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For staff, students, and faculty of LSU Health Shreveport

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HONORS AND APPOINTMENTS

Jessica Ayres, Physician Assistant Student, was one of 18 students selected to participate in the University of Alabama at Birmingham Advanced Surgical Training Program.

Cyrine Ben Dhaou, PhD, Pathology & Translational Pathobiology Fellow, received a Travel Award from the North American Vascular Biology Organization (NAVBO) Vascular Biology Conference in Newport, RI, Oct. 15-19.

Taylor Conrad, MD, MS, Clinical Assistant Professor of Pulmonary Critical Care, was invited to join the Task Force for Mass Critical Care.

Montie Dobbins, MLIS, Assistant Director of Technical Services for the Library, was appointed to the Electronic Resources Working Group of LOUIS: The Louisiana Library Network and was awarded the 2024 Network of the National Library of Medicine Region 3 Emerging Leader Award.

David Duggar, MLIS, AHIP, Head of Liaison Program for the Library, was appointed to the Continuing Education Grant Jury for the Medical Library Association.

Siva Gandu, MD, PGY-3, Internal Medicine; **David Okuampa, MD, PGY-1**, Internal Medicine; **Sudha Pandit, MD**, Assistant Professor of Gastroenterology & Hepatology; and **Pooja Shah, MD, PGY-3**, Internal Medicine, received the Service Award for Colorectal Cancer Outreach, Prevention and Year-Round Excellence (SCOPY Award) from the American College of Gastroenterology.

LaTora Green, Assistant Director of Financial Aid, received a New Orleans City Council Proclamation on behalf of the Louisiana Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators at their annual conference in New Orleans, LA, Oct. 11.

Kabiul Haque, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, was selected as a 2024 Education Advisory Panelist for the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Tarek Helmy, MD, Division Chief and Professor of Cardiology, was the Conference Co-Chair for the American College of Cardiology Middle East and Eastern Mediterranean Conference, Athens, Greece, Nov. 3-5.

Kenya Iverson, Library Project Coordinator, was appointed as Chair of the DEI Committee for the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association.

Nazih Khater, MD, Associate Professor of Urology, was selected as a member of the Education Committee for the Endourology Society through December 2026.

George Mychaskiw II, DO, FAAP, FACOP, FASA, Professor and Vice-Chair of Anesthesiology, received the Crawford Myles Esterline Award from the American Osteopathic College of Anesthesiologists at their annual meeting in Orlando, FL, Oct. 6-8.

Cherie-Ann Nathan, MD, FACS, Chair and Professor of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery (HNS), was reappointed to the American College of Surgeons' Board of Governors as a Specialty Society Governor representing the Fellows in the Triological Society.

A. Wayne Orr, PhD, Professor of Pathology & Translational Pathobiology, Director of the Center for Cardiovascular Diseases and Sciences, was a co-organizer for the NAVBO Vascular Biology Conference in Newport, RI, Oct. 15-19.

Celso Palmieri Jr., DDS, FACS, Professor and Residency Program Director for Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, was named a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

Nilesh Pandey, PhD, Pathology & Translational Pathobiology Fellow, received an Abstract Achievement Award from the American Society of Hematology at the 65th American Society of Hematology Annual Meeting & Exposition, San Diego, CA, Dec. 10.

Navdeep Samra, MD, FACS, Professor and Residency Program Director for Surgery, was inducted as an associate member to the American College of Surgeons Academy of Master Surgeon Educators on Oct. 6.

Jillian Sandoz, MSIII, was selected as a semi-finalist in the American Medical Association (AMA) Research Challenge for her project "COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake and Perceptions Among Hispanics/Latinos: Disparities, Hesitancy, and Implications for Equitable Access."

Matthew Scott, PhD, Pathology & Translational Pathobiology Fellow, received the Outstanding Abstract Award at the NAVBO Vascular Biology Conference in Newport, RI, Oct. 15-19.

Harish Siddaiah, MD, FASA, Associate Professor of Anesthesiology, was promoted to Associate Examiner by the American Board of Anesthesiology for the Applied Exam.

Deborah G. Smith, BSN, MPH, PhD, was appointed to the Committee on Health Equity for the American Public Health Association.

Giovanni Solitro, PhD, Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, was selected to serve as a panelist for the Department of Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship Program.

Erin Ware, MLIS, Reference Librarian, was appointed as Chair of the T. Mark Hodges International Service Award for the Medical Library Association.

Qihui "Jim" Zhai, MD, FACP, was elected as Chair-Elect for the College of American Pathologists.

Andrew Zhang, MD, Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, was named a North American Spine Society 20 Under 40 Honoree.

PLATFORM PRESENTATIONS

Octavio Arevalo, MD, Assistant Professor of Radiology: "Tumor Biomarkers in Diffuse Gliomas," Ibero-American Society of Neuroradiology Annual Conference, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, Oct. 26.

Kabiul Haque, MD, MPH: "Renal Cell Carcinoma: Metastatic Locations and Treatment" and "Vascular Disease: AAA and Peripheral Arterial Disease," American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Family Medicine Experience (FMX), Chicago, IL, Oct. 28-29.

Kabiul Haque, MD, MPH, led "The Joy of Discovering Research: Discovering, Rediscovering and Growing It" Workshop at the North American Primary Care Research Group Conference, San Francisco, CA, Oct. 31.

Tarek Helmy, MD: "Decoding Left Main Dilemmas and LM with Acute Thrombus," Gulf Intervention Society Conference, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Nov. 16-18.

Jeffery Nurdin, PhD, Microbiology & Immunology Fellow: "Sugar? I Barely Know Her. HCMV Glycoprotein Unregulates Host Glycosylation to Enhance Neutralizing Antibody Resistance," University of Chicago Biological Sciences Division Rising Starts Symposium, Oct. 16-17.

Nilesh Pandey, PhD, Pathology & Translational Pathobiology Fellow: "Interactions between Integrin $\alpha 9 \beta 1$ and VCAM-1 Promote Neutrophil Hyperactivation and Deep Vein Thrombosis in a Murine Model of Lung Cancer," 65th American Society of Hematology (ASH) Annual Meeting & Exposition, San Diego, CA, Dec. 10. Dr. Pandey received an Abstract Achievement Award from ASH.

Carlos Previgliano, MD, Professor of Radiology, presented educational exhibit "All About: The Pericardium" at Radiology Society of North America Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, Nov. 26-30.

Karina Sulaiman, MD, Clinical Professor of Internal Medicine and Nephrology, Program Director for Internal Medicine Residency; **Shahzeem Bhayani, MD**, Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine; **Vinh Nguyen, MD**, Clinical Associate Professor of Internal Medicine: "Use of Technology to Mitigate Bias and Enhance Recruitment Using Principles of Holistic Review in IM Residency," 2023 Associate of Program Directors in Internal Medicine Fall Meeting, Baltimore, MD, Oct. 12-14.

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Internal Medicine Residents RECEIVE AWARD

LSU Health Shreveport Internal Medicine Residents (L to R), Dr. Pooja Shah, Dr. Siva Gandu and Dr. David Okuampa along with Dr. Sudha Pandit, Assistant Professor of Gastroenterology & Hepatology (not pictured), were awarded the Service Award for Colorectal Cancer Outreach, Prevention and Year-Round Excellence (SCOPY Award) from the American College of Gastroenterology for their project "Cutting Out Cancer." Cutting Out Cancer is a campaign to educate employees of local barbershops and salons to serve as spokespersons for colorectal cancer in Shreveport. Those participating are educated about colorectal cancer, populations that are most affected, methods, benefits and affordability of screening, important basics of a colonoscopy and resources available. In turn, the barbers and stylists are able to engage in a less formal, educational conversations about the importance of colorectal cancer screening while destigmatizing the procedure.



POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Madeline Barclay, MPH, Director of Admissions for School of Allied Health Professions: "AHEAD: Allied Health Education and Discovery Pipeline Program" and "DEI Accreditation Standards for Schools of Health Professions and Anti-DEI Legislation," Association of Schools Advancing Health Professions Annual Conference, Fort Walton, FL, Oct. 17-19.

Cyrine Ben Dhaou, PhD, Pathology & Translational Pathobiology Fellow: "The Role of Endothelial Nck1 in Atherosclerosis," NAVBO Vascular Biology Conference, Newport, RI, Oct. 15-19.

Margaret Bourg, MSIV: "Bridging the Gap: Health Equity and HPV Among Women in Rural Areas of Louisiana," AMA Research Challenge Poster Symposium, Oct. 18-20.

Madison Catalanotto, MSIV; Elizabeth Hixson, MSIV: "Umbilical Artery Dopplers in Early Severe Preeclampsia: A Retrospective Cohort Study," American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists District VII Annual Meeting, Tulsa, OK, Sept. 29-Oct. 1.

John Dent, DO, Pulmonary & Critical Care Fellow: "Sarcoidosis, the 'Greater Mimicker' Continues to Challenge Diagnostic Certainty," American College of Chest Physicians CHEST Conference, Honolulu, HI, Oct. 8-11.

Taylor Gatson, MSIV; Rachel Coleman, MSIV: "Disparities Across the CREOG Districts - Annual Variations of Wellness and Inclusivity Efforts in Obstetrics & Gynecology Websites," Central Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Nashville, TN, Oct. 25-28.

Joseph Gatuz, MD, Pulmonary & Critical Care Fellow: "Methemoglobinemia in a Leukemia Patient with G6PD-Deficiency Treated with Rasburicase," American College of Chest Physicians CHEST Conference, Honolulu, HI, Oct. 8-11.

Aastha Gupta, MD, PGY-2, Family Medicine-Monroe: "Diabetic Striatopathy - Just 'Not' Missed," North American Primary Care Research Group Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, Oct. 30-Nov. 3.

Tejaswi Katakam, MD, PGY-3, Family Medicine-Monroe: "Rethink Before You Binge Drink!!! Depression and Binge Drinking in Young Adults," AAFP FMX, Chicago, IL, Oct. 26-29.

Gaurav Katwal, MD, PGY-2, Family Medicine-Monroe: "Semaglutide Induced Acute Kidney Injury: Practice vs Patient Centered Approach," AAFP FMX, Chicago, IL, Oct. 26-29.

Pranali Kerkar, MD, PGY-1, Family Medicine-Monroe: "Interstitial Cystitis in a 10-Year-Old Girl: A Case Report," Family Medicine Education Conference, Providence, RI, Oct. 13-15.

Katelyn Lofton, Research Associate: "Increased Plasma Cystathionine Beta-Synthase in Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias: Inverse Correlation with Cognitive Performance," Neuroscience 2023 Conference, Washington, D.C., Nov. 11-15.

Patrick Luther, MSII: "Alzheimer's Disease and the Cerebellum: Correlation of Circulating Plasma Sulfide Levels with Cerebellar Atrophy and Cognitive Impairment," Neuroscience 2023 Conference, Washington, D.C., Nov. 11-15.

Kaitlin McDade, DO, Pulmonary & Critical Care Fellow: "ECMO-Associated Infections in Intensivist-Performed Bedside Cannulations: A Single Institution Retrospective Case Review" and "A Case of Lepidic Adenocarcinoma Mimicking Pulmonary Alveolar Proteinosis," American College of Chest Physicians CHEST Conference, Honolulu, HI, Oct. 8-11.

Diana Merendino, DPT, RRT, PT, RRT-NPS, RPFT, FAARC, Assistant Dean of Academic & Student Affairs for SAHP and Clinical Associate Professor of Cardiopulmonary Science: "Development of a Holistic Admissions Process," Association of Schools Advancing Health Professions Annual Conference, Fort Walton, FL, Oct. 17-19.

Ruhul Munshi, MD, Infectious Disease Fellow; Alexandre Malek, MD, Assistant Professor of Infectious Disease: "A Comparison of Multidrug-Resistant Gram-Negative Bacteremia in Cancer and Non-Cancer Patients," Infectious Diseases Society of America Conference, Boston, MA, Oct. 12.

Carolina Ochoa, MSIV: "Health Disparities and Risk Factors Related to COVID-19 Infection Among the Hispanic/Latinx Population in Louisiana," Conference VII MOLA Latino Health Symposium and IV NAMS Medical Spanish Summit, Chicago, IL, Oct. 13.

Andrea Ramirez, MD, Pulmonary & Critical Care Fellow: "Post-COVID Infection: A Nodule in a Multiple Myeloma Patient," "Obesity Paradox in Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension," and "A Case Series of ECMO Use for Advanced Pulmonary Procedures," American College of Chest Physicians CHEST Conference, Honolulu, HI, Oct. 8-11.

William Rosales, MD, PGY-3, Family Medicine-Monroe: "Pulmonary Tuberculosis in a Haystack of Confounders," AAFP FMX, Chicago, IL, Oct. 26-29.

Jillian Sandoz, MSIII: "COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake and Perceptions Among Hispanics/Latinos: Disparities, Hesitancy, and Implications for Equitable Access," AMA Research Challenge Poster Symposium, Oct. 18-20.

Matthew Scott, PhD, Pathology & Translational Pathobiology Fellow: "The Role of EphA2 in Vascular Smooth Muscle Cell Proliferation, Migration, and Mitogenic Signaling," NAVBO Vascular Biology Conference in Newport, RI, Oct. 15-19.

