

October - December 2019

School of Medicine
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Honors & Appointments

Jason Bodily, PhD, Assistant Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, was elected Vice President and President-Elect of the South Central Branch of the American Society of Microbiology.

Hugo Cuellar, MD, PhD, DABR, has been named Interim Chairman of the Department of Radiology.

Cherie-Ann Nathan, MD, FACS, Chairman and Professor of Otolaryngology/Head & Neck Surgery, was inducted into the Junior Achievement of North Louisiana Business of Hall of Fame. Dr. Nathan was one of three 2019 JA Business Hall of Fame Laureates.



Dani Handrop, MS4, was named the Gold Humanism Honor Society's October Student of the Month.

Mariah Allen, MS3, was named the Gold Humanism Honor Society's November Student of the Month.

Elizabeth Picciolo, MS3, was named the Gold Humanism Honor Society's December Student of the Month.

Heather Fulkerson, Microbiology and Immunology Graduate Student, was awarded the Charles S. McCleskey Award at the South Central Branch of the American Society of Microbiology meeting. This annual award is for outstanding research presented as talks or posters by graduate students in PhD programs.

Devon LeFever, MD, PGY4 Neurosurgery Resident, was awarded the Council of State Neurosurgical Societies Socioeconomic Fellowship.



Carlos Previgliano, MD, Professor of Radiology, was honored with an Academic Recognition Award at the first Workshop of Thoracic & Abdominal Radiology in Cuenca, Ecuador, held Nov. 22-24.

2019 EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to our 2019 Employee Excellence Award Winners!

Kathleen Bloomingdale
Library Associate

Allison Brossett
Assistant Residency Coordinator, Family Medicine - Alexandria

Erica Bryant-Delaney
Coordinator, SAHP Clinical Services

Linda Doucet, RN
Department of Surgery

Samina Hayat, MD
Chief and Director of the Center for Excellence in Arthritis and Rheumatology

Ulander Holloway
Accounts Payable Manager, Accounting Services

John Norris
Program Manager, Computing Services

Paula Polk
Assistant Director, Research Core Facility

Candace Posey
Financial Analyst, Accounting Services

David Wright
Graphic Designer, Medical Communications

CENTER FOR MEDICAL EDUCATION GROUNDBREAKING



The official Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Center for Medical Education on LSU Health Shreveport's campus was held on Oct. 3. Governor John Bel Edwards, local and state leadership and legislators, members of the LSU Board of Supervisors, Shreveport Mayor Adrian Perkins, Louisiana Department of Health Secretary Dr. Rebekah Gee, Ochsner Health System President & CEO Warner Thomas, and many LSUHS students, faculty, staff and supporters attended the exciting event, which also celebrated the one-year anniversary of Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport. The new Center for Medical Education will be a 5-story, 187,000+ sq. ft. building that will be located on the south side of LSU Health Shreveport's campus. It is a \$60 million public-private capital project featuring classrooms for up to 250 students, training labs, small group study rooms, and a state-of-the-art clinical skills center simulating a hospital ward. This new building will help address the healthcare shortage in Louisiana by supporting plans to expand medical school and School of Allied Health Professions program class sizes.

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Mararia Adams, MLIS, Associate Professor of Medical Library Science and Assistant Director for Library Systems, was appointed to the Information Technology Best Practices Working Group for the LOUIS state academic library consortium, through April 3, 2020.

David Duggar, MLIS, AHIP, Professor of Medical Library Science and Head, Library Liaison Program, was appointed to the Board of Regents Master Plan Alignment Working Group for the LOUIS state academic library consortium, through April 3, 2020.

Montie Dobbins, MLIS, Assistant Director of Technical Services and Associate Professor of Medical Library Science, began term as President-Elect of the Hospital Library Interest Section of the Medical Library Association's South Central Chapter on Oct. 14.

Stephan N. Witt, PhD, FCSI, Chairman of the Department of Biochemistry at LSU Health Shreveport, was named a Senior Fellow of the Cell Stress Society International (CSSI) at the Ninth International Congress on Stress Responses in Biology & Medicine held in San Diego, CA, Nov. 10-14.

Alexandria Family Medicine Residents **Ryan Basquez, MD (PGY3)**; **Wesley Boyette, MD (PGY2)**; and **Robert Campbell, MD (PGY1)** were the top scorers in their respective classes on the 2019 American Board of Family Medicine In-Training Exam. Dr. Basquez was the top scorer program-wide.

The Allergy/Immunology Program Shines Nationally: The LSU Health Shreveport A/I Program participated in the Fellows-in-Training Bowl Competition during the annual meeting of the American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (ACAAI) in Houston, TX, Nov. 7-11. Out of 80 total programs, 34 participated. LSUHS was represented by Allergy/Immunology Fellows **Kim Jackson, MD**, and **Rashmi D'Mello, MD**, who reached the final round and placed 2nd overall. This is the third time the LSUHS program was among the top nationally. During the scientific program, **Dr. Jackson, Dr. D'Mello** and **Tom Fowler, MD**, also an Allergy/Immunology Fellow, presented three posters, and **Sami Bahna, MD, DrPH**, Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine, and Chief of the Allergy/Immunology Section, chaired the session, "Clinical Conundrum: Recurrent Infections with Normal Immunoglobulins." In the national In-Training-Examination earlier this year, the four A/I fellows ranked at the 89th to 98th percentile. The 100th percentile was attained by the A/I Program's Fellows on three previous occasions.



Pictured L to R: Dr. Sami Bahna, Dr. Kim Jackson, Dr. Rashmi D'Mello, and Dr. David Kaufman (Fellowship Program Director)

Congratulations to the following School of Allied Health Professions faculty members on their recent graduations: **Jennifer Anderson (MPH)**, **Lindsay Ferrington (EDD)**, and **Michon Revader (DHA)**.

Tonjeh Bah, MD, PGY6 Hematology/Oncology Clinical Fellow, **David Sommerhalden, MD, PGY6** Hematology/Oncology Clinical Fellow, and **Philip Haddad, MD**, Hematology/Oncology Clinical Assistant Professor, were awarded 3rd place prize for Outstanding Abstract/Poster at the 4th International Prostate Cancer and Urologic Oncology Symposium, New York, NY, Nov. 7-9.



Marlene Broussard, MD, MBA, Associate Professor and Interim Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at LSU Health Shreveport, is one of the country's first board certified Pediatric Hospital Medicine Specialists. The American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) recently established a procedure for subspecialty certification in Pediatric Hospital Medicine (PHM). The first board exam was held in November 2019.

Teri Bigler, DHed, PA-C, Program Director and Clinical Associate Professor of Physician Assistant Program, was awarded the School of Allied Health Professions' Faculty Service Award.

Erin McCallister, PT, DPT, Instructor of Physical Therapy, was awarded the School of Allied Health Professions' Outstanding New Faculty Award.

Pranav Bhargava, MS1, received the 2019 LAMMICO Award for Excellence Scholarship. A native of Alexandria, La., Bhargava has worked as an assistant at the Pineville Children's Clinic and as an emergency room technician at Rapides Regional Hospital. He has also volunteered more than 250 hours of service helping coordinate numerous cultural events in his local Indian community center.

Will Olmstadt, MSLS, MPH, AHIP, Executive Director and Associate Professor of Medical Library Science, was appointed to the Public Policy Advisory Council of the Special Libraries Association, for 2020-2022.

International Outreach

Steven A. Conrad, MD PhD, MCCM, Professor of Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Pediatrics and Surgery, was an invited speaker and moderator at the Asia-Pacific Extracorporeal Life Support Organization 2019 Conference (APELSO 2019) in Bangkok, Thailand, Nov. 20-22. Dr. Conrad lectured on the topics "Common causes of refractory desaturation," and "VV ECMO in patients with pulmonary hemorrhage," and moderated the "Ventilation on VV ECMO" session.

Alexander Gomelsky, MD, Chairman and Professor of Urology, served as a guest lecturer at the American Urological Association (AUA)/Saudi Urologic Association: Best of AUA 2019 Annual Meeting, in Riyadh, The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Nov. 21-23. He delivered eight lectures on the topics of urodynamics, urinary incontinence, and pelvic reconstructive surgery.

Sami Bahna, MD, DrPH, was invited and supported by the World Allergy

Organization to participate in the scientific program of the Cuban Society of Allergy, Asthma and Clinical Immunology in Havana, Cuba, Oct. 9-11. Dr. Bahna contributed four presentations: "Why this patient's asthma is not well controlled," "Drug allergies," "Food allergies," and "Anaphylaxis." He also shared in the World Allergy Training School Program



by providing hands-on training to young physicians on common allergy procedures. Dr. Bahna was also invited and supported by the European Academy of Allergy & Clinical Immunology to participate in the Pediatric Allergy and Asthma Meeting in Florence, Italy, Oct. 17-19. He spoke on "Allergies to antihistamines and corticosteroids," and chaired the sessions on "Eosinophilic esophagitis" and "Late breaking abstracts on Food allergy." A record number of more than 1,500 people from 77 countries attended the meeting.

Arun K. Pramanik, MD, DCH, FAAP, FIAP, Professor of Pediatrics, was an invited speaker at the International Neonatology Association Conference in Tijuana, Mexico, and presented "Necrotizing Enterocolitis: An Update" and "Evidence-based Management of Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia."



Presentations

Michelle Yetman, PhD, Children's Center Clinical Psychologist and Clinical Assistant Professor; **Adam Blancher, PhD**, Children's Center Counseling Psychologist and Clinical Assistant Professor; and **Tyler Reekes, BS**, Pharmacology, Toxicology and Neuroscience Graduate Student: "A Health & Wellness Intervention Pilot Program: Evaluating Participation & Self-Reported Behavioral Change Among Head Start Teachers," Poster presented at University of California at Berkeley, Oct. 2019.

Suzanne Tinsley, PT, PhD, NCS, Assistant Dean of Development for School of Allied Health Professions and Associate Professor of Physical Therapy: "What's the Buzz All About? Marijuana Legalization and Physical Therapy," 2019 FSBPT Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly, Oklahoma City, OK, Oct. 24-26.

Kathleen Bloomingdale, Health Sciences Library Coordinator; **Julia Esparza, MLS, AHIP**, Associate Director and Professor of Medical Library Science; and **Will Olmstadt, MSLS, MPH, AHIP**: "The Route to a New Destination for 40+ Years of Institutional Archives," Poster presented at the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association Annual Meeting, Oklahoma City, OK, Oct. 14.

Erin Reardon, MFA, MLIS, General Librarian, and **Will Olmstadt, MSLS, MPH, AHIP**: "New Routes to Sustaining a Writing Consulting Service," lightning talk presented at the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association Annual Meeting, Oklahoma City, OK, Oct. 14.

Harman Fervaha, MD, Rheumatology Fellow; **Sebastian Wilk, MD**, Rheumatology

REACH OUT AND READ CELEBRATES 20 YEARS

Started by the Department of Pediatrics at LSU Health Shreveport with support from the Faculty Wives Club in 1999, Reach Out and Read in North Louisiana supports children's literacy development by providing them with books starting at an early age and sharing information, support, and materials with parents to help them make books a part of their daily lives. On Tuesday, Nov. 5, Reach Out and Read celebrated their 20th anniversary with a reception at the Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport Women's and Children's Pediatric Subspecialty Clinic. Shreveport Mayor Adrian Perkins was the celebrity guest reader at the event and read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. Department of Pediatrics faculty members **Dr. Steven Bienvenu** and **Dr. Joseph Bocchini** were honored for their role in Reach Out and Read and for making literacy part of standard pediatric care at LSU Health Shreveport.

Reach Out and Read in North Louisiana by the Numbers:

- **More than 100,000** children served since **1999**
- **54 medical providers** promote language building and early literacy with parents of our youngest community members
- Medical providers share more than **10,000 books annually** in **seven pediatric clinics** around Shreveport/Bossier City at well-child visits, and they support parents to be their children's best learning advocate
- The cost per child **age 6 months to 5-years-old** seen at one of these clinics for each of their well child check-ups is approximately **\$25.00**



RESEARCH RECAP



Three Fellows in the Department of Pathology and Translational Pathobiology and the

Center for Cardiovascular Diseases and Sciences have been awarded Postdoctoral Fellowships from the American Heart Association (AHA), funding their ongoing research into cardiovascular diseases: **Chowdhury Abdullah, PhD**; **Mabraka Alfaidi, PhD**; and **Matthew Scott, PhD**.

- Dr. Abdullah's project is titled, "Sigma-1 receptor protects diabetic cardiomyopathy by activating adaptive endoplasmic reticulum stress pathway." His mentor is Dr. Md. Shenuarin Bhuiyan.
- Dr. Alfaidi's project is titled, "Nck1 Regulates Atherogenic Endothelial Activation." Her mentor is Dr. A. Wayne Orr.
- Dr. Scott's project is titled, "EphA2 signaling mechanisms in smooth muscle performance proliferation and migration in atherosclerosis." His mentor is Dr. A. Wayne Orr.

JanOne, Inc. recently acquired worldwide, exclusive licensing for a promising treatment of Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD). The treatment, TV1001SR, was invented by **Christopher Kevil, PhD**, Vice Chancellor for Research and Dean of the School of Graduate Studies. Dr. Kevil will continue working with JanOne to further develop this critical medication for people who are suffering from PAD-associated pain.

Aphios Corporation was granted a U.S. Patent for oral administration of Bryostatins-1 nanoparticles for the treatment of neurodegenerative diseases. **J. Steven Alexander, PhD**, Professor of Molecular and Cellular Physiology, is a co-inventor of the patent.

The **Center for Brain Health (CBH)** received full approval for five years from the Louisiana Board of Regents.

The new **Louisiana Addiction Research Center (LARC)** received conditional one-year approval by the Louisiana Board of Regents.



The **Center for Molecular & Tumor Virology** hosted their 14th Annual Virology Colloquium on Dec. 4.

Research and Industry Day (RAID), sponsored by the Center for Cardiovascular Diseases and Sciences (CCDS), the Center for Brain Health (CBH), and the Louisiana Tech University Center for Biomedical Engineering and Rehabilitation Sciences, was held at LSUHSC on Oct. 11.

Fellow; **Samina Hayat, MD**, Professor of Medicine, Chief and Director of the Center for Excellence in Arthritis and Rheumatology; and **Sarwat Umer MD**, Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, Center for Excellence in Arthritis and Rheumatology: "Approach to diagnose and treat Rosai Dorfman Disease at an academic center: A case series," 35th Annual Meeting of the Histiocyte Society, Memphis, TN, Nov. 3-5.

Anusha Vuppala, MD, Rheumatology Fellow, and **Sarwat Umer, MD**: "Can't Walk, Can't Breathe," Oral Presentation at Pediatric Thieves Market, the first-ever Pediatric Thieves Market at the American College of Rheumatology's Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, Nov. 8-13.

Harman Fervaha, MD; **Swathi Chalasani MD**, Rheumatology Fellow; **Samina Hayat, MD**; and **Sarwat Umer, MD**: "I can walk now but I can't breathe," Thieves' Market Poster at the American College of Rheumatology's Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, Nov. 8-13.

Mamatha Katikaneni, MD, Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, Center for Excellence in Arthritis and Rheumatology; **Madelaine Davis**, Medical Student; **Caroline Smith**, Medical Student; and **John A. Vanchiere, MD, PhD**, Professor of Pediatrics and Chief of Pediatrics Infectious Diseases Section: "BK Polyomavirus Viremia and Viruria in Patients with Autoimmune Connective Tissue Diseases: Impact of Immunosuppressants," American College of Rheumatology's Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, Nov. 8-13.

Madiha Tariq, MD, Rheumatology Fellow; **Mamatha Katikaneni, MD**; **Kanchan Malhotra, MD**, Internal Medicine Resident; **Jerry McLarty, PhD**, Professor of Medicine and Director of Cancer Prevention & Control at Feist-Weiller Cancer Center; **Sarwat Umer, MD**; and **Samina Hayat, MD**: "Understanding the Mystery of Sarcoidosis: An Academic Rheumatology Center Experience," American College of Rheumatology's Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, Nov. 8-13.

Matthew Malus, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine; **Ly Pham, MD**, Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine; **Jerry McLarty, PhD**; **Hrishikesh Samant, MD**, Clinical Assistant Professor of Gastroenterology; and **Mamatha Katikaneni, MD**: "Hepatitis C Affects More Than Just the Liver: A Retrospective Chart Review on the Prevalence of Connective Tissue Diseases and Autoantibodies in Hepatitis C Virus Infections in an Academic Rheumatology Clinic," American College of Rheumatology's Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, Nov. 8-13.

Puja Nambiar, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor of Infectious Disease and Associate Program Director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program; **Allyson R. Parker**, Medical Student; **Ethar Mohammed, MD**, Infectious Disease Fellow; et. al.: "Prevalence of polypharmacy and medication use contraindicated during pregnancy among a cohort of women living with HIV who are of childbearing age, 2016-2017." Accepted for poster presentation at the 10th International Workshop on HIV & Women to be held in Boston, MA in 2020.

Ethar Mohammed, MD, and **Puja Nambiar, MD**: "Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Co-infection in Women Living with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) in Northwest Louisiana," Poster presented at IDWeek 2019, Washington, DC, Oct. 2-6.

Alexander Gomelsky, MD, served as the Southeastern Section of the American Urological Association (AUA) Visiting Professor at the Annual Meeting of the Kentucky Urological Society in

Lexington, KY, on Oct. 19. His talk was titled, "What's New in Sacral Neuromodulation."

Publications

Hongbo Zhang, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow (Kamil Lab); **Jeremy P. Kamil, PhD**, Associate Professor of Microbiology and Immunology; **Christopher C. Nguyen, PhD**, Graduate Research Assistant; **Mohammed N. Siddiquey, PhD**, Postdoctoral Fellow (Kamil Lab); **Chaowei Shang, PhD**, Research Specialist - Microscopy (Research Core Facility); **Cameron M. Hall**, Department of Microbiology and Immunology; et. al.: "The Human Cytomegalovirus Nonstructural Glycoprotein UL148 Reorganizes the Endoplasmic Reticulum," *mBio*, Published by the American Society for Microbiology, Dec. 2019, 10 (6) e02110-19; DOI: 10.1128/mBio.02110-19.

Alexander Gomelsky, MD, and **Librado Valadez, MD**, PGY4 Urology Resident: "Current Treatment of Overactive Bladder in Patients with Diabetes and Obesity. A review and assessment of five current research studies for the efficacy in managing overactive bladder syndrome, particularly in patients with metabolic disease," *EndoScan*, Oct. 2019; 1(8).

Alexander Gomelsky, MD: Editorial Comment on: "Robot-assisted versus laparoscopic sacrocolpopexy for high-stage pelvic organ prolapse: a prospective, randomized, single-center study," *Urology* 2019; 134: 122.

Andrea D. Juneau, MS4, and **Alexander Gomelsky, MD**: "Pharmaceutical options for stress urinary incontinence," *Current Bladder Dysfunction Reports*, Oct. 28, 2019.

Puja Nambiar, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor of Infectious Disease and Associate Program Director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program, et. al.: "Clinical Experience with Novel Cephalosporin/Beta lactamase inhibitor combinations among solid organ transplant recipients," *Transplant Infectious Diseases*, Oct. 2019; 21(5):e13161. DOI: 10.1111/tid.13161. PMID:31419340.

Ethar Mohammed, MD, and **Puja Nambiar, MD**: "Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Co-Infection in Women Living with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) in Northwest Louisiana," *Open Forum Infectious Diseases*, Volume 6, Issue Supplement 2, Oct. 2019, Pages S189-S190, <https://doi.org/10.1093/ofid/ofz360.435>.

Puja Nambiar, MD; **Mamatha Katikaneni, MD**; **Samina Hayat, MD**; et. al.: "Leprosy after interleukin 6 inhibitor therapy in a patient with rheumatoid arthritis," *Lancet Infectious Diseases*, July 2019;19(7):787. doi: 10.1016/S1473-3099(19)30056-8. PMID: 31250825.

Puja Nambiar, MD, et. al.: "Infection Prophylaxis." In: Bogar L., Mountis M. (eds) *Contemporary Heart Transplantation* (p. 1-20), Part of the *Organ and Tissue Transplantation* book series (OTT). Springer, Cham. (2019)

Puja Nambiar, MD, et. al.: "Mechanism of HIV Transmission," *Fundamentals of HIV Medicine* (p. 21-25) New York, Oxford University Press. (2019)

Navdeep Samra, MD, FICS, FACS, Charles D. Knight, Sr. MD, Endowed Professorship in General Surgery and General Surgery Residency Program Director, and **Garret Lambert, MS4**: "Anatomy, Abdomen and Pelvis, Retroperitoneum." *StatPearls [Internet]*. Treasure Island (FL): StatPearls Publishing; 2019-. Oct. 27, 2019.

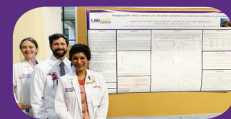
Navdeep Samra, MD, FICS, FACS; **John Savoy, MD**, PGY4 General Surgery Resident; **Caroline Carroll, MD**, CA-1 Anesthesiology Resident; **Arielle Dubose, MD**, Assistant Professor of Surgery; et. al.: "Academic Epinephrine" - Smartphone Use as an Educational Tool for Trainees: Survey Results after Implementation of Texting-Based Educational Material in a General Surgery Residency Program." *The American Surgeon*, Nov. 1, 2019;85(11):e553-e555 PMID: 31775990

MEDICAL STUDENT RESEARCH PROGRAM POSTER SESSION

Forty-two School of Medicine students presented posters on clinical or basic science research they conducted over the summer on Oct. 29 at the Medical Student Research Program poster session. Congratulations to the poster session winners, Patrick Ingrassia and Stephen Patin! These students took first place in both the Basic Science and Clinical Science research categories for their work in Dr. Cherie-Ann Nathan's laboratory.



Stephen Patin, MSII (*Clinical Science Research category winner*)
Project Title: "Restaging HPV+ OPSCC with the AJCC 8th edition and determining outcomes in smokers vs. non-smokers." Stephen worked with Dr. Abhijit Gundale and Tara Moore on his project.



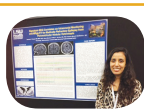
Patrick Ingrassia, MSII (*Basic Science Research category winner*)
Project Title: "The Effect of mTOR Inhibitor on Macrophage Polarization and Function". Patrick worked with Dr. Alam Maksud on his project.

Julia E. Myers, Senior Microbiology and Immunology Graduate Student (Scott Lab); **J. Tod Guidry, PhD**, Dept. of Microbiology and Immunology Alumni; **Matthew L. Scott, PhD**, Postdoctoral Fellow (Orr Lab); **Katarzyna Zwolinska, PhD**, Postdoctoral Scientist (Sapp Lab); **Gaurav Raikhy, PhD**, Postdoctoral Scientist (Bodily Lab); **Kanchanjunga Prasai, PhD**, Postdoctoral Fellow (Scott Lab); **Malgorzata Bienkowska-Haba, PhD**, Research Specialist (Sapp Lab); **Jason Bodily, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Microbiology and Immunology; **Martin Sapp, PhD**, Microbiology and Immunology Department Chair and Willis Knighton Chair of Molecular Biology; and **Rona Scott, PhD**, Associate Professor and Mingyu Ding Professor of Microbiology and Immunology: "Detecting episomal or integrated human papillomavirus 16 DNA using an exonuclease V-qPCR-based assay," *Virology*, Nov. 2019, 537:149-156. doi: 10.1016/j.virol.2019.08.021.

Matthew Hefner, MD, PGY6 Neurosurgery Resident; **Christina Ledbetter, PhD**, Neurosurgery Fellow; **Clifton Frilot, PhD, MBA, PE**, Assistant Dean of Research for School of Allied Health Professions and Professor of Physical Therapy; **Brady Howard**, Medical Student; **Peimin Zhu, MD, PhD**, Clinical Assistant Professor of Neurology; **Rosario Riel-Romero, MD, FAAP, FAAN, FACNS**, Professor of Neurology and Pediatrics; **Christina Notarianni, MD, FAANS**, Associate Professor of Neurosurgery; **Eduardo Gonzalez-Toledo, MD**, Professor of Radiology; et. al.: "Focal Epilepsy caused by Single Cerebral Cavernous Malformation (CCM) is Associated with Regional and Global Resting State Functional Connectivity (FC) Disruption," by *NeuroImage: Clinical*, Volume 24, (2019), 102072.

Meetings

Tasneem Hasan, MD, PGY2 Neurology Resident, attended the AES 2019 Annual Meeting in Baltimore, MD, Dec. 6-10.



James C. Patterson II, MD, PhD, Chairman of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine, spoke at the HOPE Connections' Sustaining HOPE Breakfast about the intersection of homelessness, addiction, and emergency psychiatry on Dec. 11 at First Presbyterian Church in Shreveport.

Montie Dobbins, MLIS, Assistant Director of Technical Services and Associate Professor of Medical Library Science, et. al.: "Serving First Responders in Disasters: Sharing Context and Ideas Among Human and Veterinary Medical Librarians and Information Specialists," Roundtable moderated at the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association Annual Meeting, Oklahoma City, OK, Oct. 14.

Julia Esparza, MLS, AHIP, Library Associate Director, Professor of Medical Library Science, and current president of the Medical Library Association, presented the MLA update at the following meetings: Midwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association Annual Meeting, Milwaukee, WI, Oct. 5; South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association Annual Meeting, Oklahoma City, OK, Oct. 15; and the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association Annual Meeting, Boise, ID, Oct. 28.

Arun K. Pramanik, MD, DCH, FAAP, FIAP, Professor of Pediatrics, was an invited speaker and presented "Minimally invasive ventilation and surfactant therapy in Premature infants: current status," in conjunction with 'Hot Topics in Neonatology,' Washington, DC, Dec. 9.

R. Keith White, MD, FACS, Chairman and Professor of Surgery, and John C. McDonald, MD Endowed Chair of Surgery; **Navdeep Samra, MD, FICS, FACS**; and **Terry Lairmore, MD, FACS**, Research Specialist in Surgery, attended the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Clinical Congress 2019 in San Francisco, CA, Oct. 27-31.

