

update

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Photograph by Deborah Rexine

SUNY Upstate expands campus to Kennedy Square

SUNY Upstate Medical University President David R. Smith, MD, addresses a group of area business and political leaders on plans for the Kennedy Square site at a press conference April 9. Thanks to an agreement with the Empire State Development Corp., SUNY Upstate will

redevelop the site as the location of New York Biotechnology Research Center, a joint project with SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. Also planned for the site are offices, classrooms and housing.

SUNY Upstate receives \$280 million in state support for key projects

SUNY Upstate Medical University is on target to accelerate its vision of regional growth through research, clinical care and education, thanks to more than \$280 million earmarked in the 2008-2009 state budget for key SUNY Upstate initiatives.

“This may be the biggest investment in upstate New York since the Erie Canal,” said David R. Smith, MD, president of SUNY Upstate. “We’re

grateful to our state delegation, SUNY officials and all our supporters who made clear the merits of funding research, patient care and educational programming. The beneficiary of this investment is not SUNY Upstate, but the communities across the state that we stand ready to serve,” Dr. Smith said.

The funded initiatives embrace the university’s responsive regional growth

agenda and set in place the foundation to grow and develop programs that address key issues across the region, such as the shortage of physicians and other health professionals and access to services, while enhancing the regional economy and creating new job growth through research.

A key project approved by lawmakers is the \$72 million expansion

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

An Advance Directives information table in recognition of National Healthcare Decisions Day will be on display April 16, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the second floor lobby of University Hospital.

SUNY Upstate will celebrate International Month through May 4 with the following activities:

- A presentation, "Global Translational Research at Upstate: Finding Answers to the World's Health Problems," April 16, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Medical Alumni Auditorium in Weiskotten Hall.

- The Syracuse University Mayfest/After Dark International Festival April 22, at 6 p.m. in Grant Auditorium on the Syracuse University campus.

- Syracuse International Film Festival April 25 to May 4 throughout the Syracuse community.

- The screening of the film "Red Like the Sky," sponsored in part by SUNY Upstate Medical University, will be held May 1, at 7 p.m. in the Landmark Theatre, 362 S. Salina St.

For more information about the International Month events, call 464-5234.

The SUNY Upstate community is invited to the 22nd Annual Bruce Dearing Writing Awards ceremony, April 23, from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Medical Alumni Auditorium in Weiskotten Hall.

National Volunteer Week is April 27 to May 3. To celebrate, **Volunteer Initiatives** will host its annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon April 23 at Lafayette Hills Country Club, 4480 Lafayette Rd., Jamesville. A highlight of the luncheon includes the presentation of the Fourth Annual Partnership Award, recognizing effective partnerships between volunteers and staff. SUNY Upstate staff are welcome to attend. Tickets are \$20. For more information, e-mail stonerd@upstate.edu.

The End-of-Life Companion Program will hold informational meetings for individuals who are interested in learning more about the program and how to volunteer. The meetings, to be held in 8603 University Hospital (west wing conference room), are April 22, at noon and April 23, at 5 p.m. Call 464-6098 with questions.

March for Babies to benefit the March of Dimes will be held April 27, beginning at 9 a.m. at Long Branch Park in Liverpool. To register for SUNY Upstate's team, visit marchforbabies.org. For more information call 464-5708, 464-5702 or 464-5706.

The Health Information Center (HIC) of the Health Sciences Library will highlight information on breast cancer research at SUNY Upstate April 25 and 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the library's Weiskotten Hall location as part of the first Baldwin Corridor Cultural Crawl. HIC representatives will be available to answer questions. Refreshments will be available for those who hold Cultural Crawl passports. For more information on where to purchase passports, visit www.syrilm.com or call 672-5288. (see page 3 for related story.)

The newly formed Weiskotten Garden Society is sponsoring a design contest for the three planter boxes adjacent to the front door of Weiskotten Hall. The deadline for submissions is May 2. SUNY Upstate individuals who would like to add their talents to creating gardens in the Weiskotten Hall courtyard and other campus locations are encouraged to join the society. For more information about the garden club and the contest, visit the Engaging Excellence website, at <http://www.upstate.edu/excellence/news.php> or contact Donna Joyner at 464-7929.

The SUNY Upstate community is invited to a retirement reception for Mary Ann Merklein, director of Medical Staff

Services May 13, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Cafe 750. Merklein retires after serving SUNY Upstate for 20 years.

"Organ Donation and the Transplant Program at SUNY Upstate Medical University: Potential, Possibilities and Problems," to be held April 29, from 5 to 7:15 p.m. in the Institute for Human Performance, is the first in a series of programs, titled "Inside Upstate" sponsored by Advocates for Upstate Medical University. Presenters of the April 28 program include Amy Friedman, MD, and Linda McAleer, RN, of SUNY Upstate; Bill Sainsbury of the Finger Lakes Donor Recovery Network; and transplant recipient Charles Goodman. Advocate members are free. Guests are \$10 each, payable at the door. RSVP by April 25 by e-mailing advocate@upstate.edu or by calling 464-5610. The event is open to the public.

The Upstate Medical University Foundation is selling raffle tickets to benefit pediatric services at University Hospital. First prize is a 2008 Kawasaki Vulcan 900 Custom motorcycle, donated by CNY Kawasaki dealers. The second prize is two airline tickets anywhere in the contiguous United States donated by BTI Travel. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. Tickets are available for purchase in the pediatric office, fifth floor of University Hospital, the Foundation Office, 326 C.A.B., or at any CNY Kawasaki dealer. The drawing will be held July 31 at the Syracuse Inner Harbor Block Party.

Race for the Cure will be held May 17, at 9 a.m. at the New York State Fairgrounds. To register as part of SUNY Upstate's team, visit www.komencny.org, select: Click Here to Register; Join an "Existing Team"; Team List Page; and Upstate Medical University. For information, contact Janice Sell at sellj@upstate.edu or call 464-6276.

Health Sciences Library exhibit to offer a glimpse of history and intrigue

“Rediscovering the Class of 1885,” a new exhibit at SUNY Upstate Medical University’s Health Sciences Library, celebrates the recent discovery of 25 19th century portrait photographs. The exhibit, which opens April 25, will be featured as part of the Carol M. Baldwin Cultural Crawl April 25 and 26. It will remain on display in the library for several months.

The exhibit offers glimpses of the lives of medical students in Syracuse in the late 19th century through photographs, medical instruments, student notebooks, exams and other original documents from the library’s Historical Collections.

“These recently found photographs are now the earliest original class pictures in the library’s Historical Collections,” said Elise Calvi, curator of Historical Collections in the Health Sciences Library.

“By telling the story of how these photographs were ‘lost’ for 60 years and then found, the exhibit also draws attention to the underlying question of how the historical record may be preserved—or lost—for future generations, and how our interpretation of the past may be incomplete, or faulty, if the picture itself is incomplete,” said Calvi.

According to Calvi, the photographs and their story were discovered in stages. “Don Jaeger of the Pathology Department was working in a storage room in the basement of Weiskotten Hall, where thousands upon thousands of microscope slides are stored, and found the 1885 photos and others on top of 10-foot tall cabinets,” said Calvi. “They were all individual portraits, but had thumbtack holes in all four corners, so I knew they must have been on display somewhere. But where and how?” she said.

Calvi’s answer came months later, when, going through some of the uncataloged negatives in the Medical Photography archive, she found a negative showing how the photographs were



Photograph courtesy of the Health Sciences Library Historical Collections

The remodeled carriage factory on Orange Street (later renamed McBride Street), above, was home to the College of Medicine from 1875 until 1896. The college moved into Peck Hall in 1896, which

served as home to the college until 1937 when Weiskotten Hall was built. The 1896 structure still stands at 309 S. McBride Street.

originally displayed. “But along with the answer to the mystery came a new intrigue, which, surprisingly, turned out to be quite relevant to the purpose of the Cultural Crawl,” she said. “Visitors to the exhibit will find out the answer to the intrigue, and see how the experiences of 19th century medical students are relevant today.”

The items on exhibit are drawn from the library’s Historical Collections, which includes several thousand books and journals published from the 16th through 21st centuries; documents,

photographs, printed and audio-visual materials, and artifacts documenting the history of SUNY Upstate and its predecessor schools; medical instruments; papers of distinguished faculty; and other materials documenting the history of the health professions in Central New York.

Visit Historical Collections on the second floor of the library and at <http://www.upstate.edu/library/history/>. For more information e-mail calvie@upstate.edu or call 464-4585.

Survey of faculty and staff continues emergency notification process

Beginning the week of April 28, SUNY Upstate Medical University will collect data online from faculty and staff for integration into the SUNY NY Alert (All-Hazards Alert and Notification System).

According to Joseph Ziemba, manager of telecommunications in the Department of Information Management and Technology (IMT), participation in the system is voluntary, simple and takes only a few moments.

"This is a SUNY-wide initiative, with 56 campuses currently participating," said Ziemba. "We are encouraging SUNY Upstate faculty and staff to participate in the SUNY NY-Alert system by visiting the iPage located at www.upstate.edu/intra, and clicking the 'SUNY NY Alert' icon," he said. "This will then bring users to a screen where they may enter their contact information, such as e-mail address(es) and/or telephone numbers."

Only one e-mail address is required to participate. "For individuals who have a SUNY Upstate e-mail address, the screen will present this as the default primary e-mail address," he said.

Once the online form is completed, the information is then submitted to the SUNY NY Alert secure database. If there is a critical emergency on campus, SUNY Upstate officials will notify

SUNY NY Alert with appropriate information. Individuals will then be notified by the contact methods they have specified within a very short period of time. SUNY NY Alert has the ability to send thousands of e-mails and making thousands of phone calls within minutes.

SUNY NY Alert enables SUNY Upstate to send out critical emergency information about the campus concurrently through e-mail, office phone, cell phone, and text messaging or fax. The alert system will complement existing notification methods, including broadcast e-mails, alerts on the SUNY Upstate homepage, person-to-person contact, bulletin board postings and local media coverage.

The SUNY NY Alert system will be used in any situation where there is a threat to the health and safety of the campus community. These emergency situations may fit in one or more of the following categories: bomb threat; large-scale fire to building(s) that endangers campus; the spread of hazardous material from a contained area; major road closing/incident; a medical emergency or event with mass casualties; personal safety; suspicious package; utility failure; and severe weather conditions.

The system can be used only by authorized campus personnel to send

emergency messages, including emergency protective actions, warnings and post-incident information related to life safety issues to the campus community.

The system is free. Subscribers may elect to opt out at any point.

Since April of 2007 SUNY Upstate's Critical Incident Management (CIM) committee has been developing university wide strategies for dealing with emergency situations, focusing on the areas of risk assessment and mental health issues, emergency response and communications technology.

The committee is headed by SUNY Upstate's Chief Information Officer Teresa Wagner and operates under a charge from SUNY Upstate President David R. Smith, MD, and the university's Executive Council.

The CIM committee is incorporating into its plan recommendations set forth by SUNY Chancellor's Task Force on Critical Incident Management that provides best practices campuses could use as models for their own plans.

Data collection for SUNY Upstate students began in December 2007 via the university's ISIS-Banner system. New employees will receive information on participating in the system during orientation.

For more information on SUNY NY Alert, visit www.upstate.edu.



Oluwatoyin Showele (left) and fifth-grade student Marlena Lugo

Photograph by Susan Keeter

Recruiting tomorrow's physicians

SUNY Upstate Medical University fourth-year medical student Oluwatoyin Showele visited Ed Smith Elementary School to talk with more than 100 fifth grade students about the path to medical school. She discussed the education and life skills necessary to become a doctor and encouraged the students to "work hard and love what you do." After graduation in May, Showele will begin her family medicine residency at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Admissions officer pens book of 101 tips on getting into medical school

The pressure, stress and anxiety students confront as part of the college admissions process can be overwhelming. Does my personal essay read well? What shall I wear to my admissions' interview? What questions will my interviewers ask?

Relax. Those questions and dozens more get answered in "101 Tips on Getting into Medical School" (Gegensatz Press) written by Jennifer Welch, director of admissions at SUNY Upstate Medical University.

While much of Welch's 15 years of admissions work has been devoted to reviewing applications and interviewing wanna-be physicians in New York, her advice can relate easily to students seeking admissions to liberal arts colleges or universities anywhere.

"When it comes to the college admissions process, I've seen a lot of students do some really great things and others do some not so great things," Welch said. "So, what I thought would be most helpful to students and their parents would be to provide an insider's view on the process, a basic 'do's and don'ts' in the admissions process."

For instance, Tip 39: When it comes to a personal essay, be original. Welch advises students against quoting Robert Frost. "This is often done and the truth is, the admissions committee wants to hear from you in your own words, not someone else's. This is also one of your first chances to express who you are and what makes you stand out from other applicants."

Tip 48 addresses another common misconception: that colleges are looking for applicants with a multitude of various activities. While it is important to be well-rounded, Welch said it's important to focus on a few activities that matter most to an individual rather than participating in a larger number of activities on a limited basis.

The advice "to be yourself," contained in Tip 62, might sound trite, but Welch said it is really what admissions officials are looking for. "It's one



Jennifer Welch

of the most important tenets of a solid application and interview," she said. "I think it's quite evident when students offer canned answers and suggest they are someone different than who they really are."

For instance, Welch warns students that what appears in one's application and personal essay often provide the questions for the interview process. "If you highlight your passion for volunteering or serving your community in your essay but only demonstrate this 'commitment to service work' by participating in a blood drive once a year, this naturally raises concerns about your sincerity," she said.

Welch's easy-to-read guide captures the pursuit of a medical education from the moment of desire to be a doctor through the application process and personal interview to the acceptance or rejection letter.

Welch also provides counsel to rejected students about whether to reapply to medical school. If students find themselves in this situation, Welch suggests contacting the admissions

office to find out what didn't work. Admissions representatives can

best advise students if their application would benefit from additional course work, new test scores, or a new essay or if they need to improve how their performance in the interview setting. Most importantly, Welch stresses that students should not re-apply until they've taken the time to address the weaknesses in the original application and improved upon them.

Perhaps the biggest piece of advice from Welch regarding the all-important interview: First impressions do matter. "Admissions officers have an excellent sense within the first five minutes if the student is going to be a good fit for the college," she said.

The book sells for \$19.95 and is available on-line at Amazon.com and at local Barnes and Noble and Borders bookstores.

SUNY Upstate Medical University's ALS Clinic is Center of Excellence

The ALS Clinic at SUNY Upstate Medical University has become the 32nd Certified Center of Excellence of the ALS Association.

The center, which works closely with The Association's Upstate New York Chapter, provides multidisciplinary care for people with ALS and conducts clinical trials on experimental therapies for ALS.

"The designation of the clinic as a center has enhanced the already excellent reputation of the facility, which is now regarded on the same level as other certified centers, and will attract people with ALS for clinical trials," said Jeremy Shefner, MD, PhD, medical director of the ALS Clinic, professor and chair of the Department of Neurology and director of the Clinical Neurophysiology Laboratory at SUNY Upstate's University Hospital.

The ALS center staff includes an experienced team of professionals, all of whom are dedicated to a multidisciplinary model of patient care. The ALS team provides specialized medical care to patients, as well as occupational, physical, speech and language, dietary and respiratory therapy. Social services and counseling also are provided, as well as support groups for patients and their families. This collaborative environment provides patients with a comprehensive evaluation and treatment plan designed to maximize function and quality of life.

The center was founded in 1996 by Dr. Shefner, an active clinical investigator who has designed and implemented clinical trials in ALS since 1992. His interests also include



Jeremy Shefner

neurophysiological assessment of motor unit loss in both patients and animal models of ALS.

"The certification of this clinic would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of Dr. Shefner and his wonderful team," said Sharon Matland, the vice president of patient services for the ALS Association. "They are true professionals in every sense of the word, a first-class team that truly cares about helping people living with ALS and their families."

The association, through its TREAT ALS (Translational Research Advancing Therapy for ALS) initiative, has put in place a partnership with the North East ALS Consortium, which Dr. Shefner co-founded in 1995, to provide a network of clinical investigators that will be ready to test promising compounds in people with ALS, and provide opportunities for training of newer investigators to participate in clinical trials for ALS.

"My overall goal is to see ALS care

improved by the use of new and more efficient therapies," said Dr. Shefner, who completed a fellowship in clinical neurophysiology and neuromuscular disease at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, where he directed the ALS clinic and participated in multiple industry-sponsored ALS clinical trials.

"Lacking that development, the best way we can take care of people with ALS is to use the multiple specialists that an ALS Association Certified Center can offer," he said.

"It is very gratifying to see a clinic develop so that we can provide high quality comprehensive care to patients with ALS. Over the last five years, we have steadily increased the number of patients we serve, and hope that certification by the ALS Association will allow us to continue to provide a high level of care to patients in Central New York," Dr. Shefner said.

Dr. Shefner also has held leadership positions in many NIH and industry-supported clinical trials. In addition, he has published more than 100 peer-reviewed scientific articles, and has held positions as associate editor of *Muscle and Nerve*, neuromuscular section editor of *Up to Date*, and serves on the editorial board of *Clinical Neurophysiology* and the *ALS Journal*. He is also chair of the ALS Research Group.

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), often referred to as "Lou Gehrig's disease," is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord.

This new interview-format radio show focuses on health and medical issues affecting Central New Yorkers. As with its parent, University Hospital's free HealthLink seminar series at ShoppingTown, *HealthLink On Air* was created to help Central New Yorkers become smarter health care consumers.

University Hospital's
HealthLink
Sundays, 9 to 10 a.m. WSYR-570AM
On Air

IN THE NEWS

Allen Silverstone, PhD, was interviewed on *cbs42.com* in Birmingham, Ala., ABC 33/40 News in Anniston, Ala., and was quoted in an article in *Anniston News* about a study, in which he served as a section principal investigator, that linked high levels of PCBs in the body with a significant increase in diabetes risk.



Allen Silverstone

Shelley Gilroy, MD, and **Ann Botash, MD**, were interviewed by WSYR-570AM and News10Now on the growing incidence of young girls with sexually transmitted diseases.

Elvira Szigeti, PhD, RN, and **Jodie Purdy, RN**, were quoted in *In Good Health* on area job and educational opportunities for nurses.

Gustavo de la Roza, MD, was interviewed on WAER-FM88 regarding a study that shows greater support of American physicians for national health insurance.

Lynn Beth Satterly, MD, was quoted in *In Good Health* about how men are closing the life expectancy gap with women.

Richard Cantor, MD, and **Christine Stork, PharmD**, were interviewed by WSTM-TV3, WTVH-TV5, 9WSYR-TV, News10Now and the *Post-Standard* following an Upstate Poison press briefing announcing that accidental overdosing of pain medications was one of the top reasons people called the center last year.

A *Post-Standard* Letter to the Editor by **Kenneth Barker, PhD**, discussed Gov. David Paterson's visit to SUNY Upstate in 2005 to learn about the university's biomedical needs.

Matthew Scuderi, MD, was quoted in the *Post-Standard* regarding the recovery and rehabilitation of SU basketball star Andy Rautins.

David R. Smith, MD, and **medical students** were interviewed by WSTM-TV3, WSYR-570AM, WAER-FM88 and News10Now regarding SUNY Upstate's celebration of Match Day. **Dr. Smith** was also interviewed on News10Now on the impact that the state budget proposals would have on SUNY Upstate.

Rendell Ashton, MD, was quoted the *Post-Standard* about the miraculous recovery of a shooting victim.

Margaret Nellis, Janice Nellis and **Brittney Metcalf** were interviewed by WTVH-TV5, WAER-FM88, and WSTM-TV3, respectively, about the work of child life specialists.

Rochele Clark, RN, was featured on News10Now and WSTM-TV3 discussing mini-strokes.



Rochele Clark

Howard Weinberger, MD, and **Maureen Famiglietti, RN**, were interviewed by WSYR-570AM and WRVO-FM on the expansion of SUNY Upstate's lead poisoning prevention outreach program. Coverage was also featured on WSTM-TV3 and the *Central New York Business Journal* news blog.

The international reputation of **Robert Shprintzen, PhD**, and his work with the genetic disorder Velo-Cardio-Facial Syndrome (also known as Shprintzen's Syndrome) was featured in the *Post-Standard*. **Sherard Tatum, MD**, was also featured in the article.

James Knoll, MD, was featured in the *Post-Standard* and interviewed on WSYR-570AM regarding his insights into obsessive behavior of stalkers.

Manoochehr Karjoo, MD, was quoted in the *Post-Standard* on celiac disease.

Rev. Terry Culbertson was featured in the *Post-Standard* for her work in providing spiritual healing at University Hospital.

Cindy Cary, RRT, was interviewed on WSYR-570AM, WTVH-TV5 and WSTM-TV3 regarding teens and tobacco.



Cindy Cary

David Duggan, MD, was quoted in the *Post-Standard* regarding an electronic medical record system that would connect Central New York practitioners and make patient medical records more accessible when changing providers for care, procedures. He also was interviewed by News10Now and 9WSYR-TV regarding the technology assistance funding.

Robert Carhart, MD, was interviewed on WSYR-570AM about the latest controversy regarding cholesterol-reducing drugs.

Leslie Kohman, MD, **Chirag Shah, MD** and **Sanjay Mukhopadhyay, MD**, were interviewed by News10Now for a story on the first grant award from a lung cancer endowment created at SUNY Upstate.

Kevin Phelps was recognized as a volunteer with the Big Brothers Big Sisters in a feature article on the agency in the *Post-Standard*.



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Deborah Rexine

First they listened, then they danced

The Zucchini Brothers of the internationally syndicated weekly radio show "The Zucchini Brothers, Live! At the Clubhouse" performed for University Hospital's pediatric patients and the children at the Upstate Medical University Child Care Center March 19 in the hospital's second floor cafeteria. The performance, sponsored by the Frances Yvonne Child Life Endowment, was an activity of the hospital's celebration of National Child Life Month.

Volunteers sought for clinical trials

- Children between the ages of 10 to 17 who have type-2 diabetes may qualify to participate in a national research study. The Joslin Diabetes Center, a TODAY study site, will examine how changes in eating habits, physical activity and different combinations of medicines affect the condition in children. Parents or family members will be asked to help the child with TODAY study activities. For more information about the TODAY study, please contact Kelly Duncan at duncank@upstate.edu or 464-5724.

- Stress, Health, and Diabetes Experience (SHADE) is a research study focusing on how stress affects the lives of people with type-2 diabetes. Participants may be asked to complete writing assignments, questionnaires, computer exercises, and finger-stick tests to check blood sugar levels. For more information on how to qualify for the study, call 443-2950.

SUNY Upstate receives support for key projects—continued from page 1

of the university's Institute for Human Performance. The building is at capacity as is the university's other key research facility, Weiskotten Hall.

The ability to offer state-of-the-art research space is paramount to attracting top-tier researchers to the university. Additional lab space is also needed to attract top-level biomedical graduate students. The need for the state to step up its support for research was a key element in the findings by the state Commission on Higher Education that were released last fall, noting that the state had lost almost a billion dollars in research expenditures since 1980. SUNY Upstate currently conducts about \$38.7 million in funded research.

In addition to the IHP expansion, funded projects include:

- \$150 million in bonding authorization to support the modernization

of University Hospital patient rooms, build a cancer center and a heart center. With the East Tower (vertical expansion) set to open early next year and new private patient rooms in service, University Hospital will begin work on modernizing existing patient rooms throughout the hospital. The development and construction of a heart center and cancer center will provide patients with multidisciplinary care in a setting featuring enhanced patient amenities.

- \$36 million for a new academic building. In the past three years, SUNY Upstate has launched six new education programs and is planning for three more degree programs to start by 2009. A year ago, the university launched a recruitment effort for nearly 50 new faculty to increase the ratio for basic science instruction and is committed to the national call to grow our colleges by 30 percent to meet the region's health

care needs. The building is essential for meeting the university's current and future educational goals.

- \$12.45 million for phase one of renovations for the Binghamton Castle. This historic building is the future home of SUNY Upstate's Binghamton campus, including the training of 80 third- and fourth-year medical students and as a site for the university's forthcoming physician assistant degree program.

- \$10 million for the cord blood center. SUNY Upstate would be a key player, along with the state Health Department and other organizations, in leading work on a research center investigating the potential for life-saving treatments through umbilical cord blood. This center's mission aligns with the university's research strengths in cancer and immunology.

APPOINTMENTS



Sharon Huard

Sharon Huard has been appointed director of Student Support Services in the Division of Student Affairs, overseeing the areas of disabled student services, judicial affairs, career development,

student health insurance, commencement, voter registration and residence life. Huard joined SUNY Upstate's Division of Student Affairs in 1998, overseeing all areas of on-campus housing for students, including counseling, discipline, programming and referrals, among other responsibilities. Huard earned a bachelor's degree in English (1992) and a master's degree in counseling (1995), both at SUNY Oswego. She is the recipient of SUNY Upstate's President's Employee Recognition Award for Supervisor of the Year in 2007 and is active in several campus committees, including chair of the Student Health Committee and a member of the Personal Safety and Faculty Student Association committees.

Michael R. Pede has been named director of Financial Aid, after

several awards, including NYSFAAA's Circle and Fr. Dunn's awards. serving as interim director since February 2007. In this position, Pede is responsible for the overall direction and supervision of the office, including planning, developing and administering the packaging strategy for SUNY

Upstate's colleges of Medicine, Health Professions, Nursing and Graduate Studies. Pede joined SUNY Upstate in 1988 as assistant director of financial aid; he assumed additional responsibilities as registrar in 1993. He was the team leader for the implementation and continuous development of Banner within the Office of Financial Aid. Pede earned his bachelor's degree in business administration and sociology from SUNY Fredonia in 1978 and a master's degree in higher/postsecondary education administration from Syracuse University in 1986. He is the author and coauthor of articles regarding the student loan application process and a guide to student loan counseling, among other articles published in the newsletter of the New York State Financial Aid Administrators Association (NYSFAAA). Pede is the recipient of



Michael Pede

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Susan Branning, RD, CNSD, CDN has joined Morrison Healthcare Services as the clinical nutrition manager at SUNY Upstate Medical University. Branning will continue to serve as regional clinical support manager for other Morrison Healthcare Services accounts in the region.



Susan Branning

Anne Snowden, RN, BSN, has been named as assistant director for Perioperative Services. Her responsibilities will include the Vascular Access Team, Endoscopy, and Ambulatory Procedures 1.

Marilyn Vohs, RN, has been named patient service supervisor for Perioperative Services. Vohs will be responsible for the Preadmission Testing Area, 5 East Holding and PACU, and Center for Children's Surgery Pre- and Post-care.

RECOGNITIONS



Robert Barlow

Robert Barlow, PhD, professor of ophthalmology, is a recipient of a 2008 Distinguished Service Award from the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology. Dr. Barlow served the association as a trustee of the Visual Neurophysiology Section (2002 to 2007) and as vice president (2006 to 2007).

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Peter Calvert, PhD, assistant professor of ophthalmology has been selected as a Rising Star by the Research Foundation of SUNY for his work "that extends the boundaries of human knowledge and drives economic development in New York."

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Peter Calvert

Rev. Terry Ruth Culbertson, manager of Spiritual Care and supervisor of Clinical Pastoral Education, received her three-year recertification as a certified thanatologist in death, dying and bereavement with the Association for Death Education and Counseling.



Rev. Terry Culbertson

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Patricia Knox, MSN, FNP, manager of Palliative Care Services, has been appointed to the New York State Palliative Care Education and Training Council. Council members make recommendations regarding undergraduate and graduate medical education in palliative care as well as palliative care centers of excellence and palliative care resources center.



Patricia Knox

John B. McCabe, MD, professor and chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine, has been appointed for a three-year term as vice chair of the American Board of Medical Specialties, the umbrella organization for 24 medical specialty boards that develop and set standards for the evaluation and certification of physicians in the specialties.



John McCabe

Jackie Wheeler and **Andrea Luce** of Patient Access Services, received certifications as health access managers from the National Association for Healthcare Access Management. Receiving certifications as health access associates from the association are: **Carolyn Edwards,**

Linda “Linny” Hernandez, Laurie Hoalcraft, Amy Mathews, Tammy Pais, Georgia Reagan, Eileen Shantillo and **Jill Stevens.**

Joseph Sanger, PhD, professor and chair of the Department of Cell and Developmental Biology, was elected to the Board of Directors of the American Association of Anatomists for a three year term.



Joseph Sanger

Thirteen students from the College of Medicine were elected to membership in the national medical honor society, Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA), an honor given to only one-sixth of any one class. Class of 2009 junior inductees are: **Kathleen Carroll, Chad Cornish, John Fischer, Robert Kallincos, Rebecca Lawrence, Lindsay McGann, Jack Palmer, Andrew Quinn, Joseph Sciarrino, Laura Scordino, Leo Urbinelli, Robert VanGorder** and **Jessica Weiss.** Eligibility is determined by academic performance, service, leadership, and character.

The New York State Council of Health-System Pharmacists (NYSCHP) have presented the following awards:

- **Sharon Brangman, MD, Khatuna Stepkovitch, MD, Eileen Rosecrants, PA-C, Christine Heagle Bahn, RN, NP, Shilpa Kshatriya, MD, Amer Jilani, MD,** (Geriatric Medicine); **Luke Probst, PharmD, William**

Darko, PharmD, Adrienne Smith, PharmD, Christine Han, PharmD, Reetu Gupta, PharmD, Abby Lahart, PharmD, and John Noviasky, PharmD, (Pharmacy Services); **Dianne Brownell,** (Continuum of Care-Social Work) received the Geriatric Pharmacy Research Award for their project, titled “Impact of a Geriatric Team on the Outcomes of the Hospitalized Elderly Patient.”

- **Reetu Gupta, PharmD; Luke Probst, PharmD; William Darko, PharmD; Adrienne Smith, PharmD;** and **John Noviasky, PharmD,** of Pharmacy Services received the Clinical Pharmacy Services Research Award for their project, titled “Correlation Between MDRD4 or Cockcroft-Gault Equation and Gentamicin Clearance.”

- **Andrew Burgdorf, PharmD, and Lisa Phillips, PharmD,** of Pharmacy Services received the Medication Use Evaluation Research Award for their project, titled “Evaluation of a Computerized Physician Order Entry (CPOE) Scheme for Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) Prevention”

- **Jeffrey Steele, PharmD; Adrienne Smith, PharmD; John Noviasky, PharmD; Luke Probst, PharmD;** and **William Darko, PharmD,** of Pharmacy Services received the Amgen NYSCHP Research Education Foundation Oncology Leadership Award for their project, “Effectiveness of Reduced Dose Rasburicase, a Recombinate Urate Oxidase, on Reduction of Uric Acid and Prevention of Acute Renal Failure Associated with Tumor Lysis Syndrome.”

FACULTY ROUNDS

Lisa Allen, RDMS, ultrasound coordinator for the Regional Perinatal Center, presented a scientific poster, “Three Dimensional Sonographic Findings Associated with Ectrodactyly-Ectodermal Dysplasia-Clefting Syndrome (EEC)” at the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine’s Annual Convention March 12 to 15 in San

Diego. Contributors to the poster were **Mary Jo Maestri, Robert K. Silverman, MD, John T. Nosovitch, Jr. MD, Tammy M. Lohnes, RDMS,** and **Kathleen Williams, RDMS, RDCS.** The poster was awarded third place in a competition with 33 other national scientific poster submissions.

Gustavo de la Roza, MD, associate professor of pathology, participated in a panel discussion on healthcare reform in the United States, sponsored by the SUNY Upstate chapters of the Physicians for a National Health Program, the American Medical

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Association, the Association of American Medical Colleges, and the Onondaga County Health Department April 10 in Weiskotten Hall.

Susan Graham, Robert Sunheimer, and James Vossler of the Department of Clinical Laboratory Science in the College of Health Professions presented at the American Society for Clinical Pathology Workshops for Laboratory Professionals. Graham presented “RBC: Critical Clues in Morphology” March 13 in Baltimore; Sunheimer will present “Method Validation and Quality Control: A Blueprint for Reporting Reliable Patient Results” May 9 in Chicago, and May 13 in East Hanover, N.J.; and Vossler will present “A Review of Antimicrobial Resistance and Methods of Laboratory Detection” May 7 in Chicago.

Melanie Kalman, CNS, PhD, associate professor and director of research in the College of Nursing, presented two posters at the annual National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists 2008 Conference: Leaders in Clinical Excellence March 3 to 5 in Atlanta. The first was titled “Teaching Students Practical Skills: The Clinical Project as a Culminating Experience.” The second was titled “Hourly Nursing Rounds; Shaping Nursing Culture to Achieve Nursing Quality Outcomes.” Also participating at the conference was **Theresa Rollason, RN, BS, CNS**, a

student at the College of Nursing, who presented “Standardized Evidenced-based Algorithm and Protocol for the Care for Patients with Spinal Cord Injuries (SCI).”

Lynne Logan, PT, of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation presented “Birth Brachial Plexus Injury” and “Single-Subject Research Design: Recommendations for Levels of Evidence and Quality Rating” at the national combined sections meeting for the American Physical Therapy Association, held Feb. 6 to 8 in Nashville, Tenn. **Karen Kemmis, PT**, also presented at the meeting.

Dana Savici, MD, associate professor in the Department of Medicine, presented “Research: Moving from Idea to Publication of Results” and “Science and the Truth” at the Second Annual First Year Trainee Retreat for first-year residents and fellows Feb. 5. The topics were chosen by SUNY Upstate’s Graduate Medical Education Office to help provide training in research and scholarly activity, a requirement of the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education.



Dana Savici

Steven Scheinman, MD, senior vice president and dean of the College of Medicine, presented at the second international conference on Lowe Syndrome at The Royal Society, Pall Mall, London Dec. 7. The conference was attended by more than 50 international researchers, medical professionals and parents to present and discuss the disease, current research underway and ideas for future projects.



Steven Scheinman

Eleven researchers from the Center for Vision Research of the Department of Ophthalmology presented papers and/or posters at the annual meeting of the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) May 6 to 10 in Fort Lauderdale. The presenters are: **Barry E. Knox, PhD, Drew Everhart, PhD, Karen Cusato, PhD, Robert B. Barlow, PhD, Daniel Y. Tso, PhD, Kazuo Mori, PhD, Takehiko Saito, PhD, Frederick A. Dodge, PhD, Yumiko Umino, PhD, Eduardo C. Solessio, PhD, David A. Cameron, PhD.**

PUBLICATIONS AND GRANTS

Jerrold Abraham, MD, and Charu Thakral, MD, of the Department of Pathology, authored “Tissue Distribution and Kinetics of Gadolinium and Nephrogenic Systemic Fibrosis” published in the March issue of the *European Journal of Radiology*.

Gustavo de la Roza, MD, (Pathology); **Robert Sunheimer**, (Medical Technology); **Gregory Threatte, MD**, (Pathology); **Mary Jumbelic MD**, (Pathology); and **Gabriel Haas, MD**, (Urology) authored “Evaluation of Prostatitis in Autopsied

Prostates - Is Chronic Inflammation More Associated With Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia or Cancer,” published in the March issue of *Journal of Urology*.

Gustavo de la Roza, MD; Jamie Tull; Antony Shrimpton, PhD; Alfredo Valente, MD; and Shengle Zhang, MD, of the Department of Pathology authored “Detection of FOXO1 (FKHR) Gene Break-apart by Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization in Formalin-fixed, Paraffin-embedded Alveolar Rhabdomyosarcomas and its

Clinicopathologic Correlation” in the March issue of *Diagnostic Molecular Pathology*.

Drew Everhart, PhD, Yumiko Umino, PhD, and Robert Barlow PhD, of the Department of Ophthalmology authored “Loss of Visual and Retinal Function in Light-stressed Mice,” published in *Advances in Experimental Medicine and Biology*.

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Gabriel Haas, MD, (Urology), **Ching Y. Wang, MD**, (Urology); **Gustavo de la Roza, MD**, (Pathology) authored “The Worldwide Epidemiology of Prostate Cancer: Perspectives from Autopsy Studies,” published in the February issue of *Canadian Journal of Urology*.

Taro Iguchi, (Urology); **Ching Y Wang, PhD**, (Urology); **Gustavo De la Roza, MD**, (Pathology) and **Gabriel P Haas, MD**, (Urology) wrote “Association Between Manganese Superoxidase Dismutase and Prostate Cancer: An Autopsy Study” published in the April issue of the *Journal of Urology*.

Melanie Kalman, CNS, PhD, and **Roberta Rolland, RN, MS, FNP**, of the College of Nursing, authored “Hospice Referral: Where Are We?” published in the Fall/Winter 2007-2008 issue of the *Journal of the New York State Nurses Association*. **Dr. Kalman** also wrote “The Clinical Nurse Specialist Role: Could it Be for You?” published in the April 2008 issue of the *American Journal of Nursing*.

Lisa Kaufmann, MD, (Medicine); **Rev. Terry Culbertson** (Spiritual Care Services); and **Sandra Lane, PhD**, (Obstetrics and Gynecology) authored a research proposal on relation and health that was selected as one of 40 finalists out of 232 submissions by Duke University’s Center for Spirituality, Theology and Health.

Susan Keeter of Marketing and University Communications coauthored and illustrated the book *Three 19th Century Women Doctors*, published by Hofmann Press. The book was selected as a local best seller by the *Post-Standard*.

Lynne Romeiser Logan, PT; **Robbin R. Hickman, PT**; **Susan R. Harris PhD, PT**; and **Carolyn B. Heriza, EdD, PT**, of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation authored the paper, “Single-Subject Research Design: Recommendations for Levels of Evidence and Quality Rating” published in the February issue of *Developmental Medicine and Child Neurology*.

Leon-Paul Noël, MD, of the Department of Ophthalmology authored “Recurrent Spontaneous Microhyphema From Iris Vascular Tufts” published in the February issue of the *Canadian Journal of Ophthalmology*.

Yumiko Umino, PhD, **Karen Cusato, PhD**, and **Robert Barlow, PhD**, of the Department of Ophthalmology authored “Monitoring Mouse Retinal Degeneration with High-resolution Spectral-domain Optical Coherence Tomography,” published in the January issue of *Journal of Vision*. **Drs. Umino and Barlow**, along with **Eduardo Solessio, PhD**, authored “Speed, Spatial, and Temporal Tuning of Rod and Cone

Vision in Mouse in the January issue of *Journal of Neuroscience*.

Barbara Streeten, MD, of the Department of Ophthalmology wrote the chapter titled “Pseudoexfoliation Syndrome In Pathobiology of Ocular Disease, A Dynamic Approach” published by *Informa Healthcare*.



Barbara Streeten

Robert B. Barlow, PhD, professor of ophthalmology, received a \$40,820 supplement for his research “Metabolic Modulation of Vision” from the NIH National Eye Institute.

The Department of Ophthalmology was awarded a Research to Prevent Blindness Unrestricted Grant in the amount of \$110,000 for the eighth year.

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April 17. 9 to 11 a.m. 1328B University Hospital.

Workshop. "A Practical Approach to Practical Skills: Generations at Work" will provide insights regarding generational differences as strengths.

April 17. 6 to 7 p.m. Liverpool Library, 310 Tulip St., Liverpool.

HealthLink Seminar. "Be a Smart Healthcare Consumer" will take participants behind the health news headlines and discuss ways to save money on healthcare.

April 17. 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oncenter Center, 800 S. State St., Syracuse.

Seventh Annual Current Diagnostic and Treatment Challenges in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Conference. Topics include eating disorders in children and adolescents; adolescent substance abuse and risk-taking; psychological, forensic and developmental aspects of teachers who abuse and their targeted students; pediatric sleep disorders; and developmental differences in boys and how they impact communication. For more information e-mail thorpl@upstate.ed.

April 23. Noon. 3509/10 Setnor Academic Building.

Seminar. "MIF and the Genetic Basis of Macrophage Responsiveness," presented by Richard Bucala, MD, PhD, of Yale University School of Medicine, is sponsored by SUNY Upstate's MD/PhD program.

April 22. 2 to 4 p.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Workshop. "Sexual Harassment Training for all Employees" will offer an overview of SUNY Upstate's policy on sex discrimination, including sexual harassment.

April 24. 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

HealthLink Seminar. "Options in Cardiac Surgery" will discuss open heart surgery, including minimally invasive, robotic assisted, endoscopic, artery and vein harvesting, mechanical vs. bioprosthetic interventions.

April 29. 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. 1328B University Hospital.

Workshop. "A Practical Approach to Practical Skills: DiSC Profile" will use this personality behavior profile assessment used to enhance interpersonal relationships, work productivity, teamwork and communications.

May 1 to 3. Craftsman Inn, 7300 E. Genesee St., Fayetteville.

Course. "Introductory Pediatric Hypnosis" for healthcare practitioners who work with pediatric patients will provide an introduction to hypnosis, offer basic skills, and discuss methods of integrating hypnosis into practice. For more information, call 464-7568 or e-mail szakotakr@upstate.edu.

May 4. 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Weiskotten Hall and Atrium, Setnor Academic Building.

Conference. "The Academic Anesthesiology Committee of the New York State Society of Anesthesiologists Second Annual NYSSA Conference for Anesthesiology Residents and Fellows" offers simultaneous video conferencing in Mount Sinai School of Medicine Goldwurm Auditorium. Download complete conference details and registration at <http://www.upstate.edu/anes-thesia/conf.php>. A conference dinner will be held May 3, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel, 801 University Ave., Syracuse. For more information, call 464-4879.

May 8. 9 to 11 a.m. Classroom D, Institute for Human Performance.

Workshop. "E-Compass System: Press

Ganey" will discuss the Press Ganey Web-based performance analysis and improvement tool—eCompass—comprised of integrated applications that provide flexible and ready access to patient satisfaction performance data.

May 9. 9 to 11 a.m. 1328B University Hospital.

Workshop. "Customer Service: If Disney Ran Your Hospital" will offer insight into an engaging culture and discuss ways to identify and create perceptions for clients.

May 14. 1 to 3 p.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Workshop. "Understanding Compliance at University Hospital" for managers will focus on why the hospital has a compliance program, program details and methods of maintaining institutional compliance.

May 16. 9 to 11 a.m. 1328B University Hospital.

Workshop. "A Practical Approach to Practical Skills (PSFS): Introduction to Emotional Intelligence." Emotional intelligence is important in effective supervision. This session will provide a brief overview of emotional intelligence.

May 19. 9 a.m. to noon. 1328B University Hospital.

Workshop. "Crucial Confrontations: Tools for Resolving Broken Promises, Violated Expectations, and Bad Behavior" will discuss ways to rapidly improve results and relationships.

May 28. 9 to 11 a.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Workshop. "Press-Ganey Patient Satisfaction Measurement Overview" will provide an overview of how SUNY Upstate Medical University measures patient satisfaction and an online tool that allows end-users to review, analyze and create patient satisfaction reports.

Wednesday, April 16

Anesthesiology Grand Rounds. 6:45 to 8 a.m. Medical Alumni Aud., Wsk. Hall.

Otolaryngology Grand Rounds. 7 to 8 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Surgery Morbidity/ Mortality Conference. 7 to 8 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Orthopedic Grand Rounds. 8 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

National Healthcare Decisions Day Information Table. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Second Floor Lobby, University Hospital.

Pediatric Grand Rounds. "Update on Celiac Disease: Diagnosis and Management." Manoochehr Karjoo, MD, Upstate Medical University. 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Lecture. "Global Translational Research at Upstate: Finding Answers to the World's Health Problems. Noon to 1 p.m. Med. Alumni Aud., Wsk. Hall.

• **Rev. Weez's Storytime.** Noon. Interfaith Chapel, University Hospital.

Vocera. 1 to 3 p.m. Classroom C, Institute for Human Performance.

Open Forum. David R. Smith, MD, Upstate Medical University. 2 p.m. Medical Alumni Aud., Wsk. Hall.

Center for Children's Health Policy Seminar. "Spicy Thai Condoms-and Sojourn Through the Back Roads of Texas Healthcare." David Smith, MD, Upstate Medical University. 3 to 4 p.m. 9299 Wsk. Hall.

Retirement Dinner for Rev. Jerry Shave. 5:30 p.m. Christ the King Retreat House, 500 Brookford Rd., Syracuse.

Thursday, April 17

Seventh Annual Current Diagnostic and Treatment Challenges in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Conference. 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oncenter, 800 S. State St., Syracuse.

SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation. 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. East Lounge, C.A.B.

60-Day Retention Program. 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. or 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. 118 University Hospital.

Medical Grand Rounds. 8:30 a.m. 1159 Wsk. Hall.

Workshop. "A Practical Approach to Practical Skills: Generations at Work." 9 to 11 a.m. 1328B University Hospital.

WebCAIS/Vocera Class. 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Classroom D, Institute for Human Performance.

HealthLink Seminar. "Be a Smart Health Care Consumer." Trisha Torrey, Upstate Medical University. 6 to 7 p.m. Liverpool Library, 310 Tulip St., Liverpool.

Friday, April 18

New York City Weekend Trip. Reservations only. Sponsored by C.A.B.

SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation. 7 a.m. to noon. East Lounge, C.A.B.

Obstetrics/Gynecology Grand Rounds. 7:30 a.m. Marley Education Ctr.

Clinical Hands-on Practice Orientation (CHOP). Noon to 3:30 p.m. East Lounge, C.A.B.

• **Mass.** Noon. Interfaith Chapel, University Hospital.

Rockin the Red Cross Battle of the Bands. 6:30 p.m. Landmark Theatre, Salina St., Syracuse.

Film. "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly." Rated PG-13. 7:30 p.m. 103 Wsk. Hall. Free with SUNY Upstate ID. \$2 for all

others.

Saturday, April 19

New York City Weekend Trip. See 4/18 listing.

American Heart Association Heart Walk. Begins at 9 a.m. Long Branch Park, Liverpool.

• **Mass.** 4 p.m. Interfaith Chapel, University Hospital.

Film. "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly." See 4/18 listing.

Sunday, April 20

New York City Weekend Trip. See 4/18 listing.

HealthLink on Air. 9 a.m. WSYR-570AM.

• **Mass.** Noon. Interfaith Chapel, University Hospital.

Stott Pilates Workshop. 1 to 3 p.m. Institute for Human Performance. Call 464-2300 for more information.

Monday, April 21

• **Mass.** Noon. Interfaith Chapel, University Hospital.

Tuesday, April 22

Weight Watchers at Work. Weigh-in: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Discussion: Noon to 12:30 p.m. 3113 Wsk. Hall.

• **Weekly Prayer Service.** Noon. Interfaith Chapel, University Hospital.

End-of-Life Companion Program Information Meeting. Noon. 8603 University Hospital.

Faculty Development Workshop. "RefWorks." Rebecca Kinson, MLS, Upstate Medical University. Noon to 1:30 p.m. 318 Health Sciences Library.

Vocera. 1 to 3 p.m. Classroom C, Institute for Human Performance.

Workshop. "Sexual harassment Training for all Employees." 2 to 4 p.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Spiritual Fitness. 3 p.m. 2N, PM & R Dayroom, University Hospital.

Infectious Diseases Conference. Timothy Endy, MD, MPH, Upstate Medical University. 4 p.m. 304 Crouse Physician's Office Building, Irving Avenue, Syracuse.

Pilates Class. 5:15 to 6:15. Gymnasium, Institute for Human Performance.

Syracuse University Mayfest/After Dark International Festival. 6 p.m. Grant Auditorium, Syracuse University campus. International Month activity.

Wednesday, April 23

Anesthesiology Grand Rounds. 6:45 to 8 a.m. Medical Alumni Aud., Wsk. Hall.

Otolaryngology Grand Rounds. 7 to 8 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Surgery Morbidity/ Mortality Conference. 7 to 8 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

WebCAIS/Groupwise Class (licensed). 7:30 a.m. to noon. Classroom D, Institute for Human Performance.

Neuroscience Grand Rounds. David Carter, MD, James Holsapple, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8 to 9 a.m. 103 Wsk. Hall.

Orthopedic Grand Rounds. 8 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Surgery Grand Rounds. "Management of Chest Wall Malformations." Donald Nuss, MD, Eastern Virginia Medical School. 8 to 9 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Pediatric Grand Rounds. Research Platform Presentations. 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. Registration: 11:30 a.m. Buffet Luncheon: Noon. Lafayette Hills Country Club, 4480

Lafayette Rd., Jamesville.

Seminar. "MIF and the Genetic Basis of Macrophage Responsiveness." Richard Bucala, MD, PhD, Yale University School of Medicine. Noon. 3509/10 Setnor Academic Bldg.

Vocera. See 4/22 listing.

• **Rev. Weez's Storytime.** See 4/16 listing.

22nd Annual Bruce Dearing Awards Ceremony. 4 to 5 p.m. Medical Alumni Aud., Wsk. Hall.

End-of-Life Companion Program Information Meeting. 5 p.m. 8603 University Hospital.

Thursday, April 24

ATLS Student Course. 7:30 a.m. 550 E. Genesee St., Syracuse.

Nursing Services Orientation (NSO). 8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. (PSC, monitor techs, psych therapy techs); 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (RN, LPN, GN, GPN, CT, UST). 1328B University Hospital.

Medical Grand Rounds. 8:30 a.m. 1159 Wsk. Hall.

Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Grand Rounds. "Fibrofog: Identifying and Treating Cognitive Dysfunction in Fibromyalgia." Nikhil Nihalani, MD, Upstate Medical University. 12:30 to 2 p.m. PBS Bldg., 713 Harrison St., Syracuse.

Vocera. See 4/22 listing.

Vascular Conference. 5 p.m. 8800 University Hospital.

HealthLink Seminar. "Options in Cardiac Surgery." 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt, NY.

Friday, April 25

ATLS Student Course. See 4/24 listing.

WebCAIS/Groupwise Class (unlicensed). 7:30 a.m. to noon. Classroom D,

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Autism Spectrum Disorders is topic of conference April 29 at OnCenter

The conference “Solving the Social Equation in Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD): Social Stories and Real-life Strategies for Children at Home and School”—for parents and professionals who work on behalf of children with ASD and other communication and social challenges—will be held April 29, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Convention Center at Oncenter, 800 S. State St., Syracuse.

Carol Gray will present this practical workshop through lecture, demonstration and activities to explore instructional strategies that directly address the core deficits in ASD through use of everyone’s strengths. These strengths include social stories, solution circles and social learning strategies that systematically model and

teach friendship concepts and skills. Gray is director of the Gray Center for Social Learning and Understanding in Grand Rapids, Mich.

According to Carroll Grant, PhD, director of the Margaret L. Williams Developmental Evaluation Center (MLW/DEC) at SUNY Upstate Medical University, participants will learn about the cognitive theories that are relevant to teaching social concepts and skills, such as theory of mind, central coherence and executive function.

“Participants also will learn how to write and implement a Social Story and to work as a team with parents and professionals to effectively and efficiently address challenging behaviors and situations,” said Grant.

Participants will also learn the skills

needed to build and promote friendly behavior and friendship opportunities among all children in the general education classroom.

The workshop is sponsored by SUNY Upstate’s MLW/DEC and the Golisano Children’s Hospital at University Hospital; Kohl’s Cares for Kids; the Central New York Coalition for Young Children with Special Needs. It is supported by the Syracuse University Early Childhood Direction Center.

Registration deadline is April 21. The fee for professionals is \$85 and \$55 for parents. Continuing education credits are available for the workshop.

For more information, call 315-214-4643.

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Institute for Human Performance.

Obstetrics/Gynecology Grand Rounds. 7:30 a.m. Marley Education Ctr.

Health Information Center Breast Cancer Research Information Table. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Health Sciences Library, Wsk. Hall. An activity of the Cultural Crawl.

• **Mass.** See 4/18 listing.

Saturday, April 26

Health Information Center Breast Cancer Research Information Table. See 4/25 listing.

Challenge Cup Hockey Tournament. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cicero Twin Ice Rink, 5575 Meltzer Ct., Cicero. Call Steve Olsen at 464-2971 for more information.

• **Mass.** See 4/19 listing.

Sunday, April 27

March for Babies Walk. 9 a.m. Long Branch Park, Liverpool.

Challenge Cup Hockey Tournament. See 4/26 listing.

HealthLink on Air. See 4/20

listing.

• **Mass.** See 4/20 listing.

Monday, April 28

• **Mass.** See 4/21 listing.

Tuesday, April 29

Workshop. “Solving the Social Equation in Autism Spectrum Disorders.” 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oncenter, 800 S. State St., Syracuse.

Workshop. A Practical Approach to Practical Skills: DiSC Profile.” 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. 1328B University Hospital.

• **Weekly Prayer Service.** See 4/22 listing.

Spiritual Fitness. See 4/22 listing.

Infectious Diseases

Conference. 4 p.m. 304 Crouse Physician’s Office Building, Irving Avenue, Syracuse.

Inside Upstate Lecture.

“Organ Donations and the Transplant Program at SUNY Upstate Medical University: Potential, Possibilities and Problems.” 5 to 7 p.m. Institute for Human Performance.

Wednesday, April 30

Anesthesiology Grand Rounds. 6:45 to 8 a.m. Medical Alumni Aud., Wsk. Hall.

Otolaryngology Grand Rounds. 7 to 8 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Surgery Morbidity/Mortality Conference. 7 to 8 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Surgery Grand Rounds. “Curing Barrett’s Esophagus.” Ronald Szyjkowski, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8 to 9 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Orthopedic Grand Rounds. 8 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Pediatric Grand Rounds. “Inherited Disorders of the Immune System.” Jennifer M. Puck, MD, University of California, San Francisco. 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

• **Rev. Weez’s Storytime.** See 4/16 listing.

Thursday, May 1

SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation. 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. East Lounge,

C.A.B.

Medical Grand Rounds. 8:30 a.m. 1159 Wsk. Hall.

WebCAIS/Vocera Class. See 4/17 listing.

Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Grand Rounds. 12:30 to 2 p.m. PBS Bldg., 713 Harrison St., Syracuse.

Introductory Pediatric Hypnosis Course. “Introduction.” 3:30 to 8 p.m. Craftsman Inn, 7300 E. Genesee St., Fayetteville.

Vascular Conference. 5 p.m. 8800 University Hospital.

Film. “Red Like the Sky.” 7 p.m. Landmark Theatre, 362 S. Salina St., Syracuse. International Month activity.

Friday, May 2

SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation. 7 a.m. to noon. East Lounge, C.A.B.

Obstetrics/Gynecology Grand Rounds. 7:30 a.m. Marley Education Ctr.

Introductory Pediatric Hypnosis Course. “Basic Skills.” 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Craftsman Inn, 7300 E.

Genesee St., Fayetteville.

Clinical Hands-on Practice Orientation (CHOP). See 4/18 listing.

• **Mass.** See 4/18 listing.

Saturday, May 3

Introductory Pediatric Hypnosis Course. “Integrating Hypnosis Into Practice.” 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Craftsman Inn, 7300 E. Genesee St., Fayetteville.

• **Mass.** See 4/19 listing.

Sunday, May 4

Conference. “The Academic Anesthesiology Committee of the New York State Society of Anesthesiologists Second Annual NYSSA Conference for Anesthesiology Residents and Fellows.” 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wsk. Hall and Atrium, Setnor Academic Bldg..

HealthLink on Air. See 4/20 listing.

• **Mass.** See 4/20 listing.

• Broadcast live from the Chapel on in-house Channel 40.



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In support of biomedical research

Michael Miller, PhD, professor and chair of the Department of Neuroscience and Physiology, gave testimony March 13 in Washington, D.C. to the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Appropriations. Dr. Miller was invited to deliver his testimony by Rep. James T. Walsh, the ranking member of the subcommittee. Dr.

Miller addressed the circumstances facing NIH-funded researchers and the critical need for the federal government to restore funding that has been cut over the last several years.



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