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

- **Thomas Blanpied, PhD**, Associate Professor, Department of Physiology, received a five-year, $335,850 subcontract from the University of Pittsburgh as part of a three-investigator, multi-PI R01 grant from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke for “CRCNS: Transmitter Release Site Organization in Plasticity and Disease at the NMJ.”

- **Karen Kotloff, MD**, Professor, and **Matthew Laurens, MD, MPH**, Assistant Professor, both from the Department of Pediatrics, were awarded $1,351,278 over two years under the Center for Vaccine Development’s Vaccine Treatment and Evaluation Unit (VTEU) NIH contract to develop and implement “A Phase 1 Challenge Study to Evaluate Safety, Immunogenicity and Efficacy of a Malaria Vaccine (rCSP adjuvant with GLA-SE) in Healthy Adults.”

- **Jacques Ravel, PhD**, Professor, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, and Associate Director of Genomics, Institute for Genome Sciences, and **Patrik Bavoil, PhD**, Professor & Chair of the Department of Microbial Pathogenesis in the School of Dentistry, have been awarded a five-year, $ 10.7 million grant from NIH for “Ecopathogenomics of Sexually Transmitted Infections (EPSTI).” This is a renewal of the current U19 Sexually Transmitted Infections Cooperative Research Center (STI CRC) project “EcoPathogenomics of Chlamydial Reproductive Tract Infection (EPCRTI).” The focus of this application is on the discovery of biomarkers, with applications in the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of Chlamydia trachomatis and Neisseria gonorrhoeae mon- and co-infections. It comprises three projects that will evaluate the human genetics component of the infections, the host response (immune and miRNA), as well as the genital microbiome.

- **Mark Rizzo, PhD**, Associate Professor, Department of Physiology, received a five-year, $1,822,815 grant from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDKD) for a competing renewal of “Regulatory Mechanisms of Insulin Secretion.”

- **Lisa Shulman, MD**, Professor, Department of Neurology, received a four-year, $1,000,000 grant from Eugenia and Michael Brin for “Investigating Parkinson Disease Genetics in a Longitudinal Database.”

- **Nevil Singh, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, received one year of bridge funding via an R56 award from the NIH in the amount of $383,750 for “Modifying T Cell Responses by Combinatorial Targeting of Negative Regulators.”

- **Stefanie Vogel, PhD**, Professor, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, received a sub-award from the University of Maryland College Park for nine months of funding totaling $70,000 to support “Functionalized Catenionic Surfactant Vesicles (FCSVs): A Platform for Vaccine Development.” The prime sponsor was the Maryland Innovation Initiative.

- **Friedrich Rainer von Coelln, DrMed**, Assistant Professor, Department of Neurology, received a two-year, $130,000 training grant from the American Academy of Neurology for “Genetic Determinants of Clinical Heterogeneity in Parkinson Disease.”

- **Tonya Webb, MD**, Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, received a one-year, $20,000 award from
Congratulations to the following who have received honors!

- **Nicolas Dorsey, PhD**, a fourth-year medical student in the UMSOM Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP) was one of only two MD/PhD students nationwide invited to speak at the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS)/MSTP Symposium “50 Years of Training Physician-Scientists” in Bethesda, MD on July 17. Dr. Dorsey presented “The Role of STAT6 Modulation of Natural and Inducible Tregs During Allergic Lung Inflammation.”

- **Achsa Keegan, PhD**, Professor, Department of Microbiology & Immunology and Center for Vascular and Inflammatory Diseases, is Dr. Dorsey’s mentor and Associate Director of the University of Maryland’s MSTP.

- **Claire Fraser, PhD**, Professor, Departments of Medicine, Microbiology & Immunology and Director of the Institute for Genome Sciences, received the 2014 Drexel Prize in Infectious Disease at the International Symposium on Molecular Medicine and Infectious Disease, held at the Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia from June 16–20.

- **Jon Mark Hirshon, MD, MPH, PhD**, Associate Professor, Departments of Emergency Medicine and Epidemiology & Public Health, chaired the task force that compiled a “report card” that graded the condition of the emergency care system in the United States. The results were published as “America’s Emergency Care Environment: A State-by-State Report Card” in the February issue of Annals of Emergency Medicine. In early August, the American College of Emergency Physicians, which sponsored the compilation of the report, received a Profile of Excellence Award for Advocacy from the American Association of Medical Society Executives. The award was presented to honor ACEP’s efforts to improve the quality of medical care and expand access to emergency medical care, specifically through its publication of the emergency care report card.

- **Alice Zhang, MS-II**, was the recipient of a 2014 David E. Rogers Fellowship. The award included a $4000 stipend in support of her summer research project “Disadvantage, Trauma, and Emotional Regulation in Children: The Role of Families in Moderating Physiological Stress Responses.” Alice also presented on her project at the 2014 Medical Student Forum, held at the New York Academy of Medicine in New York City on September 4.
Hats off to those who have been published!

- **Brian Berman, MD**, Professor, Department of Family & Community Medicine and Director, Center for Integrative Medicine, was among the co-authors on “Mindfulness Intervention for Child Abuse Survivors: A 2.5-Year Follow-Up” in the *Journal of Clinical Psychology*, 2014 May 20 [Epub ahead of print]. Dr. Berman and **Claudia Witt, MD, MBA**, Professor, Department of Family & Community Medicine and Center for Integrative Medicine, were among the co-authors on “Effectiveness Guidance Document (EGD) for Chinese Medicine Trials: A Consensus Document” in *Trials*, 2014 May 13;15:169.

- **Uttam Bodanapally, MBBS**, Assistant Professor; **Kathirkama Shanmuganathan, MBBS**, Professor; **Stuart Mirvis, MD**, Professor; and **Jarolsaw Krejza, MD, PhD**, Adjunct Professor, all from the Department of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine, were among the authors on “Traumatic Optic Neuropathy Prediction After Blunt Facial Trauma: Derivation of a Risk Score Based on Facial CT Findings at Admission” in *Radiology*, 2014 Sep;272(3):824-831.

- **D. Hunter Boggs, MD**, Resident, and **Minesh Mehta, MB, ChB**, Professor, both from the Department of Radiation Oncology, were the lead and senior authors, respectively, on “Strategies to Prevent Brain Metastasis in High-Risk Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer: Lessons Learned From a Randomized Study of Maintenance Temozolomide Versus Observation” in *Clinical Lung Cancer*, 2014 Jun 24 [Epub ahead of print]. Dr. Mehta and **James Snider III, MD**, Resident, Department of Radiation Oncology, were the lead and senior authors, respectively, on “Prophylactic Cranial Irradiation: Recent Outcomes and Innovations” in *CNS Oncology*, 2014 May;3(3):219–230.

- **Rong Chen, PhD, MTR**, Assistant Professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine, was invited to be the lead guest editor of the July 2014 special issue on “Advanced Medical Image Analysis” of the journal *Computational and Mathematical Methods in Medicine*.

- **Shifeng Chen, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, was among the co-authors on “Unbiased Analysis of Pancreatic Cancer Radiation Resistance Reveals Cholesterol Biosynthesis as a Novel Target for Radiosensitisation” in the *British Journal of Cancer*, 2014 Jul 15 [Epub ahead of print].

- **Marcus Chibucos, PhD**, Research Associate, Microbiology & Immunology; **Owen White, PhD**, Professor, Department of Epidemiology & Public Health and Associate Director of Bioinformatics; and **Michelle Giglio, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, all from the Institute for Genome Sciences, were among the co-authors on “Standardized Description of Scientific Evidence Using the Evidence Ontology (ECO)” in *Database*, 2014 July 22;2014.

- **Jonathan Crabtree**, Lead Bioinformatics Software Engineer; **Sonia Agrawal**, Senior Bioinformatics Software Engineer; **Anup Mahurkar**, Executive Director, Software Engineering & IT; **Garry Myers, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology & Immunology; **David Rasko, PhD**, Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology & Immunology; and **Owen White, PhD**, Professor, Department of Epidemiology & Public Health and Associate Director of Bioinformatics, all from the Institute for Genome Sciences, were among the co-authors on “Circleator: Flexible Circular Visualization of Genome-Associated Data with BioPerl and SVG” in *Bioinformatics*, 2014 Jul 29 [Epub ahead of print].

- **Alan Cross, MD**, Professor, Department of Medicine, and **Kristina Harris, PhD**, Adjunct Assistant Professor, and **Dean Mann, MD**, Professor, both from the Department of Pathology, were among the co-authors on “The IL-23/Th17 Axis Is Involved in the Adaptive Immune Response to B. anthracis in Humans” in the *European Journal of Immunology*, 2014;44(3):752-62.

- **David Dreizin, MD**, Assistant Professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine, was among the co-authors on “Gradient-Echo In-Phase and Opposed-Phase Chemical Shift Imaging: Role in Evaluating Bone Marrow” in *Clinical Radiology*, 2014 Jun;69(6):648-657, and “Focal Nodular Hyperplasia Within Accessory Liver: Imaging Findings at Computed Tomography and Magnetic Resonance Imaging” in the *Journal of Computer Assisted Tomography*, 2014 May-Jun;38(3):424-426.

- **Larry Forrester, PhD**, Associate Professor, and **Jill Whitall, PhD**, Professor, both from the Department of Physical Therapy &
Rehabilitation Science, were among the co-authors on “Manipulating the Stride Length/Stride Velocity Relationship of Walking Using a Treadmill and Rhythmic Auditory Cueing in Non-Disabled Older Individuals: A Short-Term Feasibility Study” in Gait Posture, 2014 Jul 12 [Epub ahead of print].

Pawel Gajer, PhD, Research Associate, and Jacques Ravel, PhD, Professor and Associate Director of Genomics, both from the Department of Microbiology & Immunology and the Institute for Genome Sciences, were among the co-authors on “Phylogeography of Bacillus anthracis in the Country of Georgia Shows Evidence of Population Structuring and Is Dissimilar to Other Regional Genotypes” in PLoS One, 2014 Jul 21;9(7):e102651.

Umar Khan, MBBS, Fellow, and Carl Shanholtz, MD, Associate Professor, both from the Department of Medicine, and Michael McCurdy, MD, Assistant Professor, Departments of Emergency Medicine and Medicine, co-authored “Oncologic Mechanical Emergencies” in Emergency Medicine Clinics of North America, 2014 Aug;32(3):495-508. Amal Mattu, MD, Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, is the consulting editor for the Clinics series and wrote the foreword for this issue, on the topic of hematology/oncology emergencies.

Seth Kligerman, MD, Assistant Professor and Charles White, MD, Professor, both from the Department of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine, were among the co-authors on “Missed Pulmonary Embolism on Abdominal CT” in AJR American Journal of Roentgenology, 2014 Apr;202(4):738-743.

Young Kwok, MD, Associate Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, and John Sorkin, MD, PhD, Professor, Department of Medicine, were among the co-authors on “Cardiovascular Event-Free Survival After Adjuvant Radiation Therapy in Breast Cancer Patients Stratified by Cardiovascular Risk” in Cancer Medicine, 2014 Jul 10 [Epub ahead of print].

Barton Lane, MD, Assistant Professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine, was among the authors on “Long-Term Influence of Chemotherapy on Steatosis-Associated Advanced Hepatic Fibrosis” in Medical Oncology, 2014 Jun;31(6):971. Co-authors included Min Zhan, PhD, and Samer El-Kamary, MB, ChB, MPH, both Associate Professors, Department of Epidemiology, Ayse Mindikoglu, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor, and Yixing Jiang, BM, PhD, Associate Professor, both from the Department of Medicine; and William Culpepper, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Neurology.

Benjamin Lawner, DO, MS, EMT-P, Assistant Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, and Deputy Medical Director, Baltimore City Fire Department, published a handbook on the interpretation of 12-lead electrocardiograms for pre-hospital personnel. His co-author was Priya Kamath, MD, who was a fourth-year student at the University of Maryland School of Medicine at the time the text was developed and who is now an internal medicine resident at Cooper University Hospital in Camden, NJ. Their handbook was distributed to all paramedics in the Baltimore City Fire Department and is now being developed as a statewide educational module by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems.

Mu-Han Lin, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, was among the co-authors on “Intensity-Modulated Radiation Therapy for Pancreatic and Prostate Cancer Using Pulsed Low-Dose Delivery Techniques” in Medical Dosimetry, 2014 Jul 30 [Epub ahead of print].

Dirk Mayer, Dr. rer. nat., Associate Professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine, was among the co-authors on “The Feasibility of Assessing Branched-Chain Amino Acid Metabolism in Cellular Models of Prostate Cancer with Hyperpolarized [1-13C]-Ketoisocaproate” in Magnetic Resonance Imaging, 2014 Sep;32(7):791-795.

Minesh Mehta, MB, ChB, Professor; Katja Langen, PhD, Associate Professor, and William Regine, MD, Professor and the Isadore & Fannie Schneider Foxman Chair, all from the Department of Radiation Oncology, published “Letter to the Editor: Expanding the Horizons of Proton Beam Therapy” in The Cancer Letter, 2014 Aug 1 [Epub ahead of print].

Andrea Meredith, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Physiology, was among the co-
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Mark Mishra, MD, Assistant Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, was among the co-authors on “Nuclear BK channels Regulate Gene Expression Via the Control of Nuclear Calcium Signaling” in Nature Neuroscience, 2014 Aug;17(8):1055-63.

Pranshu Mohindra, MD, MBBS, was among the co-authors on “Genomic Prostate Cancer Classifier Predicts Biochemical Failure and Metastases in Patients After Postoperative Radiation Therapy” in the International Journal of Radiation Oncology, Biology, Physics, 2014 Aug 1;89(5):1038–1046.

Andrew Meredith, PhD

Pranshu Mohindra, MD, MBBS

Andrea Meredith, PhD

Mark Mishra, MD

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Prashant Raghavan, MBBS, Assistant Professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine, was among the co-authors on “Imaging Genomic Mapping of an Invasive MRI Phenotype Predicts Patient Outcome and Metabolic Dysfunction: A TCGA Glioma Phenotype Research Group Project” in BMC Medical Genomics, 2014 Jun 2;7:30, and “Spontaneous Regression and Recurrence of a Tumefactive Perivascular Space” in Neuroradiology Journal, 2014 Apr;27(2):195-202. Dr. Raghavan was also among the co-authors on the textbook Manual of Head and Neck Imaging, published earlier this year by Springer Verlag (New York).

Jacques Ravel, PhD, Professor, Department of Microbiology & Immunology and Associate Director of Genomics, and Owen White, PhD, Professor, Department of Epidemiology & Public Health and Associate Director of Bioinformatics, both from the Institute for Genome Sciences, were among the co-authors on The Human Microbiome Science Report, created for the “Human Microbiome Science: Vision for the Future” conference in July in Bethesda, MD, where scientists discussed current advances, challenges and opportunities for human microbiome research at the NIH. A report of the meeting is now available in the journal Microbiome at http://www.microbiomejournal.com.

David Riley, Senior Bioinformatics Software Engineer, and Hervé Tettelin, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, both from the Institute for Genome Sciences, were among the co-authors on “Parallel Evolution of Streptococcus pneumoniae and Streptococcus mitis to Pathogenic and Mutualistic Lifestyles” in mBio, 2014;5(4):e01490-14.

Steven Roys, BS, MS, Research Associate; Chandler Sours, BS, MS, Postdoctoral Fellow; Kathirkama Shanmuganathan, MBBS, Professor; and Rao Gullapalli, PhD, MBA, Professor, all from the Department of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine, along with Jinghao Zhou, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, were among the co-authors on “Longitudinal and Prognostic Evaluation of Mild Traumatic Brain Injury: A 1H-Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy Study” in the Journal of Neurotrauma, 2014;31(11):1018-1028.

Naomi Sengamalay, Program Manager, Xuechu Zhao, Lab Research Specialist and Claire Fraser, PhD, Professor, Departments of Medicine, Microbiology & Immunology, all also from the Institute for Genome Sciences, which Dr. Fraser directs, were among the co-authors on “Genome Sequences of Rhinovirus C Isolates From Wisconsin Pediatric Respiratory Studies” in Genome Announcements, 2014 Mar 27;2(2); “Genome Sequences of Rhinovirus B Isolates From Wisconsin Pediatric Respiratory Studies” in Genome Announcements, 2014 Mar 27;2(2); and on “Genome Sequences of Rhinovirus a Isolates From Wisconsin Pediatric Respiratory Studies” in Genome Announcements, 2014 Mar 27;2(2).

Terez Shea-Donohue, PhD, Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, was among the co-authors on “An Unsuspected
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Taehoon Shin, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine, was among the co-authors on “Three-Dimensional Magnetization-Prepared Imaging Using a Concentric Cylinders Trajectory” published in Magnetic Resonance in Medicine, 2014 May;71(5):1700-1710.

J Marc Simard, MD, PhD, Professor, Department of Neurosurgery; Andrew Steven, MD, Assistant Professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine, and Minesh Mehta, MB, ChB, FASTRO, Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, were among the co-authors on “Potential of Glyburide to Reduce Intracerebral Edema in Brain Metastases” in Expert Review of Neurotherapeutics, 2014 Apr;14(4):379-388.

Jade Wong-You-Cheong, MB, ChB, Professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, was among the co-authors on “A Pilot Study to Evaluate Renal Hemodynamics in Cirrhosis by Simultaneous Glomerular Filtration Rate, Renal Plasma Flow, Renal Resistive Indices and Biomarkers Measurements” in the American Journal of Nephrology, 2014;39(6):543-552.

In the News

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

Larry Forrester, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Science, is currently featured on the U.S. Medicine website in “Robotics Help Veterans Relearn Walking Skills after Stroke Damage.” The story highlights Dr. Forrester’s research at the Baltimore Veterans Administration Medical Center with the Anklebot, an exoskeleton robotic system used as a therapeutic device to improve walking in stroke survivors.

Michelle Pearce, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Family & Community Medicine and the Center for Integrative Medicine, was quoted as an expert on meditation in the Baltimore Sun article “Meditation Gains Popularity as Means to Promote Mental, Physical Health” on June 6.

John Reed, MD, MDiv, Assistant Professor, Department of Family & Community Medicine, and Center for Integrative Medicine, was interviewed in The Huffington Post article “4 Ways We Calm Ourselves Down Without Really Knowing It” on July 23.

The 4th Annual “Crashing Patient! Resuscitation & Risk Management” Conference will be held on Thursday, October 16, at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. Organized by Amal Mattu, MD, Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, the full-day conference is designed to address risk issues specific to both parties in emergency medicine: the patient and the care provider. Emergency medicine faculty members will present lectures and workshops covering the optimal care of the sickest patients, including those with vascular catastrophes, traumatic brain injury, and acute mesenteric ischemia. A pre-conference Critical Care Symposium will be presented on October 15. On the 17th, a post-conference workshop will include instruction in airway management and critical skills (presented as a cadaver lab), as well as echocardiography and ultrasound. The conference is designed for emergency medicine specialists but will be of interest and benefit to any healthcare provider who cares for very sick patients. More information about the conference is available at https://umem.org/page/risk/home.

the buzz
We welcome our new faculty!

- **Zubair M. Ahmed, PhD**, joined the Department of Otorhinolaryngology, Head & Neck surgery as an Associate Professor in July. As a scientist, Dr. Ahmed’s primary research goals are the identification and characterization of genes involved in syndromic hearing loss and, specifically, Usher Syndrome. His research is focused on both visual and auditory sensory systems. Prior to coming to the University of Maryland, Dr. Ahmed was an Associate Professor in the Department of Ophthalmology in the Visual Research Group of the Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center (CCHMC), where he also held a secondary appointment in the department of Otolaryngology. Dr. Ahmed received his PhD degree from the University of the Punjab, Pakistan and completed his pre-doctoral as well as his post-doctoral training at the National Institute for Deafness and Communication Disorders (NIDCD) at NIH. Dr. Ahmed’s scientific accomplishments have earned him five national and international awards, including a Career Development Award from the RPB Foundation and a Medal of Honor from the President of Pakistan. Dr. Ahmed has authored 65 original reports, six review articles and six book chapters. He has also recently co-edited a book titled “Inner Ear Development and Hearing Loss.”

- **Sergio Dromi, MD**, joined the Department of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine as an Assistant Professor on July 1. Dr. Dromi is a physician radiologist specializing in women’s imaging, including breast and pelvic imaging. He is a researcher by training and has published numerous articles in peer-reviewed scientific journals in the areas of image-guided therapy and drug delivery. Dr. Dromi received his medical degree from Universidad Favaloro in Argentina. He joined the Radiology Department of the National Institutes of Health, where he volunteered for seven months before going on to secure a four-year postdoctoral fellow position. His main work involved investigating the effects of pulsed-high intensity focused ultrasound (p-HIFU) and radiofrequency ablation on thermosensitive liposomes and immunotherapy. He also collaborated with other investigators to study p-HIFU combined with t-pa for thrombolysis. Dr. Dromi became Board certified by the American College of Radiology after completing his radiology residency at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, D.C. He spent a subsequent year at Georgetown to complete his fellowship in women’s and breast imaging.

- **Moran (Roni) Levin, MD**, joined the Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences in August as an Assistant Professor. Dr. Levin received her medical degree from the Pennsylvania State College of Medicine, where she was elected into the Arthur P. Gold Foundation for Humanism in Medicine. She completed an Internship in Internal Medicine and a Residency in Ophthalmology at the University of Maryland Medical Center, followed by a fellowship in Pediatric Ophthalmology and Adult Strabismus at the Johns Hopkins Wilmer Eye Institute. Dr. Levin has an interest in international medicine and has participated in numerous ophthalmic medical and surgical missions in Central and South America. She has expertise in all areas of pediatric ophthalmology, including the medical and surgical treatment of amblyopia, strabismus, diplopia, inflammatory diseases of the eye, ocular trauma, nasolacrimal obstruction, pediatric cataracts, pathology of the eyelid and orbit, and retinal disorders such as retinopathy of prematurity (ROP). Dr. Levin’s adult ophthalmology services include cataract surgery, adult strabismus surgery, laser procedures, and comprehensive adult eye care. She is excited to be returning to UMMS and is especially interested in teaching and in providing humanistic and compassionate care to both her pediatric and adult patients.

- **Saima Riazuddin, PhD, MPH, MBA**, joined the Department of Otorhinolaryngology, Head & Neck surgery as an Associate Professor in July. Dr. Riazuddin’s research is focused on the molecular genetics of nonsyndromic hearing loss. Her main goal is to investigate the molecular and genetic basis of hearing loss, utilizing human and mouse genetics, with a strong translational emphasis. Dr. Riazuddin came to the University of Maryland from the Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center (CCHMC), where she was an Associate Professor in the Otolaryngology department and had a secondary appointment in Ophthalmology. Dr. Riazuddin received her PhD degree from the University of the Punjab, Pakistan, and completed her post-doctoral training at the National Institute for Deafness and Communication Disorders, NIDCD/NIH. Dr. Riazuddin is the principal investigator of two NIH R01 grants and multiple other national and international grants. Dr. Riazuddin has been honored with several national and international awards, including the Ibrahim Memorial Award, the C.W. Cotterman Award, a CCHMC Research Achievement Award, and a Medal of Honor from the President of Pakistan for research excellence. She was also a TWAS Young Affiliate for the Central and South Asian region and is a member of the advisory committee for the Asia branch of The Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO).
Kudos to our colleagues who are experts in their fields and give their all to represent the School of Medicine!

- **Alan Cross, MD**, Professor, Department of Medicine, presented “Host-Oriented Therapeutics for Infectious Diseases” at “Understanding Pathogenicity: A Workshop for the Biologic Weapons Convention Meeting of Experts” in Geneva, Switzerland on August 3.

- **Chris D’Adamo, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Family & Community Medicine, and Director of Research, Center for Integrative Medicine, spoke on a panel about “The Changing Healthcare Landscape” at the Y of Central Maryland’s 2014 Annual Meeting on May 30 in Towson, MD.

- **Lisa Shulman, MD**, Professor, Department of Neurology, served on the Planning Committee for the NINDS Conference “Parkinson’s Disease 2014: Advancing Research, Improving Lives,” where she also presented on “Opportunities to Improve Outcome Measures in PD Research.” Dr. Shulman also presented “Neurorehabilitation-Seeking Meaningful Outcomes” at the 6th Swiss Movement Disorders Symposium in Bern, Switzerland, from August 28–29.

We applaud our colleagues on their recent appointments!

- **Lynn Schriml, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Epidemiology & Public Health and Institute for Genome Sciences has been named a Senior Editor for the Standards in Genomics Sciences (SIGS) Journal, which has moved to BMC (BioMed Central) and can be found at http://www.standardsinomics.com.

- **Lisa Shulman, MD**, Professor, Department of Neurology, has been appointed as Treasurer of the American Academy of Neurology from 2013–2015, and has been selected for the Board of Trustees of the American Brain Foundation from 2013–2015.

Thanks to those who selflessly donate their time, talent and resources. Your goodwill does not go unappreciated.

- **Sharon Stephan, PhD**, Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry, conducted trainings for mental health and education professionals in the Ukraine and South Korea during the summer of 2014, to assist in their national school-based mental health responses to trauma and disaster.