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“commons”: (n) a place where members of a community meet for sharing, support and recognition

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“Community”



New Upstate faculty members who attended this year’s orientation and reception

~ 2013 New Faculty Orientation ~

The **2013 New Faculty Orientation** was held on October 1, 2013. Faculty members who recently joined SUNY Upstate Medical University attended the event and received helpful information about our campus. A wine & cheese reception was also held that evening and new faculty members were welcomed by members of Upstate’s leadership, Chairs and other colleagues. Thank you to Dr. David Smith and Dr. David Duggan for their warm welcome speeches. We would also like to thank presenters; Julie White, PhD, *Student Affairs*, Lynn Cleary, MD, *Academic Affairs*, Wendi Ackerman, *SUNY Health Sciences Library*, Barbara Humphrey, *Research Administration*, Dongliang Wang, PhD, *Center for Research & Evaluation*, and Grace VanNortwick, *Chief of Staff – College of Medicine*, for their contributions. A special thanks to the chairs, campus leaders, other members of the faculty, and to all those who attended as well as those who helped to make this such a successful event again this year!

All photos taken by Richard Whelsky and Debbie Rexine of Upstate’s Medical Photography Department

More Photos From This Year's New Faculty Orientation & Reception

Welcome
New
Faculty



David Duggan, MD, Upstate's Senior Vice President and Dean of the College of Medicine gives his opening remarks to the new faculty members.



Nanette Dowling, DO, *Psychiatry*, visits with Prashant Upadhyaya, MD, *Surgery*, during the introduction segment of the orientation.



Brian Thompson, MD, *OB-GYN*, and Jill Merluzzi, BS,PA-C, *College of Health Professions*, find out information about each other so they can introduce one another to the rest of the new faculty members.



David Smith, MD, *President of SUNY Upstate Medical University*, gives some closing remarks and a warm greeting to the new faculty members before attending the reception that immediately followed.

Welcome
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Faculty



Kenneth Simbiri, PhD, *Microbiology & Immunology* visits with Liang Yang, PhD, *Neuroscience & Physiology*, during the reception.



Wendi Ackerman, *Deputy Director of the Health Sciences Library*, introduces herself to Steven Hanes, PhD, *Biochemistry & Molecular Biology*, and Srinivas Vourganti, MD, *Urology*

Honors and Awards



Honors & Awards ~ Congratulations to:

Amit Dhamoon, MD, Medicine, received the Clinical Faculty Teaching Award at the SUNY Upstate Medical University College of Medicine Class of 2013 Commencement, May 19, 2013.

Nienke Dosa, MD, MPH, Pediatrics, has been named the Upstate Foundation Professor of Child Health Policy and Senior Fellow at the Burton Blatt Institute (BBI) of Syracuse University. Dr. Dosa's areas of scholarly interest are in the development of better systems for care of children with developmental disabilities and transitioning them to adult models of care. The BBI is internationally known for its advocacy work for individuals with disabilities. Dr. Dosa's research program will largely be based at the BBI, while she continues her clinical and educational work here. Dr. Dosa completed her residency with us before obtaining her developmental disabilities and MPH training in Rochester.

Robert M. Kellman, MD, Chair, Otolaryngology, received the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery Foundation Distinguished Service Award at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery in Vancouver, BC, Sept. 29, 2013.

Stephen Knohl, MD, Medicine, delivered the Hippocratic Oath at the SUNY Upstate Medical University College of Medicine Class of 2013 Commencement, May 19, 2013.

Peter J. Mariani MD, Emergency Medicine, received the AMA Physician Recognition Award with 3 year commendation for reaching requisite benchmarks in continuing medical education. Over the last three decades, he has averaged greater than 100 hours of AMA Category-1 CME credits per year and has attained more than 10,000 cumulative hours of ACEP categories 1 and 2 CME.

Seung Shin Hahn, MD, Radiation Oncology, has received a 2013 Educator of the Year award from the Association for Residents in Radiation Oncology. The award recognizes Dr. Hahn as an outstanding teacher and mentor of radiation oncology residents.

David R. Smith, MD, President of Upstate Medical University, received the Community Spirit Award from the Syracuse Area Salvation Army. Dr. Smith was honored for his visionary leadership of Upstate and for making community service a hallmark of Upstate's mission, Sept. 2013.



Leadership In Service and Education

Leadership

International Leadership

Amy E. Sanders MD, MS, *Neurology*, served as an ad hoc grant reviewer for the Stichting Alzheimer Onderzoek-Fondation Recherche Alzheimer (SAO-FRA), Belgium, Sept. 2013.

Ruth Weinstock, MD, PhD, *Medicine*, joined three faculty members from the United States, Germany and Serbia in conducting an intensive seminar on diabetes as part of the Medical Education Beyond Borders program. The goal of the seminar, held Aug. 25 to 30 in Salzburg, Austria, was to train physicians from Eastern Europe, Northern Africa, the Middle East and Mongolia in the care of diabetes, with the intent of the physicians sharing their new knowledge with their colleagues and making changes to their practices.

National Leadership

Melissa Arthur, PhD, LMSW, LMFT, *Family Medicine*, was appointed to a working group of the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates to represent the Society for Teachers of Family Medicine in the development of acculturation tools and competencies for international medical graduates.

John W. Epling, MD, *Chair, Family Medicine*, has been appointed as the American Academy of Family Physicians Liaison to two workgroups of the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices - Rotavirus Vaccine and Adult Immunization (terms begin in February 2014).

Rebecca Garden, PhD, *Bioethics and Humanities*, was appointed to the Presidential Task Force on Accessibility for the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities. Dr. Garden is also a member of the Program Planning Committee for the 2013 and 2014 annual meetings.

Christopher P. Morley, PhD, *Family Medicine*, was appointed to serve a three year term as Editor-in-Chief of the STFM Digital Resource Library (<http://fmdrl.org/>), a repository of educational resources and conference presentations created and hosted by the Society for Teachers of Family Medicine.

Kaushal B Nanavati, MD, *Family Medicine*, is the Co-chair Elect of the Society for Teachers of Family Medicine's Group on Integrative Medicine. This workgroup studies and designs curricula for instruction in integrative medicine, and includes members from institutions across North America.

Amy E. Sanders MD, MS, *Neurology*, served on a Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) grant review panel: Communications and Dissemination Research, July and Nov. 2013.



Leadership in Service and Education

State and Local Leadership

Jill Dungey PT, DPT, MS, GCS *Physical Therapy Education, College of Health Professions*, has been elected as Co-chair of the NY/NJ Physical Therapy Clinical Education Consortium for a 2 year term. The organization promotes excellence in clinical education by fostering collaboration between academic and clinical faculty and supports scholarship in the area of clinical education.

University Leadership

Cynthia Elkins, MD PhD, Family Medicine, the Department of Family Medicine's newest clinician, has taken over the leadership of the Introduction to Rural Health elective for MS1's, MS2's, and PA students.

Rebecca Garden, PhD, Bioethics and Humanities, has been appointed Course Director for "Health Care Ethics," offered annually to nursing and health professions students beginning Spring 2014.

Neal Seidberg, MD, will become Director of the Division of Pediatric Critical Care Medicine in the dept. of Pediatrics. Dr. Seidberg completed his residency at Upstate before going to Pittsburgh for his critical care training. He was a faculty member at Stony Brook before returning to Syracuse. He will continue in his role as Chief Medical Information Officer for University Hospital/Golisano Children's Hospital.

Joshua Steinberg MD, Family Medicine-Binghamton Clinical Campus & UHS-Wilson Family Practice Residency, in collaboration with the SUNY Binghamton Dept. Computer Science, produces free iPhone software applications on medical topics written specifically for students, residents, and clinicians in order to both educate and elevate clinical practice. We have surpassed 190,000 downloads worldwide, and wish to announce our latest offering.

Pediatric Community Acquired Pneumonia Guide: the 2011 Infectious Disease Society of America (IDSA) is now condensed and presented in the free Pneumonia Guide app, including guidance on treatment setting, workup, initial antibiotics, and more. The peds info joins similar ATS & IDSA guidance on adult community acquired, hospital acquired, and healthcare associated pneumonias.

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/pneumonia-guide/id406419856?mt=8>



Grants

Grants Awarded

Peter D. Calvert, PhD, Ophthalmology, PI

National Institutes of Health: National Eye Institute

Mechanisms of Signal-Dependant Photoreceptor Protein Localization Transport

09/01/2013 – 08/31/2017

\$1,753,000

Tim Endy, MD, MPH, Medicine, PI

University of Rhode Island

Flavivirus Infections: Pathogenesis and Prevention

07/18/13 – 10/31/13

\$105,697

Debashis Ghosh, PhD, Pharmacology, PI

Veterans Affairs Medical Center

Use of Xenopus as a System to Study the Structure and Trafficking of IRBP

08/19/13 – 09/30/13

\$7,500

Brian Howell, PhD, Neuroscience & Physiology, PI

National Institutes of Health: National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

Disruption of Reelin Biosynthesis by De Novo Missense Mutations Found in Autism (Fellowship awarded to Dawn Lammert, an MD/PhD student in Dr. Howell's lab)

09/30/13 – 09/29/14

\$32,615

Leszek Kotula, PhD, Urology, PI

National Institutes of Health: National Cancer Institute

Mechanism of PIN Development in Ab1/Hssh3bp1 KO Mouse

09/18/13 – 07/31/14

\$348,745

Stewart Loh, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, PI

University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey

Exploration of Thiosemicarbozones as Mutant p53 Reactivators

07/01/13 – 06/30/15

\$19,585

Golam Mohi, PhD, Pharmacology, PI

MPN Research Foundation

Molecular Mechanism of Myelofibrosis induced by JAK2V617F

10/01/13 – 09/30/14

\$100,000



Grants

Gary Nieman, Surgery, PI
Percussionaire Corp.
Use of HFPV to prevent ARDS
08/01/13 – 07/31/14
\$78,000

Gary Nieman, Surgery, PI
ICON Inc.
Use of Preemptive APRV to Prevent ARDS
HSC Foundation. No Project Period
\$24,000

Gary Nieman, Surgery, PI
Baxter Inc.
Training Laboratory for Critical Care
09/01/13 - 08/31/14
\$9,163

Gary Nieman, Surgery, PI
Dräger Inc.
Training Laboratory for Critical Care Mechanical Ventilation
09/01/13 - 08/31/14
\$17,561

Gary Nieman, Surgery, PI
Dräger Inc.
Training Laboratory for Anesthesia Mechanical Ventilation
09/01/13 - 08/31/14
\$17,562

Rosemary Rochford, PhD, Microbiology & Immunology, PI
Westat Corporation
Kisumu Cancer Registry Data Study
08/29/13 – 09/22/13
\$20,000

Jeremy Shefner, MD, Neurology, PI
Massachusetts General Hospital
Phase IIA Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study to Evaluate the Safety of Oral Fingolimod in Patients with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)
05/13/13 – 11/12/14
\$112,356

Manika Suryadevara, MD, Pediatrics, PI
GlaxoSmithKline
Clinical Response to CCR1 Antagonists in Pneumovirus of Mice Infected C57BL/6 Mice
08/31/13 – 02/28/15
\$101,729



Grants

Stephan Wilkens, PhD, *Biochemistry & Molecular Biology*, PI
National Institutes of Health
A 800 MHz Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrometer in Support of Life
Science Research
09/01/13 – 08/31/14
\$2,000,000

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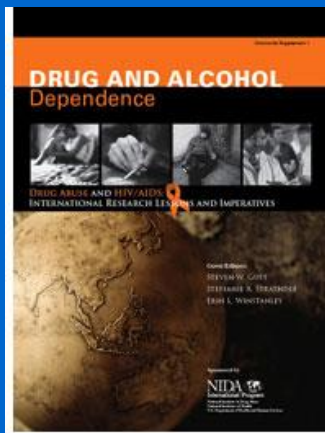
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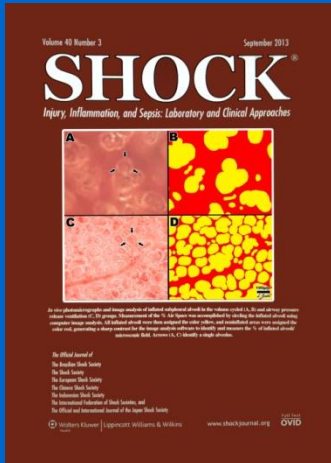
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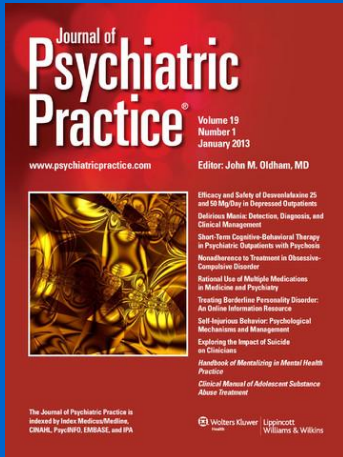
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Books and Book Chapters

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Presentations

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International

Gennady Bratslavsky, MD, *Chair, Urology*, presented “Actual Issues of Diagnosis and Treatment of Locally Advanced and Metastatic Kidney Cancer, Bladder & Prostate Cancer”, and “Update in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Renal Cell Carcinoma” at the Conference of Oncological Urology of the CIS, Kiev, Ukraine, April 2013.

James Greenwald, MD and **Christopher P. Morley, PhD**, *Family Medicine*, presented “A Qualitative Study Of Rural-Track Medical Student Attitudes Towards Eventual Rural Practice” at the WONCA (World Organization of Family Medicine) 2013 20th World Conference, Prague, Czech Republic, June 2013. The presentation was co-authored by **Carrie Roseamelia, MA**.



Presentations



Steven Hanes, PhD, *Biochemistry and Molecular Biology*, presented “The Ess1 Prolyl Isomerase Controls Transcription by RNA Polymerase II” at the Cyclophilins and other Foldases: Cell Signaling Catalysts and Drug Targets, at Martin Luther University, Halle, Gemany, Sept 21, 2013.

Marvin Heyboer, MD, *Emergency Medicine*, presented “Physiology of Wound Healing”, “Case Presentation in Wound Care – Real World Applications”, “Modern Wound Care Dressings – What and When” and “General Approach to the Problem Wound” at the ACCWS Latin America Initiative, Quito, Ecuador, May 2013.

Leszek Kotula, MD, PhD, *Urology*, presented “Development of a Preclinical Mouse Model of Prostate Tumor Progression”, at the First International Experimental Biology and Medicine Conference, Shanghai, China, Oct. 2013.

Colin Leech, MD, *Medicine*, presented “Non-selective Cation Channels and Store-operated Ca-entry in Pancreatic β Cells”, at the Innovative Approaches to Understanding of Pancreatic β cell Function” Meeting, Kusatsu, Japan, at Ritsumeikan University, Jan. 28, 2013.

Christopher P. Morley, PhD, *Family Medicine*, presented “Decline Of Medical Student Idealism In Early Training” at the WONCA (World Organization of Family Medicine) 2013 20th World Conference, Prague, Czech Republic, June 2013. The presentation was co-authored by **Carrie Roseamelia, MA, *Family Medicine***, Jordan Smith MS, and Ana Villarreal, MS MA.

National

Gennady Bratslavsky, MD, *Chair, Urology*, presented “Management of a 4-10cm Renal Mass – Partial Nephrectomy,” at the AUA Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, May 2013.

Derek Cooney, MD, *Emergency Medicine*, presented “Ambulance Diversion and Offload Delay: ED Crowding and the EMS System” at the Urgent Matters, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation/The George Washington School of Public Health and Health Services Webinar, June 2013.

Mohamed Elfar, MD, *Surgery*, presented “Building a Statewide Burn Disaster Response Plan – Successes and Challenges” at the American Burn Association meeting, Palm Springs, CA, April, 2013.

Paul A. Granato, PhD, *Pathology*, presented “Molecular Diagnostics for a Consolidated Laboratory: A Look at the Past, Present, and Future” at a symposium entitled “2020 and Beyond: Envisioning the Future of Infectious Disease Testing” sponsored by the Wadsworth Center at the NYSDOH, Albany, NY, Oct. 2013.



Presentations



Brian Johnson, MD, *Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences*, presented “Neurobiology of Cathexis” at the Atlanta Psychoanalytic Society, Atlanta, GA, Feb. 2013.

Brian Johnson, MD, *Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences*, presented “Making Relatedness a Treatment Goal” at the Georgia Psychiatric Physicians Association meeting, Atlanta, GA, Feb. 2013.

Brian Johnson, MD, *Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences*, presented “Opioid-Induced Hyperalgesia (OIH)”, an online module made available by the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry through the Prescribers’ Clinical Support System for Opioid Therapies (<http://www.pcass-o.org/online-module-4>).

Paul Ko, MD, *Emergency Medicine*, presented “Motor Vehicle Crash Patients: An International Comparison: China V. the US” at the Society of Academic Emergency Medicine (SAEM) Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, May 2013.

Kaushal B Nanavati, MD, *Family Medicine*, presented “Four Pillars of Wellness: A Transformative Approach to Self Care” at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Teachers of Family Medicine, Baltimore, MD, May 2013.

State & Local

Gennady Bratslavsky, MD, *Chair, Urology*, presented “Multifocal Renal Tumors: Partial Nephrectomy or Multiple Ablations,” 2013 Current Concepts in Men’s Health, Lake Placid NY, Aug. 2013.



Derek Cooney, MD, *Emergency Medicine*, presented “Radiological Emergencies: An EMS Medicine Perspective” at the Annual Mt. Sinai Hospital/North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System/Fire Department of New York Combined EMS Grand Rounds, New York NY, May 2013.

Mohamed Elfar, MD, *Surgery*, presented “Emergency Management of Burn Patients”, St. Elizabeth Hospital Trauma Conference, Utica, NY, May, 2013.

John W. Epling, MD MSED, *Chair, Family Medicine*, presented "Should We Screen for That? The Case of Vitamin D" to the Family Medicine Grand Rounds Series, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Utica, NY, Oct. 1, 2013.

Brian Johnson, MD, *Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences*, presented “Opioid Prescribing or Not” at the Samaritan Hospital, Watertown, NY, May 2013.

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Brian Johnson, MD, *Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences*, presented “Prescription Drug Abuse” at River Hospital, Alexandria Bay, NY, July 18, 2013.

Brian Johnson, MD, *Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences*, presented “Opioid Induced Hyperalgesia” at a meeting of the Central District American Physical Therapy Association, Syracuse, NY, Sept. 2013.

Jeremy Joslin, MD, *Emergency Medicine*, presented “Emergency Management of the Endurance Athlete” at the Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds, New York Hospital, New York NY, Sept. 2013.

Jeremy Joslin, MD, *Emergency Medicine*, presented “Technology Resources for the Emergency Physician” at the 2013 New York ACEP Scientific Assembly, Bolton Landing, NY, July 2013.

Paul Ko, MD, *Emergency Medicine*, presented “Appendicitis Workup in the Pediatric Patient Population” at the RMED Grand Rounds, Cortland, NY, May 2013.



Community

Gennady Bratslavsky, MD, *Chair, Urology*, presented a free Upstate Healthlink Seminar “Prostate Cancer Update: Ask the Experts”, September 2013, Syracuse NY.

Brian Johnson, JD, *Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences*, Syracuse TV, participated in several radio appearances about I-Stop Prescription Drug Abuse Law.

Brian Johnson, MD, *Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences*, presented “Prescription Drug Abuse” at Crouse Hospital Arthritis Foundation Rheumatology Rounds, Syracuse, NY, July 25, 2013.

Department News



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The Occupational Health Clinical Center, a division of the **Department of Family Medicine**, was represented by **Michael Lax, MD, MPH *Family Medicine***, Patricia Rector and Greg Siwinski at the 25th anniversary conference and celebration of the New York State Occupational Health Clinic Network, September 18-18, 2013, in New York City, NY.

Promotions



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Michael Zuber, PhD, *Ophthalmology*, was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure, October 2013

New Faculty



New Faculty

Emily Albert, MD, Assistant Professor, *Medicine*

Dr. Albert received her medical degree from, and completed her residency at, SUNY Upstate Medical University. She joins us from the faculty of The Ohio State University Medical Center.

Andrea Berg, MD, Assistant Professor, *Medicine*

Dr. Berg received her medical degree from George Washington University School of Medicine and completed her residency at Yale New Haven Hospital. She pursued additional training in Geriatrics at Harvard. She joins us from the staff of Newton-Wellesley Hospital.

Winter Berry, DO, Instructor, *Pediatrics*

Dr. Berry received her degree of osteopathic medicine from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed her residency at SUNY Upstate Medical University.

Ruban Dhaliwal, MD, Assistant Professor, *Medicine*

Dr. Dhaliwal received her medical degree from Vinnica National Medical University in the Ukraine and completed her residency at North Shore-LIJ University Hospital at Forest Hills. She pursued additional training in Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism at SUNY Upstate Medical University.

Nanette Dowling, DO, Assistant Professor, *Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences*

Dr. Dowling received her degree of osteopathic medicine from Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed her residency at SUNY Upstate Medical University. She pursued additional training in Geriatric Psychiatry at Columbia University's Stroud Center.

New Faculty

Cynthia Elkins, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor, *Family Medicine*

Dr. Elkins received her medical and doctoral degrees from the University of Illinois and completed her residency at Saint John Providence. She joins us from the faculty of Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston.

Aart Geurtsen, MD, Assistant Professor, *Medicine*

Dr. Geurtsen received his medical degree from SUNY Upstate Medical University and completed his residency at Kern Medical Center. He has been in private practice.

Matthew Hess, MD, Instructor, *Medicine*

Dr. Hess received his medical degree from, and completed his residency at, SUNY Upstate Medical University.

Travis Hobart, MD, Assistant Professor, *Pediatrics*

Dr. Hobart received his medical degree from Tufts University and completed his residency at Georgetown University and a General Preventive Medicine residency at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Leszek Kotula, MD, PhD, Associate Professor with tenure, *Urology*

Dr. Kotula received his medical degree from Medical School in Poland and received his doctoral degree from the University of Wroclaw in Poland. He joins us from the faculty of SUNY Downstate Medical Center.

Brooke Levandowski, PhD, Assistant Professor, *Family Medicine*

Dr. Levandowski received her doctoral degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is a faculty member at Syracuse University.

Amy Sanders, MD, Assistant Professor, *Neurology*

Dr. Sanders received her medical degree from SUNY Downstate College of Medicine and completed her residency at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She pursued additional training in Geriatric Neurology also at Albert Einstein. She joins us from the faculty of Albert Einstein.

Matthew Vilburn, DC, Instructor, *Cell & Developmental Biology*

Dr. Vilburn received his chiropractic degree from New York Chiropractic College. He pursued additional training in Anatomy at New York Chiropractic College.

Srinivas Vourganti, MD, Assistant Professor, *Urology*

Dr. Vourganti received his medical degree from The Ohio State University and completed his residency at Case Western Reserve University. He joins us from the National Cancer Institute.

Jodi Wallis, DO, Assistant Professor, *Obstetrics & Gynecology*

Dr. Wallis received her degree of osteopathic medicine from Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed her residency at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. She joins us from the faculty of Hackensack University Medical Center.

WELCOME

Obituaries

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Dr. David H. Beach, PhD, 74, of Syracuse, passed away recently. A lifetime resident of Syracuse, he was an Army veteran and a graduate of Syracuse University and SUNY Upstate Medical Center. He enjoyed vacationing in Cape Cod, fly fishing, walking his dog, gardening, yard work and running triathlons. David worked at SUNY Upstate Medical University for almost 50 years, the last 23 years as a research associate professor in the Department of Microbiology/Immunology.

At Upstate, David was appointed to a number of committees, including president of the Faculty Student Association, Topical Integration of Knowledge, Curriculum Revision Task Force, and most recently on the Admissions Committee, where he was instrumental in interviewing possibly thousands of potential candidates. He was committed to his job, often taking care of his research cultures everyday seven days a week. Under the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, David was director of laboratories and assistant course coordinator as well as medical microbiology lecturer in parasitology. He was active in a number of professional societies, including Sigma Xi and won a number of awards, including 1994 SUNY President's Award for Excellence in Professional Service and 1995 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service. A member of Bellevue Heights United Methodist Church, he was instrumental in organizing the Men's Roast Beef Dinner, where he volunteered as chief cook for 25 years. David also served on a number of local race committees, including the YMCA Mountain Goat Race, NYS Special Olympics, AIDs Task Force, Arthritis Foundation, Bruegger's Bagel Bakery Halloween Run and the American Heart Assn. He was a former president of the Syracuse Track Club. David was predeceased by his brother, James. **Surviving** are his wife of 51 years, the former Judith Sherman; daughter, Lisa Beach-Mawson of Oneida; sons, Chris (Anna) Beach of Tulsa, OK and Scott Beach of Syracuse; and six grandchildren.



Christoph Geel, MD, a longtime head of the Trauma Division of the *Department of Orthopedic Surgery*, passed away in early August after a long battle with cancer. Christoph trained in Basel under Professor Martin Allgoewer and worked in Chur under Professor Thomas Rueedi. In 1987, Christoph moved to Syracuse, to become head of the Trauma Division with the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at Upstate Medical University, where he served with distinction for 18 years. After retirement, he and his wife moved to Florida to live close to their grandchildren. He is survived by his wife Maja; daughter, Bettina; son, Felix; and grandchildren, Nadia and Alejandro.

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Ellen Townley Cook “Cookie” Jacobsen, MD, 94, of Cazenovia, NY, died on August 28, 2013, peacefully at home surrounded by loved ones. She was born June 25, 1919, in Painted Post, NY, the daughter of Charles Doc Cook and Mary Belle Miller Cook. Cookie graduated from The Knox School for Girls (currently the Otesaga Inn) in Cooperstown, NY where she excelled both academically as well as in swimming and equestrian events. She received her Bachelor of Science from Cornell University and went on to receive a Master of Science degree in Marine Biology. Her thesis was entitled Experimental pancreatic diabetes in the calf. (Cornell, Ithaca, NY 1945). In a surprise move her thesis professor, believing she would make a superb physician, submitted an application on her behalf to the Syracuse College of Medicine. She was accepted immediately and entered Syracuse University College of Medicine that became Upstate Medical Center.

After graduation in 1950, Dr. Cook became the first woman resident in Internal Medicine. She joined the faculty in 1953 as the first woman in the Department of Medicine. She was part of the first cardiac catheterization team with Dr. J. Howland Auchincloss. After observing cases of infected valvular heart disease, she was motivated to focus on infectious disease. She published numerous papers, made presentations, and served as consultant to USAID. She established the first student and employee health service. This position led to appointment of the AAMC committee on Student Health Services that influenced the development of student health services throughout U.S. Medical Schools. In 1958, Cookie married the love of her life, Carlyle F. Jake Jacobsen, PhD., an internationally known neurophysiologist, leading figure in medical administration, and the newly arrived President of Upstate Medical Center. Jake and Cookie worked tirelessly and effectively to promote academic excellence and a strong sense of community during a period of exceptional growth. Due to their joint expertise they were asked to represent USAID on several assignments in Lebanon, Iran, and India. Cookie maintained a lifelong interest in Middle Eastern culture, politics and cuisine and while traveling, developed a worldwide network of friends and admirers. In 1967, Dr. Cook took a leave of absence from the faculty to pursue a residency in psychiatry. Subsequently she established the Consultation-Liaison Service that provided an interface between psychiatry and all other clinical services at University Hospital. Drawing on her creativity, ingenuity, and expertise she developed innovative and cogent interaction among departments that improved the effectiveness of delivering good patient care. Additionally, Dr. Cook served on the Psychiatry Committee of the CALGB Cancer Research Group. As a physician and educator, Cookie has served as an institutional role model for women. She served on the Admissions Committee and Student Affairs Committee helping assure access and fair treatment of women. To commemorate Upstate's preeminent role in the education of women physicians, Dr. Cook was instrumental in helping the medical school's chapter of the American Medical Woman's Association commission a painting of Elizabeth Blackwell, a graduate of Geneva Medical College (now Upstate Medical University), the first woman physician educated in America. At the unveiling of the Blackwell portrait, Jake announced the official naming of Elizabeth Blackwell Street and the creation of Elizabeth Blackwell Day.



IN MEMORIAM

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She served in many capacities: educator, clinician, and advisor to all. She was a wise counselor to her colleagues, Deans and Presidents of Upstate. Many would say a meal shared with Cookie was better than any professional counseling session. She was a holistic physician before the term was popular. She believed in taking a thorough history, including the individual's personal and social narrative and complete physical exam. This enabled her to make unique recommendations considering the patient's values. Dr. Cook retired in 1990 as full Professor of both Medicine and Psychiatry. She received the SUNY Upstate President's award for Distinguished Service as well as the Upstate Medical Alumni Association's distinguished Alumna Award. The Medical Alumni Foundation established the Ellen Cook Jacobsen Psychiatry Fellowship in recognition of her lifetime contributions to resident and student education. During her retirement she continued her avid support for Upstate in many areas. She assisted New York State Senator Nancy Lorraine Hoffman on health issues affecting prison populations. Cookie's life has been defined by complete selflessness, fierce loyalty, unparalleled listening skills, and lifelong intellectual curiosity. She always had time to help a friend, patient, or colleague. She had a special gift for nurturing trusting relationships with people of all ages and ethnicities.



Irwin M. “Ike” Weiner, MD, died on October 4, 2013. Born in Brooklyn, he had maintained a home in Syracuse since 1966. Dr. Weiner graduated *summa cum laude* from Syracuse University in 1953 after just three years, and *cum laude* from SUNY Upstate Medical Center in 1956. After graduation from Upstate, he was an instructor, and assistant professor in the department of pharmacology at Johns Hopkins; he then was then an assistant professor at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. In 1966 he joined the department of pharmacology at SUNY Upstate, where he became department chair, and subsequently Vice President for Research and Dean of the College of Medicine at SUNY upstate. In 1991 Dr. Weiner accepted the position of Dean of SUNY Downstate Medical Center. He retired in 1995, and returned to Syracuse in 1997. The Irwin M. Weiner, MD '56 Classroom at SUNY Upstate was dedicated in his honor in 2005. Contributions in his honor may be made to the Upstate Medical Alumni Association- Weiner Classroom.

Joseph P. Whalen, MD, a 1959 graduate, Honorary Degree Recipient and Dean of the Upstate College of Medicine from 1992-1995, died September 3. A native of Troy, Dr. Whalen was born on June 18, 1933. After attending local Catholic schools, he graduated from Fordham University in 1955 and received his M.D. degree from the State University of New York at Syracuse in 1959. A prominent physician and educator, Dr. Whalen was Radiologist-in-Chief at the New York Hospital from 1976 to 1992. In 1989, he was appointed Medical Director of the same institution. For 16 years he was Professor and Chairman of the Department of Radiology at the Weill-Cornell Medical College. In 1992 he became Dean of the College of Medicine and Vice President of Biomedical and Medical Education at the State University of New York Health Science Center in Syracuse, New York, a position he held until 1995. Among the most respected radiologists in the country, Dr. Whalen was responsible for bringing the first CT scanner to a New York City hospital more than 30 years ago.

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He also pioneered the use of the first MRI in a New York hospital, as well as the first Electron Beam CT scanner. A prolific writer, Dr. Whalen was the author or co-author of over 200 articles, as well as four medical textbooks. Until his death, he was the editor-in-chief of *Clinical Imaging*, a journal of radiology. In his retirement, Dr. Whalen devoted much of his time to his family and to charitable endeavors, including serving as President of the John, Marie and Joseph Whalen Foundation and the Mons Concept Foundation. In recent years, he divided his time between his homes on Shelter Island, in New York City, and in Mannin Beg, County Galway, Ireland--a place he deeply loved. At the time of his death, Dr. Whalen was engrossed in establishing a scholarship program for underprivileged and deserving Irish students to be named in honor of his sister, Marie. Dr. Whalen is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Varga Whalen; as well as three children, Philip J. Whalen (Frances) of Briarcliff Manor, New York, Joseph P. Whalen Jr. (Mary) of Oceanport, New Jersey, and Mary P. Whalen of New York City; as well as six grandchildren: Casey (fiance, Cyril Galvin), Ryan (Amy), Timmy, Devin, Lindsey Marie, and Jenna Frances Whalen. He is survived as well by a stepson, Charles Bouchard (Teresa) of Schenectady.

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*“Anatomy and Histology as Socially Networked Learning Environments:
 Some Preliminary Findings”*

*Hosted by Tom Poole, PhD, Associate Professor, Cell & Developmental Biology
 and Howard Weinberger, MD, Professor, Medicine*

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Faculty Development Seminar Series - Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2013
12-1pm
Library
Room 318 Wsk-Health Sciences

“Understanding Quality Improvement”

Presenters: **William Marx, DO, Surgery** and **Linda Newell, PhD, OB-GYN**

~ Lunch will be provided ~

Medical Education Journal Club - Monday Dec. 2, 2013
12-1pm
Doust Board Room (9299 WHA)

(Journal Article to be Announced)

Hosted by **Tom Poole, PhD, Associate Professor, Cell & Developmental Biology**
and **Howard Weinberger, MD, Professor, Medicine**

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

(Journal Article to be Announced)

Hosted by **Tom Poole, PhD, Associate Professor, Cell & Developmental Biology**
and **Howard Weinberger, MD, Professor, Medicine**

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Academy of Upstate Educators



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12-1pm
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“Medical Apps for Mobile Devices”

Presenter: **Josh Steinberg, MD**, *Family Medicine – Binghamton Clinical Campus*

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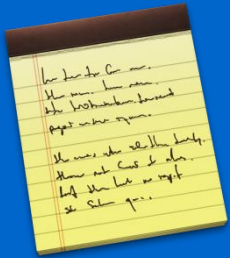
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<http://www.upstate.edu/facultydev/promotion.php>

Faculty Affairs & Faculty Development
<http://www.upstate.edu/facultydev/>

Faculty Governance
<http://www.upstate.edu/facgov/>