Isabel Lauren Jackson, PhD, Named UMSOM’s Second Marlene & Stewart Greenebaum Endowed Professor in Radiation Oncology

Isabel Lauren Jackson, PhD, Associate Professor and Deputy Director of the Division of Translational Radiation Sciences (DTRS) in the Department of Radiation Oncology, has been named as the second Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Endowed Professor in Radiation Oncology, the 85th such Endowed Professorship at the UMSOM. A formal investiture ceremony was streamed online on January 26, 2021.

An Endowed Professorship is the highest honor that a faculty member can receive at the UMSOM. This honor recognizes Dr. Jackson to be among the most distinguished faculty members at the School of Medicine. She joins Mohan Suntha, MD, MBA, who is also a Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Endowed Professor of Radiation Oncology, as well as the President and CEO of the University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS). “For the past three decades, the Greenebaum family have been tremendous supporters of our collective mission,” said Dr. Suntha. “This recognition of Dr. Jackson’s track record of academic excellence is the latest way we are paying tribute to the family’s aspirations for our institution.”

This endowed professorship has been made possible by the continued generosity of the Greenebaum Family Foundation. Speaking on behalf of his family, Michael Greenebaum, President of Greenebaum Enterprises and a member of the UMSOM Board of Visitors, said, “We are so pleased that Dr. Jackson is receiving the Marlene & Stewart Greenebaum Professorship in Radiation Oncology. Our family continues to support the University of Maryland School of Medicine, and this professorship will provide vital funding for Dr. Jackson’s outstanding research in the fight against cancer.”

Dr. Jackson, who joined UMSOM’s Department of Radiation Oncology in 2012, is a dynamic and outstanding researcher and educator who has brought international attention and significant research and funding to the University of Maryland School of Medicine in the research area of radiation countermeasures. She has also proven to be a leader in laboratory development and management, working to create new models for extramural support.

“Dr. Jackson is an exceptionally talented faculty leader who is increasingly recognized as a national and international leader for her research and discovery in developing medical countermeasures against radiation sickness,” said UMSOM Dean E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA. “In recognition of the impact Dr. Jackson has as an academic leader in her field, she is most deserving of this high honor.”

As Director of the Medical Countermeasures Program in Radiation Oncology, Dr. Jackson has strategically developed the organizational structure, recruited talent, and secured funding to build the reputation of the program into the premier site for medical countermeasure research on the national and international stages. “Dr. Jackson is an internationally recognized rising superstar in the field of Radiation Biology who has brought tremendous recognition to both our department and School of Medicine,” said William F. Regine, MD, FACR, FACRO, Professor and Isadore & Fannie Schneider Foxman Chair in Radiation Oncology. “She will no doubt soar to even greater heights of research success as a Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Endowed Professor, which will ultimately improve the lives of cancer patients around the world.”

During the ceremony, Dr. Jackson expressed her gratitude to both UMSOM’s leadership and the Greenebaum Family Foundation. “I am both humbled and honored by this appointment,” said Dr. Jackson. “In no small measure, this recognition springs from the support and opportunities that Dean Reece and Dr. Regine have given me over the years. Looking ahead, I will employ this professorship thoughtfully and purposefully in honoring the Greenebaum family’s commitment to improve the lives of cancer patients.”