

2009 Reunion

A fantastic turnout of alumni from across the nation convened in Syracuse October 2-3 for Upstate Medical University's 134th Reunion. Members of classes ending in 4 and 9 had the opportunity to catch up with each other and with faculty members during activities that included a Medical Alumni Writing Seminar, Dean's Lunch, tours and historical exhibits, class dinners at the Century Club, and a family barbecue at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo.

Along with hundreds of alumni and students, the class of 1984 showed up in force to support classmate Joseph Dervay, MD '84, and attend the NASA physician's Friday afternoon lecture on space medicine. A hardy group braved the damp weather that day for a golf outing afterward. Others attended the Weiskotten Lecture,



“Visioning Tibet,” a documentary about a team of American Ophthalmologists and their commitment to bringing modern cataract surgery to Tibet, featuring Melvyn Bert, MD '67, FACS.

The weekend also marked the annual presentation of scholarships presented by the Medical Alumni Association to outstanding current students, as well as recognition of exceptional alumni with the presentation of the Distinguished Alumnus Award to Arnold M. Moses, MD '54, the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award to Willie Underwood III, MD '94, and the inaugural Humanitarian Award to Charles B. Marshall, MD '49, and his wife, Doris.

Reunion 2009 was an outstanding opportunity for all to revisit old friends, recognize excellence, regain the spirit of the College of Medicine experience, and reaffirm commitment to the profession and the school.



Lori Mosca '84 and her husband, Ralph Mosca '85



Members of the class of 1959 celebrate their 50-year reunion



Alainia Morgan-James '11 with then four-month old son, Elijah



Christopher Martin '13 and Joseph Dervay '84



Members of the Class of 1969



Diane Barta, Angela V. D. O'Orsi, Linda Bulich, Karen Defazio and Dawn Sweeney (all Class of 1989)

Below: Noah Finkel, Larry Danzig, Zan Lewis, Charles Merker, Nicholas Bambino and Robert Klein (all Class of 1969)



Richard Beane, Brian Wicks, Ken Edwards, Joe Dervay, Donald Patten, and Richard Zogby (all Class of 1984)



Caitlin Cusack '89 and Eileen Keneck '89



Nick Trasolini, John Larry, Donna Geiger, Maureen Daye and Linda Bulich (all Class of 1989)



Amy McGarrity Zotter, Larry Greenwald, and Bill Smith (all Class of 1989)

HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Charles B. Marshall, MD '49, and Doris Marshall

Charles B. Marshall, MD, a native of Binghamton, New York, has lived in the small industrial town of Martinsville, Virginia, for 52 years with wife Doris, raising their four children. He trained in Augusta, Georgia, and Winston Salem, North Carolina, before entering U.S. military service in Japan during the Korean War and completed his residency in Ob/Gyn in Syracuse. He practiced Ob/Gyn in a partnership from 1957 to 1977. Doris served as a Red Cross volunteer nursing director, teaching community classes and giving time to special Health Department clinics and services.

In 1977, Dr. Marshall resigned his position as senior partner of his medical group and joined the Christian Service Corps for cross-cultural training with intense Christian study and practice. He served two years at Jesus Hospital, a Presbyterian-sponsored mission with a broad community outreach in Chonju, South Korea.

Marshall's focus was directed to the flight of the Cambodian Refugees into Thailand and Southeast Asia who were being persecuted and slaughtered by the PolPot Regime. Youth With A Mission (Y-WAM) provided a three-month Discipleship Training School in Hawaii with a medical/spiritual ministry at the UNHCR camps for the next three years in Thailand, Malaysia and Somalia in East Africa. He was called home to care for his terminally ill mother in October 1983, and opened a new solo Ob/Gyn practice, which he operated until 1987 when he could 'retire' again at age 60.

Y-WAM welcomed the Marshalls' medical services as missionaries to hospitals in Belize, Honduras, Ecuador, and Albania. Then, in 1994, World Medical Mission, in Boone, North Carolina, invited them to travel to several mission and government hospitals around the world to help relieve the career overseas doctors during their furloughs, as well as to provide long-term needed services. Most of the next 13 years (half-year average terms) were spent in Africa: Kenya, Cameroon, Niger, and Sierra Leone. They were called back to Cote d'Ivoire, West Africa, eight times, and also had experiences in India and Papua, New Guinea.

Now in their 80s at home, closer to grown children, they continue to give service, praise, and thanksgiving to God who has given them so many opportunities to serve around the world.



Charles B. Marshall '49 and his wife, Doris Marshall



President David R. Smith, Rudolph Napodano '59, Nicholas Day '10, Dean Steven Scheinman, and Alumni Association President Charles J. Ryan '82

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DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

Arnold M. Moses, MD '54

Arnold M. Moses, MD, is the Distinguished Service Professor of Medicine at SUNY Upstate Medical University. He serves as director of the Clinical Research Unit at the Institute for Human Performance and director of the Metabolic Bone Disease Center. Following his graduation cum laude in 1954 he was a resident in internal medicine at Montefiore and Mt. Sinai Hospitals in New York City and remained at Mt. Sinai for a year of endocrine fellowship. He returned to Syracuse for an endocrine fellowship under the mentorship of Dr. Charles Lloyd, and joined the Department of Medicine faculty in 1960. At that time he organized a research laboratory that he maintained for 31 years with continuous federal funding from the VA, NIH and NSF. In this laboratory and in the clinics, he trained many students, residents, and fellows to become successful clinicians, teachers, and investigators. His laboratory used various animal models and patients with abnormalities of water and electrolyte metabolism to

define many aspects of normal and abnormal neurohypophysial function including vasopressin (AVP) release and action. His research group was among the first to develop a radioimmunoassay for AVP and the first to describe the osmotic threshold for AVP release and the factors that alter its release. His group also described the mechanism of the renal resistance to AVP and PTH in patients with congenital nephrogenic diabetes insipidus and pseudohypoparathyroidism. In recent years his clinical and research efforts have changed in an effort to further understand and treat patients with metabolic bone diseases. Dr. Moses has collaborated with his trainees in publishing more than 90 peer-reviewed manuscripts. During this time he has continued as attending physician at University Hospital and its outpatient endocrine clinics.

In 1995, Moses received the President's Award for Excellence and Leadership in Research, and in 2003 he received the Chancellor's Award in Recognition of Exemplary Contributions to Research and Scholarship. In 2004, Moses received the American College of Endocrinology's annual Distinction in Clinical Endocrinology Award, and in 2007 he was named SUNY Distinguished Service Professor.



Andrew Sabey '59



William Wiley '54 and his wife, Suzanne



Juliana Kissiedu '12 and Zimin Zhao '12



Willie Underwood '94 with daughter, Amina, and Paula and Michael Noe '69



Alumni Association President Charles J. Ryan '82, Dean Steven Scheinman, Kathy Fischer, and President David R. Smith

OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNUS

Willie Underwood, III, MD '94, MS, MPH

Willie Underwood, III, MD, MS, MPH, is an assistant member in the Department of Urology and the Office of Cancer Health Disparities Research, Cancer Prevention and Population Sciences at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, New York. Dr. Underwood is nationally known as a urologist, health services researcher, and health policy expert. He was awarded the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Harold Amos Career Development and the American Urology Association (AUA) Foundation/Astellas Rising Star in Urology Awards to study racial disparities in the treatment of prostate cancer. He has published and presented in the area of health care disparities, with a focus on racial disparities in the diagnosis, treatment, and survival of prostate cancer. He has served as a spokesperson for the NCI's Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities, participating in radio programs to provide cancer education, promote early detection of prostate, breast and colon cancers, and inform the public of the many programs sponsored by the Center. He also regularly discusses prostate cancer for local Buffalo radio and television. In September, 2008, Underwood served on the panel at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Forum on Eliminating Health Disparities in Washington, DC.

On behalf of the AUA, Underwood visits Capital Hill to meet with members of congress and their aides to discuss health care policy and legislation. He works with the AUA Foundation, The National Football League's Players Care Foundation and the National Football League to provide prostate cancer education and screening to retired NFL players. He has served as chair of the Resident & Fellow's Section of the AMA and Founding Member and Chair of Executive Committee of the Candidate Associate Society of the American College of Surgeons. He currently serves as a member of the Residency Review Committee for Urology, Urology Pac Board of Trustees, and the AUA's Delegate to the AMA House of Delegates, a member of the International Volunteers in Urology Med's Board of Trustees, the AUA Foundation's Development Council and the American Urology Association's Health Policy Council.