



what's the buzz?

Self-Reported News from the School of Medicine Community

EVENTS, LECTURES

& WORKSHOPS



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



Charles Chaffin, PhD

► **Charles Chaffin, PhD**, Associate Professor, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences, presented "How the Sugars That Fuel the Oocyte Are Regulated" to the Department of Biology at Loyola University Chicago in March. Also in March, Dr. Chaffin lectured on ovarian follicle growth at the "Frontiers in Reproductive Medicine" course sponsored by the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

► **Svetlana Chapoval, MD, PhD**, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, presented "Divergent Roles of Two Neuroimmune Semaphorins, Sema4A, and Sema4D In Regulation of Experimental Asthma Severity" at the Immunology-2013 meeting in Honolulu, HI, from May 3-7. She received a faculty travel award from the American Association of Immunologists to participate in this meeting.

► **Curt Civin, MD**, Associate Dean for Research; Director, Center for Stem Cell Biology & Regenerative Medicine; and Professor, Departments of Pediatrics and Physiology, presented "The Progress and Vision of Stem Cell Research in Maryland" to the TEDCO Board of Directors in Columbia, MD, on May 16.

► **Howard Dubowitz, MD, MS**, Professor, Department of Pediatrics, presented "Child Abuse and Neglect: A Suggested National Approach" before the Health and Welfare Committee in the Swedish Parliament in Stockholm on May 15. He also presented "Child Neglect: Controversies and Challenges" at Uppsala University in Sweden the following day.

► **Alan Faden, MD**, the David S. Brown Professor in Trauma, Department of Anesthesiology, and Director of the Center for Shock, Trauma & Anesthesiology Research and the National Study Center for Shock and EMS, presented

"Chronic Traumatic Encephalitis: Another Type of CTE" at Arrowhead's 3rd Annual Traumatic Brain Injury Conference in Washington, DC, March 7; "Neuroprotection: Optimizing Animal Models" at the Round Table Conference "Neuroprotection: Clinical Aspects" in Brussels, Belgium, on March 16; and "New Neuroprotection Strategies" at the 33rd International Symposium on Intensive Care and Emergency Medicine in Brussels, Belgium, on March 19.

► **Gary Fiskum, PhD**, the M. Jane Matjasko Professor for Research in Anesthesiology and Vice Chair of Research, Department of Anesthesiology, presented "The Roles of Mitochondria in Trauma" at the International Anesthesia Research Society Symposium, held in San Diego, CA, from May 4-7. He also presented "Roles of the Mitochondrial Membrane Permeability Transition Pore in Mediating Cell Injury and Cell Death" at the Society of Toxicology Symposium in Washington, DC, on May 13.

► **Stephen Reich, MD**, the Frederick Henry Prince Distinguished Professor, Department of Neurology, was a plenary speaker at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Neurology in San Diego, CA, for the Controversies in Neuroscience session on "Should Levodopa Be Initiated at the Time of Diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease?" At the same meeting, he also served as director of the course "Movement Disorders Therapeutics: A Case-Based Approach," and was on the faculty for the course "The Dystonias: Diagnosis, Treatment, and Update on Causes." He was also the senior author on a poster presented at the meeting: "Do Patients With Parkinsonism Use Properly Sized Canes?" Dr. Reich's other recent presentations include "I'm So Dizzy: Managing the Older Adult with Acute Vertigo," for the Edmund G. Beacham 40th Annual Current Topics in Geriatrics Course at Johns Hopkins on February 15; and "Facial Dyskinesias" at Neurology Grand Rounds at the University of Illinois, Peoria, IL, on



Gary Fiskum, PhD

EVENTS, LECTURES & WORKSHOPS *continued*

April 26. He was also an invited speaker for Movement Disorders Video Rounds at The University of Cincinnati.



Adil Shamoo, PhD

► **Adil Shamoo, PhD**, Professor, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, gave a two-hour presentation on “Ethics in Science” at the Science Diplomats Club-Science Breakfast, held at the French Embassy in Washington, DC on May 29.

► **Gerald Wilson, PhD**, Associate Professor, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, presented “Tumor Progression Directed by Re-Programming Post-Transcriptional Gene Regulatory Pathways” to the Department of Molecular Microbiology and Immunology at the St. Louis University School of Medicine in St. Louis, MO, on March 21. He also presented “Novel Protein and RNA Allosteric Regulators of Oncoprotein and Cytokine mRNA Decay” for the Division of Cancer Biology at the National Cancer Institute in Rockville, MD, on May 13.

► **Richard Y. Zhao, PhD**, Professor, Departments of Pathology and Microbiology & Immunology, was a co-chair for the scientific session “Translational Genomics and Anti-Cancer Therapy” at the 17th annual conference of the Chinese Biopharmaceutical Association (CBA-USA), which was held at the University of Maryland Shady Grove campus on June 15. Dr. Zhao was the President of this association from 2012–2013.

► On June 29, 2013, in collaboration with the Department of Family & Community Medicine, faculty members from the Department of Dermatology presented a half-day of continuing medical education lectures for participants at the 2013 meeting of the Maryland Academy of Family Practice at the Clarion Hotel in Ocean City, MD. These lectures were on topics of interest to primary care doctors, such as birth marks in children, eczema, viral infections, melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancer, and effective use of dermatopathology in a primary care practice. Pictured together after the lectures (*left to*



right) are Department of Dermatology faculty **Linda Lutz, MD**, Clinical Assistant Professor; **Grace Kao, MD**, Clinical Professor; **Ron Goldner, MD**, Clinical Professor; Assembly Program Chair **Shana Ntiri, MD, MPH** (Assistant Professor, Department of Family & Community Medicine); **Anthony Gaspari, MD**, Professor and Chair; and **Marcia Driscoll, MD, PharmD**, Clinical Associate Professor.

GRANTS &



CONTRACTS

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

► **Eugene Albrecht, PhD**, Professor, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences, received a four-year \$2.43 million R01 research grant from the NIH's National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDKD) in April for “Primate Fetal Adrenal Development: Impact on Physiological Processes After Birth.” Dr. Albrecht and his team will study the impact of estrogen deprivation during primate pregnancy on the development of insulin insensitivity in offspring after birth. The study highlights the consequences of estrogen deprivation in human pregnancy (i.e. premature birth or exposure to endocrine disruptors), in increasing the risk of developing type 2 diabetes in offspring after birth.

► **Kelly Westlake, PhD, PT**, has been awarded a 2013 UMB-UMBC Seed Grant for \$65,000. Her application, entitled, “Independent Vector Analysis to Investigate Cognitive Neural Networks After Stroke: A Comparison between Two Rehabilitation Interventions,” was one of only six awarded out of a pool of 42.

► **Michal Zalzman, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, received a three-year, \$600,000 Investigator-Initiated Grant from the Maryland Stem Cell Research Fund for “Rejuvenation of Human Adult Mesenchymal Stem Cells for Clinical Applications.”



Eugene Albrecht, PhD



Kelly Westlake, PhD, PT



PUBLICATIONS

Hats off to those who have been published!

► **Maureen Black, PhD**, the John A. Scholl, MD, and Mary Louise Scholl, MD, Professor of Pediatrics, was among the co-authors on “Health of Children Classified as Underweight by CDC Reference But Normal by WHO Standard” in *Pediatrics* 2013; 131 (6):e1780-7. Dr. Black and **Stacy Buckingham-Howes, PhD**, Postdoctoral Fellow; **Sarah Shafer Berger, PhD**, Postdoctoral Fellow; and **Laura Scaletti, MA**, Graduate Student, were among the co-authors on “Systematic Review of Prenatal Cocaine Exposure and Adolescent Development” in *Pediatrics*, 2013 Jun; 131(6):e1917-36. The latter paper attracted quite a bit of media attention, with Dr. Black being interviewed by newspapers and radio stations both locally and nationally.



Svetlana Chapoval, MD, PhD

► **Charles Chaffin, PhD**, Associate Professor, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences, was among the co-authors on “EGF-Like Ligands Mediate Progesterone’s Anti-Apoptotic Action on Macaque Granulosa Cells” in *Biology of Reproduction*, 2013 Jan 25;88(1):18.

► **Svetlana Chapoval, MD, PhD**, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, published the book chapter “Flow Cytometry-Based Analysis and Sorting of Lung Dendritic Cells” in *InTech* (ISBN 978-953-51-0626-5). She and **Achsah Keegan, PhD**, Professor, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, and **Sergei Atamas, MD, PhD**, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, were co-authors on “Cytokines in Chronic Respiratory Diseases” in *Faculty of 1000 Biology Reports*, 2013;5:3.

► **Alicia Chaves, MD**, Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, was among the co-authors on “Infant Cardiac Magnetic Resonance Imaging Using Oscillatory Ventilation: Safe and Effective” in *Pediatric Cardiology*, 2013;34:1201-1205.

► **Curt Civin, MD**, Associate Dean for Research; Director, Center for Stem Cell Biology & Regenerative Medicine; and Professor, Departments of Pediatrics and Physiology, was among the co-authors on “Artemisinin-Derived Dimer Phosphate Esters as Potent Anti-Cytomegalovirus (Anti-CMV) and Anti-Cancer Agents: A Structure-Activity Study” in *Bioorganic & Medicinal*



Alicia Chaves, MD



Curt Civin, MD

Chemistry, 2013, April [Epub ahead of print]; and “FLT3-ITD Knockin Impairs Hematopoietic Stem Cell Quiescence/Homeostasis, Leading to Myeloproliferative Neoplasm” in *Cell Stem Cell*, 2013, 11(3):346-58.

► **Vasken Dilsizian, MD**, Professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine, was among the co-authors on “Cardiovascular Imaging: What Was New in 2012?” in the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology Cardiovascular Imaging*, 2013 Jun;6:714-34.



Richard Eckert, PhD

► **Michael Donnenberg, MD**, Professor, Department of Medicine, was among the co-authors on “An *Escherichia coli* Effector Protein Promotes Host Mutation Via Depletion of DNA Mismatch Repair Proteins” in *mBio*, 2013 Jun 18;4(3):e00152-13.

► **Richard Eckert, PhD**, the John F.B. Weaver Distinguished Professor and Chair, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, was among the co-authors on “Protein Kinase C Delta Increases Kruppel-Like Factor 4 Which Drives Involucrin Gene Transcription in Differentiating Keratinocytes” in the *Journal of Biological Chemistry*, 2013, Apr 17 [Epub ahead of print].

► **Gary Fiskum, PhD**, the M. Jane Matjasko Professor for Research in Anesthesiology and Vice Chair of Research, Department of Anesthesiology, was among the co-authors on “Anaesthetic Neurotoxicity and Neuroplasticity: An Expert Group Report and Statement Based on the BJA Salzburg Seminar” in the *British Journal of Anaesthesia*, 2013 May 30 [Epub ahead of print].

► **Carol Greene, MD**, Professor, Department of Pediatrics, was invited to author the chapter on “Inborn Errors of Metabolism” in *Medical Genetics in Pediatric Practice*, recently published by the American Academy of Pediatrics.



Carol Greene, MD

PUBLICATIONS *continued*



Erik Lillehoj, PhD

► **Erik Lillehoj, PhD**, Associate Professor; **Wei Guang, MD, PhD**, Research Associate; **Hua Ding, BM, PhD**, Research Associate; **Steven Czinn, MD**, Professor and Chair; and **Thomas Blanchard, PhD**, Associate Professor, all from the Department of Pediatrics, were among the co-authors on “*Helicobacter pylori* and Gastric Inflammation: Role of MUC1 Mucin” in the *Journal of Pediatric Biochemistry*, 2013;2(3):125-132.

► **Andrea Meredith, PhD**, Associate Professor, Department of Physiology, was among the co-authors on “mitoBKCa is Encoded By the Kcnma1 Gene, and a Splicing Sequence Defines Its Mitochondrial Location” in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 2013 Jun 10 [Epub ahead of print]. She was also among the co-authors on “Quantitative Localization of Cav2.1 (P/Q-type) Voltage-Dependent Calcium Channels in Purkinje Cells: Somatodendritic Gradient and Distinct Somatic Co-clustering with Calcium-Activated Potassium Channels” in the *Journal of Neuroscience*, 2013; Feb 20;33(8):3668-78; and “Olivocochlear Suppression of Outer Hair Cells In Vivo: Evidence for Combined Action of BK and SK2 Channels Throughout the Cochlea” in the *Journal of Neurophysiology*, 2013; Mar;109(6):1525-34.



Andrea Meredith, PhD

► **Vincent Njar, PhD**, Professor, Department of Pharmacology, and his lab personnel **Puranik Purushottamachar, PhD**, Research Associate; **Lalji Gediya, PhD**, Research Associate; **Senthilmurugan Ramalingam, PhD**, Postdoctoral Fellow; **Andrew Kwegyir-Afful, MS**, Graduate Student; and **Marlena Martin, BS**, Research Technician, were among the co-authors on “Systematic Structure Modifications of Multi-Target Prostate Cancer Drug Candidate Galeterone to Produce Novel Androgen Receptor Down-regulating Agents as an Approach to Treatment of Advanced Prostate Cancer” in the *Journal of Medicinal Chemistry*, 2013 Jun 27; 56(12): 4880-4898.



Vincent Njar, PhD



Maria Nurminskaya, PhD

► **Maria Nurminskaya, PhD**, Associate Professor, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, was among the co-authors on “Quercetin Attenuates Warfarin-Induced Vascular Calcification In Vitro Independently From Matrix Gla Protein” in the *Journal of Biological Chemistry*, 2013 Jan 25;288:2632-40.

► **E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA**, Vice President for Medical Affairs, University of Maryland, and the John Z. and Akiko K. Bowers Distinguished Professor and Dean, School of Medicine, and **Zhiyong Zhao, PhD**, Assistant Professor, both from Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences, were co-authors on the review article “New Concepts in Diabetic Embryopathy” in *Clinical Laboratory Medicine*, 2013 Jun;33(2):207-33.

► **Lai-Xi Wang, PhD**, Professor, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology and Head of the Laboratory of Bioorganic Chemistry & Glycobiology, Institute of Human Virology, was among the co-authors on “Synthetic Glycopeptides Reveal the Glycan Specificity of HIV-Neutralizing Antibodies” in *Nature Chemical Biology*, 2013 Jun 30 [Epub ahead of print]. Dr. Wang was also among the co-authors on a related study, “Structural Basis for Diverse N-Glycan Recognition By HIV-1-Neutralizing V1-V2-Directed Antibody PG16” in *Nature Structural & Molecular Biology*, 2013 May 26 [Epub ahead of print].

► **Gerald Wilson, PhD**, Associate Professor, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, was among the co-authors on “Post-Transcriptional Control of Gene Expression By AUF-1: Mechanisms, Physiological Targets, and Regulation” in *Biochimica et Biophysica Acta*, 2013 Jun-Jul;1829(6-7):680-8.



Gerald Wilson, PhD

HONORS

& AWARDS



Congratulations to the following who have received honors!



Richard Colgan, MD

► **Richard Colgan, MD**, Professor, Department of Family & Community Medicine, was awarded the Western Maryland AHEC's John M. Dennis Award on June 10. This award is presented in honor of the late John M. Dennis, MD, former Dean of the School of Medicine and former Vice Chancellor for Health and Academic Affairs at the University of Maryland, Baltimore. Recipients of this award are usually university representatives who have made noteworthy contributions to off-campus health professional education in Western Maryland through outstanding leadership, ingenuity and advocacy, and dedication.

► **Alan Faden, MD**, is founder and editor of the journal *Neurotherapeutics*, which was recently named a "Rising Star" for its growing impact in the field of Neuroscience & Behavior, as calculated by Thomson Reuters Web of Knowledge's "InCites/Essential Science Indicators" data file. InCites/Essential Science Indicators is a Web-based compilation of science indicators and trend data derived from the Thomson Reuters databases, focusing on highly cited papers, authors, organizations, journals, and nations across a variety of fields. "Rising Star" status is conferred based on an increase in citations as tracked during successive bimonthly updates to the InCites/Essential Science Indicators file. The latest increase for *Neurotherapeutics* surpassed that for any other journal in the field.

► **Alexandria Ganzermler, MS**, Director, Alumni Relations & Development, Department of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Science, received her Masters in Science in Communications Management from Towson University in June.

She successfully defended her thesis "Staying Connected During Crisis: A Look Into How Universities Communicate and Notify Their Campus of Emergencies."

► **Misbah Khan, MD, MPH**, Clinical Professor, Department of Pediatrics, has been awarded the 2013 Job Lewis Smith Award, which recognizes lifelong outstanding service in community pediatrics. She will be honored at the AAP National Conference and Exhibition (NCE) in Orlando, FL, in October. The Job Lewis Smith Award is presented to a pediatrician with a history of significant career achievements in community pediatrics. Nominees will have a demonstrated history of achievements



Misbah Khan, MD, MPH

in one or more of the following areas: community pediatrics practice, research, advocacy, and training. "Given this criteria, it should come as no surprise that Misbah was chosen for such a prestigious award," said Steven Czinn, MD, Professor and Chair.

► **Crystal Massie, PhD, OTR**, an Academic Fellow on the University of Maryland Advanced Neuromotor Rehabilitation Research Training (UMANRRT) grant in the Department of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Science, is one of only seven selected to participate as a Fellow in the Young Investigators Symposium at the 2013 American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine meeting "Progress in Rehabilitation Research," to be held at the Walt Disney Resort in Florida from November 12–16.

► **Stephen Reich, MD**, the Frederick Henry Prince Distinguished Professor, Department of Neurology, and his co-author, former Neurology Resident **Dan Gold, DO**, received the Resident and Fellow Writing Award from the journal *Neurology* for their 2012 paper "A 55-Year-Old Woman With Vertigo: A Dizzying Conundrum" (*Neurology* 2012;79:e146-52).



Erin Wright, CNM

► **Erin Wright, CNM**, Instructor, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences, received the W Newton Long Award at the American College of Nurse-Midwives Annual Meeting in Atlanta. This award is given to support clinical research or activities that advance the profession of midwifery. Ms. Wright received her award to support her doctoral project on the use of integrative medicine techniques for stress reduction among midwives.

► Department of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Science Second-Year Students **Josh Plummer**, **Bobby Esbrandt**, **Todd Phillips**, and **Corey Wager** finished first in the B flight classification at the campus' 28th Annual Charity Golf Tournament, held on May 23 at Oakmont Greens in Hampstead, MD. Team Plummer recorded a 6 under par 66, but lost out in a tie-breaker that occurred on the eighth hole.



Crystal Massie, PhD, OTR



Stephen Reich, MD

APPOINTMENTS



We applaud our colleagues on their recent appointments!



Kristin Atkins, MD

► **Kristin Atkins, MD**, Assistant Professor, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences, has been named Director of Labor and Delivery Services at the University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC), succeeding **Lindsay Alger, MD**, Professor, who is stepping down after 23 years of service.

► **Brian Berman, MD**, Professor, Department of Family & Community Medicine, and Director, Center for Integrative Medicine, and **Chris D'Adamo, PhD, CPT**, Professor, Department of Family & Community Medicine, and Director of Research, Center for Integrative Medicine, have been named Co-Directors of Maryland Hospitals for a Healthy Environment (MD H2E). Through its partnership with the Center for Integrative Medicine, MD H2E will continue to advance the culture of environmental health and sustainability in Maryland's health care community, while providing new opportunities for physician education and engagement, research and outcomes evaluations, and further prevention of environmental exposures, by promoting integrative health and wellness.



Mordecai Blaustein, MD

► **Mordecai Blaustein, MD**, Professor, Department of Physiology, has been elected as an honorary member of the Physiological Society by their Council of Trustees. He was formally welcomed at the Physiological Society 2013 annual meeting.

► **Daniel Bochicchio, MD**, Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Anesthesiology, has been appointed State Surgeon of the Maryland National Guard. The State Surgeon is the primary advisor to the State Adjutant General on military health issues, the medical readiness of the National Guard forces, and the guard's ability to support civil authorities during disasters and other contingencies. Dr. Bochicchio has been in the Army National Guard since 1986 and completed two combat tours in Iraq.

► **Svetlana Chapoval, MD, PhD**, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, has been reappointed as Associate Editor of *The Journal of Immunology* for another two-year term.

► **Curt Civin, MD**, Associate Dean for Research; Director, Center for Stem Cell Biology & Regenerative Medicine; and Professor, Departments of Pediatrics

and Physiology, was inducted into the Baltimore Jewish Hall of Fame at the Gordon Jewish Community Center in Baltimore on June 12. The Jewish Hall of Fame celebrates Jewish Baltimoreans who have made a difference in the fields of medicine, science, politics, law, education, business, community service, arts & entertainment, and beyond. Dr. Civin was honored for his contributions in the field of medicine, and for his work with stem cells, specifically his groundbreaking research that led to the development and implementation of both clinical bone marrow stem-cell transplantation and leukemia diagnosis. Created in 2008, the Baltimore Jewish Hall of Fame now has 38 members, including this year's nine honorees. Dr. Civin is one of six physician members.

► **Vasken Dilsizian, MD**, Professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine, was elected to the position of Director-at-Large of the House of Delegates at the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging scientific sessions, which were held in Vancouver, BC, June 8–12. He was also elected to serve as President of the Cardiovascular Council of the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging. His term started July 1.

► **Vadim Morozov, MD**, Assistant Professor, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences, has been appointed Director of the new University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC) Program in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery.

► **Alina Grigore, MD, MHS, FASE**, Associate Professor, Department of Anesthesiology, was named a Fellow of the American Heart Association by the Council on Cardiovascular Surgery and Anesthesia in May.

► **Stephen Reich, MD**, the Frederick Henry Prince Distinguished Professor, Department of Neurology, has been named to the editorial board of the journal *Parkinsonism and Related Disorders*.

► **Lai-Xi Wang, PhD**, Professor, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology and Head of the Laboratory of Bioorganic Chemistry & Glycobiology at the Institute of Human Virology, was elected this past June in West Dover, VT, as Vice Chair and then Chair for the 2015 and 2017 Carbohydrate Gordon Research Conferences, respectively.



Vasken Dilsizian, MD



Alina Grigore, MD, MHS, FASE

NEW FACULTY



We welcome our new faculty!

► **Richard Benoit, MD, MPH**, joined the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences as a Visiting Instructor in the Division of Maternal and Fetal Medicine in August, 2013. Dr. Benoit received his Doctor of Medicine degree from Brown University in 1996 and his Masters in Public Health from Yale University in 2003. Dr. Benoit comes to Maryland from California, where he had been in private practice.

PATENTS & INVENTIONS



Niharika Khanna, MBBS, MD, DGO

► **Niharika Khanna, MBBS, MD, DGO**, Associate Professor, Department of Family & Community Medicine, was awarded Patent # 8,440,648 on May 14, for "Methods and Compositions for Treatment of Intraepithelial Neoplasia." Erimos Pharmaceuticals has been the lead on patent prosecution and, as such, will be handling the maintenance fees of the issued patent. The patent will be in effect until July 2, 2026.

IN THE NEWS



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



Ahmet Baschat, MB BCh, FACOG

► **Ahmet Baschat, MB BCh, FACOG**, Professor, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences, discussed his study of "Laser Treatments in Twin-to-Twin Transfusion Syndrome" in an interview with Reuter Health, which was published in the *News Daily* in late May.

► **Maureen Black, PhD**, the John A. Scholl, MD, and Mary Louise Scholl, MD, Professor of Pediatrics, was quoted in *The Baltimore*

Sun on May 28 in an article called "Crack Baby Epidemic Not as Bad as Originally Thought." In this and other media appearance, including radio and news service interviews, Dr. Black spoke about her recent publication in *Pediatrics* regarding long-term outcomes in drug-addicted infants (a.k.a. crack babies).

► **Jessica Minacapelli**, a Second-Year Student in the Department of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Science, was featured on Fox News on June 6 in a story regarding her grandfather's decision to donate his body to science and how that decision was prompted by hearing Jessica's account of her experiences in the DPT Anatomy lab.



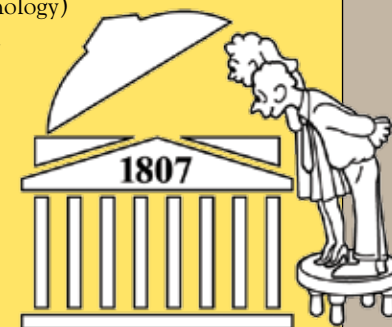
Maureen Black, PhD

2013 Mini-Med School

CLASS SCHEDULE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Wednesday, 9/11** Welcome (E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA, Dean of the School of Medicine)
The Affordable Care Act (Claudia Baquet, MD, MPH, Professor of Medicine)
Basic First Aid (Ben Lawner, DO, EMT-P, Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine)
- Wednesday, 9/18** Improving Balance/Preventing Falls (Linda Horn, PT, DScPT, MHS, Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Science)
Problem Gambling (Christopher Welsh, MD, Associate Professor of Psychology)
- Wednesday, 9/25*** Helping Family Members with Mental Illness (Ann Hackman, MD, Associate Professor of Psychology)
** Classes will start at 6:30 this evening due to the Dean's State of the School address. No one will be allowed in before 6 p.m. Dr. Hackman will be the only presenter and will give an extended presentation on this topic.*
- Wednesday, 10/2** What You Need to Know About Diabetes (Alan Shuldiner, MD, Professor of Medicine)
Heart Valve Disease (James Gammie, MD, Professor of Surgery)
- Wednesday, 10/9** Kidney Disease (Matthew Weir, MD, Professor of Medicine)
Graduation (Richard Pierson, III, MD, Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs)



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