HONORS & APPOINTMENTS

Shreethar Kulkarni, MD featured in the documentary “A Pandemic - Away from the Motherland” which sheds light on the lives of five doctors in the US treating COVID-19 patients. Dr. Kulkarni also is one of the investigators of “LUNG SAFE” trial which assesses epidemiology, patterns of care and mortality for patients with ARDS among ICU patients in 50 countries across 5 continents. The movie was released on Apple TV+Tunes on October 10th and on Google Play/YouTube Movies on October 19th.

James D. Morris, MD, FACP, FAGS, AGAF, Associate Professor of Medicine and Program Director for the Division of Gastroenterology was elected President of the General Faculty for 2020-2021. Dr. Morris led his first meeting on September 16, 2020 and presented the Gavel of Recognition to outgoing President Kenneth McMartin, PhD, Professor of Pharmacology, Toxicology and Neuroscience.

Sharon Dunn, PT, PhD, OCS; Dean, School of Allied Health Professions and APTA President delivered the closing remarks for the APTA Celebration of Diversity on October 17, 2020. The event highlighted health care professionals experience surrounding diversity, equity and inclusion.

Suzanne Timislay, PT, PhD, NCS Honoree for the 30th Annual ATHENA Leadership and Award Program

Nicholas E. Gooders, PhD, Professor and Head of Pharmacology, Toxicology and Neuroscience; Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine; Executive Director of Louisiana Addiction Research Center received the Wayne Dreyow Award from Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse of Northwest Louisiana on October 7, 2020 at the CADA Annual Meeting. The award is for outstanding and distinguished contributions in the field of addictions.

Dongsoo Kim, DMD, MD, FACS; Professor and Vice Chairman of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, Director of Head & Neck Oncologic / Microvascular Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship, Division Chief-Head & Neck Oncologic Surgery was awarded funding from the AOCMF North America Board in recognition of his Fellowship Program. The Fellowship Program was recognized by the AOCMF North America Board for its excellent program structure and educational content and, as a result, AONA committed to a one-year award for the academic term August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021. The award provided financial support of $20,000.00 for the fellowship program, along with educational support for all fellows.

Stephan N. Witt, PhD was invited to a second 5-year term on the Journal of Biological Chemistry editorial board. In the fall of 2014, Dr. Witt was asked by the Editor of the Journal of Biological Chemistry, which is a highly respected scientific journal, to be a member of the JBC editorial board for a 5-year term (2015-2020). Because of excellent service in reviewing manuscripts during the first term, the Editor and Associate Editors of JBC invited Dr. Witt to a second 5-year term (2021-2025).

Stephan N. Witt, PhD was invited to participate in the upcoming NIH’s Center for Scientific Review (CSR) Fellowship study section F03B; Biophysical, Physiological, Pharmacological and Bioengineering Neuroscience, on October 22-23rd.

Stephan N. Witt, PhD was invited to be a Review Editor on the Editorial Board of Aging, Metabolism and Redox Biology (specialty section of Frontiers in Aging).

Arun Pramanik, MD was nominated in July 2020 to three committees of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) which deal with improving care of newborn infants based on evidence-based medicine. Policy statements made by the AAP define the standard of care for newborn infants which are followed by practicing Neonatologists in the USA and Canada. The committees are: (1) Committee of Fetus and Neonates, (2) Neonatal Resuscitation Program Steering Committee, (3) Society of Advances in Therapeutics and Technology.

Cindy Rives, MPa was appointed to the position of Vice Chancellor of Administration and Finance for LSU Health Shreveport effective January 1.

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TECH Innovations
IN EDUCATION

In the midst of a global pandemic, LSUHS students, residents and faculty have found innovative ways to adapt to an ever-changing landscape. While many were already well acquainted with virtual learning and digital modalities of instruction, the Institution has made investments in technology to lessen the limitations brought on by COVID-19. The Offices of Medical Communication and IT created two professional spaces on the ground floor of the library for faculty and students to utilize for presentations, recording podcasts and resident interviews. These “Zoom Rooms” have been outfitted with proper lighting, branded LSUHS backgrounds and superior sound solutions to provide an optimal virtual platform. To access — enter the library from the Core Lab and follow the signs to Rooms 435-A and 435-B. Faculty can request their departmental room reservation coordinator book a room which can be found under Library Small Groups in the room reservations system located on the Inside/Intranet. Students can determine if a room is available by following the same instructions.

To reserve a room, medical students may email dmac@lsuhsc.edu, graduate students should email llachair@lsuhsc.edu and SAPH students should email vkurry@lsuhsc.edu. The INSIDE, formerly known as MyHSC, offers the ability to share information among interest groups, streamline department activities and coordinate virtual events across campus. To access, go to inside.lsuhsc.edu.

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Yuping Wang, MD and David F. Lewis, MD stated the impact of vitamin D in regulating immune tolerance and fetal development in pregnancy. Scholarly article, “Vitamin D and immune tolerance in pregnancy and beyond,” in the online publication OpenAccessGovernment.org.

Kim Jackson, MD and Allegra and Immunology Fellow; and Sami Bahna, MD, DHPh, Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine, Chief of Allergy and Immunology Section; “Hypersensitivity and other adverse reactions to biologics for asthma and allergic diseases.” Expert Review of Clinical Immunology 16:311-319, 2020.

Maya A. Vazquez-Morgan, PT, PhD, Associate Professor in the Department of Physical Therapy, Keynote Speaker at AFAA Celebration of Diversity, spoke on diversity, equity, and inclusion. Dr. Vazquez-Morgan also reached a fundraising goal for the Eat and Move Community program, which is now eligible for a 50,000 grant from USA Today.

Julia M. Esparza, MLS, AHP, Associate Director for the Health Sciences Library, Co-Presenter, Opening Session, virtual Annual Conference of the Medical Library Association, July 24, 2020.


E.J. Mayeaux, Jr., MD, DABFP, FAAP, DABPBM made 5 educational presentations at this year’s virtual Family Medicine Experience. Family Medicine Experience (FME) is the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) largest annual meeting and provides five days of education, networking, inspiration, and patient-centered solutions for thousands of family physicians. Dr. Mayeaux has been an invited speaker at this national event since 1992.

Yung-Jie Chen, PhD, Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology was awarded a 4-year NIH grant for $1,200,000 for his project entitled, “Genome Architecture and Gene Expression. Functional and Structural Analysis of Cerebellar and Neuronal Genes,” under Dr. Gross’s project is to understand how the structure and three-dimensional arrangement of stress-response Hsp proteins gene help to protect cells from the damaging and occasionally lethal effects of exposure to high temperature, chemicals, oxidants or heavy metals. Insights obtained from this project will inform therapeutic efforts aimed broadly at 500-gene regulation and may suggest novel drugs with which to modulate HSF1 to treat cancer and neurodegenerative diseases.