



New Faculty – Welcome Back

Holly Stacey

We are thrilled to introduce our newest UPAC faculty member to you! Dr. Holly Stacey shares the following with the Crier:

Ah! To think that 4 years have come and gone, and I am now officially an attending at UPAC - the place where it all started. I am incredibly excited about joining the UPAC family and starting my career in general pediatrics.

For a little bit about me: I was born and raised in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. I moved to Montreal, Quebec at the age of 17 to start college at McGill University. After 4 years in such an awesome city, I moved back to Toronto to attend the University of Toronto in order to complete my Masters of Science (physiology and molecular biology - I studied GLP-1 with a professor who worked with Dr. Banting and Dr. Best; the physicians who discovered insulin). I then went to St. George's for medical school; I spent my first year in England (where I met my now husband), my second year in Grenada, my third year in Chicago and my fourth year moving all around Canada and the US. After all of that, my husband and I couples matched at Upstate (Peds and IM) and the rest is history! I absolutely loved my time as a resident and chief resident at Upstate (despite the fact that it was affected by the global pandemic of 2020); we are privileged with the opportunity to see bread & butter pediatrics as well as all the zebras. I am very interested in newborn medicine, and I hope to spend much of my time in the nursery. I also love healthcare simulation, so if I am not in clinic, you can probably find me in the simulation center. Lastly, I am passionate about education and I am excited to teach but more importantly I am excited to continue to learn from everyone in this department. Academic pediatrics is ever evolving and I will strive to learn something new every single day! I got married in May of my third year (2022), to Philip Chebaya, who just started his adult cardiology fellowship at Upstate! We recently purchased a house and underwent some home renovation projects, which have thankfully been wrapped up.

We have a 4.5-year black lab named Diggs,

who loves his new backyard, playing ball and long car rides. Outside of work, I love to play sports, work-out, travel, host dinner parties, try new restaurants/coffee shops/bars and



spend time with Philip, Diggs, friends and family! Although all the legal paperwork has not been completed, I am working on becoming Dr. Holly Chebaya,

although, it will be a huge adjustment!

New Faculty – Colleen Feeny

We are also delighted to announce that Dr. Colleen Feeny has joined the Div. of General Peds at Upstate Peds in Baldwinsville on July 19th. She was a student and resident here at Upstate and tells the Crier:

“Many of you have met me, whether it be through my journey as a medical student or as a resident, or both! I was born and raised in the Syracuse area and have spent the majority of my training here as well. Ever since medical school, I have had a special interest in being able to give back to the Syracuse community at the end of my long training journey. I am excited to join the Upstate Pediatrics team and to stay connected to the Upstate community as well. When not busy with finishing up residency and starting life as an attending, I enjoy staying active and taking advantage of the Syracuse summer weather while it lasts! I decided to share a recent picture displaying some Syracuse fun and you may recognize a face or two! “



Welcome our New Associate Program Director, Dr. Manika Suryadevara



We are delighted to announce that Dr. Manika Suryadevara has accepted the position as Associate Program Director. Dr. Suryadevara was a

medical school student, resident, chief resident, and Peds ID fellow, and then has been a Peds ID attending since 2012. Manika tells the Crier: “Greetings to the Pediatric Department! Originally from Albany, NY, I moved down the thruway to Syracuse to start medical school here at SUNY Upstate in 2000 and have been here ever since! I have completed all of my training, including pediatric residency (and a chief resident year) and an infectious disease fellowship, here – with a one year break to Seattle (between residency and fellowship) where I practiced outpatient general pediatrics while my husband completed his fellowship. During my time here, I have been actively involved in the education of students, residents, and fellows rotating through the infectious disease field. Outside of work, I enjoy watching my kids do the activities that they love, reading, and spending time outdoors. I am so excited to work with all of the residents and faculty in this new role as Associate Residency Program Director!”

Very Big News

In case you missed it, our very own Dr. Joe Domachowske was back in the news, headlining the Syracuse Newspapers with his RSV breakthrough. The immunization made the news nationally in July when the FDA officially approved it for use in babies and toddlers:

<https://www.syracuse.com/health/2023/07/how-3-syracuse-babies-and-an-upstate-doctor-led-the-way-in-breakthrough-against-deadly-rsv.html>

The story was also on News Channel 9: [FDA approving a vaccine to protect kids from RSV with Dr. Domachowske - YouTube](#)

And also featured in Upstate Online.

NARHC

We are pleased to be able to report that we were once again well represented by both residents and faculty at the 2023 North American Refugee Health Conference in Calgary. Drs. Andi Shaw, Elizabeth Hobson, Precious Sanni Adeniyi and Sarah Hendrix all participated in the conference. Dr. Hobson's daughter also presented at the conference. Congratulations to all five for your participation!



Party at the Wasiks'

There was so much going on last month that we failed to report on one very special event. Our Associate Program Director, Dr. Heather Wasik, invited all of the residents over to her home for a get together on June 21st. Residents and their families joined Dr. Wasik, her family, and Dr. Ajagbe for a lovely evening.



We have made a big deal out of all the changes in program director and associate program directors. Dr. Wasik is the one residency program leader who hasn't changed. The chiefs asked her for a little bio to go on our Instagram account. Never too proud to plagiarize, the Crier thought our readers would enjoy what she shared: Hi- I'm Heather Wasik. I've been an associate program director for the Upstate Pediatric Residency Program for the past 3 years and I'm also a pediatric nephrologist. At work, I'm passionate about advocating for our amazing, smart, and kind residents, about improving resident feedback and evaluation, and about taking care of children and adolescents with chronic kidney disease. When I'm not at work, I love spending time with my husband and 2 daughters (currently age 3 and 7), reading, and doing anything active (running, yoga, downhill skiing, gymnastics).



My favorite thing about Upstate is the people (residents, faculty, and staff) who form a caring and supportive

community that I'm lucky to be a part of. My favorite part about living in Syracuse is all of the beautiful and easily-accessible outdoor spaces (parks, hiking trails, ski slopes, wineries, breweries). I'm thankful to be at Upstate and able to work with our pediatric residents.

Picnic at the Beach

The traditional new intern picnic at Jamesville beach became a little less traditional when the Canadian wildfires forced us to reschedule for July. On July 1st 9h the residents, program leadership, and resident advisors finally had their picnic at the beach. It was a lovely night and was well attended by residents, their spouses, kids and dogs, and several advisors and PDs. Thank you to Rida who sent the picture below.



Just MarriedX2

The Crier loves a good love story! We have two very happy new couples to announce this month! First, congratulations to Khalil Tamr Agha who got married while on vacation in June. Khalil and Dana were married on June 4th in Milwaukee, WI. Here is a picture of the happy newlywed couple!



Also, congratulations to Josh Baldwin who literally got married on the first day of residency. He tells the Crier, "Shan and I got married on July 1st on Lake



George and did a mini honeymoon in Lake Placid for a few days." He added, "Still on cloud nine, not sure when (or if) I'll ever come down from here"! All the best to Josh and Shan!

The Return of the PEAS!

After a 3-year hiatus, the Patient Experience Awards are back! The Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital Patient Experience Awards (PEA) will be returning in October 2023! The PEA recognize inpatient and outpatient pediatric staff who embody the best of Upstate Golisano through their attitude toward patients and staff, listening and communication skills, attention to detail, and advocacy towards patients. Returning this year will be the award for **Outstanding Resident**. New to 2023, will be the announcement of the winner of the inaugural **Linda McAleer Award for Patient Safety**. A link to the online nomination form will be sent out in early August- be on the lookout! Awards activities will be taking place the week of October 9th at both inpatient and outpatient pediatric locations. If you have questions or comments regarding this year's awards please contact Jenny Dickinson at dickinsj@upstate.edu.

Kenya Collage

The Crier was excited to receive the first reports and pictures from our first Global Health Fellow on her first trip in her new role. Lucia Janovicova tells the Crier, "It is truly amazing to be back to Kisumu and Kenya, it feels like a second home and I am extremely grateful for this opportunity;" A few of our current PL3s will be participating in the Kenya elective this year and may be sharing a few of their own photos.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/1 Lauren Thomas
8/9 Caitlin Deluca
8/10 Jody Sima
8/13 Phil Mackewicz
8/15 Rida Sherwani, Melissa Schafer
8/22 Beth Nelsen
8/25 Heather Ross