

The Faculty Commons



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

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“Community”



Gregory L. Eastwood, MD, President of SUNY Upstate Medical University, gives the opening remarks and welcomes the attendees & honorees at the 8th Annual Celebration of the Faculty ceremony.

8th Annual Celebration of the Faculty

The 8th Annual “**Celebration of the Faculty**” was held in the IHP Atrium on Thursday March 12, 2015 and was attended by more than 200 people. Everyone who came enjoyed some great music, great food, and a great opportunity to honor our new, promoted, tenured, and emeritus faculty members. Also honored that evening were the eight recipients of the 2015 Gold Standard Award. This event is hosted by the Office of Faculty Affairs and Faculty Development.

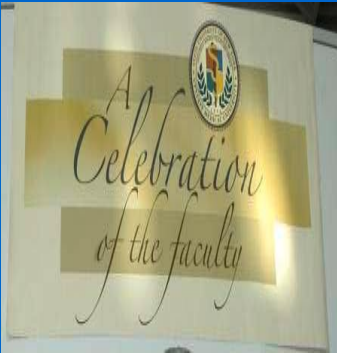
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Enjoying the Reception

Susan Graham, *College of Health Professions*, Josephine Przepiora, *College of Health Professions*, and Lori Plaisted, *Clinical Pathology*. Ms. Przepiora was a recipient of a 2015 Gold Standard Award.

College of Nursing Faculty: Dr. Joyce Griffin-Sobel, Dean, Dr. Roberta Rolland, Dr. Pamela Mahon, Dr. Joyce Scarpinato (Gold Standard Award Recipient), Ms. Jodie Brown (New Faculty), Dr. Meega Wells and Ms. Brown's son, Cooper.



Dr. Teresa Hargrave, *Psychiatry – College of Medicine*, visits with other faculty members.



Dr. Patricia Kane, Chair of the *Dept. of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology – College of Medicine* visits with Dr. Joseph Sanger, Chair of the *Dept. of Cell & Developmental Biology – College of Medicine*.

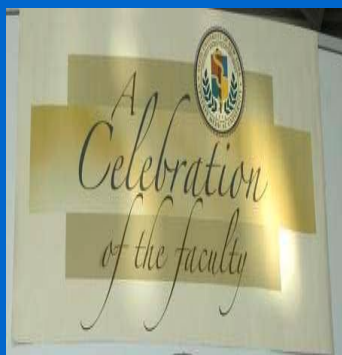


Celebration guests applaud as members of Upstate's faculty are honored during the program.

New Instructors and Assistant Professors



Dr. Deborah Longley, Ms Cara Howe, Drs. Alberto Maldonado, Vikram Aggarwal, Elizabeth Ruckdeschel, Bruce Knutson, Jennifer Stanger, Brendan McGinn, Sylva Bem, Alexander Banashkevich, Ms. Amy DeBlois, Drs. Timothy Byler, Heather Finn, Lorena Gonzalez, Jessica Paonessa, Kalliopi Petropoulou, Thomas Swoboda, Scott Surowiec, President Eastwood



New Associate Professors

Ms. Jodie Brown, *College of Nursing*, Dr. Wei-Dong Yao, *Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences* with Dr. Eastwood



Promoted Assistant Professors

Dr. David Duggan, *Dean of the College of Medicine*, Dr. Winter Berry, Dr. Miriam Donohue, Dr. Matthew Vilbum, Dr. Eastwood



Promoted Associate Professors

Drs. David Duggan, Jay Brenner, Mohammed Jawed, Mitchel Karmel, Mira Krendel, Michele Lisi, Kan Liu, Alfredo Valente and Dr. Eastwood.



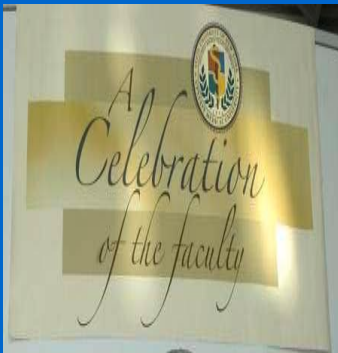
Promoted Professors

Drs. David Duggan, Xin Jie Chen, Hal Cohen, Brian Johnson, Andrij Wojtowycz and Dr. Eastwood.



Emeritus Faculty

Dr. Mark Schmitt, Dean of the College of Graduate Studies, Drs. Paul Grover, Philip Holtzapfle, Robert Lenox and Dr. Eastwood.



Superb Entertainment

A special thanks to Drs. Roger Greenberg & Ron Saletsky (both from the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences), for their outstanding keyboard and guitar music during the reception!



A Special End to the Evening

Violinist, Nicole Cifra, a third year medical student in the MD/MPH Program, and a member of the former Syracuse Symphony Youth Orchestra, President of the Upstate Student Government and Student Representative for the President's Search Committee, played the Prelude to Suite II by J.S. Bach.

Honors and Awards

Honors & Awards ~ Congratulations to:

The following SUNY Upstate Medical University faculty members (pictured with President Eastwood) were presented with a Gold Standard Award at the 8th Annual Celebration of the Faculty, which was held on March 12, 2015:

The Gold Standard Award was created to recognize members of the faculty who are dedicated, enthusiastic and passionate about their work, and who live the values of Upstate by exemplifying innovation, respect, service and integrity.



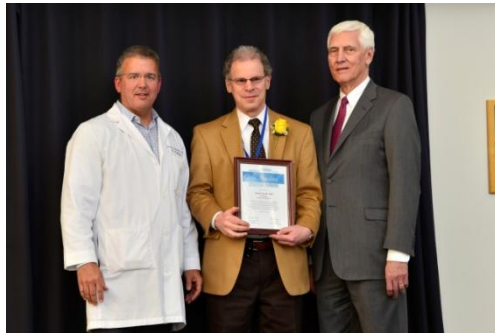
Honors and Awards



Stephen Glatt, PhD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences
Presented by Dr. Robert Gregory, Chair of the department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences.



Kan Liu, MD, Medicine
Presented by Dr. Vincent Frechette Associate Professor of Medicine.



David Small, MD, Medicine
Presented by Dr. Vincent Frechette Associate Professor of Medicine.



Imad Nsouli, MD, Urology
Presented by Dr. Oleg Shapiro Associate Professor of Urology.



Bradley Olson, MD, MS, Pediatrics
Presented by Dr. Steven Blatt, Professor of Pediatrics.



Josephine Przepiora, MS, MT (ASCP) SM, College of Health Professions. Presented by Dr. Hugh Bonner, Dean of the College of Health Professions.



Matthew Sarsfield, MD, Emergency Medicine
Presented by Dr. Gary Johnson, Chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine



Joyce Scarpinato, DNP, PNP-BC, FNP-C, College of Nursing. Presented by Dr. Joyce Griffin-Sobel, Dean of the College of Nursing.

Leadership In Service

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International Leadership

Antonio Culebras, MD, *Neurology*, was co-chair of the eighth annual World Sleep Day, March 13th. The event raises awareness of sleep disorders and highlights the burden that they place on society. - See more at:

<http://upstateonline.info/static/March12-March192015/index.html#sthash.AZkhdX0V.dpuf>

Paula M. Trief, PhD, *Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences/Dean's Office*, was invited to serve as a member of the PSAD Novo Science Award committee. The PsychoSocial Aspects of Diabetes (PSAD) Study Group is a subgroup of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD). PSAD aims to stimulate early-career researchers and clinicians to conduct high quality scientific research in the field of diabetes psychology and awards the PSAD/Novo Nordisk Science Award to first author of the best paper in the area of Diabetes Psychology.

National Leadership

Robert Cooney, MD, Chair, *Surgery*, has been elected to serve on the Honors and Awards Committee of the Shock Society.

Robert Cooney, MD, Chair, *Surgery*, has been elected to Chair the NIGMS postdoctoral T32 training grant review committee at the National Institutes of Health.

Rebecca Garden, PhD, *Bioethics & Humanities*, was appointed Program Planning Committee Member for the 4th International Health Humanities Conference, "Health Humanities: The Next Decade (Pedagogies, Practices, Politics)," Center for Bioethics and Humanities, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Denver, CO, 2014-2015.

Amy E. Sanders, MD, MS, *Neurology*, has been appointed Co-Chair of the Dementia Management Quality Measurement Update, a joint project of the American Academy of Neurology and the American Psychiatric Association.

M. Saeed Sheikh, MD, PhD, *Pharmacology*, served as a grant reviewer on the NIH/NCI Special Review Panel ZCA1 Cancer Research, Cancer Prevention Program, March 2014.

M. Saeed Sheikh, MD, PhD, *Pharmacology*, served as a grant reviewer on the Basic Mechanisms of Cancer Therapeutics-C (ZRG BMCT-C) study section, NIH, Feb. 2015.

Srinivas Vourganti, MD, *Urology*, serves on the Board of Directors of the Indian American Urologic Association.



Service

State and Local Leadership

Nanette Dowling, DO, MHPA, *Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences*, was a core regional organizer of the Central New York Geriatric Mental Health Initiative Conference held in Syracuse on Feb. 23, 2015.

Leadership in Education

Rebecca Garden, PhD, *Bioethics & Humanities*, created a new course called “Culture, Communication & Ethics in Health Care: Deaf & Disability Studies Approaches” for the Consortium for Culture and Medicine that was approved by Upstate’s College of Nursing and College of Medicine for Fall 2015.

Joshua Steinberg, MD, *Family Medicine, Binghamton Clinical Campus*, collaborating with HeeRak Kang MSII, COM, 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 260,000 downloads worldwide, and wish to announce our latest offering of point-of-care software applications for education and practice.

Bishop Scores: Provides 3 Bishop score calculators as one plans induction of labor, and reviews the evidence behind each. The app is free for iOS (iPhone) devices, available here:<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/bishop-scores/id958534841?mt=8>

Grants Awarded

Jeffrey A. Bogart, MD, *Radiation Oncology*, PI
Abb Vie Inc.

A Phase 1 Dose Escalation and Phase 2 Randomized, Placebo-Controlled Study of the Efficacy and Tolerability of Veliparib in Combination with Paclitaxel/Carboplatin-Based Chemoradiotherapy Followed by Veliparib and Paclitaxel/Carboplatin Consolidation in Subjects with Stage III Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC)
12/3/14-12/2/15

Xin Jie Chen, PhD, *Biochemistry & Molecular Biology*, PI
NIH- National Institute on Aging
Role of Ant1 Over-expression and Mitochondrial Damage in Progressive Muscle Degeneration
2/1/15-1/31/16
\$442,750



Grants



Grants

Timothy A. Damron, MD, Orthopedic Surgery, PI
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
A Randomized Trial to Assess Patient Quality of Life and Function after
Alternative Surgeries for Pathologic Fractures of the Femur
7/1/14-6/30/15

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 18-45 yrs.
2/6/15-2/5/16

Wenyi Feng, PhD, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, PI
Department of Defense
Global Identification of Disease-associated Genes in Fragile X Cells
4/15-10/16
\$200,000

Vivian Gahtan, MD, Surgery, PI
American Medical Association Foundation
Apoptosis Gene Expression Patterns in Thrombospondin and Statin-Treated
Endothelial Cells
4/1/15-3/31/16
\$2,500

Ajeet Gajra, MD, Medicine, PI
Celgene Corp.
Safety and Efficacy of nab-Paclitaxel (Abraxane) in Combination with
Carboplatin as First Line Treatment in Elderly Subjects with Advanced Non-
Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC): A Phase IV, Randomized, Open-Label,
Multicenter Study
8/29/14-8/28/15

Teresa C. Gentile, MD, PhD, Medicine, PI
Dana Farber Partners CancerCare Inc.
A Randomized, Phase III Study Comparing Conventional Dose Treatment Using
a Combination of Lenalidomide, Bortezomib and Dexamethasone (RVD) to
High-Dose Treatment with Peripheral Stem Cell Transplant in the Initial
Management of Myeloma in Patients up to 65 Yrs.
12/19/14-12/18/15



Grants

Stephen Graziano, MD, *Medicine*, PI

Heat Biologics, Inc.

A Phase 2, Multicenter, Randomized Study to Evaluate the Safety and Efficacy of Viagenpumatulcel-L (HS-110) in Combination with Low Dose (Metronomic) Cyclophosphamide Followed by Sequential Chemotherapy vs. Chemotherapy Alone in patients with Non-small Cell Lung Adenocarcinoma after Failure of Two Previous Treatment Regimens for Advanced Disease

1/29/15-1/28/16

Karol H. Kerr, MD, *Pediatrics*, PI

Rally Foundation

Childhood Cancer Research

12/24/14-12/31/15

\$1,250

Karol H. Kerr, MD, *Pediatrics*, PI

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Per Case Reimbursement: NIH National Clinical Trials Network Grant

4/11/14-2/29/16

\$20,750

Leszek Kotula, MD, PhD, *Urology*, PI

NIH/NIMGS/ Regents of The University of Michigan - Macropinocytosis and Cellular Growth Control

09/05/14 -09/03/2018

\$319,000

Leszek Kotula, MD, PhD, *Urology*, PI, Steve Landas, MD, Mira Krendel, PhD

Carol Baldwin Foundation of CNY

WAVE Complex as Therapeutic Target in Breast Cancer

12/01/14-11/30/16

\$50,000

Sarah Lappin, DO, *Medicine*, PI

Lown Institute

RightCare Young Innovator Grant

Learning to Talk: Overuse; An Inter- Professionalism Communications

Curriculum Focused on the Nexus of Overuse and Patient- Centered Care

11/01/14-10/31/15

\$7,350

Megan E. Oest, MD, (PI), Timothy A. Damron, MD, (Co-I), *Orthopedics*

Carol M. Baldwin Breast Cancer Research Fund

Cellular Regulation of Radiation-associated Bone Damage

12/01/14 - 11/30/16

\$50,000



Grants

Dorothy C. Pan, MD, *Medicine*, PI

Infinity Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Phase 3 Study of IPI-145 in Combination with Rituximab vs Rituximab in Subjects with Previously-Treated Follicular Lymphoma

12/12/14-12/11/15

Andras Perl, MD, PhD, *Medicine*, PI

NIH- National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases

Metabolic Control of T-cell Lineage Specification in SLE

2/1/15-1/31/16

\$2,021,458

Cristina A. Pope, MS, MSM, AHIP, *Health Sciences Library*, PI

National Network of Libraries of Medicine Middle Atlantic Region

Affordable Care Act: Access to Care - Libraries Making a Difference

11/1/14-4/30/15

\$40,000

Amy E. Sanders, MD,MS, *Neurology*, Site PI

Alzheimer's Disease Cooperative Study: TCAD/Noble Study

Phase 2 Multi-center, Randomized, Double Blind, Placebo-controlled, Study to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of T-81MAa in Patients with Mild to Moderate Alzheimer's Disease

10/30/14-10/29/15

\$400,000

Rahul Seth, DO, *Medicine*, PI

Merck Sharp and Dohme Corp.

A Phase III Randomized Clinical Trial of Pembrolizumab (MK-3475) vs. Paclitaxel, Docataxel or Vinflunine in Subjects with Recurrent or Progressive Metastatic Urothelial Cancer

12/15/14-12/14/15

Rahul Seth, DO, *Medicine*, PI

Prometheus Laboratories, Inc.

Open-Label, Randomized, Multi-Center Study Comparing the Sequence of High Dose Aldesleukin (Interleukin-2) and Ipilimumab (Yervoy) in Patients with Metastatic Melanoma

1/19/15-1/18/16

Anna M. Stewart, PhD, MPA, *Medicine*, PI

Syracuse University

Linking Vector Dispersal and Remotely Sensed Breeding Sites to Generate High Resolution Risk Maps of Malaria Transmission

1/1/15-6/30/15

\$1,700



Grants

Robert Silverman, MD, Chair, *OB-GYN*, PI
Health Foundation for Western & Central NY
Centering Pregnancy: An Innovative Approach to Prenatal Care for the Refugee Population
1/1/15-12/31/16
\$79,950

Paula M. Trief, PhD, *Dean's Office/Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences*, PI
University of Massachusetts
ACE Sloan Consortium for Enhancing Faculty Career Flexibility
2/1/15-7/31/15
\$5,000

Leonard Weiner, MD, *Pediatrics*, PI
Merck Sharp and Dohme Corp.
A Phase I-II, Randomized, Double-Blind, Study to Evaluate the Safety, Tolerability, and Immunogenicity of V114 in Healthy Adults and Infants
1/28/15-1/27/16

Richard JH Wojcikiewicz, PhD, Interim Chair, *Pharmacology*, PI
National Ataxia Foundation
Molecular Mechanism of Autosomal Dominant Sensory Ataxia
1/1/15-12/31/15
\$15,000

Wei-Dong Yao, PhD, *Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences*, PI
NIH-National Institute of Mental Health
Nonproteolytic Polyubiquitin Chains at the Synapse
3/1/15-2/29/16
\$2,050,508



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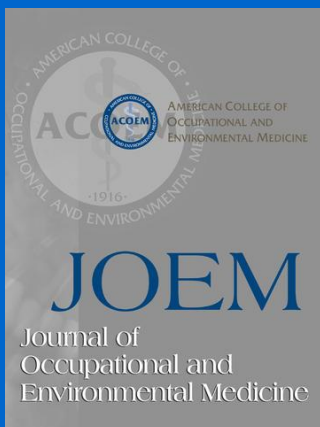
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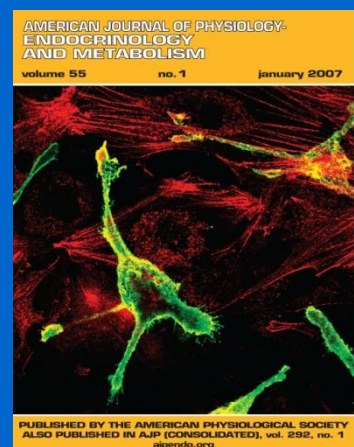
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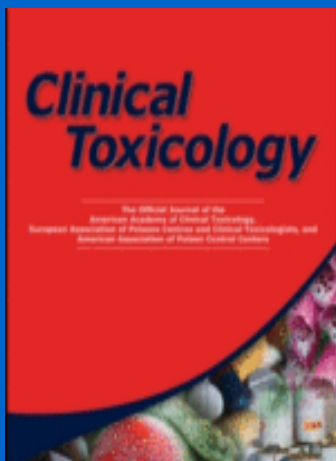
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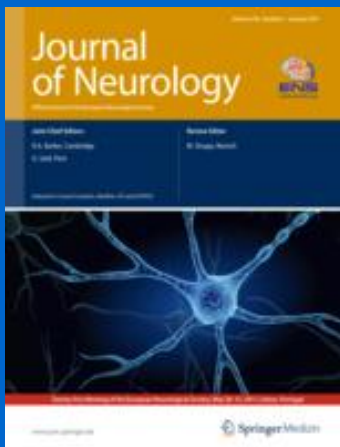
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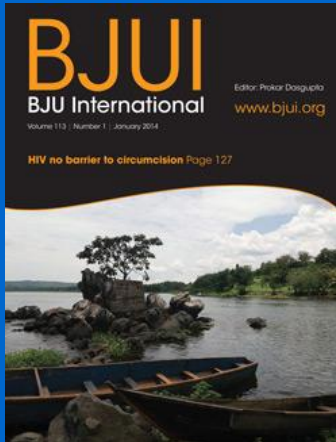
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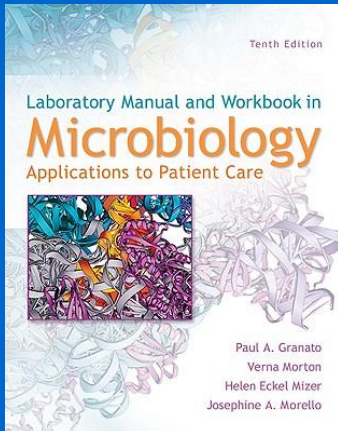
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Presentations



Presentations

International

Gennady Bratslavsky, MD, Chair, *Urology*, presented “The Robot Assisted Kidney Resection –The New Standard of Surgical Treatment of Small Tumors” and “Laparoscopic Radical Nephrectomy at Locally Advanced RCC” at the Russian Kidney Cancer Symposium, Moscow, Russia, March 2015.

Dmitriy Nikolavsky, MD, *Urology*, presented “Posterior Urethroplasty for Bulbous Necrosis with Use of Composite Buccal Mucosal Graft-gracilis Flap in Two Patients” at the Center for Urethral Reconstructive Surgery, Pune, India, Jan. 2015.

Presentations

National

Gary Brooks, PT DrPH and **Michelle Dolphin, PT DPT MS OCS**, *Physical Therapy Education- College of Health Professions*, presented "A Comparison of Physical Therapy Utilization and Expenditures in Office-based and Hospital-based Outpatient Settings Using the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey" at the American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting, Indianapolis, IN, Feb. 2015.

Robert Cooney, MD, Chair, *Surgery*, presented "The Obese Patient" at the session on "High-Risk Perioperative Patient Populations: Avoiding Adverse Events" at the American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress, San Francisco, CA, Oct. 2014.

Rebecca Garden, PhD, *Bioethics & Humanities*, organized the panel "Narrative Bioethics and Disability: Personhood, Loss, and Gain" and gave a response to the presentations for the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, Oct. 26, 2014.

Sherri McMullen, PhD, RN, CNS, FNP, NNP-BC, *College of Nursing*, presented "Predicting Transition to the Supine Position in Hospitalized Premature Infants" at the 12th National Advanced Practice Neonatal Nurses Conference, Chicago, IL, March 2015.

Paula M. Trief, PhD, *Dean's Office/Psychiatry*, was one of presenters in the sessions titled "Creating Flexible Pathways for Faculty Success, Engagement and Retention" and "Mid/late Career Vitality and Transitions to Retirement" at Career Flexibility for Biomedical Faculty of Today and Tomorrow: A National Conference, Boston MA, March 14-15, 2015.

Srinivas Vourganti, MD, *Urology*, presented "The Evolving Role of MRI in Prostate Cancer Diagnosis and Management" as an Invited Grand Rounds Speaker, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT, Oct. 2014.

State & Local

Gennady Bratslavsky, MD, Chair, *Urology*, presented "What is the Appropriate Work Up and Correct Surgery for Small Adrenal Tumors?", "Metastatic RCC: Role of a Surgeon and Current Treatment Algorithms," and, "Personalized Medicine: Impact of Tissue Procurement Conditions on Molecular Profiling" at the Steven B. Strem Visiting Professorship, Albany Medical College, Albany NY, March 2015.

Rebecca Garden, PhD, *Bioethics & Humanities*, gave a guest lecture "The Social and Medical Models, Disability, and Medicine" for DSP 200: Introduction to Disability Studies, Prof. Diane Wiener, School of Education, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, Feb. 16, 2015.



Presentations

Marvin Heyboer, MD, *Emergency Medicine*, presented “Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy – How Does it Work?” at the Upstate Wound Care & Hyperbaric Medicine Symposium, Syracuse, NY, Feb. 2015.

Joshua Steinberg, MD, *Family Medicine, Binghamton Clinical Campus*, presented “Preoperative Evaluation and Perioperative Management” at the 44th Annual St. Joseph’s Refresher Course, Syracuse NY, March 2015.

Community

Christopher Tanski, MD, *Emergency Medicine*, presented “Altered Mental Status” at the Lyncourt Fire Department, Syracuse, NY, Feb. 2015.

Srinivas Vourganti, MD, *Urology*, presented "Probing for Prostate Cancer", Advancements in Prostate Cancer Diagnosis. On WCNY's Cycle of Health, Syracuse, NY, Jan 2015, View online at:

<http://video.wcny.org/video/2365408690/>

Upstate Medical University's hour-long talk radio program, "HealthLink on Air" appears from 9 to 10 p.m. Sundays on WRVO Public Media. 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:

Donna Bacchi, MD
Thomas Bersani, MD
Stephen Glatt, PhD
Apurv Khanna, MD
Robert Lenox, MD
Mark Polhemus, MD
Jana Shaw, MD
Robert Sherman, MD
Srinivas Vourganti, MD

Shawky Badawy, MD
Timothy Damron, MD
Aliya Hafeez, MD
Leslie Kohman, MD
Rich O'Neill, PhD
Elizabeth Reddy, MD
Kevin Setter, MD
Scott VanValkenburg, MD



Department News



Promotions



Department News

Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences: For the first time, US News and World Report has ranked Psychiatry training programs nationally. To do this it has used the Doximity physician database to seek nominations from board-certified psychiatrists across the country as to the best training programs. A total of 194 programs were ranked. Of those ranked, Upstate's Department of Psychiatry Residency Training Program was ranked as # 61 (31st percentile). This ranking places us as the program in New York State with the best national reputation outside of NYC. By comparison, Univ. of Rochester was ranked 81, SUNY Stonybrook 121, SUNY Downstate 128, Univ. of Buffalo 143, and Albany Med Center 151.

Promotions

Xin Jie Chen, PhD, *Biochemistry & Molecular Biology*, was promoted to Professor (previously tenured), March 2015

Brian Johnson, MD, *Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences*, was promoted to Professor, March 2015

Michele Lisi, MD, *Radiology*, was promoted to Associate Professor, March 2015

Kan Liu, MD, PhD, *Medicine*, was promoted to Associate Professor, March 2015

James Megna, MD, PhD, *Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences*, was promoted to Professor (previously tenured), March 2015

Zsuzsa Szombathyne Meszaros, MD, PhD, *Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences*, was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure, March 2015

William Paolo, MD, *Emergency Medicine*, was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure, March 2015

Andrij Wojtowycz, MD, *Radiology*, was promoted to Professor (previously tenured), March 2015

Wei-Dong Yao, PhD, *Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences*, was promoted to Associate Professor, October 2014

New Faculty



New Faculty

Amy Biondich, MD, Assistant Professor, *Emergency Medicine*

Dr. Biondich received her medical degree from SUNY Upstate Medical University and completed her residency at Orlando Health. She has been on the faculty of University of Central Florida and recently was on staff at Aurora Hospital System.

Haidy Marzouk, MD, Assistant Professor, *Otolaryngology & Communication Sciences*

Dr. Marzouk received her medical degree from, and completed her residency at, SUNY Downstate Medical Center. She has been on the faculty of Hofstra University School of Medicine.

Mark Marzouk, MD, Assistant Professor, *Otolaryngology & Communication Sciences*

Dr. Marzouk received his medical degree from Ain-Shams University and completed his residency at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. He has been on the faculty of Stony Brook University Hospital.

Jaclyn Sisskind, MD, Assistant Professor, *Pediatrics*

Dr. Sisskind received her medical degree from, and completed her residency at, SUNY Upstate Medical University. She has been in private practice and a member of our voluntary faculty.

Faculty Governance

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Faculty Governance

Title: Presidential Search Committee

The SUNY Board of Trustees has a presidential search committee policy that dictates the position representatives to the search committee. It also stipulates an election is held of full-time faculty to elect 6 full-time faculty members to the committee. The Upstate Faculty Council designed a process that called for college elections of 1 individual from each of the 4 colleges, 1 individual from the library, elections were held in December, and the Chair of the Faculty Council. The other members of the Committee are appointed by the Upstate University Council, headed by Tom Taylor, Chair. The composition of the Search Committee is:

Statutory Members of the Council:

Tom Taylor, Chair

John Johnson, Jr.

Jim Sparkes

Gwyn Mannion

Alan Hertel

Faculty Governance

Student Representative:

Nicole Cifra

Foundation Representative:

Steve Kimatian

Faculty Representatives:

Dale Avers - Faculty Council

Ann Botash - COM

Melanie Kalman - CON

Jennifer Moffat - CGS

Carol Recker-Hughes - CHP

Amy Slutzky - Library

Dean Representative:

David Duggan - COM

Hospital Representative:

John McCabe

Alumni Representative:

Sharon Brangman

Professional Support Staff Representative:

Patricia Brecht

Chancellor's Liason:

Robert Kraushaar

Chancellor's Senior Staff selection:

Elizabeth Bringsjord

Please also note that Chris Liberty will be the campus staff liaison.

The first search committee meeting was held on Monday, February 6th.

Chancellor Zimpher chaired the committee.

A web site has been established to provide current information about the search process <<http://www.upstate.edu/presidentsearch/>>



FACULTY
GOVERNANCE NEWS

In Memoriam

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Barbara A.W. Streeten, MD, Ophthalmology, passed away on Feb. 8, 2015. Dr. Streeten was a Physician, Teacher, and Internationally Recognized Vision Scientist at SUNY Upstate Medical University.

Dr. Streeten, one of three women who graduated from Tufts University Medical School, Class of 1950, served as a role model for young women entering academic medicine. Early in her career, Dr. Streeten held great interest in the mechanisms of disease, an interest that led her to Mallory Institute in Boston where she completed a year in general pathology and to the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary where she completed a fellowship in ophthalmic pathology. In 1964, Dr. Streeten joined the Department of Ophthalmology at SUNY Upstate, instructing residents in eye pathology and serving as an attending in the Eye Clinic, a position she held for 20 years. She served as the Director of the Eye Pathology Laboratory from 1967 until her retirement. Dr. Streeten was one of the few experts in the country in both diagnostic and experimental ophthalmic pathology. Her nationally recognized research on ocular zonular fibers was supported by the National Eye Institute for 27 years. She served in many leadership positions for prestigious ophthalmic research societies and was an invited lecturer at numerous institutions in the United States and abroad. Her collaborations with students, residents and faculty members stimulated the department as well as her many former medical students and residents. Dr. Streeten held many distinguished honors including the Zimmerman Medal, the highest honor in ophthalmic pathology, SUNY Woman of Achievement, SUNY President's Award for Excellence in Leadership in Research, and the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities.



**Faculty
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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.

Medical Education Journal Club - Monday April 6, 2015
12-1PM Doust Board Room (9299 WHA)

“Characterizing the Effective, Modern Medical School Lecture”

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

~ Lunch will be provided ~

BEST Workshops -Friday April 10 & 17, 2015
8-10 AM Room: 2507/2508 Setnor



Office of Faculty Affairs and Faculty Development
& The Academy of Upstate Educators Announce...

The B.E.S.T. Program
for Spring 2015

Upcoming Events

(Build Excellent Skills for Teaching)

This is a 2 session course. 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

These workshops are designed to be interesting and relevant to the teaching of all types of learner (e.g. students, residents, colleagues) and to the work of educators at all levels of experience.

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.

100% 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’!”

Friday April 10th and April 17th 2015
8 AM – 10 AM
Room 2507/2508 Setnor Academic Bldg.

~ Refreshments Will Be Provided ~

You **must** register by **April 2nd**. Please contact Michele Henderson via telephone at 464-1681 or e-mail at hendermi@upstate.edu



Upcoming Events

Faculty Development Seminar Series - Tuesday April 28, 2015
12-1PM
Room 318 Wsk-Health Sciences
Library

“Cognitive Decision Errors”

Presenter: **William Paolo, MD**, *Assistant Professor*
Department of Emergency Medicine

~ Lunch will be provided ~

2015 Faculty Toolbox Workshop - Wednesday April 29, 2015
3-5PM
Room: 3507/3508 Setnor

“We Are All Flawed Intellects: Implications for Judgment, Learning, and Practice”

PRESENTER:

David Dunning, PhD Professor of Psychology
Cornell University

David Dunning is Professor of Psychology at Cornell University, where he has been since receiving his PhD from Stanford University and his BA from Michigan State University. An author of over 130 scholarly articles, book chapters, and commentaries, his primary research focus is on the psychology of human misbelief, in particular the misconceptions people hold of their own competence and character. Over the years, this research has been supported financially by the National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, and the Templeton Foundation. He has written articles for a general audience in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *The Guardian*, *Pacific Standard* and *Scientific American MIND*. His work has also been discussed times in the *New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, *National Public Radio*, *BBC*, *CBC*, *Slate*, and even a *Dooniesbury* cartoon. He is past president of the Society of Experimental Social Psychology and incoming president of the Society for the Study of Motivation. He has been a visiting scholar at Yale University, University of Michigan, University of Mannheim, the University of Cologne, and the Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences. In Summer 2015, he will be moving to the University of Michigan



Upcoming
Events

Wednesday April 29, 2015

3-5 PM

Room 3507 & 3508 Setnor Academic Bldg

~ Refreshments will be Provided~

Seating is limited. Registration is required.

To RSVP, please contact Michele Henderson at
464-1681 or **hendermi@upstate.edu**

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Office of Faculty Affairs and Faculty Development

Medical Education Journal Club - Monday May 4, 2015
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 May 26, 2015
12-1PM Room 318 Wsk-Health Sciences Library

“Learning Communities”

Presenter: **Julie White, PhD, Dean – Office of Student Affairs**

~ Lunch will be provided ~



Upcoming
Events

Medical Education Journal Club - Monday June 1, 2015
12-1 PM 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 June 9, 2015
6 PM Dominick's Restaurant – Burnet Avenue

“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 2014-2015 academic year.

Workshop Discussion Topic:
“Enhancing Leadership Skills in Medical Education”

Presenters:

Thomas J. Poole, PhD, Associate Professor, Cell & Developmental Biology
Joseph P. Stein, PhD, Associate Professor, Pharmacology

~ Dinner will be provided ~

Faculty Development - Website Calendar

***~ For more information on all upcoming events, please visit
the Faculty Affairs Website “Events Calendar”***

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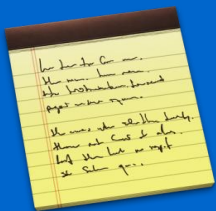
Faculty Development Website Calendar

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



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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
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"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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