The Annual Women in Medicine and Science (WIMS) Potluck Dinner was held at Dr. Dale Avers’ home on June 2, 2014. Pictured here left to right: Mara Kaufmann, ND, MS, RN, CNE, College of Nursing; Pamela Youngs-Maher, Educational Communications; Susan Graham, MS, MT, (ASCP), SH, Clinical Laboratory Science; Melanie Kalman, PhD, CNS, College of Nursing; Dale Avers, PT, DPT, PhD, FAPTA, College of Health Professions – Physical Therapy; Paula Trief, PhD, Psychiatry and Dean’s Office; Deborah Hermann, Emergency Medicine; Leslie Kohman, MD, FACS, Surgery; Victoria Meguid, MD, Pediatrics. Photo Courtesy of Caitlin Sgarlat, MD, Pediatrics, who also attended.
June 17, 2014 Faculty Scholars Workshop Dinner

The 2014 Faculty Scholars Workshop Dinner was held in the 9th Floor Cafeteria of Weiskotten Hall on Tuesday June 17th and was attended by almost 50 people. The dinner welcomed Upstate faculty members who attended a faculty educator development seminar or a medical education journal club meeting during the 2013-14 academic year.

The Keynote Speakers were Melanie Kalman, RN, CNS, PhD, Jody Coppola, MS, FNP-BC, and Carol Anne Kozik, MS, CNS, FNP, all members of the faculty in the College of Nursing. They presented, “A Case Study on Flipped Classrooms.”

The annual event is sponsored by the Office of Faculty Affairs & Faculty Development.

(Photos by M. Henderson)
Honors and Awards ~ Congratulations to:

Donna Bacchi, MD, MPH, Chair, Public Health & Preventive Medicine, was given an award by the New York State Public Health Association for Public Health Leadership in New York State (April 2014).

Thomas H. Dennison, PhD, Public Health and Preventive Medicine, received the St. Joseph’s Worker Award from St. Joseph’s Hospital Health Center in Syracuse, New York.

Stephen V. Faroane, PhD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, has been included in the prestigious Thomson-Reuters list of The World’s Most Influential Scientific Minds for 2014.

Stephen Glatt, PhD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, will be receiving the Annual Connie Lieber Research Award from NAMI-NYS at its annual education conference in Albany on November 14th. This prestigious award is for "outstanding excellence in mental health research."

Reza Gorji, MD, Anesthesiology, was elected by the Residents/Fellows graduating class of 2014 to receive the “Attending of the Year” award at the annual Resident/Fellow graduation dinner that was held on June 13th.

Joyce Griffin-Sobel, PhD, RN, Dean of the College of Nursing, was selected to the 2014 AACN-Wharton Executive Leadership Fellows Program that is designed exclusively for top academic leaders in schools of nursing. The highly competitive selection process selects academic nursing leaders who possess the skills associated with “building strategic relationships, mobilizing stakeholders, negotiating for resources, and ushering in meaningful change.”

Marvin Heyboer, III, MD, Emergency Medicine, has been accepted as a Fellow of Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine (FUHM) by the Board of Directors at the Annual Scientific Meeting, St. Louis, MO, June 20, 2014.

Richard D. Veenstra, PhD, Pharmacology, was awarded a “Community Service of the Year – Individual” award. Dr. Veenstra is the Heart Walk team leader for cardiovascular research and one of Upstate's top Heart Walk fundraisers for the last five years. He invests a considerable amount of time to build a Heart Walk team, especially among Upstate's research community, to raise funds for the American Heart Association and to create community awareness of Upstate's research projects.
The following members of the faculty have been selected to join The Academy of Upstate Educators and will be recognized at the Fall Faculty Convocation, Sept. 17th:

Michelle Dolphin, PT, DPT, MS, OCS, Physical Therapy Education, CHP

Neerja Vajpayee, MD, Pathology, COM

The Academy, formed in 2012, promotes innovation and excellence in education at Upstate and provides recognition to skilled and exemplary educators.

The following members of the faculty are recipients of a 2014 President’s Award, and will be recognized at the Fall Faculty Convocation, Sept. 17th:

Sandra Banas, MST, RPA-C, Physician Assistant Studies, CHP, Excellence in Teaching

Ann S. Botash, MD, Pediatrics, Excellence in Teaching

Joanne L. Coppola, MS, RN, FNP-BS, College of Nursing, Excellence in Teaching

Paula A. Dygert, MD, Medicine & Pediatrics- Binghamton Campus, Excellence in Teaching

Vincent E. Frechette, MD, Medicine, Excellence in Faculty Service

Gary F. Nieman, Surgery, Excellence and Leadership in Research

Stephan Wilkens, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, Excellence in Teaching

The following members of the faculty are recipients of a 2014 SUNY Chancellor’s Award and will be recognized at the Fall Faculty Convocation, Sept. 17th:

David F. Lehmann, MD, PharmD, Medicine, Excellence in Faculty Service

Kenneth A. Mann, PhD, Orthopedic Surgery, Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities

Carol Recker-Hughes, PT, DPT, Physical Therapy Education, CHP, Excellence in Teaching
Leadership in Service

International Leadership

Joseph Stein, PhD, Pharmacology, was recently reappointed to a two-year term as Chair of the Educational Scholarship Committee of the International Association of Medical Science Educators (IAMSE). In addition, he was appointed to serve on IAMSE’s Professional Development Committee, which is responsible for recommending the overall scientific and educational programs of the association to the Board of Directors.

Dmitriy Nikolavsky, MD, Urology, was the Organizer and Program Director for the meeting of the Russian Urological Association at the American Urology Association Annual Meeting, May 19, 2014, Orlando Florida.

National Leadership

Donna Bacchi, MD, MPH, Chair, Public Health & Preventive Medicine, began serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the American Journal of Preventive Medicine in July 2014.

Sharon Brangman, MD, Medicine, will serve as principal investigator to develop the SUNY Network Aging Partnership to promote collaborative research on aging across SUNY’s medical schools.

William J. Brunken, PhD, Ophthalmology, has been named to serve on the Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology's Research Director's Council.

Paula M. Trief, PhD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, served as a reviewer for applications submitted in response to the RFA-DK-13-023, "Understanding Barriers and Facilitators to Type 1 Diabetes Management in Adults (DP3)", NIH-NIDDK, July 2014.
**Leadership**

**State and Local Leadership**

**Dmitriy Nikolavsky, MD, Urology,** organized the Dr. Kulkarni & Barbagli Lecture, Reconstructive Urology Lecture Series, held at Upstate Urology, Upstate Medical University Hospital, May 20th & 21st, 2014.

**Community Leadership**

**Brian Johnson, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences,** was a panelist on the Fayetteville YMCA sponsored Community Event, “Fighting Heroin”, May 7 2014, Syracuse, NY

**Leadership in Education**

**Brian Johnson, MD** and **Nanette Dowling, DO, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences,** organized a new part of the Medical Student Second Year Curriculum, "Sexual Health Day" that was taught on Aug. 12 and 14, 2014.

**Grants Awarded**

**Sharon A. Brangman, MD, Medicine, PI**
Health Network: SUNY Network Aging Partnership: Investigating Frailty and Enhancing Lifespan Across the Health Spectrum
4/1/14-3/31/15
$147,482

**Sharon A. Brangman, MD, Medicine, PI**
Health Network: Development of Hand-held Biosensors for Rapid Diagnosis and Study of Neural Disease and Neurotoxins
4/1/14-3/31/15
$150,000
William J. Brunken, PhD, Ophthalmology, PI
National Institutes of Health
Spectral Domain Ophthalmic Imaging System
6/1/14-5/31/15
$132,320

Timothy A. Damron, MD, Orthopedic Surgery, PI
Megan E. Oest, PhD and Kenneth A. Mann, PhD, Orthopedic Surgery, co-Is
NIH-National Institute of Arthritis, Musculoskeletal & Skin Diseases
Biochemical and Biomechanical Changes to Bone Following Radiotherapy
7/1/14-6/30/19
$1,673,512

Thomas H. Dennison, PhD, Public Health and Preventive Medicine, PI
New York State Health Foundation
Engaging the Community to Decrease Drug Dependent Newborns
5/15/14 - 5/15/15
$50,000

Stephen V. Faroone, PhD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, PI
Stephen J. Glatt, PhD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, PI
NIH- National Institute of Mental Health
Longitudinal Family/Molecular Genetic Study to Validate Research Domain
Criteria
6/25/14-5/31/19
$1,790,764

Sandra R. Fernandez, PhD, Microbiology & Immunology, PI
Crohns and Colitis Foundation of America
Analysis of SHIP1 Activity, Expression and Sequence in Crohn’s Disease
7/1/14-7/1/15
$58,250

Ajeet Gajra, MD, Medicine, PI
Celgene Corporation
A Phase III, Randomized, Open-Label, Cross-Over, Multi-Center, Safety and
Efficacy Study to Evaluate NAB-Paclitaxel (Abraxane) as a Maintenance
Treatment After Induction with NAB-Paclitaxel Plus Carboplatin in Subjects
with Squamous Cell Non Small Cell Lung Cancer
6/26/14-6/25/15
Grants

George G. Holz, PhD, *Medicine*
Co-Investigator with Jimmy Wu, Ph.D. (PI) of Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH
NIH- National Institute of General Medical Sciences
Synthesis and Target Identification of Potent GLP-1 Secretagogues
08/14-07/19
$426,966 (Upstate subcontract)

Jing An, PhD, *Pharmacology*, PI
Sanford Burnham Medical Research Institute
Structures and Interactions of Chemokine
5/15/14-4/30/15
$159,500

Burk Jubelt, MD, *Neurology*, PI
Biogen Idec
A Multicenter, Global, Observational Study to Collect Information on Safety and
to Document the Drug Utilization of Tecfidera (Dimethyl Fumarate) When Used
in Routine Medical Practice in the Treatment of Multiple Sclerosis (ESTEEM)
5/8/14-5/7/15
$1,500

Karol Kerr, MD, *Pediatrics*, PI
Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
Workload Intensity NIH National Clinical Trials Network (NCTN) Grant
4/11/14-2/28/15

Leszek Kotula, MD, PhD, *Urology*, PI
NIH- National Cancer Institute
Mechanism of PIN Development in Ab1/Hssh3bp1 KO Mouse
8/14-7/15
$323,854

Leszek Kotula, MD, PhD, *Urology*, PI
Carol M. Baldwin Research Grant
WAVE Complex as a Therapeutic Target in Breast Cancer
2014
$50,000

Mira F. Krendel, PhD, *Cell & Developmental Biology*, PI
American Heart Association Founders Affiliate
Myosin 1e Role in Regulating Assembly and Stability of Cell-Cell Junctions
Between Glomerular Podocytes
7/1/14-6/30/15
$23,000

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Grants

William F. Lavelle, MD, Surgery, PI
K2M Inc.
Preservation of Thoracic Kyphosis and Coronal Curve Correction as a Function of Rod Stiffness with the use of the K2M mesa Rail Deformity System in the Surgical Treatment of Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis
3/20/14-3/19/15

Megan E. Oest, PhD, Orthopedic Surgery, PI
Timothy A. Damron, MD, Orthopedic Surgery, Co-I
Baldwin Foundation
Cellular Regulation of Radiotherapy-Associated Bone Damage
12/01/14-11/30/15
$16,201

Andras Perl, MD, PhD, Medicine, PI
Luoxis Diagnostics
Metabolic Control of Systemic Autoimmunity
7/1/14-6/30/15
$50,000

Andras Perl, MD, PhD, Medicine, PI
University of Vermont
RIG-I Regulation of Interferon Signature in SLE
1/1/14-12/31/16
$150,000

Elizabeth A. Reddy, MD, Medicine, PI
NYS AIDS Institute
Hepatitis C Care and Treatment Initiative
4/1/14-9/30/14
$44,410

Rosemary Rochford, PhD, Microbiology & Immunology, PI
Westat Corp.
Provision of Data from the Kisumu Cancer Registry
5/1/14-9/22/14
$20,000

Mark E. Schmitt, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, PI
Brain Network: Summer Scholars
5/1/14-10/30/14
$16,222

Anna M. Stewart, PhD, Microbiology & Immunology, PI
Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research
Developing an Operational Research Framework to Assess Local Flood Response Capabilities: A Case Study of Rural Coastal Community in Ecuador
5/1/14-4/30/15
$24,170
**Grants**

**Leonard B. Weiner, MD** *Pediatrics*, PI  
Merck Sharp and Dohme Corp.  
A Phase III Double Blind, Randomized, Multicenter, Controlled Study to Evaluate the Immunogenicity, Safety, and Tolerability of VARIVAX(TM) New Seed Process (NSP) Administered Concomitantly with M-M-R(TM) II V210-063-0032  
5/16/14-5/15/15  
$5,000

**Ruth S. Weinstock, MD, PhD**, *Medicine*, PI  
Calibra Medical Inc.  
Glycemic Control and Treatment Satisfaction Using Finesse Versus Pen for Initiating Bolus Insulin Dosing in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus (T2DM) not Achieving Glycemic Targets on Basal Insulin with/without Anti-hyperglycemic Agents  
5/14/14-5/13/15

**Michael Zuber, PhD** and **Andrea Viczian, PhD**, *Ophthalmology*, Co-PIs with Jun Qu, PhD, Gail Seigel, PhD and Steven Fliesler, PhD from University at Buffalo, State University of New York  
SUNY Brain Network of Excellence  
Membrane-permeable Transcriptional Regulators for Retinal Repair  
7/14-6/15  
$93,675

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Damron TA. CORR insights®: Subungal exostosis of the toes: A systematic review (Review). *Clini Orthop Rel Res*. 2014 Apr;472(4):1260-1


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Marawar SV, Ordway NR, Jung JW, Sun MH. Changes in neuroforaminal height with 2 level axial presacral lumbar interbody fusion at L4-S1. *IJSS*. 2014; 8(Article 2)


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**Trussell JC,** et al. We need a prospective varicocelectomy trial. *Fertil Steril.* 2014 Jun;101(6):1563-4.e1. PMID: 24726225


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Martinez-De Luna RI, Zuber ME. Putting regeneration into regenerative medicine. *J Ophthalmic Vis Res*. 2014 Jan;9(1):126-33

**Published Abstracts**


Books and Book Chapters


Posters


Howard KI, Miller MA, Mann KA. What is the Minimum Fixation Required for Femoral Component Function in Total Knee Replacements? 60th Annual Orthopaedic Research Society Meeting, New Orleans, LA, March 2014


Margulies BS, DeBoyace SD, Parsons AM, Policastro CG, Ee JS, Damron TA. Mechanical Disruption of the MSc Niche During Total Joint Surgery Leads to Diminished Osteogenesis. 60th Annual Orthopaedic Research Society Meeting, New Orleans, LA, March 2014

DeBoyace SD, Parsons AM, Ee JS, Margulies BS. The Roundabout Regulation of Bone Formation and Bone Re-absorption by the Slit Ligands. 60th Annual Orthopaedic Research Society Meeting, New Orleans, LA, March 2014

Martin C, Morgan M, Santiago W, Jennings S, Mariani P, Heyboer M. Hyperbaric Oxygen for Avascular Necrosis of the Femoral Head: A Case Study. UHMS Annual Scientific Assembly, St. Louis, MO, June 2014

Oest ME, Kuchera T, Damron TA. Focal Bone Irradiation Induces Transient Increases in Mineral Apposition Rate. 60th Annual Orthopaedic Research Society Meeting, New Orleans, LA, March 2014

Oest ME, Miller MA, Howard KI, Mann KA. Supraphysiologic Fluid Shear Stress Increases Osteoclast Activity in Vitro. 60th Annual Orthopaedic Research Society Meeting, New Orleans, LA, March 2014


Albanese K, Ordway NR, Albanese SA, Lavelle WF. A Stepwise Multiple Regression Analysis of Pedicle Screws in the Thoracolumbar Spine. 7th World Congress of Biomechanics, Boston, MA, July 2014


Trief, PM, Cibula D, Delahanty LM, Weinstock RS. Weight Loss in Primary Care: 3-Year Results of the SHINE Telephone DPP Translation. 74th Scientific Sessions of the American Diabetes Association, San Francisco, CA, June 2014


Werner FW, Brod AR, Harley BJ. Tendon Excursion in Four Corner Arthrodesis and Proximal Row Carpectomy. 60th Annual Orthopaedic Research Society Meeting, New Orleans, LA, March 2014
Presentations

International


**Gennady Bratslavsky, MD, Chair, Urology**, presented “Urologic Oncology” at the International Russian Speaking Urological Society, American Urological Association 2014 Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, May 2014.

Petya Radoeva, MD, PhD, Wanda Fremont, MD, Kevin Antshel, PhD, Wendy Kates, PhD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, presented “Longitudinal Assessment of Premorbid Adjustment in Individuals With 22q11.2 Deletion (Velo-Cardio-Facial) Syndrome and Association with Psychosis Proneness” at the 21st International Scientific Meeting of the Velo-cardio-facial Syndrome Educational Foundation, Las Vegas, Nevada, July 2014.


**Wendy Kates, PhD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences**, presented “White Matter Microstructural Abnormalities of the Cingulum Bundle in Youth with 22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome: Associations with Medication and Prodromal Symptoms of Psychosis” at the 9th Biennial International 22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome Meeting, Mallorca, Balearic Islands, Spain, June, 2014.

**Wendy Kates, PhD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences**, presented “Predicting Risk for Psychosis in Velo-Cardio-Facial Syndrome” to Department of Pediatrics, at the Chaim Sheba Medical Center, Tel Aviv, Israel, Jan. 2014.


Joseph Stein, PhD, *Pharmacology*, presented a workshop, “Educational Scholarship”, at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual International Association of Medical Science Educators Meeting in Nashville, TN, June 7, 2014.


National


Mehdi Mollapour, PhD, *Urology*, presented “Hsp90 inhibitors - Preferential Accumulation in Tumors” at the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), Chicago IL, May-June 2014.


Christopher P. Morley PhD, *Family Medicine*, co-presented "Mentoring Scholarly Activity: A Primer for Faculty" with Joseph J. Brocato PhD, Jennifer Hartmark-Hill MD, and Della A. Rees, PhD, at the 47th Annual Spring Conference of the Society for Teachers of Family Medicine in San Antonio, TX, May 2014.


Christopher P. Morley PhD, Cinthia Elkins MD PhD, and John W. Epling Jr. MD MSEd FAAFP, *Family Medicine*, co-presented "Curiouser and Curiouser: A Toolbox of Research Methods to Enhance Your Scholarly Activity" with Kristen L. Bene PhD, Andrea L. Pfeifle EdD, and Joanne E. Williams MD MPH, at the 47th Annual Spring Conference of the Society for Teachers of Family Medicine in San Antonio, TX, May 2014.

Jessica Paonessa, MD, *Urology*, presented “Addition Of Sodium Bicarbonate To Irrigation Solution May Assist In Dissolution Of Uric Acid Fragments During Ureteroscopy” (Podium presentation), “Holmium Laser Enucleation Of The Prostate For Glands Larger Than 200 Grams” (video presentation), and “Natural Orifice Transluminal Endoscopic Surgery Radical Prostatectomy” (Video presentation) at the American Urological Association Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, May 2014.


Paula M. Trief, PhD, *Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences*, presented "Depression and Weight Loss in the SHINE DPP Translation Study" in the "Important Findings and Considerations in Behavioral Medicine” session, at the 74th Scientific Sessions of the American Diabetes Association, San Francisco CA, June, 2014. Co-authors: Ruth S. Weinstock, MD, PhD, Medicine, Donald Cibula, PhD, Public Health & Preventive Medicine, Linda M. Delahanty, RD, Harvard Medical University.

Paula M. Trief, PhD, *Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences and Dean’s Office*, presented “Guidelines for Stopping the Tenure Clock”, at the INRoad session: Faculty Career Flexibility: Supporting the Faculty of Today and Tomorrow, at the Annual Meeting of the AAMC Group on Faculty Affairs, Boston, MA, June 2014.

**State & Local**


**Presentations**


**Community**


**Brian Johnson, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences,** presented “How to Address the Heroin/Opioid Epidemic on Campus” at a meeting of SUNY College Presidents and Chief Academic Officers, Albany, NY, May 20, 2014.


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:

- Fahd Ali, MD
- Luna Bhatta, MD
- Jeffrey Bogart, MD
- James Ciaccio, MD
- Ajay Jain, MD
- Melissa Ko, MD
- Renee Mestad, MD
- Gary Nieman, MS
- Ronald Pies, MD
- Palma Shaw, MD
- Terrence Thines, DDS, MS
- Traian Anghel, MD
- Steven Blatt, MD
- Sharon Brangman, MD
- Ramsay-Sami Farah, MD
- Rick Kelley, MD
- William Lavelle, MD
- Deirdre Neilen, PhD
- Rich O’Neill, PhD
- Kevin Setter, MD
- Alexandra Spadola
- Charles Woods III, MD
Department News

In late March of this year, Robert Weisenthal, MD, Thomas Bersani, MD, Walter Merriam, MD, Evis Petrela, MD and Lawrence Stewart, MD, Ophthalmology, completed their 15th trip to LaCeiba Honduras performing eye surgery with a team of 18 individuals: four surgeons, an anesthesiologist, four nurses, two optometrists and seven volunteers. This year we broke the record for the number of surgeries performed at 169; along with 500 eye exams including free glasses, drops and lots of tender loving care. They have been going to Honduras since 1992 and are currently working with the second generation of a family of ophthalmologists (Dr. Ponces) who help them screen patients for care and provide follow-up as necessary. With their help, they are able to perform a wide range of surgery, from cataracts, corneal transplants, surgery for crossed eyes as well as many pterygium excisions and oculoplastic procedures.

The beauty of volunteering is that you always get back much more than you give. They remember the 7-year-old orphan who developed congenital cataracts which blinded him at the age of 3 and after surgery not only walked out with good vision but also his first books: a coloring book and a photographic album of animals. Or the hundreds of patients over the years who have needed to be led into clinic and then walked out on their own after cataract surgery. Or the many disfigured patients from trauma with misshaped eyelids, blind white eyes or large scars who have undergone plastic procedures and had prosthesis placed in their eyes restoring a normal appearance and improving their life immeasurably. They are lucky to have had this life changing opportunity.

Promotions

Hal Cohen, MD, Radiology, was promoted to Professor, July 2014.

Wanda Fremont, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, was promoted to Professor (previously tenured), July 2014.

William Lavelle, MD, Orthopedic Surgery, was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure, July 2014.
New Faculty

**Vikram Aggarwal, MD**, Assistant Professor, *Medicine*
Dr. Aggarwal received his medical degree from Dr. D.Y. Patil Medical College in India and completed his residency at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center in Toronto. He pursued additional training in Nephrology at Jaslok Hospital & Research Center in India and at the University of Toronto.

**G. David Annas, MD**, Assistant Professor, *Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences*
Dr. Annas received his medical degree from Boston University School of Medicine and completed his residency at the University of Michigan. He pursued additional training in Forensic Psychiatry at SUNY Upstate Medical University. He has been a member of our voluntary faculty.

**Sylva Bem, MD**, Assistant Professor, *Pathology*
Dr. Bem received her medical degree from Charles University Medical School in the Czech Republic and completed her residency at SUNY Upstate Medical University. She pursued additional training in Hematopathology and Transfusion Medicine at Upstate. She has been a member of our voluntary faculty.

**Timothy Byler, MD**, Assistant Professor, *Urology*
Dr. Byler received his medical degree from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey Medical School and completed his residency at SUNY Upstate Medical University.

**KinKee Chung, DO**, Assistant Professor, *Pediatrics*
Dr. Chung received his degree in osteopathic medicine from Nova Southeastern University and completed his residency at Winthrop University Hospital. He pursued additional training in Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital. He joins us from Guthrie Ambulatory Health Clinic at Fort Drum.

**Amy DeBlois, PT, MS, CLT-LANA**, Clinical Assistant Professor, *Physical Therapy, CHP*
Ms. DeBlois earned her Master's degree from Ithaca College. She has worked as a Physical Therapist at Upstate for many years. She was a Guest Lecturer for Upstate's DPT program.

**Jennifer Dettloff, MD**, Instructor, *Pathology*
Dr. Dettloff received her medical degree from the University of Florida and completed her residency at Rush University Medical Center.

**Xiaoli Dong, MD**, Assistant Professor, *Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation*
Dr. Dong received her medical degree from Peking Union Medical College in China and completed her residency at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She joins us from private practice.
James Ferretti, DO, Assistant Professor, Radiology
Dr. Ferretti received his degree in osteopathic medicine from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed his residency at Nassau University Medical Center. He pursued additional training in Diagnostic Radiology at Tufts Medical Center. He has been in private practice.

Matthew Garman, MD, Assistant Professor, Emergency Medicine
Dr. Garman received his medical degree and completed his residency at SUNY Upstate Medical University.

Donna Gregory, DNP, WHNP, BC, Assistant Professor, College of Nursing
Dr. Gregory earned her DNP from Old Dominion University. She was recently an Assistant Professor at Utica College. She was previously a Nurse Practitioner and a faculty member at Kaplan University, St. Joseph’s College of Nursing and Medical Careers Institute School of Health Science of ECPI.

David Heisig, MD, Professor, Medicine
Dr. Heisig received his medical degree from Albany Medical College and completed his residency at SUNY Upstate Medical University. He pursued additional training in Gastroenterology at Upstate. He has been on our faculty previously and rejoins us from MVP Healthcare.

Matthew Johnson, MD, Instructor, Otolaryngology
Dr. Johnson received his medical degree from, and completed his residency at, the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.

Brian Kistler, MD, Assistant Professor, Orthopedic Surgery
Dr. Kistler received his medical degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin and completed his residency at SUNY Upstate Medical University. He pursued additional training in Orthopedic Trauma Surgery at Tampa General Hospital.

Frederic Laporte, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor, Emergency Medicine
Dr. Laporte received his PhD from McGill University. He received his medical degree from, and completed his residency at, SUNY Upstate Medical University.

Mijung Lee, MD, Assistant Professor, Medicine
Dr. Lee received her medical degree from, and completed her residency at, SUNY Upstate Medical University. She also pursued additional training in Hematology at Upstate.

James Mangano, DO, Assistant Professor, Emergency Medicine
Dr. Mangano received his degree of osteopathic medicine at New York College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed his residency at SUNY Upstate Medical University.

Carmen Martinez, MD, Assistant Professor, Neurology
Dr. Martinez received her medical degree from Universidad Libre de Colombia Seccional Atlantico in Colombia and completed her residency at New York Medical College. She pursued additional training in Cerebrovascular Disease at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She joins us from private practice.
Brendan McGinn, MD, Assistant Professor, Anesthesiology
Dr. McGinn received his medical degree at Mount Sinai School of Medicine and completed his residency at Brigham and Women’s Hospital. He pursued additional training in Pain Medicine also at Brigham and Women’s Hospital.

Rohin Mehta, MD, Instructor, Pathology
Dr. Mehta received his medical degree from SABA University School of Medicine in Netherland-Antilles and completed his residency at Saint Barnabas Medical Center. He pursued additional training in Surgical Pathology at the Medical College of Georgia and Cytopathology at SUNY Upstate Medical University.

Cole Mendenhall, MD, Assistant Professor, Radiology
Dr. Mendenhall received his medical degree from Indiana University School of Medicine and completed his residency at Monmouth Medical Center. He pursued additional training in Interventional Radiology at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Jessica Paonessa, MD, Assistant Professor, Urology
Dr. Paonessa received her medical degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine and completed her residency at Texas Tech University. She pursued additional training in Endourology at Indiana University Health/Methodist Hospital.

Kalliopi Petropoulou, MD, Assistant Professor, Radiology
Dr. Petropoulou received her medical degree from Aristotelian University and completed her residency at Hippocration General Hospital, both in Greece. She pursued additional training in Neuroradiology at the University of Miami, Musculoskeletal Radiology at the University of Pittsburgh and Diagnostic Radiology at Yale University and Henry Ford Hospital. She has been on the faculty at the University of Oklahoma and University of Pittsburgh.

Elizabeth Reddy, MD, Assistant Professor, Medicine
Dr. Reddy received her medical degree from the University of Rochester and completed her residency at Mount Sinai Hospital. She pursued additional training in Infectious Diseases at Duke University. She joins us from the faculty of Duke University.

Joseph Resti, MD, Assistant Professor, Anesthesiology
Dr. Resti received his medical degree at SUNY Upstate Medical University. He completed his residency at the University of Pittsburgh. He pursued additional training in Pediatric Anesthesiology at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia.

Elizabeth Ruckdeschel, MD, PhD, Instructor, Pathology
Dr. Ruckdeschel received her medical and doctoral degrees from SUNY Buffalo and completed her residency at SUNY Upstate Medical University. She pursued additional training in Hematopathology at Upstate.
Robert Schwartz, MD, Assistant Professor, Surgery
Dr. Schwartz received his medical degree from Ohio State University and completed his residency at the University of Minnesota. He pursued additional training in Vascular Surgery at the University of Missouri and in Endovascular at the University of Rochester. He has been on the faculty of St. Louis University Medical Center, University of Rochester and Upstate. He has been in private practice.

Scott Surowiec, MD, Assistant Professor, Surgery
Dr. Surowiec received his medical degree from, and completed his residency at, Emory University. He pursued additional training in Vascular Surgery at the University of Rochester. He has been on staff at St. Joseph’s Hospital, Crouse Hospital and a member of our voluntary faculty.

Christopher Tanski, MD, Assistant Professor, Emergency Medicine
Dr. Tanski received his medical degree from SUNY Upstate Medical University and completed his residency at Albany Medical Center. He pursued additional training in Emergency Medical Services at the University of Buffalo.

James Traver, MD, Assistant Professor, Medicine
Dr. Traver received his medical degree from Harvard Medical School and completed his residency at Cambridge Hospital. He has been in private practice and a member of our voluntary faculty.

Krystle Williams, MD, Assistant Professor, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
Dr. Williams received her medical degree from SUNY Upstate Medical University and completed her residency at JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute. She pursued additional training in Pain Medicine also at JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute.

Arthur Yegorov, MD, Assistant Professor, Radiology
Dr. Yegorov received his medical degree from SUNY Downstate Medical University and completed his residency at SUNY Upstate Medical University.

Efrosina Young, MD, Assistant Professor, Neurology
Dr. Young received her medical degree from University of the East in the Philippines and completed her residency at North Shore University Hospital. She pursued additional training in Neurophysiology at SUNY Buffalo. She joins us from the staff of Community Memorial Hospital in Hamilton.

Jennifer Zuccaro, MD, Assistant Professor, Pediatrics
Dr. Zuccaro received her medical degree from Emory University and completed her residency at the University of Texas- Southwestern. She pursued additional training in Pediatric Cardiology and Critical Care at Mattel Children’s Hospital.
Faculty Governance

The Faculty Council has 4 standing committees made up of 7 individuals representing all 4 colleges. The terms are for 3 years and elections conducted in staggered years. Congratulations to the following individuals who were elected to serve on these committees:

Academic Affairs
   Carol Recker Hughes (CHP)
   Joseph Sorbello (CHP)
   Jana Sobczak (CON)

Upstate Affairs
   Mehdi Mollapour (COM)
   Howard Weinstein (COM)
   Debra Kirsch (CON)

Faculty Affairs
   Steven Glatt (COM)
   Carol Ann Kozik (CON)
   Ann Botash (COM)

Council Operations
   Maria Wheelock (CON)
   Victoria Meguid (COM)

A complete listing of committee members and Council officers is located at http://www.upstate.edu/facgov/council/

In Memoriam

Leonard Hersher, PhD, 89, of Syracuse, died at home Friday, July 11, 2014, surrounded by his family. He was born on March 30, 1925 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Dr. Hersher attended NYU where he received his BA and then graduated from the University of Chicago with a PhD in psychology. He served in the US Army during WWII in France as a communications officer and was decorated with a Purple Heart. In 1948 he married Hilda Turoff, with whom he spent 65 wonderful years. Leonard retired from the faculty of the Pediatrics Department of Upstate Medical Center after 37 years. His interests included social activism, photography, poetry and drama. Survived by his wife, Hilda Hersher; sons, Jay and Michael Hersher; daughter, Lisa Brockington; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.
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.

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Medical Education Journal Club -  Monday September 8, 2014
12-1pm  Room 3510 Setnor Academic Bldg.

“A Case for Change: Disruption in Academic Medicine”

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 Toolbox Workshop –  Tuesday September 9, 2014

“Think You Know Powerpoint? Here’s a Chance to Enhance Your Skills”

4-5:30 PM  Room 222C Health Sciences Library -2nd Floor Weiskotten Hall

Presenter: Kit Hefner, MS, CMI –Manager, Medical Illustration & Graphics IMT Educational Communications

What are the skills we need to create memorable and dynamic Powerpoint presentations? Some of the topics that will be presented and taught in this 90 minute workshop:

- Adding photos and text
- Adding and manipulating text
- Formating pictures
- Transitioning and animating slides
- YOUR SUGGESTIONS (Be sure to include when you RSVP)

This is a follow up to Dr. Michael Iannuzzi’s “Presentation Zen” Faculty Toolbox Workshop presentation that was held in April 2014.
http://amms.upstate.edu/c/facdev/20140514-143343-WH-0103e/index.htm

~ Refreshments will be Provided ~

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Faculty Development Seminar Series – **Tuesday Sept. 23, 2014**  
12-1pm  
Room 318 Wsk-Health Sciences Library

“An Evidence Based Guide to Lecturing”

Presenter: **William Paolo, MD, Assistant Professor, Family Medicine**

~ Lunch will be provided ~

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Medical Education Journal Club -  **Monday October 6, 2014**  
12-1pm  
Doust Board Room (9299 WHA)

Article: TBD

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

~ Lunch will be provided ~
The Academy of Upstate Educators Announce…

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

October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2014
4:30-6 pm

3105 Weiskotten Hall

This is a 4 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

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’!”

**WHEN:** Four consecutive Tuesdays in October
October 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th 2014
4:30 to 6 PM
Room 3105 Weiskotten Hall

You must register by September 26th. Please contact
Michele Henderson via telephone at 464-1681 or
e-mail at hendermi@upstate.edu
Upcoming Events

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New Faculty Orientation -  Wednesday October 15, 2014
2-5 PM  Doust Board Room (9299 WHA) and  9th Floor Cafeteria– Weiskotten Hall

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:  Wednesday October 15th  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 department chairs and all other faculty members invited.

Spouses/partners are invited to attend the afternoon portion of the orientation and the reception. Watch for your invitation in the office mail within the next few weeks and please remember to RSVP.

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Faculty Development Seminar Series – Tuesday October 21, 2014
12-1pm Room 318 Wsk-Health Sciences Library

“Writing and Obtaining Course Evaluations”

Presenter: Lauren Germian, PhD, MEd,
Director of Evaluation, Assessment and Research at SUNY Upstate Medical University

~ Lunch will be provided ~

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Upcoming Events

Path to Promotion Workshop – Wednesday October 22, 2014
7-8 am Room 10405 A 10th Floor-East Tower -University Hospital (Oncology Services Floor)

College of Medicine Faculty - Associate Professor to Professor Workshop:
Paula Trief, PhD, Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, will present:
“The Road Ahead: Standards and Criteria for Promotion.”
Leslie Kohman, MD, Chair, College of Medicine Faculty Appointments & Promotions Committee (COM FAPC) will give an overview of what happens at each COM FAPC Meeting

~ A Light Breakfast will be provided ~

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Path to Promotion Workshop – Thursday October 23, 2014
12-1pm Room 1164 Wsk (Roosevelt Conference Room)

College of Medicine Faculty - Associate Professor to Professor Workshop:
Paula Trief, PhD, Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, will present:
“The Road Ahead: Standards and Criteria for Promotion.”
Leslie Kohman, MD, Chair, College of Medicine Faculty Appointments & Promotions Committee (COM FAPC) will give an overview of what happens at each COM FAPC Meeting

~ Lunch will be provided ~

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Path to Promotion Workshop – Wednesday October 29, 2014
7-8am Room 10405 A 10th Floor-East Tower -University Hospital (Oncology Services Floor)

College of Medicine Faculty - Assistant Professor to Associate Professor Workshop:
Paula Trief, PhD, Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, will present: “The Road Ahead: Standards and Criteria for Promotion.”
Steve Taffet, PhD, Vice Chair, College of Medicine Faculty Appointments & Promotions Committee (COM FAPC) will give an overview of what happens at each COM FAPC Meeting

~ A Light Breakfast will be provided ~

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Upcoming Events

The Academy of Upstate Educators

Path to Promotion Workshop – Thursday October 30, 2014
12-1pm
Room 1164 Weiskotten Hall
(Roosevelt Conference Room)

College of Medicine Faculty - Assistant Professor to Associate Professor Workshop:
Paula Trief, PhD, Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, will present:
“The Road Ahead: Standards and Criteria for Promotion”
Steve Taffet, PhD, Vice Chair, College of Medicine Faculty Appointments & Promotions Committee (COM FAPC) will give an overview of what happens at each COM FAPC Meeting.

~ Lunch will be provided ~

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ACADEMY OF UPSTATE EDUCATORS
AUE COACHES: A Teaching Consultation Service

Offering a teaching consultation service to members of Upstate's Teaching Faculty

The mission of the Academy of Upstate Educators (AUE) is to promote innovation and excellence in education at Upstate. The members of the Academy can share their wide range of educational abilities with any member of the faculty who seeks to better his/her educator skills. The Academy is pleased to announce the “AUE Coaches: A Teaching Consultation Service”.

Please feel free to request an AUE Coach Consultation if you would like:

- someone to observe your teaching and provide constructive feedback to improve your teaching skills
- guidance on ways to improve your assessment process
- assistance with design of a new curriculum or revamping of an old one
- to share ideas about any education-related issue

The process is simple.
Go to our website, www.upstate.edu/facultydev/academy
Click on “AUE Coaches Service.”
Complete the brief form and submit it to Michele Henderson. She will forward it to the appropriate Academy member, who will contact you to proceed.
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/