

14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL

# Celebration of the Faculty



## CEREMONY AND RECEPTION

**Tuesday, April 20, 2021**

### PROGRAM

#### Welcome

Ann Botash, MD

#### President's Remarks

Mantosh Dewan, MD

#### Recognition of New Faculty

Stephen Glatt, PhD

#### Recognition of Promoted Faculty

Ann Botash, MD and Lawrence S. Chin, MD, FAANS, FACS

#### Recognition of Emeritus Faculty

Mark Schmitt, PhD

#### Presentation of Gold Standard Award Honorees

Tammy Austin-Ketch, PhD, FNP-BC, FAANP, Dean, College of Nursing

Katherine Beissner, PT, PhD, Dean, College of Health Professions

Gregory P. Conners, MD, MPH, MBA, FAAP, FACEP, Chair, Pediatrics

Robert Cooney, MD, Chair, Surgery

Robert Fechtner, MD, Chair, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences

Christopher Morley, PhD, Chair, Public Health and Preventive Medicine

Sriram Narsipur, MD, FASN, FACP, MRCP, Chair, Medicine

Elizabeth Nelsen, MD, Associate Professor, Pediatrics

Cristina A. Pope, MS, MSM, AHIP(D), Director, Health Sciences Library

Thomas Schwartz, MD, Chair, Psychiatry

Christine M. Stork, PharmD, DABAT, FAACT, Professor, Emergency Medicine

Rebecca Swan, MD, Assistant Professor, Radiology

#### Closing Remarks

Ann Botash, MD

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*Thank you for joining us as we welcome new members of the faculty, recognize those who have been promoted, and/or granted tenure during the past year, and those granted emeritus status.*

## 2021 GOLD STANDARD AWARD HONOREES

**Samuel Alpert, MD**

*Associate Professor, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, College of Medicine*

**Steven Blatt, MD**

*Professor, Department of Pediatrics, College of Medicine*

**Dominick DeMichele, MEd, RT(R)(CT)**

*Instructor/Clinical Coordinator in Medical Imaging Sciences, College of Health Professions*

**Matthew Glidden, MD**

*Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, College of Medicine*

**Dragos Manta, MD**

*Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, College of Medicine*

**Jeanna Marraffa, PharmD, DABAT, FAACT**

*Associate Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, Upstate NY Poison Center*

**William Marx, DO**

*Professor, Department of Surgery, College of Medicine*

**Jenica O'Malley, DO**

*Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, College of Medicine*

**Gita Ramamurthy, MD**

*Assistant Professor, Departments of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences & Family Medicine, College of Medicine*

**Jana Shaw, MD, MPH, MS**

*Professor, Departments of Pediatrics, and Public Health and Preventive Medicine, College of Medicine*

**Abigail Smith, MS**

*Senior Assistant Librarian / Magnet Librarian*

**Telisa Stewart, DrPH**

*Associate Professor, Departments of Public Health & Preventive Medicine, Geriatrics and Urology, College of Medicine*

**Jennifer Vaughn, DNBP, RN, NE-BC**

*Assistant Professor, College of Nursing*

**Katherine Willer, DO, MS**

*Assistant Professor, Department of Radiology, College of Medicine*

**Martha Wojtowycz, PhD**

*Associate Professor, Departments of Public Health and Preventive Medicine and Obstetrics and Gynecology, College of Medicine*

# New Faculty

## Instructor

Matthew Camara, MD, Emergency Medicine, COM, (2020)  
Matthew Dabski, MD, Anesthesiology, COM, (2021)  
Jaime Gonzalez, MD, Anesthesiology, COM, (2020)  
Amanda Lois, PA, Physician Assistant Studies, CHP, (2020)  
Danielle Masursky, PhD, Arts & Sciences, CHP, (2020)  
John Dehler, MD, Anesthesiology, COM, (2021)  
Florence Othieno, MD, Otolaryngology, COM, (2021)  
Mohan Ramdas, MD, Anesthesiology, COM, (2021)  
Abigail Riggall, Psychiatry, COM, (2020)  
Ben Robedeed, BS, Clinical Laboratory Science, CHP, (2021)  
Rishi Sheth, DO, Emergency Medicine, COM, (2021)  
Mark Spooner, Medical Imaging Sciences, CHP, (2020)  
Jason Zeleny, MS, Pediatrics, COM, (2021)

## Assistant Librarian

Chaeyeon Kim, MS, Library, (2021)

## Assistant Professor

Khadija Ahmed, MD, Medicine, COM, (2020)  
Dana Aiello, MD, Medicine, COM, (2020)  
Sara Ali, MD, Neurology, COM, (2020)  
Kathryn Anderson, MD, PhD, Medicine, COM, (2020)  
Tomas Appleton-Figueira, MD, Radiology, COM, (2020)  
Michael Archer, DO, Surgery, COM, (2020)  
Annmaria Arias, DO, Family Medicine, COM, (2020)  
David Auerbach, PhD, Pharmacology, COM/CGS, (2020)  
Harish Babu, MD, Neurosurgery, COM, (2021)  
Marie Bechler, PhD, Cell & Developmental Biology, COM/CGS, (2020)  
Joshua Beckler, MD, Medicine, COM, (2021)  
Jihad Ben Gabr, MD, Medicine, COM, (2021)  
Jennifer Benjamin, DO, Radiology, COM, (2020)  
Timothy Beutler, MD, Neurosurgery, COM, (2021)  
Adil Bhutta, MD, Medicine, COM, (2020)  
Kerry Biggs, MD, Pediatrics, COM, (2021)  
Kwabena Boehene, MD, Medicine, COM, (2021)  
Joshua Bonville, MD, Pediatrics, COM, (2020)  
Nicole Brescia, MD, Neurology, COM, (2020)  
Amanda Brown, PhD, College of Nursing, (2020)  
Syed Bukhari, MD, Medicine, COM, (2020)  
Iwona Buskiewicz, PhD, Microbiology & Immunology, COM/CGS, (2020)  
Larry Charlamb, MD, Medicine, COM, (2020)  
Mark Charlamb, MD, Medicine, COM, (2020)  
Ankur Chawla, MD, Surgery, COM, (2020)  
Tingyin Chee, MD, Medicine, COM, (2021)  
Ilona Chipak, MD, Medicine, COM, (2020)  
Andrew Chu, MD, Medicine, COM, (2021)  
Jennalee Cizenski, MD, Emergency Medicine, COM, (2020)  
Michelle Corona, RN, College of Nursing, (2021)  
Andrew Craig, PhD, Pediatrics, COM, (2020)  
Ian Dargon, MD, Medicine, COM, (2020)  
Richard Davila, MD, Otolaryngology, COM, (2021)  
Parth Desai, MD, Medicine, COM, (2020)  
Swati Deshmane, MD, Radiology, COM, (2021)  
Robert Eden, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology, COM, (2020)  
Rachel Eljashev, MD, Psychiatry, COM, (2020)  
Anthony Feghali, MD, Surgery, COM, (2020)  
Dana Finch, MD, Emergency Medicine, COM, (2021)  
James Francescangeli, MD, Anesthesiology, COM, (2021)  
Sindhuri Gayam, MD, Medicine, COM, (2020)  
Christian Geier, MD, Medicine, COM, (2021)  
Mitra Ghasemi, MD, Medicine, COM, (2021)  
Krishna Ghimire, MD, Medicine, COM, (2020)  
Kristina Go, MD, Surgery, COM, (2021)  
Hanan Goldberg, MD, Urology, COM, (2020)  
Nathan Goldman, MD, Radiation Oncology, COM, (2021)  
Sriharsha Gowtham, MD, Medicine, COM, (2021)  
Pratishtha Gupta, MD, Medicine, COM, (2020)  
Omar Hadzipasic, MD, Medicine, COM, (2021)  
Kathryn Hagen, PsyD, Psychiatry, COM, (2021)  
Marissa Hanlon, DPT, Physical Therapy Education, CHP, (2020)  
Matthew Hanlon, MD, Surgery, COM, (2021)  
Ravikumar Hanumaiah, MD, Radiology, COM, (2020)  
Mary Harmon, MSN, College of Nursing, (2020)  
Ali Hazama, MD, Neurosurgery, COM, (2021)  
Jonathan Hess, PhD, Psychiatry, COM, (2020)

Jordan Holliday, MD, Emergency Medicine, COM, (2020)  
Kathryn Holliday, MSN, College of Nursing, (2020)  
Safiyah Hosen, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology, (2021)  
Hirohiko Ito, MD, Radiology, COM, (2020)  
L. Syd Johnson, PhD, Bioethics & Humanities, COM, (2020)  
Robert Kale, MD, Anesthesiology, COM, (2021)  
Robert Kallinicos, Psychiatry, COM, (2021)  
Ciara Kazakis, DO, Medicine, COM, (2020)  
Michaela Kolisch-Singule, MD, Surgery, COM, (2021)  
Yanping Kong, MD, PhD, Medicine, COM, (2020)  
Evangelina Koutalianos, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, COM, (2020)  
Haynes Haseer Koya, MD, Medicine, COM, (2021)  
Yi-Ling Kuo, PhD, Physical Therapy Education, CHP, (2021)  
Justine Kurtzner, NP, College of Nursing, (2021)  
Carla Liberatore, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology, COM, (2020)  
Angela Love, MD, Medicine, COM, (2021)  
David Lubin, MD, Radiology, COM, (2020)  
Michael Luca, DO, Surgery, COM, (2021)  
Florence Mandebvu, DNP, College of Nursing, (2020)  
Jessica Mayer, MD, Medicine, COM, (2020)  
Eposi Mbame, MD, Medicine, COM, (2020)  
Edward McArdle, JD, Bioethics & Humanities, COM, (2020)  
Nathaniel Meuser-Herr, MD, Pediatrics, COM, (2020)  
Kavya Mirchia, MD, Radiology, COM, (2021)  
Carlos Muniz, MD, Neurology, COM, (2021)  
Christopher Nardone, MD, Medicine, COM, (2020)  
Ruham Nasany, MD, Neurology, COM, (2021)  
Marzieh Nezamzadeh, PhD, Radiology, COM, (2021)  
Maurice Oehlson, MD, Radiology, COM, (2020)  
Matthew O'Hern, MD, Medicine, COM, (2020)  
Yekaterina Okhman, MD, Pediatrics, COM, (2020)  
Andrew Osten, MD, Pediatrics, COM, (2020)  
Fadar Otite, MD, Neurology, COM, (2020)  
Gabriela Palacio, Medicine, COM, (2021)  
Sanchit Panda, MD, Medicine, COM, (2020)  
Elizabeth Lodge, MD, Pediatrics, COM, (2020)  
Snehata Pawar, PhD, Radiation Oncology, COM, (2021)  
Michele Pedicone, MS, Respiratory Therapy Education, CHP, (2020)  
Charles Perla, MD, Medicine, COM, (2020)  
Kumar Priyank, MD, Medicine, COM, (2021)  
Lauren Rabach, MD, Surgery, COM, (2021)  
Hammad Rahman, MD, Medicine, COM, (2020)  
Kartik Ramakrishna, MD, Medicine, COM, (2020)  
Merima Ramovic-Zobic, DO, Medicine, COM, (2021)  
Stephanie Rice, MD, Radiation Oncology, COM, (2020)  
Jay Rosenblum, MD, Radiology, COM, (2020)  
Allison Roy, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology, COM, (2021)  
Erik Rufa, MD, Medicine, COM, (2020)  
Kimmberly Rush, MD, Pediatrics, COM, (2021)  
Reza Saidi, MD, Surgery, COM, (2020)  
Thomas Sanford, MD, Urology, COM, (2020)  
Richard Semeran, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology, COM, (2021)  
Eman Shaban, MD, Medicine, COM, (2021)  
Rajin Shahriar, MD, Orthopedic Surgery, COM, (2021)  
Brittany Simone, DO, Radiation Oncology, COM, (2020)  
Rupali Singla, MD, Family Medicine, COM, (2020)  
Harlan Stock, MD, Radiology, COM, (2021)  
Anjali Sura, MD, Pediatrics, COM, (2020)  
Rohit Swamkar, MD, Neurology, COM, (2021)  
Vikrant Tambe, MD, Geriatrics Medicine, COM, (2021)  
Harry Taylor, PhD, Microbiology & Immunology, COM, (2020)  
Victoria Titoff, DO, Neurology, COM, (2020)  
Grigore Toma, MD, PhD, Anesthesiology, COM, (2020)  
Laurence Torpey, MD, Family Medicine, COM, (2021)  
Anthony Tracey, MD, Urology, COM, (2020)  
Scott Ulberg, MS, Psychiatry, COM, (2020)  
R. Vesna Untanu, MD, Pathology, COM, (2020)  
Norifumi Urao, PhD, Pharmacology, COM, (2020)  
Joseph Valentino, MD, Surgery, COM, (2021)  
Dana Varghese, MD, Geriatrics Medicine, COM, (2021)  
Jeffrey Villanueva, MD, Urology, COM, (2021)

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Zachary Vredenburgh, MD, Orthopedic Surgery, COM, (2020)  
Adam Waickman, PhD, Microbiology & Immunology, COM/CGS, (2021)  
Justin Waryold, DNP, College of Nursing, (2021)  
Heather Wasik, MD, Pediatrics, COM, (2020)  
Stephen Waterford, MD, Surgery, COM, (2021)  
Theresa Waters, DO, Medicine, COM, (2020)  
Micheale Webb, PhD, Public Health & Preventive Medicine, COM, (2021)  
Peter Wei, MD, Radiology, COM, (2021)  
Thomas Weidman, MD, Emergency Medicine, COM, (2020)  
Andrew Weinberg, DO, Medicine, COM, (2020)  
Catherine White, MD, Medicine, COM, (2021)  
Crystal Whitney, MD, Surgery, COM, (2020)  
Scott Wiener, MD, Urology, COM, (2020)  
Joel Wilmore, PhD, Microbiology Immunology, COM, (2020)  
Megan Wolfe, DNP, College of Nursing, (2020)  
Roger Wong, PhD, Public Health & Preventive Medicine, COM, (2021)  
Amirfarbod Yazdanyar, MD, PhD, Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences, COM/CGS, (2020)

Abdalla Yousif, MD, Medicine, COM, (2021)  
Sana Zekri, MD, Family Medicine, COM, (2021)

#### Senior Assistant Librarian

Elise Deandrea, MSLIS, Library, (2020)  
Stephanie Helsher, MSLIS, Library, (2020)  
Jennifer Sullivan, MLIS, Library, (2021)

#### Associate Professor

Arayamparambil Anilkumar, MD, Neurology, COM, (2020)  
Markus Lammle, MD, Radiology, COM, (2021)  
Eain Murphy, PhD, Microbiology & Immunology, COM/CGS, (2020)  
Seetha Ramanathan, MD, Psychiatry, COM, (2021)  
Ranjan Sharma, MD, Surgery, COM, (2020)

#### Professor

Christine Fuller, MD, Pathology, COM, (2021)\*  
Saravanan Thangamani, PhD, Microbiology & Immunology, COM/CGS, (2020)\*

## Promotions

#### Assistant Professor

Matthew Camara, MD, Emergency Medicine, COM, (2021)  
Qinshe Meng, MD, Surgery, COM, (2021)  
William Sullivan, PhD, Pediatrics, COM, (2020)  
Awss Zidan, MD, Neurology, COM, (2021)

#### Associate Professor

Rinki Agarwal, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology, COM, (2021)  
Syed Ali, MD, Anesthesiology, COM, (2021)  
Paul Aridgides, MD, Radiology Oncology, COM, (2020)\*  
Elizabeth Asiago-Reddy, MD, Medicine, COM, (2021)\*  
Sunny Aslam, MD, Psychiatry, COM, (2020)  
Timothy Byler, MD, Urology, COM, (2021)  
Jennifer Campoli, MD, Emergency Medicine, COM, (2021)  
Amy Caruso Brown, MD, Bioethics & Humanities, COM, (2020)\*  
Nicole DeRosa, PsyD, Pediatrics, COM, (2021)\*  
Ruban Dhaliwal, MD, Medicine, COM, (2020)  
Matthew Elkins, MD, PhD, Pathology, COM, (2020)  
Christopher Fortner, MD, Pediatrics, COM, (2020)  
L Syd Johnson, PhD, Bioethics & Humanities, COM, (2021)\*  
Shuhong Luo, RN, College of Nursing, (2021)  
Haidy Marzouk, MD, Otolaryngology, COM, (2021)  
Stephen Merriam, MD, Ophthalmology & Visual Science, COM, (2021)  
Renee Mestad, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology, COM, (2021)  
Philip Montealeone, MD, Pediatrics, COM, (2020)  
Carmen Nichita, MD, Psychiatry, COM, (2021)  
Brian Nicholas, MD, Otolaryngology, COM, (2021)  
Dorothy Pan, MD, Medicine, COM, (2021)  
Manju Paul, MD, Medicine, COM, (2020)  
Alicia Pekarsky, MD, Pediatrics, COM, (2020)  
Adam Rufa, PT, Physical Therapy Education, CHP, (2021)  
Jesse Ryan, MD, Urology, COM, (2021)  
Birendra Sah, MD, Medicine, COM, (2020)  
Reza Saidi, MD, Surgery, COM, (2021)

## Emeritus

Dawn Cymerman, MD, Family Medicine, COM, (2021)  
Jill Dungey, MS, Physical Therapy Education, CHP, (2020)  
Gerald Edwards, MD, Family Medicine, COM, (2021)  
Wendy Gordon, PhD, Psychiatry, COM, (2021)  
Gregory Hurst, PhD, Radiology, COM, (2020)  
Robert Hutchison, MD, Pathology, COM, (2021)  
Burk Jubelt, MD, Neurology, COM, (2020)  
Melanie Kalman, PhD, College of Nursing, (2021)  
Michael Kernan, MD, Family Medicine, (2021)  
Sheila Lemke, MD, Medicine, COM, (2020)  
Michael Lyon, PhD, Otolaryngology, COM, (2020)  
Zahi Makhui, MD, Urology, COM, (2021)

Matthew Sarsfield, MD, Emergency Medicine, COM, (2021)  
Vandana Sharma, MD, Anesthesiology, COM, (2021)  
Scott Sorowice, MD, Surgery, COM, (2021)  
Robert Swan, MD, Ophthalmology & Visual Science, COM, (2020)  
Suman Swarnkar, MD, Medicine, COM, (2021)  
Holly Vanderhoff, PhD, Psychiatry, COM, (2021)

#### Associate Librarian

Cara Howe, MLS, Library, (2021)\*  
Amy Slutzky, PhD, Library, (2021)\*

#### Professor

Peter Calvert, PhD, Ophthalmology & Visual Science, COM, (2020)\*\*  
Peter Cronkright, MD, Medicine, COM, (2021)  
Nienke Dosa, MD, Pediatrics, COM, (2020)\*\*  
Stephen Glatt, PhD, Psychiatry, COM, (2020)\*\*  
Fenghua Li, MD, Anesthesiology, COM, (2020)  
Yingxi Lin, PhD, Psychiatry, COM, (2021)\*\*  
Christopher Morley, PhD, Public Health & Preventive Medicine, COM, (2021)\*\*  
Christopher Neville, PhD, Physical Therapy Education, CHP, (2021)\*\*  
Ronald Saletsky, PhD, Psychiatry, COM, (2021)  
Jana Shaw, MD, Pediatrics, COM, (2021)  
Palma Shaw, MD, Surgery, COM, (2021)  
JC Trussell, MD, Urology, COM, (2020)

#### Department Chair

Sriram Narsipur, MD, Medicine, COM, (2020)  
Thomas Schwartz, MD, Psychiatry, COM, (2021)  
Sherard Tatum, MD, Otolaryngology, COM, (2021)  
Xiuli Zhang, MD, Anesthesiology, COM, (2021)

#### Granted Tenure

Karen Albright, DO, PhD, Neurology, COM, (2021)  
Jay Brenner, MD, Emergency Medicine, COM, (2020)  
Guirong Wang, PhD, Surgery, COM, (2021)

David Mitchell, PhD, Cell & Developmental Biology, COM, (2020)  
Oleh Pankewycz, MD, Medicine, COM, (2021)  
Matthew Picone, MD, Family Medicine, COM, (2021)  
Robert Poster, MD, Radiology, COM, (2020)  
Josephine Przepiora, Clinical Laboratory Science, CHP, (2020)  
Carol Recker-Hughes, BA, Physical Therapy Education, CHP, (2021)  
Edward Shillitoe, PhD, Microbiology & Immunology, COM, (2020)  
Joseph Stein, PhD, Pharmacology, COM/CGS, (2021)  
Sandra Sulik, MD, Family Medicine, COM, (2021)  
Gary Winslow, PhD, Microbiology & Immunology, COM/CGS, (2021)  
Zhong-Jin Yang, MD, Anesthesiology, COM, (2020)

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