafeteria– Weiskotten Hall Addition

This is a chance to be welcomed by the leadership of the university, and to learn more about the resources that are available to new faculty as you begin your Upstate career. Feedback from past participants has been great, they especially appreciated the opportunity to meet colleagues from other departments and colleges. So, please save the date, more information will follow.

**What:** Interactive sessions with Upstate leaders in research, education and clinical service  
**When:** Wed. Sept. 21st from 2-5 PM  
**Where:** 9th floor of Weiskotten  
**Why:** To get a great start  
**What else:** A wine and cheese reception will follow at 5PM, with chairs and other members of the faculty invited

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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/