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Lynn Cleary, MD



Bruce Simmons, MD '79

Cell & Developmental Biology

Interim Chair: Dennis Stelzner, MD
Dennis Stelzner, MD, has been named to chair the department on an interim basis.

Teaching Awards:

- The Department of Cell and Developmental Biology received the Basic Science Department Teaching Award for Distinguished Teaching at Commencement 2004.

Appointments & Promotions:

- **Scott Blystone, PhD**, was promoted to associate professor. Dr. Blystone has been a member of the Department of Cell and Developmental Biology since 1998. **David S. Packard, PhD**, was appointed professor emeritus. **Louis DeGennaro, PhD**, was appointed professor emeritus.
- Two voluntary assistant professors have been named: **Beth Ferro Mitchell, PhD**, an associate professor in the Biology Department at Lemoyne College, will be doing collaborative work in Dr. David Mitchell's Laboratory.
- **Gary Wang, MD, PhD**, an assistant professor at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital, Lincoln, NE, will be collaborating with Dr. Dennis Stelzner on research to determine if over expression of the small heat shock protein HSP27 in neurons after spinal contusion injury is neuro-protective.

NIH Awards:

- **Scott Blystone, PhD** was awarded a Research Career Development Award for his work on Actin Nucleation by Integrin Complexes, in the amount of \$440,272 for the period 6/1/04-2/28/08.

Recent graduates include:

- **Stacy L. Donovan**, who was awarded Doctor of Philosophy in Cell & Developmental Biology
 Dissertation: Multiple Defects In Forebrain Axon Guidance And Corticogenesis in GAP-43 Knockout Mice. Dr. Donovan is working at St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis, TN.
- **Vera McIlvain** was awarded Doctor of Philosophy in Cell & Developmental Biology
 Dissertation: Multiple Abnormalities Of Thalamocortical Development in GAP-43 Heterozygous Mice. Dr. McIlvain is working with **Dr. Barry Knox** in the Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Laboratory here at Upstate Medical University.

Medicine

Chair: David Duggan, MD, '79

- Two of our current fellows become new faculty members. **Amy Lazzarini, MD, '96, R-2004** joined the Gastroenterology Division in July, and **Jennifer Kelly, MD, R-2004**, will be joining the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism in September.
- The Joslin Diabetes Center will be one of 12 sites taking part in a five-year-study to find treatment options for Type 2 Diabetes in Adolescents and Youth (TODAY) sponsored by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.
- **Jeffrey N. Binney, MD, R-1981**, writes: "I have accepted a new position in internal medicine at the Pinehurst Medical Clinic in Pinehurst, NC. My wife, Vicki, is well and my daughter, Kristin, is working for an adoption agency in Northampton, MA."
- **Robert Carhart, MD, '90**, from the Division of Cardiology is leading a Syracuse study as part of a national trial for a new treatment for chronic heart failure. University Hospital will be one of 160 sites participating in the study and the only site in Syracuse. In this study, a patient's own immune system is targeted to reduce their risk of hospitalization and death.
- **Lynn Cleary, MD**, has been appointed as a Distinguished Professor by the SUNY Board of Trustees.
- **Carlos O. Dator, MD, R-1990**, of Oswego, NY, has expanded his practice, and it has been renamed, Ontario Lakeside Medical Associates. Dr. Dator began practicing in Oswego in 1990.
- **Dipak Dube, MD**, has been invited to present his recent research findings at the symposium at the XVII World Congress on the International Society for Heart Research to be held in Brisbane, Australia in August. He will present a talk on the "Role of a Novel Tropomyosin in Vertebrate Heart Development".
- **David Duggan**, was selected by the graduating class of 2004 to receive the Syracuse Medical Alumni Association Clinical Faculty teaching Award and read the Hippocratic oath.

- **Arnold Moses, MD, '54**, received the Distinction in Clinical Endocrinology Award from the American College of Endocrinology at their annual meeting in Boston. This is presented annually to a fellow of the American College of Endocrinology who is recognized by his/her peers as having achieved distinction in the field of Clinical Endocrinology and has sustained a record of devotion to teaching the art and science of Clinical Endocrinology.
- **Ruth Weinstock, MD, R-1985**, was inducted as a fellow of the American College of Endocrinology. Designation as a Fellow (FACE) means that an endocrinologist has achieved a level of training and experience consistent with the high standards established and adopted by the clinical endocrinology specialty.
- **Rajeev Saini, MD, R-1996**, has been named chairman of the Department of Medicine at A.L. Lee Memorial Hospital in Fulton, NY. Dr. Saini is board certified in internal medicine and is a member of the American College of Physicians.
- **Bruce Simmons, MD, '79**, was recently selected to the YWCA Academy of Diversity Achievers. Individuals selected are those who have supported and assisted in the YWCA mission to promote diversity and eliminate racism. Dr. Simmons is the Director of Employee/Student Health at Upstate and also serves as the chair of the newly formed Dean's Advisory Committee on Student Diversity. He is also chair of the Smoke-Free Upstate Committee and serves on the newly formed Diversity Council.

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Chair: Shawky Badawy, MD, R-1973

- **Brian W. Thompson, MD, '91**, has joined the department as clinical assistant professor.

Ophthalmology

Chair: John Hoepner, MD

- **Save the date! The 55th Annual Post-Graduate Review Course: Ophthalmology will be held, November 19 & 20, 2004**, at Oncenter Convention Center sponsored by the Department of Ophthalmology and the Office of Continuing Medical Education. The course is specifically designed for the practicing ophthalmologist and technical staff. The program consists of a series of didactic lec-

tures with visual aids and supplemental educational materials. Ample time will be available for participants to interact with both guest and local faculty. This event attracts more than 200 attendees each year.

Orthopedic Surgery

Chair: Steve Albanese, MD, R-1985

- **Bruce L. Baird, MD, R-2003**, has joined the North Country Orthopaedic Group of Watertown. Dr. Baird specializes in disorders of the neck and back.

Psychiatry

Chair: Mantosh Dewan, MD, R-1979

- Three professors at Upstate Medical University, **Mantosh J. Dewan, MD, Brett N. Steenbarger, PhD**, and **Roger P. Greenberg, PhD**, are contributing authors of a new book, *The Art and Science of Brief Psychotherapies: A Practitioner's Guide (Core Competencies in Psychotherapy)*. It is a unique compact reference book offering practical guidance on what to do in the therapy room.
- The Department of Psychiatry has scheduled two upcoming Continuing Medical Education conferences:
 The 5th Annual Central New York Addiction Psychiatry Conference will be held Thursday, September 23, 2004, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel and Conference Center, located on University Avenue in Syracuse.
 The 9th Annual Upstate Psychopharmacology Update will be held Thursday, October 21, 2004, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the OnCenter Complex on State Street in Syracuse.

Surgery

Chair: Paul Cunningham, MD

Duane M. Cady, MD, was elected chair of the American Medical Association.

- **Patricia J. Numann, MD, '65**, the Lloyd S. Rogers Professor of Surgery at Upstate Medical University and medical director of University Hospital, has been named to the International Women in Medicine Hall of Fame. Created in 2000 by the American Medical Women's Association, it recognizes outstanding women in medicine whose pioneering efforts and visionary leadership

have cast them as role models for others. "Dr. Numann's accomplishments in academic medicine and in surgery are exemplary and her leadership on this campus and at the state, national, and international levels is something in which we take great pride," said SUNY Upstate President Gregory Eastwood, MD. "We all have benefited in many ways from our association with Pat Numann." Dr. Numann, who also holds appointments as SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor and SUNY Distinguished Service Professor, is an internationally recognized surgical educator and surgeon. She became the first woman ever to serve on the 12-member Council on Scientific Affairs of the American Medical Association and the first woman vice chair and chair of the American Board of Surgery. She is a founding member of the Association for Surgical Education and founded the Association for Women Surgeons (AWS). The AWS has created a scholarship in Dr. Numann's name for female medical students who are pursuing a career in surgery. In addition to her many board appointments, Numann has served as second vice president of the American College of Surgeons and president of the Association for Surgical Education. She has also served as president of the Syracuse Medical Alumni Association.



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