



New Faculty:

Welcome, Dr. Ajay Rana

The Division of Peds GI has a new faculty member and the Crier is pleased to introduce Dr. Ajay Rana to you:

“Hi everyone! I am excited to join the Pediatrics Gastroenterology group at Upstate Medical University. I completed medical school from B.J. Medical College, Pune, India. After medical school, I came to the U.S.A. I initially joined the graduate program in Biomedical Sciences at Medical College of Georgia. I completed residency in Pediatrics at Albany Medical Center and fellowship in Pediatrics Gastroenterology from Connecticut Children’s Medical Center. Thereafter, I moved to Maine for my first job and helped establish the Pediatrics Gastroenterology program at Eastern Maine Medical Center, Bangor, ME. After spending 3 years in Maine, I have decided to settle down in Syracuse, close to my family and friends.

I love outdoors and enjoy kayaking, camping & hiking, skiing and sky diving (almost licensed). When not travelling, I enjoy woodworking. I look forward to be an active member of Upstate community.”



Note: Ajay just borrowed the dog (named Miles) for the picture. Miles is his friend’s dog but he tells us, “I spend a lot of time with him and I am known as his uncle.”

Welcome, William Sullivan, PhD



The Dept. of Pediatrics, along with the Div. of Development, Behavior, and Genetics welcome their newest faculty member, Dr.

William Sullivan. In his official Crier interview, Dr. Sullivan tells the Crier, “Hello, everyone! My name is Will Sullivan. I am from a small city in West Virginia about an hour outside of Pittsburgh, PA. I completed my undergraduate work at West Virginia University where I met my lovely wife Laura. We arrived in Syracuse in 2011, both to pursue graduate degrees. I completed my Ph.D. in School Psychology with an emphasis in Applied Behavior Analysis and my wife received her Master's degree in social work, both from Syracuse University. My journey at Upstate has been underway for quite some time now. During my second year of graduate school, I had the opportunity to take an assistantship at the Family Behavior Analysis Program (FBAP) under the supervision of Dr. Hank Roane. After that, I was lucky enough to return to the FBAP to complete my pre-doctoral internship and post-doctoral fellowship. During that time I also held an adjunct faculty position in the Communication Sciences and Disorders Department at Syracuse University where I taught courses in Applied Behavior Analysis and Research Methods. Currently, my clinical work at the FBAP primarily focuses on the treatment of severe forms of challenging behavior displayed by children with developmental disabilities.

On the research side of things, my interests are largely translational. That is, I am interested in translating findings from basic operant research into effective interventions for challenging behavior, as well as taking applied phenomena and analyzing them under basic preparations to better understand the mechanisms responsible for behavior change. I am truly excited to be officially joining the department and look forward to the work we will do together!

Taking up Residents in Kenya

Several of the residents have been, or plan to go to Kenya along with Dr. Shaw for a global health rotation this year. One of them, Jake Anderson, shared some of his adventures with us:

As part of the Upstate Global health program Dr. Andrea Shaw and two pediatric residents, Sarah Ellis and Jacob Anderson, spent four weeks at Obama Children's Hospital in Kisumu Kenya.

This opportunity allowed our staff to gain clinical exposure to the unique pathologies that exist in Sub-Saharan Africa such as malaria, rabies, rheumatic fever and more; while also experiencing clinical medicine in a resource limited environment. The



wonderful clinicians in Kenya incorporated us into their medical teams from day one and often asked for our feedback on many complicated cases.

One of the most rewarding aspects of the trip was the chance to teach medical students. All three of us were incorporated into teaching curriculum and we were able to develop formal lectures, lead bedside teaching and rounds, and also taught them basic procedures.



The team was able to enjoy some of the local wild life at Impala Park in Kisumu and also went on a "bike safari" where they rode mountain bikes though Hell's Gate National Park and were able to experience African wildlife up close.



Dr Andrea Shaw will continue to collaborate with our global health friends in Kenya. She plans on making several trips per academic year with a new group of residents.

Intern Retreat

The 16 interns had their retreat on September 6-7 at the Christ-the-King

Retreat Center in Syracuse. The residents had the evening to themselves and made the most of it with their Wegmans take-out dinner and use of the pool. The next morning, the program directors came out to join them for some fun and games, and also for some great team building activities. As a result, we now have two new additions to the resident lounge on the 5th floor! As Dr. Nelsen explains, "The interns made leaves for what will be a gratitude tree. The interns also wrote some thank you notes. Did someone do something nice for you or something you appreciated? Write them a note!"



Note that all of the supplies are still available in the resident lounge if you want to contribute a leaf or note.



Teddy Bears for the GCH

On 9/26 about 10 residents, students (and one program director) spent their Wellness Weds cutting patterns for the CNY Bear Team. Glenda and Fred Stowell, creators of the CNY Bear Team have currently donated over 7,500 teddy bears to the GHC. They are always looking for volunteers to help cut and sew. We were told that our cutting crew saved them about eight hours of work.



If you would like to get in on the action, the CNY Bear Team is always looking for volunteers to help with cutting and sewing. Some of this can be done at

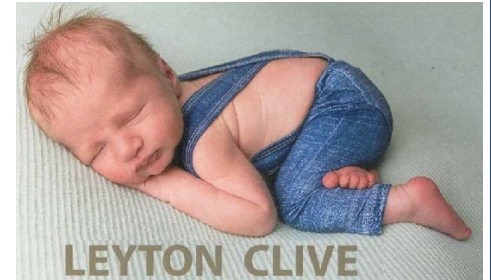
home on your own time. If interested, you can contact them at CNYBearTeam@aol.com. Or, you can donate to the CNY Bear Team through the Upstate Foundation.

Baby Boom!

The Department of Pediatrics is growing!

Welcome Leyton Clive White

Congratulations to former resident Karen White on the arrival of baby boy Leyton Clive on 7/19/18 at 8 lbs; 9 oz.



Mom, dad, Pippa, and Leyton are all doing great! Karen tells the Crier, "We are enjoying him so much. Pippa is obsessed with him, which is sometimes a little dangerous to poor Leyton :)" We wish them the best!

Welcome Marziya Thaver

Congratulations to former resident Danyal Thaver who is the proud father of an adorable baby girl, Marziya, who arrived on 8/30. Both mom and baby are doing well. Dad is, too, of course!





Welcome Jude David!

And also congratulations to former resident Carla Overton who writes, "We welcomed Jude David Walsh in February. He's sweet and adorable (pic attached). Tess is 5.5 and just started kindergarten and Holly is a very feisty 3.5!" We are so happy for you all!



In the News:

Upstate Online reported that an Upstate medical student Dan Farrell is among the 21 Kean Fellows in Tropical Medicine for 2018. Read far enough into the article and you will discover that Dan's faculty mentor is our very own Dr. D. The fellowship has allowed Farrell to be in Ecuador for 6 weeks working on a peds respiratory virus surveillance study



<http://upstateonline.info/static/September13-September202018/blog/story-1/index.html>

Syracuse Film Fest

As some of you may remember from last year, our very own La Shaun Jones is the Chair of the Syracuse International Film Festival which will be held again this year from Oct 10-14 at the Palace Theater and The RedHouse, LS tells the Crier, "I was able to book a huge icon for our opening gala fundraiser night which will be Grace Jones! She will mingle with the guests, taking pictures and autographs, and we will watch her documentary, Bloodlight and Bami followed by Q&A with Grace. Check out the trailer:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6RhYcXz_tc

We also have other celebrities coming to show their films. Read the article Syracuse.com wrote with more details. https://www.syracuse.com/entertainment/index.ssf/2018/09/grace_jones_syracuse_film_festival.html and check out www.syrfilm.com for tickets and more info. I will have tickets for the fundraiser with Grace Jones and for all five days which is the same cost \$100. You can purchase tickets for individual days either online or at the door. Price range between \$15-\$30. Students (with I.D.) are free on all days except for the fundraiser night!"

Star of the Month

The Star of the Month goes to Phil Mackewicz who was nominated by our chief resident, Aicha, who wrote, "I'd like to take a moment to recognize Phil for his dedication to helping out all the time and being a great resident! He helped peds surgery on Sunday (when he was on call) by administering moderate sedation for one of their patients. He also helped out yesterday by supervising Valerie Ho during a moderate sedation for one of her patients. Thank you so much for all your work and dedication Phil!" Phil, you can stop by sometime and pick up a Star prize from Lisa Blystone's Star Stash!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/1 Stuart Trust
10/15 Alicia Pekarsky
10/17 Laura Miller
10/18 Jake Anderson, Scott Corrigan
10/22 Howard Weinberger
10/23 Uzma Rani, Frank Smith, Suzanne Addabbo

Welcome Sam Dvorak

As we continue our Pediatric Baby Boom, congratulations to Dr. Andi Dvorak on the birth of baby boy Sam who arrived on June 22nd at 7 lbs;12 oz. Mom and Sam are doing great!



Welcome Henryk John

And finally, ending this month's baby boom, we send our warmest congratulations to Dr. Jen Nead who let us know that Henryk John Hack arrived safe and sound on Sept 20th at 6 lbs 5 oz. Mom and Henryk are doing great!