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GRANTS &

CONTRACTS



Congratulations to our very productive faculty on their recent grants and contracts!



Rebecca Brotman, PhD, MPH

► **Rebecca Brotman, PhD, MPH**, assistant professor, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, received a one-year \$75,000 seed grant from the University of Maryland, Baltimore for her project "Interaction of the Human Microbiome and Tobacco in Women's Reproductive Health."

► **Jeffrey C. Fink, MD, MS**, associate professor, Department of Medicine, received a five-year \$2.4 million R01 award from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases for his project entitled "Does Under-recognition of Kidney Disease Affect Patient Safety?"

► **Wendy Lane, MD, MPH**, assistant professor, Department of Epidemiology & Public Health, received a \$599,965 Family League of Baltimore City grant. The goal of her project with the Black Eyed Susan Collaborative is to improve birth outcomes in Baltimore City's Druid Heights/Upton neighborhood.

► **Ayse L. Mindikoglu, MD, MPH**, assistant professor, Department of Medicine, received a five-year \$896,496 Mentored Patient-Oriented Research Career Development Award K23 grant from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and

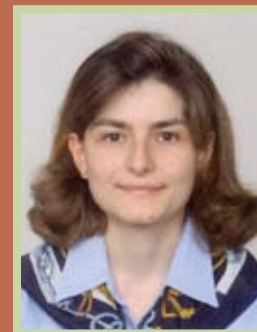


Wendy Lane, MD, MPH

Kidney Diseases for her work entitled "Gender Disparity in Liver Transplantation." Dr. Mindikoglu's mentors are **Charles D. Howell, MD**, professor, Department of Medicine, **Laurence S. Magder, PhD, MPH**, professor, Department of Epidemiology & Public Health, and **Sanford A. Stass, MD**, professor and chair, Department of Pathology.

► **Charlene Quinn, RN, PhD**, assistant professor, Department of Epidemiology & Public Health, has been selected for pilot funding through the Diabetes QUERI for her project "Mobile Diabetes Management Following Hospitalization for Older Veteran Diabetics." Additionally, Dr. Quinn received a Maryland Industrial Partnerships Program Award for a project called "Chevy Chase-based TelCare LLC" for \$233,713. The project will evaluate the effectiveness of TelCare's cellular communications-embedded glucose meter with two-way personalized communication between patients and care managers to improve blood glucose testing compliance.

► **Gordon S. Smith, MB, ChB, MPH**, professor, Department of Epidemiology & Public Health, received a five-year \$1,558,246 grant for his project "Alcohol Involvement in a Cohort of Trauma Patients: Trends and Future Mortality."



Ayse L. Mindikoglu, MD, MPH



Charlene Quinn, RN, PhD

EVENTS, LECTURES

& WORKSHOPS



Kudos to our colleagues who are experts in their fields and give their all to represent the School of Medicine!



Derek Haseltine, MEd

- ▶ **Derek Haseltine, MEd**, program director, Office for Research Career Development, presented a workshop on “Writing an Effective Scientific Resume” at the 97th annual meeting of the American Association of Immunologists in Baltimore in May 2010.
- ▶ **Mark Eppinger, PhD**, research associate, Department of Microbiology & Immunology and Institute for Genome Sciences, presented a lecture entitled “Genomic Plasticity in the Genetically Highly Homogenous Pathogen *Yersinia pestis*,” at the 8th Annual American Society for Microbiology Biodefense and Emerging Infectious Diseases Research Meeting in Baltimore in February 2010.
- ▶ The new **Office of Postdoctoral Scholars**, a collaborative effort between the leadership of the Graduate Program in Life Sciences and the Office of Research Career Development, hosted a Meet & Greet networking event in June 2010 in which over 60 postdoctoral scholars attended. Round table discussions included “Work-Life Balance,” “Day Care,” “Living in Baltimore,” “Social Activities,” “Career Development” and “Establishing a Local Chapter of the National Postdoctoral Association.” This event provided this community of postdoctoral scholars a chance to get to know colleagues from other labs, departments and schools. Also, it provided directors, **Tom McHugh** and **Derek Haseltine, MEd**, the opportunity to listen and gain insights on where to focus their efforts to best serve and meet the unique needs of this community of researchers.
- ▶ **Christopher V. Plowe MD, MPH**, professor, Department of Medicine, was the keynote speaker at the “Global Health: Can We Eradicate Malaria?” session during the Mike Bishop Symposium at the University of California, San Francisco in June 2010. Also in June, Dr. Plowe presented “An Update on the Global Effort to Identify Artemisinin Resistance Markers” at the Genomic Epidemiology of Malaria Conference in Hinxton, England, in June 2010.
- ▶ **Andrew N. Pollak, MD**, professor, Department of Orthopaedics, was invited to speak at the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons-Turkish Society of Orthopaedics and Traumatology Education Program in Antalya, Turkey, in

April 2010, in which he presented talks on “Treatment of Tibial Plateau Fractures” and “Management of Subtrochanteric Femoral Fractures.” Additionally, in June 2010, Dr. Pollak was invited to speak at the 2nd International Symposium of Traumatology in

Yangzi, China, on “Principles of Management of Musculoskeletal Injuries in Polytrauma Patients—The Shock Trauma Approach” and in July 2010, he participated in the AO International Board of Trustees Annual Meeting in Lisbon, Portugal, where he presented “Humanitarian Relief to Capacity Building in Haiti—A Proposal for Developing World Fracture Care Education.”

▶ **Alan Shuldiner, MD**, Whitehurst Professor of Medicine, and director, Program in Genetics and Genomic Medicine, attended the 2nd Annual Obesity Summit: A Unified Treatment Approach of the Obese and Overweight Patient at The Henry Hood Center for Health Research in Danville, Pennsylvania, in June 2010, where he presented “Insulin Resistance and Diabetes.” In addition, Dr. Shuldiner attended the Davis Health System Women’s Health Conference at University of California, Davis in Napa, California, in July 2010, where he presented “Interaction between Genetics, Environment and Behavior in Obesity and the Metabolic Syndrome.”

▶ **Scott E. Strome, MD, FACS**, professor and chair, Department of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, was the co-organizer of a Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee, or RAC, -sponsored conference, “Gene-modified T Cells: Challenges in Clinical Trial Design with Novel Receptors,” in Bethesda in June 2010. In addition, Dr. Strome served as chair of a National Cancer Institute Cellular and Tissue Biology P01 Special Emphasis Review, also in Bethesda in June 2010.

▶ **Richard Y. Zhao, PhD**, associate professor, Institute of Human Virology and Departments of Pathology and Microbiology & Immunology, chaired a Special Emphasis Panel on March 31, 2010, to review National Institutes of Health grant applications for the members of conflict in the AIDS Molecular and Cellular Biology and the AIDS Discovery and Development of Therapeutics Study Sections.



Andrew N. Pollak, MD



Scott E. Strome, MD,
FACS



PUBLICATIONS

Hats off to those who have been published!

► **Michael K. Abraham, MD, MS**, clinical assistant professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, is the co-author of two recent articles in national CME publications. Dr. Abraham co-published an article on management of psychotic patients in the June 2010 issue of *Critical Decisions in Emergency Medicine*. The second article, with co-author **Jason S. Oh, MD**, third-year resident in the emergency medicine/internal medicine program, on the topic of wound care, was published in the July/August 2010 issue of *Trauma Reports*.



Dawn Alley, PhD

► **Dawn Alley, PhD**, assistant professor, Department of Epidemiology & Public Health, co-published an article entitled “Metabolic Syndrome and Weight Gain in Adulthood” in the *Journal of Gerontology Medical Sciences* 2010;65A:111-117. In addition, Dr. Alley co-published an article for the Health, Aging and Body Composition Study entitled “Joint Association of Obesity and Metabolic Syndrome with Incident Mobility Limitation in Older Men and Women—Results from the Health, Aging and Body Composition Study” in the *Journal of Gerontology Medical Sciences*, 2010;65A:84-92, “Foreclosure and Health Status” for the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in *LDI Issue Brief* 2010;15(2); PMID: 20180301, and “Obesity in Aging and Art” in the *Journal of Gerontology Medical Sciences*, 2010;65A:53-56.

► **Jeremy S. Bock, MD**, assistant instructor, and **Stephen S. Gottlieb, MD**, professor, both from the Department of Medicine, co-authored an article entitled “Cardiorenal Syndrome: New Perspectives” in *Circulation*, June 2010;121;2592-2600.

► **Rebecca M. Brotman, PhD, MPH**, assistant professor, Department of Epidemiology & Public Health, co-published “Effect of Menses on Clearance of Y-chromosome in Vaginal Fluid: Implications for a Biomarker of Recent Sexual Activity” in *Sexually Transmitted Diseases*, 2010;37(1):1-4, “Personal Hygienic Behaviors and Bacterial Vaginosis” in the February issue of *Sexually Transmitted Diseases* 2010;37(2):94-99, and “Race of Male Sexual Partners and Occurrence of Bacterial Vaginosis” in the March issue of *Sexually Transmitted Diseases*, 2010;37(3):184-190.

► **Clayton H. Brown, PhD**, assistant professor, Department of Epidemiology & Public Health, co-authored an article entitled “Predictors of Mortality in

Patients with Serious Mental Illness and Co-occurring Type 2 Diabetes” in *Psychiatry Research*, 2010;177:250-254. Co-authors from the Department of Psychiatry included **Julie Kreyenbuhl, PharmD, PhD**, associate professor, **Richard Goldberg, PhD**, associate professor, and **Lisa Dixon, MD**, professor. In addition, Dr. Brown co-authored “A Randomized, Controlled Trial of Computer-assisted Cognitive Remediation for Schizophrenia” in the *American Journal of Psychiatry*, 2010;167(2):170-180.

► **Scott E. Devine, PhD**, associate professor, Department of Medicine and Institute for Genome Sciences, co-authored an article entitled “Natural Mutagenesis of Human Genomes by Endogenous Retrotransposons” in the June 2010 issue of *Cell*, 141:1253–1261.

► **Samer El-Kamary, MB, ChB, MPH**, assistant professor, **Laurence S. Magder, PhD**, professor, **Mohamed Hashem, MB, BCh**, assistant professor, and **Thomas G. Strickland, MD, PhD**, professor, all of the Department of Epidemiology & Public Health, co-published “Incidence and Risk Factors for Community-acquired Hepatitis C Infection from Birth to Five Years of Age in Rural Egyptian Children” in *Transactions of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene*, 2010;104(5):357-363.

► **Jon P. Furuno, PhD**, assistant professor, Department of Epidemiology & Public Health, co-published an article entitled “Implementing Long-term Care Infection Control Guidelines into Practice: A Case-based Approach” in the *Annals of Long-Term Care: Clinical Care and Aging*, 2010;28(2):28-33.

► **Ann Gruber-Baldini, PhD**, associate professor, Department of Epidemiology & Public Health, co-published “Anemia and its Impact on Function in Nursing Home Residents: What Do We Know?” in the January issue of the *Journal of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners*, 2010;22(1):3-16, and “The Clinically Important Difference on the Unified Parkinson’s Disease Rating Scale” in the January issue of *Archives of Neurology*, 2010;67(1):64-70.

► **Bryan D. Hayes, PharmD**, clinical assistant professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, co-authored a comparison of the toxicity of overdoses with



Clayton H. Brown, PhD



Scott E. Devine, PhD



Jon P. Furuno, PhD

PUBLICATIONS *continued*

citalopram and escitalopram. The article was published in the July 2010 issue of *The Journal of Emergency Medicine*.



Krishnan Kolappaswamy,
BVSc, DACLAM

► **Krishnan Kolappaswamy, BVSc, DACLAM**, research associate, **Steven Shipley, DVM, DACLAM**, assistant professor, both from the Department of Pathology and Program in Comparative Medicine, and **Louis DeTolla, VMD, PhD, DACLAM**, professor, Department of Pathology, and director, Program in Comparative Medicine, co-published an article entitled “Recurrent Idiopathic Gingival Enlargement in an Olive Baboon (*Papio anubis*)” in the November issue of the *Journal of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science*, 49 (6): 1-3.

► **Judy S. LaKind, PhD**, associate professor, Department of Epidemiology & Public Health, co-published “Out of the Frying Pan and Out of the Fire: The Indispensable Role of Exposure Science in Avoiding Risks from Replacement Chemicals” in the *Journal of Exposure Science and Environmental Epidemiology*, 2010;20(2):115-116. In addition, Dr. LaKind co-published “The Good, the Bad and the Volatile: Can We Have Both Healthy Pools and Healthy People?” in *Environmental Science and Technology*, 2010;44:3205-3210, and “Advancing the Selection of Neurodevelopmental Measures in Epidemiological Studies of Environmental Chemical Exposure and Health Effects” in *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 2010;7:229-268.



Patricia Langenberg, PhD

► **Patricia Langenberg, PhD**, professor, Department of Epidemiology & Public Health, co-published “Mindfulness Intervention for Child Abuse Survivors” in the January issue of the *Journal of Clinical Psychology*, 2010;66(1):17-33. In addition, Dr. Langenberg co-published “Egocentric network data provide additional information for characterizing an individual’s HIV risk profile” in the January issue of *AIDS*, 2010;24(2):291-298, and “Sex, Collagen Expression and Anterior Cruciate Ligament Strength in Rats” in the January-February issue of the *Journal of Athletic Training*, 2010;45(1):22-28.

► **Jay S. Magaziner, PhD**, professor and chair, Department of Epidemiology & Public Health, co-published “Efficacy

and Safety of a Once-yearly Intravenous Zoledronic Acid 5 mg for Fracture Prevention in Elderly Postmenopausal Women with Osteoporosis Aged 75 and Older” in the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*, 2010;58(2):292-299. In addition, Dr. Magaziner co-published “Meta-analysis: Excess Mortality after Hip Fracture among Older Women and Men” in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, 2010;152(6):380-390.

► **Laurence S. Magder, PhD**, professor, Department of Epidemiology & Public Health, co-published an article entitled “Associations Between Breast Milk Viral Load, Mastitis, Exclusive Breast Feeding and Postnatal Transmission of HIV” in *Clinical Infectious Diseases*, 2010;50(5):762-769.

► **Eli N. Perencevich, MD, MS**, associate professor, Department of Epidemiology & Public Health, co-published “Clinical and Economic Impact of Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* Colonization or Infection on Neonates in Intensive Care Units” in the February issue of *Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology*, 2010;31(2):177-182.

► **Andrew N. Pollak, MD**, professor, Department of Orthopaedics, was the series editor of *American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons: Emergency Care and Transportation of the Sick and Injured*, 10th ed., Sudbury (MA), Jones and Bartlett Publishers, 2010 (March), and the series editor for *American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons: Emergency Care and Transportation of the Sick and Injured* [in Spanish]. 9th ed., Sudbury (MA), Jones and Bartlett Publishers, 2010 (Apr 30).

► **Michael Schatz**, general assistant, and **Adam Phillippy**, general assistant, both from the Institute of Genome Sciences, and **Pawel Gajer, PhD**, research associate, and **Jacques Ravel, PhD**, associate professor, both from the Department of Microbiology & Immunology and Institute for Genome Sciences, co-authored “Integrated Microbial Survey Analysis of Prokaryotic Communities for the PhyloChip Microarray” in the June 25, 2010, issue of *Applied and Environmental Microbiology* (Epub ahead of print). Dr. Ravel is also associate director of Genomics at the Institute for Genome Sciences.

► **Yin Wu, MD**, third-year fellow in the Department of Medicine’s Division of Hematology/Oncology, co-published an article, along with senior author **Maria R. Baer, MD**, professor, **Gautam V. Ramani, MD**, assistant professor, both from the Department of Medicine, entitled “Rare Hemoglobinopathy Presenting as Progressive Dyspnea” in the *American Journal of Hematology*, 85, May 2010 edition.



Maria R. Baer, MD

HONORS

& AWARDS



Congratulations to the following who have received honors!

► **Brian Edwards, MD**, instructor, Department of Medicine, received the 2010 Physician Colleague Award from the University of Maryland Medical Center's Department of Nursing. Every year during Nurse's Week, the award is bestowed upon an attending, a fellow and a resident in recognition of the unique ability of a physician to collaborate with nurses, in a professional and positive manner, toward the goal of excellence in patient care. This year, Nurse's Week took place from May 4 to May 12. Dr. Edwards also is medical director of the Department of Medicine's Medical Intermediate Care Hospitalists Unit.



Robert J. Habicht, MD, FAAP

► **Robert J. Habicht, MD, FAAP**, assistant professor, Departments of Medicine and Pediatrics, received the annual Theodore E. Woodward, M.D. Faculty Prize in Medicine in June 2010 for his exemplary teaching and patient care. The endowed award was created through the generosity of the Woodward family, alumni, faculty and friends after the July 11, 2005, passing of Theodore E. Woodward, '38. Dr. Woodward served on the School of Medicine faculty from 1948 to 2003 and was chair of the Department of Medicine from 1954 to 1981. Dr. Woodward is remembered as a superb teacher, master clinician, distinguished scientist and caring physician. This is the second year in a row that Dr. Habicht has received this award.

► **Patricia Jones, MA**, project manager, Department of Epidemiology & Public Health, received a UMB Community Service Award for 2009 to 2010. The award is presented to members of the university community who have distinguished themselves and the university by giving generously to the community. Ms. Jones received the award in recognition for her volunteer work within the Community of Saint Matthew and the Immigration Outreach Services Center. She has shown leadership in a variety of activities that involve advocacy, community outreach, education, fostering of financial independence for new immigrants and pastoral work.

► **Meghan Mulhare, Lindsay O'Steen** and **Shanna Sibiski**, all third-year students in the Department of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Science's Doctor of Physical Therapy program, received the Maryland Gerontological Association's 2010 Student Award for their abstract "Framework for Student-Provided Service to Underserved Populations: Interdisciplinary Implementation at a Geriatric Community in Baltimore City." The award was presented at the

Annual Conference of the Maryland Gerontological Association, held at the Charlestown Retirement Community in Catonsville, Maryland, in June 2010.

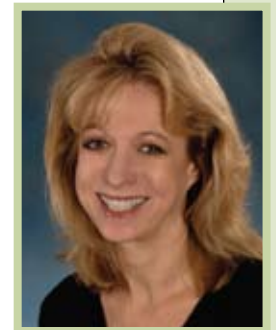
► **Andrew N. Pollak, MD**, professor, Department of Orthopaedics, accepted, on behalf of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS), one of six Summit Awards from the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) at an ASAE award ceremony in Washington, DC, in September 2010. As part of the presentation, in lieu of speeches, ASAE produces a video that includes snippets of its members in action and a piece from an ASAE or AAOS representative. Dr. Pollak was featured in the ASAE video in a piece that highlighted the work of University of Maryland physicians, nurses and staff in Haiti after the earthquake in January 2010. The Summit Awards recognize the achievements of the ASAE community and honor the industry's outstanding volunteer efforts.

► **E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA**, vice president for Medical Affairs, University of Maryland, and John Z. and Akiko K. Bowers Distinguished Professor and dean, University of Maryland School of Medicine, was recognized as the 2010 Honoree of the Health Services Leadership Award, presented by the Baltimore Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, at the 17th Annual Health Services Leadership Award Luncheon in Baltimore in October. The luncheon honors an individual who exemplifies the ideals of the Boy Scouts of America, who has a wide influence with their peers and who has committed outstanding community service as evidenced by the interest and leadership they have given to any number of organizations. The 2010 event chair was **Brian Browne, MD**, professor and chair, Department of Emergency Medicine.

► **Wendy Sanders, MA**, assistant dean for Research Career Development, was named one of the *Daily Record's* 2010 Maryland's Top 100 Women. Awards are based on leadership, mentoring and community service. A recognition ceremony and celebration was held at the Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall in Baltimore in May 2010.



L-R: Meghan Mulhare, Lindsay O'Steen and Shanna Sibiski pose with their abstract poster.



Wendy Sanders, MA

NEW FACULTY



We welcome our new faculty!

► **Kimberlee Adkins, MD**, joined the Department of Medicine as an instructor in July 2010. She will work in the Department of Medicine's Direct Admission Service–Hospitalist Service, or DASH. Dr. Adkins completed her residency at the University of Maryland Medical Center in the medicine program.

► **Nisar Ahmad, MBBS**, joined the Department of Medicine as an instructor in April 2010. Dr. Ahmad will work in the department's Intermediate Care Hospitalist Service. He completed his residency in internal medicine at Mt. Sinai Hospital in the Bronx, New York, and joins the University of Maryland from a hospitalist position he held in Lake Havasu, Arizona.



Jessica P. Brown, PhD

► **Jessica P. Brown, PhD**, joined the Department of Epidemiology & Public Health as an assistant professor in February 2010. Dr. Brown was selected for the Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health (BIRCWH) program, a two-year K12 award. She will work with **Kathleen Tracy, PhD**, assistant professor, Department of Epidemiology & Public Health, and Dr. Patti Gravitt from the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health. Dr. Brown received a PhD in psychology from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County in May 2006. She completed a postdoctoral fellowship under Dr. Tracy and served as the project coordinator for the Transfusion Trigger Trial for Functional Outcomes in Cardiovascular Patients Undergoing Surgical Hip Fracture Repair Cognitive Ancillary Study, which was funded by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute under the supervision of **Ann Gruber-Baldini, PhD**, associate professor, Department of Epidemiology & Public Health. Two years ago, Dr. Brown also was appointed as an academic fellow in the department's Epidemiology of Aging Training Program. The BIRCWH award will further her long-term goal of conducting and disseminating research on women's health issues such as characterizing the relationships among menopausal symptoms, sleep disturbance and depressed mood among perimenopausal and postmenopausal women.

► **Lei Jia (Lindsey) Chen, MD**, joined the Department of Medicine, where she will work in the Oncologist Hospitalist Service, as an instructor in July 2010.

Dr. Chen completed her residency in internal medicine at the University of Maryland Medical Center.

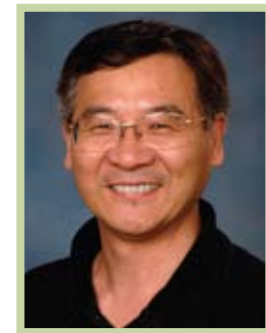
► **Nadia Ijaz, MBBS**, joined the Department of Medicine as an instructor in July 2010. She will work in the department's Oncologist Hospitalist Service. Dr. Ijaz completed her residency in internal medicine at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center's Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

► **Surbhi Leekha, MBBS, MPH**, joined the Department of Epidemiology & Public Health as an assistant professor in July 2010. Dr. Leekha will work in the department's Division of Genomic Epidemiology and Clinical Outcomes and also as an associate hospital epidemiologist in infection control at the University of Maryland Medical Center. Dr. Leekha received her MBBS in medicine and surgery from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi, India, in 2001, and her MPH in epidemiology from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. She conducted her residency in internal medicine from 2004 to 2007 and a fellowship in infectious diseases from 2007 to early 2010 at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Dr. Leekha has won numerous distinctions and awards for her outstanding work. Her interests focus on examining issues related to infection control measures including factors related to *Clostridium difficile*, surgical site infection and MRSA.



Surbhi Leekha, MBBS, MPH

► **Jianyuan "Jack" Luo, PhD**, joined the Department of Medical & Research Technology (DMRT) as an associate professor in May 2010. He has a secondary appointment in the Department of Pathology. Dr. Luo comes to Maryland from the Department of Cancer Biology at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. His area of expertise is cellular and molecular biology and he will assist in teaching the DMRT Cell and Molecular Biology course. Dr. Luo



Jianyuan "Jack" Luo, PhD

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has established several distinct projects studying aging and cancer through protein acetylation and deacetylation pathways.

- ▶ **Stephanie Mikulsky, MD**, joined the Department of Medicine as an instructor in September 2010. She will work in the department's Oncologist Hospitalist Service. Dr. Mikulsky completed her residency in internal medicine at the University of Maryland Medical Center.
- ▶ **Paula Rosenblatt, MD**, joined the Department of Medicine as an instructor in July 2010. She will work in the department's Oncologist Hospitalist Service. Dr. Rosenblatt completed her internal medicine residency program at the University of Maryland Medical Center and will begin a fellowship in hematology/oncology in the University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Cancer Center in July 2011.
- ▶ **Cheryl M. Hepp, MD**, joined the Department of Medicine as an interim visiting assistant professor in August 2010. She will work in the department's Intermediate Care Hospitalist Service. Dr. Hepp completed her residency in internal medicine at the University of Maryland Medical Center. She then worked in a hospitalist role at Calvert Memorial Hospital in Prince Frederick, Maryland, before returning to the University of Maryland to join the Department of Medicine.
- ▶ **Norman Retener, MD**, joined the Department of Medicine as an assistant professor in July 2010. He will work in the department's Intermediate Care Hospitalist Service. Dr. Retener completed his residency at the University of Maryland Medical Center in the medicine program, where he held the position of chief resident from 2009 to 2010.
- ▶ **Ethel Weld, MD**, joined the Department of Medicine as an instructor in July 2010. She will work in the department's Intermediate Care Hospitalist Service. Dr. Weld completed her residency at the University of Maryland Medical Center in the medicine-pediatrics program, where she held the position of chief resident from 2009 to 2010.

IN THE NEWS



A job well done to all who have kept us in the media spotlight!



Lixing Lao, PhD

▶ **Lixing Lao, PhD**, professor, Department of Family & Community Medicine, and director, Traditional Chinese Medicine Research, Center for Integrative Medicine, was interviewed by *USA Today* for an article published on September 21, 2010, about confinement ladies, women who watch over a new mother the first 30 days after childbirth.

▶ **Andrew N. Pollak, MD**, professor, Department of Orthopaedics, recorded, as the new incoming president of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association (OTA), a PSA about distracted driving, which currently is airing on WTOP, 103.5 FM. Dr. Pollak will assume his

responsibilities as president of OTA in February 2011. To download audio of the PSA, visit <http://medschool.umaryland.edu/media/textdrive.mp3>.

▶ **E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA**, vice president for Medical Affairs, University of Maryland, and John Z. and Akiko K. Bowers Distinguished Professor and dean, University of Maryland School of Medicine, and **Bruce Jarrell, MD**, executive vice dean, were featured in an article in the September 2010 edition of *The Research Advocate*, a newsletter published by Research America. The article focused on the School of Medicine's extensive research enterprise.

▶ **Lauren Richter, DO, MAc**, clinical assistant professor, Department of Family & Community Medicine and Center for Integrative Medicine, recommended massage to relieve headache pain related to stress for an article in the October 2010 edition of the *Ladies Home Journal*.

▶ **Richard Y. Zhao, PhD**, associate professor, Institute of Human Virology and Departments of Pathology and Microbiology & Immunology, appeared on Voice of America's "Issues and Opinions" program to discuss the controversies of synthetic life.



Lauren Richter, DO, MAc

APPOINTMENTS



We applaud our colleagues on their recent appointments!



Mangla Gulati, MBBS, FACP

► **Mangla Gulati, MBBS, FACP**, assistant professor, Department of Medicine, was elected secretary/treasurer of the Society of Hospital Medicine, Greater Baltimore Area Chapter.

► **Robert Habicht, MD, FAAP**, assistant professor, Departments of Medicine and Pediatrics, was elected president of the Society of Hospital Medicine, Greater Baltimore Area Chapter.

► **Denise Orwig, PhD**, assistant professor, Department of Epidemiology & Public Health, has been named co-director of the department's Doctoral Program in Gerontology. She has been fully engaged in the doctoral program, serving on its steering committee and as the program's representative to the GPILS steering committee.



Denise Orwig, PhD



Alice Ryan, PhD

► **Alice Ryan, PhD**, professor, Department of Medicine, has been appointed to serve as a member of the Clinical and Integrative Diabetes and Obesity Study Section, Center for Scientific Review, beginning July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2014. Members are selected on the basis of their demonstrated competence and achievement in their scientific discipline as evidenced by the quality of research accomplishments, publications in scientific journals and other significant scientific activities, achievements and honors.

► **Richard Y. Zhao, PhD**, associate professor, Institute of Human Virology and Departments of Pathology and Microbiology & Immunology, was invited to serve on the editorial board of *Frontiers in Virology*.



Richard Y. Zhao, PhD

Buzz Contacts

Many thanks to the following people who serve as your liaisons for the information you see in *What's the Buzz?* Please send information (within the realm of the categories listed above) that you would like to see in the *Buzz* to the appropriate person within your department, program, center or office.

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Biochemistry & Molecular Biology:
Bruce Reinecke

Dermatology: Betsy Satosky

Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine: Nan Knight

Emergency Medicine:
Linda Kesselring

Epidemiology & Preventive Medicine: Yimei Wu

Family & Community Medicine:
Karen Webster

Medical & Research Technology:
Cynthia Stambach

Medicine: Molly Lutz

Microbiology & Immunology:
Teri Robinson

Neurology: Paula Gilley
Neurosurgery: Terry Roberts

Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences: Chris Whitley

Ophthalmology: Nancy Cook

Orthopaedics: Dori Kelly

Otorhinolaryngology: Bryan Ambro
Pathology: Carmen Wooden

Pediatrics: Bonnie Winters

Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics: Anne Nourse

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Program in Genetics & Genomic Medicine: Pam Shinnick

Program in Minority Health & Health Disparities: Claudia Baquet

Program in Neuroscience: Tom McHugh

Program in Oncology: Stephen Long

Program in Trauma: Cynthia Rivers

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Center for Integrative Medicine:
Harry Bosk

Center for Mucosal Biology Research or MBRC: Pam King

Center for Research on Aging:
Kara Longo

Center for Stem Cell Biology & Regenerative Medicine:
LaRondi Flowers

Center for Trauma and Anesthesiology Research: Jane Anderson

Center for Vaccine Development:
Gloria Smedley

Center for Vascular & Inflammatory Diseases: Vanessa Foreman

Institute for Genome Sciences:
Renée Nathaniel

Institute of Human Virology:
Nora Grannell

MD/PhD Program: Jane Bacon

Office of Admissions: Mickey Foxwell

Office of Development: Emily Cooke

Office of Information Services:
Jim McNamee

Office of Policy & Planning:
Claudia Baquet

Office of Faculty Affairs & Professional Development:
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