# University of Maryland School of Medicine Unat's the buzz?

Self-Reported News from the School of Medicine Community

# EVENTS, LECTURES

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



Maureen Black, PhD, MA

Maureen Black, PhD, MA, John A. Scholl, MD, and Mary Louise Scholl, MD, Endowed Professor, Department of Pediatrics, presented an invited lecture on "Making the Link Between Early Life Nutrition, Early Childhood Development, Cognition, and Later Life Health Outcomes" at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, MA, on February 13, 2012, and an invited lecture at grand rounds on "Toddler Obesity Prevention: Healthy Lifestyle Behaviors from the Start," at Baystate Children's Hospital the next day. Additionally, she presented an invited lecture on "Global Strategies to Promote Health through Early Child Development" at Princeton University in Princeton, NJ, on February 15, and then was invited to participate in an international UNICEF event—Second

Global Consultation, Early Childhood Development Research Agenda—at the Innocenti Center in Florence, Italy, from February 16–18.



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Emilie Calvello, MD, MPH, assistant professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, traveled to Nicaragua in February 2012 as a member of a team that trained hospital staff and medical students at La Mascota Children's Hospital in Managua. The pediatric resuscitation training focused on CPR, basic and advanced life support, decontamination processes, proper handling of instruments, and sterilization procedures. The week-long trip was sponsored by the Surgeons of Hope Foundation in New York City and a Global Grant from the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

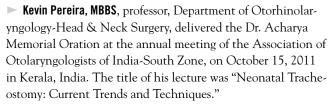
▶ **Brajesh Lal, MD**, associate professor, Department of Surgery, presented "Two-year Findings on Restenosis Rates from an

# & WORKSHOPS

Analysis of the CREST (Carotid Revascularization Endarterectomy Versus Stenting Trial) Study" at the American Stroke Association's International Stroke Conference, held January 31 to February 3, 2012, in New Orleans.

➤ Amal Mattu, MD, professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, traveled to Singapore in February 2012 to serve as an Honorary Visiting Expert to the nation's Ministry of Health. The general goal was to discuss

nation's Ministry of Health. The general goal was to discuss the assessment and improvement of Singapore's emergency health care system, with special focus on emergency medicine education, faculty development, emergency cardiology, and emergency geriatrics. During the same trip, Dr. Mattu was a visiting professor at five hospitals: Changi General Hospital, Tan Tock Seng Hospital, Khoo Tech Puat Hospital, Singapore General Hospital, and the National University of Singapore Hospital. In addition, he was the keynote speaker at the annual scientific conference of the Society for Emergency Medicine in Singapore and served as an external examiner at the society's Emergency Medicine Exit Examination. In total, he presented 29 hours of lectures and workshops during this trip, on the topics of emergency cardiology, emergency geriatrics and faculty development.



► **Eliot Siegel, MD**, professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine, and director of the School



Kevin Pereira, MBBS



Eliot Siegel, MD

## **EVENTS, LECTURES & WORKSHOPS** continued

of Medicine's Maryland Imaging Research Technologies Laboratory, recently delivered several keynote addresses, including "Educating Watson to Usher in a New Era of Intelligent, Vigilant, and Personalized Medicine" at the IBM Centers for Advanced Studies, part of the IBM 100th anniversary celebration in Toronto on November 8, 2011; "Imaging in Personalized Medicine Era," at the 1st International Conference on Personalized Medicine, in Florence, Italy, on February 3; and "PACS: The Next 30 years," at SPIE Medical Imaging in San Diego, CA, on February 8.

► The Department of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine had a strong presence at the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) Meeting in Chicago from November 28 to December 2, 2011. More than 30 faculty members and residents presented scientific talks, poster and electronic exhibits, and educational sessions. Several presenters were recognized with awards and invitations to submit research results in Radiology and RadioGraphics, RSNA's peer-reviewed journals.



#### We welcome our new faculty!

► Kristina Harris, PhD, joined the faculty of the Department of Pathology as an assistant professor in December 2011. She completed her doctorate in Molecular Medicine at the University of Maryland Graduate School in 2008, and since then has been working as a research associate in pathology. Dr. Harris is a member of the American Association of Immunologists, the International Society for Dendritic Cell & Vaccine Science, and the Society for Leukocyte Biology. Her research is focused on the role of monocyte-derived cells in the pathogenesis of celiac disease, an enteropathy triggered by dietary glutens in genetically susceptible individuals. However, her overall goal is to understand how tissue-derived signals influence monocytes to promote self-tolerance versus autoimmunity in humans.



## Congratulations to the following who have received honors!

- Maureen Black, PhD, MA, John A. Scholl, MD, and Mary Louise Scholl, MD, Endowed Professor, Department of Pediatrics, has been inducted into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame. Established in 1985 by the Maryland Commission for Women and the Women Legislators of Maryland, the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame seeks to honor Maryland women who have made unique and lasting contributions to the economic, political, cultural, and social life of the state, and to provide visible models of achievement for tomorrow's female leaders. Dr. Black was nominated by Jay Perman, MD, president of the University of Maryland Baltimore, who presented her with the award at the March 7 induction ceremony.
- Michael Grasso, MD, PhD, assistant professor, Departments of Medicine and Emergency Medicine, has been elected to fellowship in the American College of Physicians.
- ▶ William Olmsted, MD, clinical professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine, who retired as editor of RadioGraphics at the end of 2011, was honored by the Radiological Society of North America on November 28, 2011, with a gala reception at the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago to celebrate his two decades of editorial leadership.
- ► Thomas Scalea, MD, FACS, Francis X. Kelly Professor of Trauma Surgery in the Department of Surgery and director of the Program in Trauma, was this year's recipient of the President's Award from the Baltimore City Medical Society (BCMS). The Society's highest award, it is given in recognition of exemplary service and steadfast commitment to patients, physicians and the larger community in improving the quality of health and well-being of all. The award was presented by outgoing BCMS president, Steven Gambert, MD, **MACP**, professor, Department of Medicine, at the Society's annual President's Gala, held at The Volmer Center at Cylburn Arboretum on March 3, 2012.



Steven Gambert MD MACP presents Thomas Scalea, MD FACS, with the Baltimore City Medical Society President's Award.

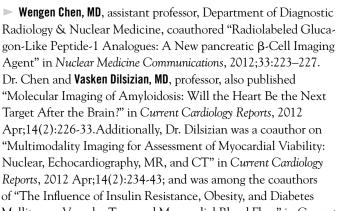
Richard Zhao, PhD, professor, Department of Pathology and the Institute of Human Virology, has been invited to join the editorial boards of PLoS ONE and the Journal of Clinical and Experimental Pathology.

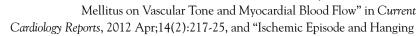


## **PUBLICATIONS**

#### Hats off to those who have been published!

- Mordecai Blaustein, MD, professor, Joseph Kao, PhD, professor, and Donald Matteson, PhD, associate professor, all from the Department of Physiology, recently published the textbook Cellular Physiology and Neurophysiology, 2nd Edition (2012) as part of the Mosby Physiology Monograph Series, Elsevier Mosby, Philadelphia, 337 pages.
- Uttam Bodanapally, MD, assistant professor, Kathirkama Shanmuganathan, MD, professor, Stuart Mirvis, MD, professor, Clint Sliker, MD, assistant professor, and Narendra **Shet**, MD, fourth-year resident, all of the Department of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine, published "Implementation of 24/7 Radiology Services in an Academic Medical Centre Level-1 Trauma Centre: Impact on Trauma Resuscitation Unit Length of Stay and Economic Benefit Analysis" in *Injury*, 2011 Nov 22 [Epub ahead of print]. Additionally, Dr. Shanmuganathan and Alex **Boscak**, MD, assistant professor, also published "Splenic Trauma: What is New!" in Radiology Clinics of North America, 2012 Jan;50(1):105–122.
- ► Emilie Calvello, MD, MPH, assistant professor, Kami Hu, MD, second-year resident, and Danya Khoujah, MBBS, second-year resident, all from the Department of Emergency Medicine, published "Management of the Hyperthermic Patient" in the British Journal of Hospital Medicine. 2011 Oct;72(10):571-5.





Wengen Chen, MD

► Karan Chopra, MS-IV, was a co-author on "An Effective Technique for Salvage

On to a Painful Memory" in JACC Cardiovascular Imaging, 2012 Jan;5:125–128.

- **Singh, MD**, assistant professor, Department of Surgery, was senior author. The two were also co-authors on "Bioterrorism: Preparing the Plastic Surgeon" in Eplasty, 2011;11:e47 [Epub 2011 Nov 23]. Additionally, Chopra was a coauthor on "Chest Wall Reconstruction with Strattice in an Immunosuppressed Patient" in Eplasty, 2011;11:e46 [Epub 2011 Nov 23], and he and Sheri Slezak, MD, associate professor, Department of Surgery, were among the co-authors on "The Versalet for Breast-Reduction Surgery: Operator Beware" in *Eplasty*, 2012;12:e11 [Epub 2012 Feb 6].
- ► Curt Civin, MD, professor, Department of Pediatrics, associate dean for Research, and director, Center for Stem Cell Biology & Regenerative Medicine, co-authored with multiple members of his lab "Deletion of Tristetraprolin Caused Spontaneous Reactive Granulopoiesis by a Non-Cell-Autonomous Mechanism without Disturbing Long-Term Hematopoietic Stem Cell Quiescence" in the Journal of Immunology, 2011. In addition, Dr. Civin was a co-author on "Activating Signals Dominate Inhibitory Signals in CD137L/IL-15 Activated Natural Killer Cells" in the Journal of Immunotherapy, 2011;2:187-195, and on "Mice Deficient in MIM Expression Are Predisposed to Lymphomagenesis" in Oncogene, 2011 Nov 14 [Epub ahead of print].

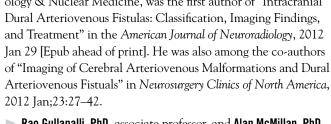


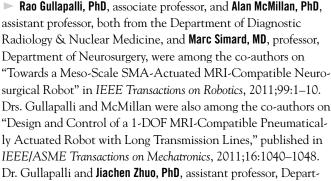
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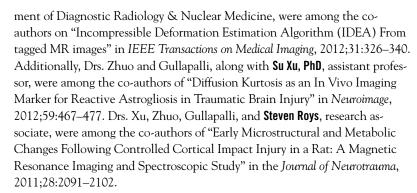
- **Sameh Fayek, MD**, assistant professor, Department of Surgery, was lead author on "Ureteral Stents Are Associated With Reduced Risk of Ureteral Complications After Kidney Transplantation: A Large Single Center Experience" in Transplantation, 2012 Feb 15;93(3):304-8. Other contributing authors from the department were Abdolreza Haririan, MD, MPH, associate professor, Matthew Cooper, MD, associate professor, Rolf Barth, MD, associate professor, Eugene Schweitzer, MD, professor, Jonathan Bromberg, MD, PhD, professor, Stephen Bartlett, MD, the Peter Angelos Distinguished Professor in Surgery, and Benjamin Philosophe, MD, PhD, associate professor.
- **Erika Feller, MD**, assistant professor, and medical director for the Heart Transplant Program, Jennifer Brown, MD, cardiology fellow, and Elaine Pelc, MS, RD, CNSC, LDN, clinical dietician, all from the Department of Medicine, recently published Kathy's Cookbook, a collection of heart-healthy recipes and cooking tips for patients awaiting or receiving a heart transplant. The publication of this book is the culmination of a year's worth of thorough research and perseverance in memory of a UMMC heart transplant patient.

#### PUBLICATIONS continued

- ▶ Claire Fraser, PhD, professor, Department of Medicine, and director, Institute for Genome Sciences, was a co-author on "Adaptations of Avian Flu Virus Are a Cause for Concern," published in Science, 2012 Jan 31 [Epub ahead of print]. She was also a co-author on "Policy: Adaptations of Avian Flu Virus Are a Cause For Concern" in Nature, 2012 Jan 31;482(7384):153-4.
- ► Aletta Frazier, MD, clinical associate professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine, was among the co-authors on "The Unicornuate Uterus and Its Variants: Clinical Presentation, Imaging Findings, and Associated Complications" in The Journal of Ultrasound in Medicine, 2012 Feb;31:319-331.
- W. Florian Fricke, PhD, assistant professor, and Jacques Ravel, PhD, associate professor, both from the Department of Microbiology & Immunology and the
  - Institute for Genome Sciences, where Ravel is also associate director of Genomics, co-authored "Origin and Variation of Tunicate Secondary Metabolites" in the Journal of Natural Products, 2012 Feb 24;75(2):295-304.
  - Dheeraj Gandhi, MD, professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine, was the first author of "Intracranial Dural Arteriovenous Fistulas: Classification, Imaging Findings, and Treatment" in the American Journal of Neuroradiology, 2012 Jan 29 [Epub ahead of print]. He was also among the co-authors







► Ziv Haskal, MD, professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine, was the author of "IVIR Grows and Evolves; IVIR Fast" in the Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology, 2012;23:1. He was also among a multi-institutional group of co-authors on "Safety of Endovascular

Treatment of Chronic Cerebrospinal Venous Insufficiency: A Report of 240 Patients with Multiple Sclerosis" in the Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology, 2012;23:55–39; was among the co-authors on "The Use of Transarterial Chemoembolization in the Treatment of Unresectable Hepatocellular Carcinoma: A Response to the Cochrane Collaboration Review of 2011" in the Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology, 2011;22:1693– 1696; and as a member of the Society of Interventional Radiology Standards of Practice Committee, was a co-author on "Quality Improvement Guidelines for Recording Patient Radiation Dose in the Medical Record for Fluoroscopically Guided Procedures" in the Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology, 2012;23:11–18, and on "Quality Improvement Guidelines for the Performance of Inferior Vena Cava Filter Placement for the Prevention of Pulmonary Embolism" in the Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology, 2011;22:1499–1506.

▶ Bertrand Janne d'Othee, MD, associate professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine, was first author on "Development of a Research Agenda for the Management of Metastatic Colorectal Cancer: Proceedings from a Multidisciplinary Research Consensus Panel," published in the Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology, 2012 Feb;23:153–163.



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#### PUBLICATIONS continued

▶ **Jean Jeudy, MD**, associate professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine, and Allen Burke, MD, professor, Department of Pathology, were among the co-authors on "Ectopic Hepatic Tissue Presenting As a Right Atrial Mass," in Human Pathology, 2012 Jan 23 [Epub ahead of print] Dr. Jeudy and Charles White, MD, professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine, were among the co-authors on "HIV-Related Cardiac Complications: CT and MRI Findings" in the American Journal of Roentgenology, 2012 Feb;198:364–369. Dr. Jeudy and Bartley Griffith, MD, professor, and



James Gammie, MD

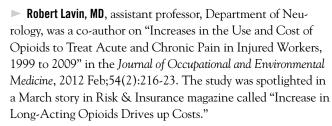
2011,31(19):7043-8.

James Gammie, MD, associate professor, both from the Department of Surgery, were among the co-authors on "Magnetic Resonance Investigation of Blood Flow After Aortic Valve Bypass (Apicoaortic Conduit)" in Annals of Thoracic Surgery, 2011;92:1332–1337. Dr. White was among the co-authors on "Aortopulmonary Fistula in Acute Dissection: Findings at Unenhanced and Enhanced Computed Tomography Imaging' in the Journal of Thoracic Imaging, 2011 Nov 5 [Epub ahead of print]. He was also the author of "The Pros and Cons of Searching for Extracardiac Findings at Cardiac CT: Use of a Restricted Field of View is Acceptable" in Radiology, 2011;261:338–341, and was among the co-authors of "MRI Findings of Mediastinal Neurogenic Tumors" in the American Journal of Roentgenology, 2011;197:W643-652.

**Zuzana Justinova, MD, PhD**, assistant professor, Department of Psychiatry, published "The Endogenous Cannabinoid 2-Arachidonoylglycerol Is Intravenously Self-Administered by Squirrel Monkeys" in the Journal of Neuroscience,

Nikhil Kumar, research specialist, Julie Dunning Hotopp, PhD, assistant professor, and Hervé Tettelin, PhD, associate professor, all from the Department of Microbiology & Immunology and the Institute for Genome Sciences, co-authored "Streptococcus pneumoniae in Biofilms are Unable to Cause Invasive Disease Due to Altered Virulence Determinant Production" in PLoS One, 2011 Dec 8;6(12):e28738 [Epub ahead of print]. In addition, Dr. Tettelin and Sean Daugherty, bioinformatics analyst, Institute for Genome Sciences, were among the co-authors on "Differences in Genotype and Virulence Among Four MultidrugResistant Streptococcus pneumoniae Isolates Belonging to the PMEN1 Clone," in PLoS One, 2011;6(12):e28850 [Epub ahead of print]

- ► Wendy Lane, MD, MPH, assistant professor; Patricia Dischinger, PhD, professor, and Patricia Langenberg, PhD, professor, all from the Department of Epidemiology & Public Health, along with Howard Dubowitz, MBChB, professor, Department of Pediatrics, co-published "Outcomes for Children Hospitalized with Abusive vs. Non-Inflicted Abdominal Trauma" in Pediatrics 2011;127(6):e1400-e1405.
- ► James Lantry, MD, third-year resident, Zachary Dezman, MD, MS, first-year resident, and Jon Mark Hirshon, MD, MPH, PhD, associate professor, all from the Department of Emergency Medicine, published "Pathophysiology, Management and Complications of Hypothermia" in the British Journal of Hospital Medicine, 2012 Jan; 73(1):31-7.







Patricia Dischinger, PhD

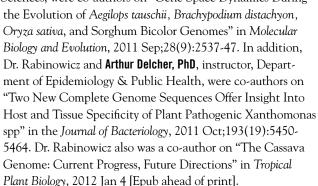


Robert Lavin, MD

"Increased Arterial Smooth Muscle Ca2+ Signaling, Vasoconstriction, and Myogenic Reactivity in Milan Hypertensive Rats" in the American Journal of Physiology-Heart and Circulatory Physiology, 2012 Feb;302(3):H611-20. Drs. Golvina and Hamlyn, along with **Brandiese Jacobs**. BS. doctoral student, Yong Liu, PhD, postdoctoral fellow, and Maria Pulina, PhD, former postdoctoral fellow in the department, also published "Normal Pregnancy: A Ouabain Resistant State with Elevated Endogenous Ouabain, Suppressed Arterial Sodium Calcium Exchange and Low Blood Pressure" in the American Journal of Physiology-Heart and Circulatory Physiology, 2012 Jan 13 [Epub ahead of print].

#### PUBLICATIONS continued

- ► Alberto Macario, MD, adjunct professor, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, published "Hsp10, Hsp70, and Hsp90 Immunohistochemical Levels Change in Ulcerative Colitis After Therapy," in the European Journal of Histochemistry, 2011 Oct 24;55(4):e38. He and Everly Conway de Macario, PhD, adjunct professor, also published "Heat-shock Protein 60 and Risk for Cardiovascular Disease" in Current Pharmaceutical Design, 2011 Nov;17(33):3662-8; "Hsp60 and Heme Oxygenase-1 (Hsp32) in Acute Myocardial Infarction: A Pilot Study" in Translational Research: The Journal of Laboratory and Clinical Medicine, 2011;157(5):285-92; and "Convergent Sets of Data From In Vivo and In Vitro Methods Point to an Active Role of Hsp60 in Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Pathogenesis" in PloS ONE, 2011 Nov 28;6(11):e28200 [Epub ahead of print].
- Michael Mulligan, MD, professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine, was among the co-authors on "Hematopoietic Tumors and Metastases Involving Bone" in Radiologic Clinics of North America, 2011;49:1163-1183.
- ▶ William Olmsted, MD, clinical professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine, coauthored "A History of Radiologic Pathology Correlation at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology and Its Evolution into the American Institute for Radiologic Pathology" in Radiology, 2012;262:623–634.
- ▶ Pablo Rabinowicz, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, and Kimberly O'Brien, research specialist, both from the Institute for Genome Sciences, were co-authors on "Gene Space Dynamics During





Pablo Rabinowicz, PhD

- ▶ David Rasko, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, and Jason Sahl, PhD, postdoctoral fellow, both from the Institute for Genome Sciences, co-authored "Analysis of the Global Transcriptional Profiles of Enterotoxigenic Escherichia coli (ETEC) Isolate E24377A" in Infection and Immunity, 2012 Mar;80(3):1232-42.
- ► Charles Resnik, MD, professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine, co-authored "Bilateral Symmetrical Cortical Osteolytic Lesions in Two Patients with Gaucher Disease" in Skeletal Radiology, 2011;40:1611–1615.
- ► Gabriel Ryb, MD, MPH, assistant professor, Department of Surgery, and Patricia Dischinger, PhD, professor, Department of Epidemiology & Publish Health, published "Disparities in Trauma Center Access of Older Injured Motor Vehicular Crash Occupants" in the Journal of Trauma, 2011;71(3):742-747. They published "Scene Mobility Status as a Predictor of Injury Severity and Mortality Due to Vehicular Crashes" in the same issue, 2011;71(3):737-741.
- ► Eliot Siegel, MD, professor, Joseph Chen, MD, assistant professor, and Tara Morgan, MD, fourth-year resident, all from the Department of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine, were among the co-authors of "Facial Recognition Software Success Rates for the Identification of 3D Surface Reconstructed Facial Images: Implications for Patient Privacy and Security" in the Journal of Digital Imaging, 2011 Nov 8 [Epub ahead of print]. Dr. Siegel was also a co-author on "Greening Radiology" in the Journal of the American College of Radiology, 2011;8:780–784, and "Influence of Radiology Report Format on Reading Time and Comprehension" in the Journal of Digital Imaging, 2012;25:63-69. Additionally, Dr. Siegel and Nancy Knight, PhD, assistant professor, were among the co-authors on "Redesigning the Nuclear Medicine Reading Room" in Seminars in Nuclear Medicine, 2011;41:463–471, and Dr. Knight and Narendra Shet, MD, fourth-year resident, were among the co-authors on "Handoffs Between Radiologists and Patients: Threat or Opportunity" in the Journal of the American College of Radiology, 2011;8:853–857.
- Mohan Tulapurkar, PhD, post-doctoral fellow, Jeffrey Hasday, MD, professor, and Ishwar S. Singh, PhD, assistant professor, all from the Department of Medicine, co-published "Prolonged Exposure to Hyperthermic Stress Augments Neutrophil Recruitment to Lung During the Post-Exposure Recovery Period" in the International Journal of Hyperthermia, 2011;27(7):717-25.



David Rasko, PhD

## GRANTS &

## **CONTRACTS**

## **APPOINTMENTS**



We applaud our colleagues on their recent appointments!

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

- Mordecai Blaustein, MD, professor, Departments of Physiology and Medicine, and director, Maryland Center for Heart, Hypertension & Kidney Disease, received a four-year, \$383,750 grant from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute for "Alpha-2 Na+ Pumps, Ca2+, Arterial Contraction & Hypertension," which focuses on acute and chronic ouabain-Na+ pump interactions and the specific role of Na+ pumps in the Ca2+ signaling pathway in the pathogenesis of salt-dependent hypertension.
- ▶ **Robert Bloch, PhD**, professor, Department of Physiology, received a one-year, \$350,000 research grant from the Jain Foundation for his work "Analyzing the Role of Dysferlin in Skeletal Muscle In Vitro and In Vivo."



Joana Carneiro da Silva PhD

- ▶ Joana Carneiro da Silva, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Microbiology & Immunology and Institute for Genome Sciences, is the principal investigator on an 18-month, \$646,875 grant entitled "Genetic Variability in *Babesia microti*, the Causative Agent of Human Babesiosis, an Emerging Infectious Disease in the United States."
- ▶ Joseph Chen, MD, assistant professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine, was awarded a 2012 Society for Imaging Informatics in Medicine Research Grant in the amount of \$50,000 for "Real-Time Validation and Analysis of SIIM TRIP Workflow Lexicon."
- Bruce Krueger, PhD, professor, Department of Physiology, and Elizabeth Powell, PhD, associate professor, Department of Anatomy & Neurobiology, received a five-year, \$1,592,565 Dual-PI grant from the National Institutes of Health's Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development for their work entitled "Mechanisms of Valproic Acid-Induced Neurodevelopmental and Behavioral Defects."
- ► **Gerald Wilson, PhD**, associate professor, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, was awarded \$154,000 over two years from the American Heart Association for his project entitled, "A Novel Post-Transcriptional Mechanism That Regulates Hepatic Low Density Lipoprotein Receptor Expression."



Richard Eckert, PhD

▶ Richard Eckert, PhD, the John F.B. Weaver Distinguished Professor and Chair, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, was appointed as secretary of the American Medical and Graduate Departments of Biochemistry (AMGDB) for a four-year term starting in January 2012. The AMGDB was founded in 1969 and represents many of the 208 Departments of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology at graduate and medical schools in North America, including the 50 states, as well as Puerto Rico, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean. The AMGDB is concerned with issues related to fundamental and biomedical science,

health research, science policy and education. Dr. Eckert also was elected as a member of the American Society of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology's (ASBMB) Political Affairs Advisory Committee and Chair of the Legislative Issues Subcommittee. This group represents the ASBMB membership at the National Institutes of Health and other national funding agencies, on Capitol Hill, and at the White House.



Jeffrey Wolf, MD

beffrey Wolf, MD, associate professor, Department of Otorhinolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery, has been appointed associate chair for Clinical Affairs for the department. In his new role, Dr. Wolf will play a key part in ensuring the integrity of the department's clinical mission and—in conjunction with executive administration—will work to develop fiscal and operational processes and to improve internal clinical infrastructure. Dr. Wolf has been at the University of Maryland School of Medicine since 2001.

■ Jade Wong-You-Cheong, MD, professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine, was appointed in January 2012 to the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine Board of Governors. Her term of service begins on April 1.

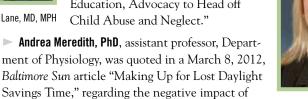
## A job well done to all who have kept us in the media spotlight!

Mordecai Blaustein, MD, professor, Departments of Physiology and Medicine and director, Maryland Center for Heart, Hypertension & Kidney Disease, was interviewed for an invited podcast entitled "Molecular Mechanisms Linking Salt to Hypertension," which has been published by AIP-Heart and Circulatory

> Physiology. This podcast interview was related to his American Journal of Physiology-Heart and Circulatory Physiology review "How NaCl Raises Blood Pressure: A New Paradigm for the Pathogenesis of Salt-Dependent Hypertension."

► Wendy Lane, MD, MPH, assistant professor, Department of

Epidemiology & Public Health, was featured in the February 2012 issue of Chesapeake Family magazine, in an article entitled "Protecting Maryland's Most Vulnerable: Local Agencies Use Education, Advocacy to Head off



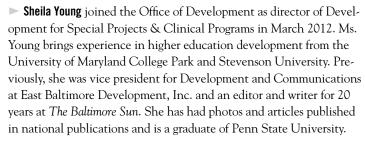


Andrea Meredith, PhD

Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation

#### We welcome new staff!

**Eric B. Stark** joined the Office of Development as well as the development staff of the University of Maryland Medical System Foundation as director of Development for the University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Cancer Center in April 2012. Mr. Stark's role initiates a unique collaboration between the School of Medicine and our partner, the UMMS Foundation, to drive fundraising for the Greenebaum Cancer Center. He brings experience in development from the Milwaukee Jewish Federation in Wisconsin, the Union for Reform Judaism in New York, and Temple Oheb Shalom in Baltimore. Additionally, he is an ordained Rabbi and has written a column in the Baltimore Jewish Times. Mr. Stark is a graduate of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and Hebrew Union Collegelewish Institute of Religion.





Eric B. Stark



Sheila Young

the "spring forward" time change.

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.

Wendy Lane, MD, MPH

Anatomy & Neurobiology: TBD Anesthesiology: Betsy Burcham 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: Penelope Birckhead **Neurosurgery:** Terry Roberts Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences: Robin Kissinger Ophthalmology: Nancy Cook Orthopaedics: Dori Kelly Otorhinolaryngology: Bryan Ambro Pathology: Carmen White Pediatrics: Connie Ward Pharmacology & Experimental

Therapeutics: Anne Nourse

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Research or MBRC: Pam King Center for Research on Aging: Kara Longo Center for Shock, Trauma and Anes thesiology Research or STAR-ORC: Jane Anderson Center for Stem Cell Biology & Regenerative Medicine LaRondi Flowers **Center for Vaccine Development:** Shawnell Stokes

Center for Mucosal Biology

Center for Vascular & Inflammatory Diseases: Talia Bailey Institute for Autoimmunity and Inflammation: Susie Flaherty Institute for Genome Sciences:

Institute of Human Virology: Nora Grannell

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