Honors & Appointments

David F. Lewis, MD, MBA, FACOG, has been appointed as Dean of the LSU Health Shreveport School of Medicine.

Charles Fox, MD, has been named Vice Chancellor for Clinical Affairs.

Kelly Tatchell, MD, has been named Assistant Dean of the School of Graduate Studies.

The School of Allied Health Professions received the Junior Achievement Corporate Volunteer Champion Award, Lindsey Farrington, MS, PA-C, Physician Assistant Clinical Coordinator, received the Junior Achievement Louisiana Award.

The Cardiopulmonary Science program was recognized by the Commission on Accreditation in Respiratory Care with the Distinguished KRT Credentialing Award.

Stan McCollan, PT, DPT, CWS, was awarded $650,000 by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals to provide training on pressure ulcer prevention in Louisiana nursing homes.

Shawn McNeil, MD, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Senior Fellow, was awarded the 2018 Ruth Fox Memorial Endowment Scholarship from the American Society of Addiction Medicine at the ASAM Annual Conference in San Diego, CA.

Rhiju Poudel, MD, LSU Health Shreveport Family Medicine Resident in Monroe, has been selected to receive a 2018 American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Foundation Family Medicine Leads Emerging Leader Institute scholarship.

Amit Patel, MD, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Senior Fellow has been accepted into a second fellowship in Forensic Psychiatry at LSU Health for the 2018-2019 academic year.

G. E. Ghali, DDS, MD, FACS, FRCS(Ed), has been appointed Chair of the International Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Education Committee.

J. Steven Alexander, PhD, Professor of Molecular & Cellular Physiology, along with Dr. Trevor Caster at Aplios Corporation and Dr. April Carpenter Elrod, Assistant Professor of Health and Exercise Physiology at Ursinus College, obtained United States Patent No. 9,994,585 entitled “Transplantation Therapies,” for marine pharmacological “Bryostatin-1,” which will be used as an additive to organ transport and storage solutions.

Elizabeth Dsibrow, PhD, Associate Professor of Neurology and Director of the Center for Brain Health, was awarded a $65,750 grant from The Community Foundation of North Louisiana in support of the Center for Brain Health.

Xuiping Yu, PhD, Assistant Professor of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, was awarded a five-year R01 grant from the National Institutes of Health for $1,658,440 for her project “Androgen Derivatives Activate Wnt/Beta-Catenin Signaling in Prostate Cancer.” Dr. Yu was also awarded a LACaTS Visiting Scholar Grant to visit George Town University to learn bioinformatics skills.

Lucy Robinson, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, was awarded the 2018 Allen A. Copping Excellence in Teaching Award for Basic Science. Dr. Robinson also received the Top Faculty Performer award for the 2017-2018 academic year for Biochemistry.

Lauren Beal, MD, Associate Professor, Departments of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, was awarded 2018 Allen A. Copping Excellence in Teaching Award for Clinical Sciences.

Will Olmstadt has been named Executive Director of the Health Sciences Library.

Sherry Gladney, MEd, Physician Assistant, received the Junior Achievement Corporate Volunteer Champion Award.

Robertos Silva, MD, FGY2 Pathology Resident, received the $200 award for the highest Resident In-Service Exam Score this academic year, presented June 2018.

Sharon Dunn, PT, PhD, OCS, Associate Professor of Physical Therapy, has been re-elected as President of the American Physical Therapy Association.

Novadeep Samme, MD, FICS, will be the Residency Program Director for the Department of Surgery effective July 1. Kathryn Richardson, MD, who is the current Program Director, will be taking over as Associate Residency Program Director.

Cardiopulmonary Science senior students Carleigh Bronson, Amy Cole, Duchein Stinson, and Melody Breddley won 1st Place in the Pelican Bowl Competition at the Louisiana Society for Respiratory Care 48th Annual Educational Meeting and Exhibits in Baton Rouge. The team will represent Louisiana at the national competition in Las Vegas, NV, in December.


Cardiopulmonary Science senior students Duchein Stinson, Diana Drake, Melody Breddley, and Amy Cole won 1st Place in the Louisiana Society for Respiratory Care Video Competition with “Paper Bees,” or parody of Drake’s “Hotline Bling.”

Contessa Hall, Clinical Laboratory Science graduate, was awarded the School of Allied Health Profession’s Chancellor’s Award recognizing scholarship and research.

Duchein Stinson, Cardiopulmonary Science graduate, was awarded the School of Allied Health Profession’s Dean’s Award recognizing service to the institution and community.

Umair Karaman, MD, FGY1 Resident, reached the semifinals of the 2018 American Urological Association Resident Quiz Bowl as a member of the team from the Southeastern Section of the AUA.

Megan Davenport, MBA, Academic Coordinator of Nutrition, was awarded a delegate scholarship to the 2018 Slow Food Leader Summit.

Presentations

Rodney Shackleford, DO, PhD, Assistant Professor of Pathology and Medical Director of Molecular Pathology: “Genetically Modified Organisms: Friend or Foe?” Louisiana Association of Nutritionists and Dieticians (LAND), Baton Rouge, April 9.

Abstract by Terry C. Davis, PhD, Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics; Connie Arnold, PhD, Professor of Medicine; Lucio Miele, MD, PhD, Professor and Head of Department of Psychiatry, and Glenn Mills, MD, FACP, Feist-Weiller Cancer Center Director, “Biosensing and genomic research: Understanding and acceptance of safety-net patients, primary care providers and minority groups,” was accepted for presentation at the American Association for Cancer Research Cancer Research Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 1-4.

Matthew Woolard, PhD, Associate Professor, and Aimee Veczendeik, Graduate Student, from the Department of Microbiology and Immunology attended the AAI Immunology 2018 meeting in Austin, TX, May 4-8. Aimee presented her poster titled, “Macrophage-associated lipin-1: enzymatic activity contributes to oxLDL-induced inflammatory signaling and atherosclerosis.”

Xin Gu, MD, Professor of Pathology, “Role of HPV and EB virus Co-infection in Oropharyngeal Squamous Cell Tumor Differentiation,” Multidisciplinary Head and Neck Cancer Symposium, Scottsdale, AZ, June 2018.

Novadeep Samme, MD, FICS, and Adebayo Awa, MD, FGY3 Surgery Resident, attended the Academic Surgical Congress – 13th Annual Conference in Jacksonville, FL, and presented, “Innovative Strategies for Surgery Resident Education Sessions.”


Guillermo Herrera, MD, Professor and Chair of Pathology; working in conjunction with Jaimin Teng, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor of Research, and Elba Turbat-Herrera, MD, Professor of Pathology and Medical Director of FWVCC...
Diana Merendino, DPT, RRT-NNP, RPFT, FAARC, Associate Professor, Cardiopulmonary Science Program, and Director of Respiratory Care; Instructor, RRT, CPT; Instructor, of CAP: “That’s Not My HP” 8th Annual Educational Meeting and Exhibits, Louisiana Society for Respiratory Care, Baton Rouge, April 5.

J. Maggie Levin, MD, PGY3 Resident, with Clifton F. Frill Jr, PhD, and Alex Grames, PhD, Director of Molecular Pathology and Medical Director of Pathology, presented a case of a failed voiding trial after anastomotic and concomitant pelvic surgery,” Louisiana State Urological Society Meeting, New Orleans, April 15.

Karee Babian, MD, Assistant Professor of Urology on the Research and Career Training Cancers,” Louisiana State Urological Society Meeting, New Orleans, April 15.

Alex Gemelsky, MD, Chairperson, and Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, entitled “The impact of weight gain or loss on mortality in surgical lung cancer patients on success or failure: a longitudinal cohort analysis,” Louisiana State Urological Society Meeting, New Orleans, April 15.


Recommendations continued

Histochemistry Research Lab: “Perfusion of Monolocular Lungs Associated with Proximal Tubulopathies Without Crystals: A Pathologic and Ultrastructural Study,” platform presentation at USCAP in Vancouver, BC.

Nicholas Luech, MPH, RRT, Assistant Professor, Cardiopulmonary Science Program, and Associate Director of Tissue, Organ, and Cell Donation, Instructor, of CAP: “The Cost of Reducing 20% of patient radiation exposure during percutaneous nephrolithotomy using 3 different techniques: a literature review” was presented at the 2018 American Urological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, May 18-21.

Meyla S. Ansari, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor of Pathology and Medicine of Pathology and Medical Director of Neuropathology: “EphA2 stimulates VCAM-1 expression in a cell line proliferation through Cell Cycle Regulation,” at USCAP in Vancouver, BC.

Eric Wei, MD, PhD, Professor of Anesthesiology: “Notch Inhibition Suppresses Aortic remodeling in aortic coarctation,” presented a Meet the Professor talk “A Case of Post-traumatic Pneumatoery Pneumothorax Supported with V-V ECMO” 2nd Southern Intensive Care and Emergency Medicine Symposium, Shreveport, April 14.

Josine Padvina, DO, Critical Care Medicine Fellow; Todd Oswald, MD, Critical Care Medicine Fellowship; Brandon Gorse, MD, Critical Care Medicine Fellow; Robert Martin, RRT, “You Had Me At...” Louisiana State Urological Society and Emergency Medicine Symposium, Shreveport, April 14.

Josine Padvina, DO, Critical Care Medicine Fellow; Adam Wells, MD, Critical Care Medicine Fellow; Todd Oswald, MD, Critical Care Medicine Fellow; and Laurie Grier, MD, PhD, Associate Professor of Medicine: “A Case of Pneumonia: A Case of Post-traumatic Pneumatoery Pneumothorax Supported with V-V ECMO” 2nd Southern Intensive Care and Emergency Medicine Symposium, Shreveport, April 14.


Kevin Charles, MD, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine Fellow; Darien Davido, MD, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine Fellow; Rohinton Langlelo, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine Fellow; Nasser Masoomi, MD, International Pulmonary Fellowship; Ashley Ferrell, Critical Care Medicine Fellow; Professor of Medicine; Robert Holliday, MD, Associate Professor of Critical Medicine; and Robert Waterson, MD, Associate Professor of Internal Medicine: “ImprovingTimeliness In The Bronchoscopy Workflow: From Admission To Treatment: A Single Center,” American Thoracic Society 2018, San Diego, CA, May 18.

International Outreach

Sami Behne, MD, DIPH, Professor of Pediatrics & Medicine, and Chief of Allergy, Immunology, and Asthma, presented an invited speaker at the Xi World Asthma, Allergy & COPD Forum in Barcelona, Spain, April 20-23. His presentation, “The Effect of Modification in Antibiotics & Asthma Development,” was designated as Honorable Mention. He was also invited to participate in the 2nd International Conference on Neurology and Brain Disorders in Rome, Italy, June 5.

Meetings

Jane Eggerstedt, MD, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Vice Dean of Medical School; Arielle DuBose, MD, Assistant Professor of Surgery; Navdeep Samee, MD, FICS, Associate Professor of Surgery; and Ginny Hammock, Surgery Program Coordinator, attended Surgical Education Week in Austin, TX, May 1-5.

Jay M. Marimon, MD, Professor of Medicine, presented 11 posters, including 10 at the American Thoracic Society, May 21-25, and 1, titled, “Case Studies in End-of-Life Care in the Hospital” at the American College of Critical Care Medicine National Meeting in New Orleans on April 20.

Alex Gemelsky, MD, Chairperson of Urology and Professor of Urology, presented 16 posters, including 10 at the American Thoracic Society, May 21-25, and 6, titled “Treatment of SUI in Obesity,” AUA Annual Meeting, San Antonio, CA, May 19.

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