 honors & appointments

jason bodily, Phd, assistant professor of microbiology and immunology, received the charles C. randall lecturership from the south central branch of the american society for microbiology.

Steven A. Connor, MD, PhD, Director of Critical Care Medicine Service and Extracorporeal Life Support (ECLS) Service, was inducted into Fellowship of the Extracorporeal Life Support Organization (FELSO). This Fellowship is a global recognition of those who have advanced the field of extracorporeal life support in diverse and lasting ways.

John R. Todd, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine, Section of Infectious Diseases, was awarded the Charles C. Randall Lecturership from the South Central Branch of the American Society for Microbiology.

Ashley Fort, MPAS, PA-C, Physician Assistant Academic Coordinator and Assistant Professor, received the School of Allied Health Professions Outstanding New Faculty Award.

Lindsay Ferrington, MS, PA-C, Physician Assistant Program Clinical Instructor, was presented with the School of Allied Health Professions Faculty Service Award.

Ronald Klein, PhD, Associate Professor of Pharmacology, Toxicology & Neurosciences, was recognized for his research on amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) with a keynote talk to “Unlock ALS” at the Louisiana-Mississippi Chapter of the ALS Association’s ALS Advocacy Weekend held at the Baton Rouge Boardwalk on Oct. 13.

f. dean griffen, MD, facs, Gorits Professor of Clinical Surgery, has been elected to the Medical College of Surgeons (MCS) Fellow.

Kanneth E. McMartin, PhD, Professor of Pharmacology, Toxicology & Neurosciences, received the American Academy of Clinical Toxicology (AACAT) Distinguished Service Award at the North American Congress of Clinical Toxicology (NACCT) meeting in Chicago on Oct. 26. This award recognizes Dr. McMartin as an individual who has performed outstanding and dedicated work on behalf of the AACAT and the field of clinical toxicology.

saranaya rajendran, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow, was named a Young Investigator Award Winner at the Society for Redox Biology and Medicine’s 29th Annual Conference, Chicago, il, Oct. 14-17.

eric First, PhD, Associate Professor of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, was awarded the $100,000 Eastern Star New Idea Grant from the Biochemical Research Foundation for his proposal, “Developing Novel Cancer Therapists that Target Post-Transfer Editing in Aminoacyl-tRNA Synthetases.”

rita t. horton, MD, Department of Psychiatry Chair, will represent LSU Health Shreveport on the Louisiana Mental Health Coalition board.

christine natarianni, MD, faans, Associate Professor of Neurosurgery, Director of Medical Neurosurgery and Residency Program Director, accepted the position of President of the Shreveport Medical Society for 2019 at the SmS Installation dinner on Nov. 30.

julie esparsa, MLS, ahp, Associate Director, Health Sciences Library, was named Librarian of the Year at the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association Meeting, San Antonio, TX, Oct. 19-24.

olishe king was promoted to Lieutenant of Special Services Division with University Police.

sami bahn, MD, dPh, VX, reddy professor of Allergy & Immunology and chief of Allergy & Immunology Section, was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Gold-Headed Cane Award from the American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (ACAAI), which is given “for demonstrating the highest standards of scientific excellence and integrity.” Dr. Bahn accepted the award at the ACAAI Annual Scientific Meeting in Seattle, WA, Nov. 15-19.

LeTasha Irving, MD, PGy3 Family Medicine Resident, received the 2019 Virginia Woman of Excellence Award, a $10,000 scholarship award by Dr. Pamela Wylie.

erin reardon, M.A., MLS, Instructor of Medical Library Science and Associate Librarian, Health Sciences Library, was selected through a competitive process to complete Biomedical and Health Research Data Management Training for Librarians, an online course sponsored by the National Library of Medicine and the National Network of Libraries of Medicine National Training Office, at the University of Utah.

Will olmstead, MSLS, MPH, ahp, Associate Professor of Medical Library Science and Executive Director, Health Sciences Library, was appointed to a 3-year term as Secretary of the Leadership & Management Division of the National Special Libraries Association; to a 3-year term on the Program & Education Committee of the Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries (AAHSL); to the Remote Authentication Working Group for the iLASS Academic Libraries Consortium through March 2019; and to the Lucy B. foote Award selection committee for the Subject Specialists section of the Louisiana Library Association.

Ruchi babriwala, MD, PGY2 Pediatric and Resident; Holly Gill, MD, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics; Eduardo Gonzales-Toledo, MD, Professor of Radiology and Neurology; and rosario Maria S. riel-romera, MD, faap, faan, Facns, Neurology Vice Chair and Professor of Clinical Neurology and Pediatrics “Juvenile Huntington’s Disease,” paper presentation at SSCI Southern Regional Meeting in New Orleans, Nov. 30.

Stephen N. Wirt, PhD, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Chair, was awarded a three-year R15 grant from the National Institutes of Health for a total of $1,388,000 for his project, “The Role of Alpha-1-Antichymotrypsin in Sna3-Retromediated Recycling of Membrane Proteins.” this is the LSUsh fourth nih R15 award.

Celeste Yin-Chieh Wu, PhD, Postdoctoral Associate, was awarded an American heart Association Postdoctoral Fellowship award of $110,456 for her two-year project, “Neuropeptide-Fibroblast-Mediated Neuroprotection.” Dr. kevin lin is Celeste’s mentor.

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research recap

Congratulations to our recent research grant recipients!

Shanuwar bhuyan, Phd, Assistant Professor of Pathology and Translational Pathobiology, and department of Molecular & Cellular Biology, was awarded a five-year R1 grant from the national institutes of health for a total of $3,688,000 for his project, “Sigm1 in lipid Metabolism.”

A. wayne Orr, Phd, Director and professor of Division of Research, department of Pathology and Translational Pathobiology, and Director of the Center for Cardiovascular Diseases and Translational Research, was awarded a four-year R01 grant from the national institutes of health for a total of $1,388,000 for his project, “Apoe2 signaling in atherosclerotic fibrous cap stabilization: Remodeling.” This is Dr. Orr’s third R01 grant.

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NEW & NOTEWORTHY

The Department of Radiology has received initial ACGME accreditation for a new integrated Interventional Radiology residency program, which will be effective July 1, 2019. Director of Interventional Radiology and Associate Professor, will lead the new program. As of October 2018, LSU Health Shreveport is now one of 83 institutions in the country to offer an ACGME accredited integrated IR residency program. An integrated IR residency is five-years in length, with the first three years concentrated on general diagnostic radiology, and the last two years focused on interventional radiology. The Department of Radiology has received initial ACGME accreditation for the new program. As of October 2018, LSU Health Shreveport is now one of 83 institutions in the country to offer an ACGME accredited integrated IR residency program. An integrated IR residency is five-years in length, with the first three years concentrated on general diagnostic radiology, and the last two years focused on interventional radiology.

Mamatha Katikaneni, MD, Assistant Professor, Center of Excellence for Arthritis and Rheumatic Diseases, spoke on the treatment and care of osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, and juvenile arthritis at the 13th annual symposium in honor of the late Dr. Weller Cannon, in the Weller Cancer Center, and Medical Director of Physicians in Wellness “Lifestyle and Food as Medicine,” Louisiana Academy of Physician Assistants (LAPA) State Conference, Shreveport, Oct. 3-5.

Samantha Murphy, senior student in Dr. Michelle Arnold’s lab, was selected to give an oral presentation titled “Bacterial Heat Shock Colocalizes with PML Nuclear Bodies in the Nucleus” at the American Society for Microbiology (ASM) South Central Meeting, Jackson, MS, Nov. 2-3.

Michelle Arnold, PhD, Associate Professor of Microbiology & Immunology, and Director of the Center for Molecular Tumor Virology, was invited to chair the workshop “Viral Entry,” which will be held at the workshop “Viral Cell Culture Model to Genetically Dissect Viral Pathogenesis,” at the 10th Viral ‘Malta Cycle,’ at the International Passipovirus Conference, Sydney, Australia, Oct. 2-6.

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