

what's the buzz?

Self-Reported News from the School of Medicine Community

GRANTS &

CONTRACTS



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

► **Timm Dickfeld, MD, PhD**, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, and **Vasken Dilsizian, MD**, Professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine, were awarded \$124,798 from GE Healthcare as co-principal investigators on “Three Dimensional Neuro-Cardiac Imaging Using 123I-Metaiodobenzylguanidine Single Photon Emission Computed Tomography and Planar Imaging to Guide Premature Ventricular Contraction Ablation.”

► **Gary Fiskum, PhD**, the M. Jane Matjasko Professor for Research and Vice-Chair for Research, Department of Anesthesiology, received a three-year, \$2,307,489 award from the U.S. Air Force Medical Service for “Effects of Hypobaria on Brain Injury and Mortality Following Head Trauma Combined with Hemorrhagic Shock.” Co-investigators include **Deborah Stein, MD**, Associate Professor, **Raymond Fang, MD**, Clinical Associate Professor, and **Stacey Shackelford, MD**, Clinical Assistant Professor, all from the Department of Surgery and the Program in Trauma; **Adam Puche, PhD**, Associate Professor, Department of Anatomy & Neurobiology; **Robert Rosenthal, MD**,

Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine; **Rao Gullapalli, PhD**, Professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine; and **Turhan Cocksagan, DVM, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Department of Pathology.

► **Stella Hines, MD, MSPH**, Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, received a two-year,



Gary Fiskum, PhD



Stella Hines, MD, MSPH

\$499,569 grant from The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for “Respirator Selection Factors and User Acceptance in Healthcare Workers: What Elastomeric Users are Saying.”



Rasheeda Johnson

► **Rasheeda Johnson**, a doctoral candidate in the Doctoral Program in Gerontology, received a two-year research supplement to promote diversity in health-related research. Her project is titled “Leg Length Discrepancy: Another Mechanism to Understand Post Fracture Mobility.”

► **Mona Kaleem, MD**, Assistant Professor, Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences, was awarded a \$10,000



Mona Kaleem, MD

research grant from the American Glaucoma Society. This award is given to faculty members in the early stages of their careers who demonstrate significant promise for academic contributions. Dr. Kaleem will be using the grant to study barriers to low vision services for glaucoma patients.

► **Grace Maldarelli, BA**, an MD/PhD student in the Molecular Microbiology and Immunology Program working in the laboratory of **Michael Donnenberg, MD**, Professor, Department of Medicine, received an F30 Individual Pre-Doctoral MD/PhD Fellowship for up to four years and \$161,800 from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) to study “Function and Vaccine Potential of a *Clostridium difficile* Type IV Pilus Subunit.” The award will fund her remaining effort toward her doctoral

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dissertation, further research, and an equal amount of clinical medical school training. F30 awards are granted to promising MD/PhD dual-degree trainees who show potential to become highly productive physician scientists. Ms. Maldarelli was also the recipient of 2014 Graduate Program in Life Sciences Scholar Award.

► **Myaing Myaing Nyunt, MD, MPH, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, received a two-year, \$4,626,240 grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for “Evidence and Action for Malaria Elimination in Myanmar.”



Casey Overby, PhD

► **Casey Overby, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, received a grant in the amount of \$152,663 from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality for “Electronic Health Record-Linked Decision Support for Communicating Genomic Data.”

► **Darren Perkins, PhD**, Research Associate, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, will receive \$100,000 in funding over two years from the Center for Vaccine Development, approved by the NIH, for his pilot project “Mechanism by Which Host Type I Interferon Promotes *Salmonella* Pathogenesis”

► **Christopher Plowe, MD, MPH**, Professor, Department of Medicine and Center for Vaccine Development, received a one-year, \$236,954 grant from Community Partners International (CPI) for “Eliminating Border Based Malaria,” a project by the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), with funding from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. He also received a three-month, \$23,705 grant from the World Health Organization (WHO) for “Prevalence Estimates of K13 Mutations Within Sites in Myanmar and Southern China.”

► **Nevil Singh, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, received a five-year R01 award from the NIH/NIAID in the amount of \$250,000 for “Role of Sub-Activation-Threshold TCR Interactions in Maintaining T Cell Memory.”

► **Norann Zaghoul, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, received a five-year \$1,125,000 grant from the National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) for “Basal Body Regulation of Glucose Homeostasis.”



Nevil Singh, PhD



Sharon Hoover Stephan, PhD

► The Center for School Mental Health, co-directed by **Sharon Hoover Stephan, PhD**, and **Nancy Lever, PhD**, both Associate Professors in the Department of Psychiatry, successfully competed for the following six grants, totaling \$5,198,864: “Maryland’s Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention Network” (PI: Sharon Stephan, PhD; Co-PI: Nancy Lever, PhD), a five-year \$1,269,055 grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA); “Project Aware—Now Is the Time State Educational Agency Grant” (PI: Sharon Stephan, PhD; Co-PI: Nancy Lever, PhD) from SAMHSA for \$831,133 over five years; “Maryland Healthy Transitions” (PI: Sharon Stephan, PhD) from SAMHSA, for \$707,025 over five years; “Collaborative Improvement & Innovation Network on School-Based Health Services” (PI: Sharon Stephan, PhD, Co-PI: Nancy Lever, PhD) from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for \$1,206,562 over four years; “Developing Knowledge About What Works to Make Schools Safe” (PI: Sharon Stephan, PhD, Co-PI: **Jill Bohnenkamp, PhD**) from the National Institute of Justice for \$ 625,360 over three years; and “Maryland Behavioral Health for Adolescents and Young Adults” (PI: Sharon Stephan, PhD, Co-PI: Nancy Lever, PhD) from SAMHSA for \$559,729 over four years).



PUBLICATIONS

Hats off to those who have been published!

► **Uttam Bodanapally, MBBS**, Assistant Professor; **Kathirkama Shanmuganathan, MBBS**, Professor; **Alexis Boscak, MD**, Assistant Professor; **David Dreizin, MD**, Assistant Professor; **Thorsten Fleiter, MD**, Associate Professor; **Stuart Mirvis, MD**, Professor; and **Jaroslav Krejza, MD, PhD**, Adjunct Professor, all from the Department of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine, were among the co-authors on “Vascular Complications of Penetrating Brain Injury: Comparison of Helical CT Angiography and Conventional Angiography” in the *Journal of Neurosurgery*, 2014 Nov;121(5):1275-1283.

► **Everly Conway de Macario, PhD**, and **Alberto Macario, MD**, both Adjunct Professors in the Department of Microbiology & Immunology, were among the co-authors on “Data Mining-Based Statistical Analysis of Biological Data Uncovers Hidden Significance: Clustering Hashimoto’s Thyroiditis Patients Based on the Response of Their PBMC With IL-2 and IFN- γ Secretion to Stimulation with Hsp60” in *Cell Stress & Chaperones*, 2014 Nov 19 [Epub ahead of print].



Vasken Dilsizian, MD

► **Vasken Dilsizian, MD**, Professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine, was among the co-authors on an Editor’s Page entitled “Finding the Sweet Spot for CRT” in the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology Cardiovascular Imaging*, 2014 Dec;7(12):1289-90.

► **Joanne Dorgan, PhD, MPH**, Professor, Department of Epidemiology & Public Health, was among the co-authors on “Dietary Energy Density is Positively Associated With Breast Density in Young Women,” in the *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*, 2014 Oct 6 [Epub ahead of print]; “Genetic Variants in Anti-Mullerian Hormone and Anti-Mullerian Hormone Receptor Genes and Breast Cancer Risk in Caucasians and African Americans” in *International Journal of Molecular Epidemiology and Genetics*, 2014; 5:145-51, “Youth and Young Adult Physical Activity and Body Composition of Young Adult Women: Findings From the Dietary Intervention Study in Children” in *Pediatric Exercise Science*, 2014, Nov 10 [Epub ahead of print]; and “Endogenous Sex Hormones and Breast Density in Young Women” in *Cancer Epidemiology Biomarkers Prevention*, 2014, Nov 4 [Epub ahead of print].

► **Shannon Takala Harrison, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, was among the co-authors on “Independent Emergence of Plasmodium falciparum Artemisinin Resistance Mutations in Southeast Asia” in the *Journal of Infectious Diseases*, 2014 Sep [Epub ahead of print].



Shannon Takala Harrison, PhD



Philip Mackowiak, MD, MACP

► **Philip Mackowiak, MD, MACP**, Professor Emeritus, Department of Medicine, and the Carolyn Frenkil and Selvin Passen

History of Medicine Scholar-in-Residence, was among the co-authors on “How Post-Operative Respiratory Distress Conspired With ‘Friendly Fire’ to Kill Stonewall Jackson” in *The Pharos*, 2014; Autumn: 18-24; “President’s Address. Mary Shelly, Frankenstein and the Dark Side of Medical Science” in *Transactions of the American Clinical*

and Climatological Association, 2014;125:1-15; and “Death in the White House. President William Henry Harrison’s Atypical Pneumonia” in *Clinical Infectious Diseases*, 2014 Oct;59(7):990-995.

► **Victoria Marchese, PT, PhD**, Associate Professor, Department of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Science, was the lead author on “Exploring Factors that Influence Childhood Cancer Survivors’ Choice of Occupation and Choice to Attend College” in *Rehabilitation Oncology*, 2014 Oct;32:23-28. Dr. Marchese also co-authored, “Exploring the Feasibility of Performing Objective Screening Tools on Survivors of Pediatric Cancers as Part of a Long-Term Survivorship” in *Clinical Rehabilitation Oncology*, 2014 Oct;32:29-37, and, “A Comparison of Function After Limb Salvage With Non-Invasive Expandable or Modular Prostheses in Children” in the *European Journal of Cancer*, 2014 Oct 24; 50(18):3212-3220.

► **Daniel Morgan, MD**, Associate Professor, Department of Epidemiology & Public Health, was among the co-authors on “Reconsidering Isolation Precautions for Endemic Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) and Vancomycin-

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Resistant *Enterococcus* (VRE),” in *The Journal of the American Medical Association*, 2014 Oct8;312(14):1395-1396, and “Update in Medical Overuse,” in *The Journal of the American Medical Association*, 2015 Jan;175(1):120-124.



Michelle Pearce, PhD

► **Michelle Pearce, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Department of Family & Community Medicine and the Center for Integrative Medicine, was among the co-authors on “Religious Involvement, Inflammatory Markers and Stress Hormones in Major Depression and Chronic Medical Illness” in *Open Journal of Psychiatry*, 2014;4(4):335-352.

► **Saima Riazuddin, PhD, MPH, MBA**, Associate Professor, and **Zubair Ahmed, PhD**, Associate Professor, both from

the Department of Otorhinolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery, were among the co-authors on “Neuropathy Target Esterase Impairments Cause Oliver-McFarlane and Laurence-Moon Syndromes” in *Journal of Medical Genetics*, 2014 Dec 5 [Epub ahead of print].

► **Ozell Sanders, MS**, Graduate Student; **Douglas Savin Jr., MPT, PhD**, Assistant Professor; **Robert Creath, PhD**, Assistant Professor; and **Mark Rogers, PT, PhD, FAPTA**, Professor and Interim Chair, all from the Department of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Science, were co-authors on “Protective Balance and Startle Responses to Sudden Freefall in Standing Humans” in *Neuroscience Letters*, 2015, Jan23;586:8-12.

► **Leonard Sowah, MB, ChB, MPH**, Assistant Professor; **Ulrike Buchwald, MD, DrMed, DTM&H**, Assistant Professor; **Guesly Delva, MD**, Clinical Assistant Professor; **Devang Patel, MD**, Assistant Professor; **Anthony Edozien, MD**, Assistant Professor; **Robert Redfield, MD**, Professor; and **Anthony Amoroso, MD**, Associate Professor, all from



Saima Riazuddin, PhD, MPH, MBA



Leonard Sowah, MB, ChB, MPH

the Department of Medicine and the Institute of Human Virology, were co-authors on “Influence of Transportation Cost on Long Term Retention in Clinic for HIV Patients in Rural Haiti” in the *Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes*, 2014 Dec 1;67(4):e123-30.

► **Sharon Hoover Stephan, PhD**, Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry, was among the co-authors on “Mental Health Interventions in Schools in High-Income Countries” in *The Lancet Psychiatry*, 2014 Oct;1(5), 377-387.

► **Norann Zaghoul, PhD**, Assistant Professor; **Braxton Mitchell, PhD**, Professor; **Yen-Pei Christy Chang, PhD**, Associate Professor; and **May Montasser, PhD**, Assistant Professor, all from the Department of Medicine, were among the co-authors on “Disruption of *ldlr* Causes Increased LDL-c and Vascular Lipid Accumulation in a Zebrafish Model of Hypercholesterolemia” in the *Journal of Lipid Research*, 2014 Nov; 55(11): 2242-53.

► **Yuji Zhang, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Department of Epidemiology & Public Health, was among the co-authors on “MACE: Model Based Analysis of ChIP-exo” in *Nucleic Acids Research*, 2014 Nov 10;42(20):e156; “Network Analysis of Cancer-Focused Association Network Reveals Distinct Network Association Patterns” in *Cancer Informatics*, 2014 Oct 16:13(Suppl 3): 45-51; and “Network-Based Analysis Reveals Distinct Association Patterns in a Semantic MEDLINE-based Drug-Disease-Gene Network” in the *Journal of Biomedical Semantics*, 2014 Aug;5:33.

► **Jiachen Zhuo, PhD**, Assistant Professor; **Kathirkama Shanmuganathan, MBBS**, Professor; and **Rao Gullapalli, PhD, MBA**, Professor, all from the Department of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine, were among the co-authors on “A Longitudinal Evaluation of Diffusion Kurtosis Imaging in Patients With Mild Traumatic Brain Injury,” in *Brain Injury*, 2015;29(1):47-57.

HONORS

& AWARDS



Congratulations to the following who have received honors!



Cynthia Bearer, MD, PhD, FAAP

► **Cynthia Bearer, MD, PhD, FAAP**, the Mary Gray Cobey Professor of Neonatology, Department of Pediatrics, will receive the Smith Medal from her alma mater, Smith College, this month. The Smith Medal was established in 1962 to recognize alumnae who exemplify in their lives and work “the true purpose” of a liberal arts education.

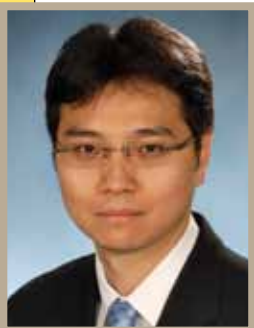
► **Robert Gallo, MD**, the Homer and Martha Gudelsky Professor of Medicine in the Department of Medicine, and Director of the Institute of Human Virology, received the Indian Medical

Association’s (IMA) Medicine Millennium International Award during the IMA’s 57th Global Annual State Conference in Kovalam, Trivandrum, India, on November 8. The conference was organized by the IMA’s Kerala chapter members. Chief Minister of Kerala, Honorable Oommen Chandy, presented the Award to Dr. Gallo for his “tremendous contribution towards medical sciences and developing medical facilities globally.”



Robert Gallo, MD

► **Anthony Kim, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Department of Neurosurgery, was awarded the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) Foundation Award at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS), held in San Diego, CA from November 2–6.



Anthony Kim, PhD

► **Victoria Marchese, PT, PhD**, Associate Professor, Department of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Science, has been chosen to receive the 2014 Oncology Section Research Award, established by the Oncology Section of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) to recognize members whose work has resulted in enduring and outstanding research pertaining to oncologic physical therapy. The award will be presented during the Oncology Section’s Celebration of Life Reception immediately follow-

ing the annual business meeting at APTA’s Combined Sections Meeting in Indianapolis, IN, on February 6.

► **Christopher Plowe, MD, MPH**, Professor, Department of Medicine and Center for Vaccine Development, was elected the 2014–2015 President of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) during the annual meeting in New Orleans, LA, held November 2–6, 2014.

► **Sanjay Rajagopalan, MBBS, FACC, FAHA**, the Melvin Sharoky, MD, Endowed Professor in Medicine, Department of Medicine, has been elected as a member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation (ASCI). He will be inducted on April 24 at the annual ASCI meeting in Chicago.



Sanjay Rajagopalan, MBBS, FACC, FAHA



Ron Samet, MD

► **Ron Samet, MD**, Assistant Professor, Department of Anesthesiology, and his team of University of Maryland, College Park bioengineering students (Shawn Greenspan and Stefanie Cohen) won First Place (\$2000) and the Audience Choice Award (\$500) in the Pitch Dingman Competition, held at UMCP’s Robert H. Smith School of Business Dingham Center for Entrepreneurship on November 20, 2014. Their product, the Sono-

Assist Monitor, was invented and designed by Dr. Samet and engineered by the students to continuously monitor blood flow in low perfusion and cardiac arrest states.

► The Gerontology Early Career Development Award, funded through a generous donation, has been established to foster early academic productivity in aging research for students in the Doctoral Program in Gerontology. The first three awardees were: **Cristan Smith, Rasheeda Johnson**, and **Mingliang Dai**.



Denise Orwig, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Epidemiology & Public Health, with Cristan Smith, Rasheeda Johnson, and Mingliang Dai

APPOINTMENTS



We applaud our colleagues on their recent appointments!

► **Elizabeth Couser, MSW**, a graduate student in the Doctoral Program in Gerontology, has been appointed to a pre-doctoral fellowship position in the Aging and Dementia Training Program through the Department of Neurology at Johns Hopkins University.

► **Andrea Meredith, PhD**, Associate Professor, Department of Physiology, was appointed to serve for a three-year term on the Editorial Advisory Board of *The Journal of General Physiology*. The journal was established in 1918 under the Rockefeller University Press, with a mission to publish research that elucidates basic biological, chemical, or physical mechanisms of broad physiological significance.

► **Bryan Soronson, MPA, FACMPE, CRA**, Senior Administrator, Department of Neurology, has been appointed National Chair of the Academic Practice Assembly (APA) of the Medical Group Management Association (MGMA). He will serve as Chair from October 2014 to October 2015. Over 1500 academic administrators are members of the APA.



Andrea Meredith, PhD

► **Paul Welling, PhD**, Professor, Department of Physiology, has been appointed a Fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). Researchers are elevated to this rank because of their efforts toward advancing science applications that are deemed scientifically or socially distinguished. Dr. Welling was recognized for his contributions to the field of renal physiology, particularly in the understanding of sodium, potassium, and water handling in the kidneys.



Paul Welling, PhD

NEW FACULTY



We welcome our new faculty!

► **Victor Frenkel, PhD**, has been appointed an Associate Professor in the Department of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine. Dr. Frenkel received his PhD in Agricultural Engineering at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa, Israel in 1999. He then spent four years as a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute in Baltimore, MD, and two years as an Imaging Sciences Training Program fellow at the Clinical Center, National Institutes of Health. For the next six years he was a staff scientist at the Department of Radiology and Imaging Sciences at the NIH Clinical Center, where he headed the focused ultrasound program. Before joining the faculty at the University of Maryland, he was a tenure-track, Associate Professor for three and a half years at the Department of Biomedical Engineering at Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. Dr. Frenkel's research interests are rooted in a comprehensive understanding of the mechanisms by which ultrasound energy interacts with biological tissues at the macroscopic, cellular, and sub-cellular/molecular level.



Victor Frenkel, PhD

► **Mona Kaleem, MD**, joined the Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences at the University of Maryland in August 2014. She completed her residencies at Mercy Medical Center and Howard University Hospital. She then went on to do fellowship training in glaucoma and related eye diseases at the Cole Eye Institute at the Cleveland Clinic. She has been awarded for her leadership, excellent patient clinical skills, and volunteerism by several national organizations, including the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) and the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons (ASCRS). She is trained in the clinical and surgical management of adult and pediatric glaucoma, cataract, trauma, and comprehensive eye diseases. Dr. Kaleem has published extensively in peer reviewed journals and written several book chapters. She continues to have strong research interests in surgical technique, improving quality of life, and in resident education.



Mona Kaleem, MD

EVENTS, LECTURES

& WORKSHOPS



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



Clement Adebamowo, BM, ChB, ScD

► **Clement Adebamowo, BM, ChB, ScD**, Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, presented “Sustained Research Ethics Training and Capacity Building Program in Nigeria” on December 4 at The National Institutes of Health’s “Fogarty International Center Presents: FIC Director’s Virtual Seminar Series–2014.”

► **Kenneth Butler, DO**, Associate Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, presented “The Crashing Airway” at the 2014 Scientific Assembly of the American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians, held in Las Vegas in mid-October.

► **Vasken Dilsizian, MD**, Professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine, presented “Viability: If you Look, You May Want to Leap” at the Breakthroughs and Controversies in Cardiovascular Imaging session of the American Heart Association Scientific Conference, held in Chicago, IL, on November 16.

► **Alan Faden, MD**, the David S. Brown Professor in Trauma, Professor in the Department of Anesthesiology, and Director of the Center for Shock, Trauma & Anesthesiology Research (STAR), presented “Chronic Neuroinflammation Following Brain or Spinal Cord Injury” on October

3, at the University of Vermont School of Medicine Department of Neurological Sciences Grand Rounds. He also presented “Neuroinflammation After Neurotrauma: New Therapeutic Targets” on October 16 at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine Drug Discovery and Inflammation Symposium.

► **Ronna Hertzano, MD, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Department of Otorhinolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery, was an invited speaker at the University of Purdue, where she presented “Cell



Alan Faden, MD



Ronna Hertzano, MD, PhD

Type-Specific Analysis of the Inner Ear—From Datasets to the gEAR.”

► **Kevin Pereira, MD, MS (ORL)**, Professor, Department of Otorhinolaryngology–Head and Neck

Surgery, presented two lectures at the Rhino Forum 2014 in Warsaw Poland in December, which was sponsored by the Polish Otolaryngology Society and the Department of Otorhinolaryngology, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, Medical University of Warsaw. The topics of his talks were “Nasal Obstruction in the Newborn” and “Orbital Complications of Sinusitis in Children.”

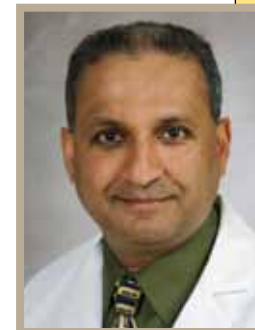
► **Christopher Plowe, MD, MPH**, Professor, and **Shannon Takala Harrison, PhD**, Assistant Professor, both from the Department of Medicine and the Center for Vaccine Development, were consultants on the “World Health Organization (WHO) Expert Review Group on K13” in Geneva, Switzerland, last September.

► **Thelma Wright, MD, Esq.**, Assistant Professor, Department of Anesthesiology, was the Keynote Speaker for the annual Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Connecticut meeting, held at Gateway Community College in New Haven, CT, on September 24, where she presented “Integrating Chronic Pain Management in Primary Care.”



Norann Zaghoul, PhD

► **Norann Zaghoul, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, was invited to speak at the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) Workshop on “Translation of Disease Genetics to High Throughput Drug Screening” in Bethesda, MD, on October 28–29. Her topic was “Functional Assessment of Type 2 Diabetes Associated Loci.”



Kevin Pereira, MD, MS (ORL)



Thelma Wright, MD, Esq

IN THE NEWS



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

► **Philip Mackowiak, MD, MACP**, Professor Emeritus, Department of Medicine, and the Carolyn Frenkil and Selvin Passen History of Medicine Scholar-in-Residence, was a guest on *Doctor Radio* with Ira Breite, Sirius XM Chanel 81, on November 3, 2014, where he discussed the illnesses and deaths of Booker T. Washington and Eleanor Roosevelt.



Bill Gates and Dr. Plowe

► **Christopher Plowe, MD, MPH**, Professor, Department of Medicine, and Associate Director for Research Training in the Center for Vaccine Development, was featured in *Science Insider* in October 2014, where he was interviewed as the incoming American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) President about Ebola's impact on the ASTMH meeting in New Orleans, LA,

in November. He was also featured in *Nature News* in October speaking on the same topic. Dr. Plowe was also featured in an Associated Press story in

November 2014, where he was interviewed about Bill Gates' plan to eradicate malaria by adding more funding behind the research. The article was picked up and reproduced by several outlets including *The Seattle Times*, CBS News and Fox News.

COMMUNITY



SERVICE



Rodney J. Taylor, MD, MSPH, FACS

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

► **Rodney Taylor, MD, MSPH, FACS**, Associate Professor, Department of Otorhinolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery, traveled to Haiti with Partners in Health in November 2014. While there he provided head and neck surgical care for patients with complex head and neck pathology and also trained Hatian physicians and residents.

Research Communications Network

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 here) that you would like to see in the *Buzz* to the appropriate person within your department, program, center or office.

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Emergency Medicine:

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