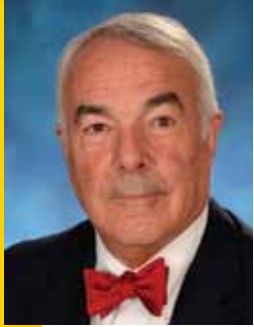




SELF-REPORTED NEWS from the SCHOOL OF MEDICINE COMMUNITY

Grants & Contracts

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



Alan Cross, MD

▶ **Alan Cross, MD**, Professor, Department of Medicine, was awarded a grant in the amount of \$1,178,647 from USA MED RESEARCH to study Broad Spectrum Host-Oriented Therapy for Wound Infection.

▶ **Anthony Harris, MD, MPH**, Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, received a three-year, \$363,691 subaward agreement from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, for the project, "Creation of a Healthcare Associated Infectious Disease Modeling Network to Improve Prevention Research and Healthcare Delivery."

▶ **Kirsten Lyke, MD**, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, was awarded a grant up to \$1,197,475 from the Geneva Foundation to evaluate the safety and reactogenicity of the Hantaan Virus (HTNV), Puumala Virus (PUUV), and combination HTNV/PUUV DNA vaccine candidates delivered to healthy adults either intramuscular electroporation (IM-EP) or intradermal electroporation (ID-EP).



Kirsten Lyke, MD

▶ **Kathleen Neuzil, MD, MPH**, Professor, Department of Medicine and Director of the Center for Vaccine Development and **Wilbur Chen, MD, MS**, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine and Chief of Adult



Kathleen Neuzil, MD, MPH

Clinical Studies, Center for Vaccine Development, were awarded \$4.68 million VTEU grant from the National Institutes of Health to test an H7N9 influenza vaccine. Separately, Dr. Neuzil was awarded two other grants: \$796,429 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation as a supplement for the Typhoid Vaccine Acceleration Consortium and \$2,862,677 from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases to conduct clinical trials and research on a pertussis vaccine.

▶ **Cindy Schaeffer, PhD**, Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry, and **Sharon Hoover, PhD**, Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry, received a four-year, \$2,977,876 award from the National Institute of Justice as part of their Comprehensive School Safety Initiative. The award, "Evaluating Promising School Staff and Resource-Officer Approaches for Reducing Harsh Discipline, Suspensions and Arrests," is a partnership between UMB and Cecil County Public Schools to study the impact of a comprehensive approach to improving school safety.



Cindy Schaeffer, PhD

▶ **Junfang Wu, BM, PhD**, Associate Professor, Department of Anesthesiology and Center for Shock, Trauma and Anesthesiology Research (STAR), along with **Alan Faden, MD**, the David S. Brown Professor in Trauma, Professor, Departments of Anesthesiology, Anatomy & Neurobiology, and Neurology, and Director, Center for Shock, Trauma & Anesthesiology Research (STAR ORC) and **Susan Dorsey, PhD**, Associate Professor, School of Nursing, received a five-year, \$2,818,594 R01 grant from the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) for "Spinal Mechanisms Underlying SCI-induced Pain: Implications for Targeted Therapy."

Publications

Hats off to those who have been published!



Rong Chen, PhD

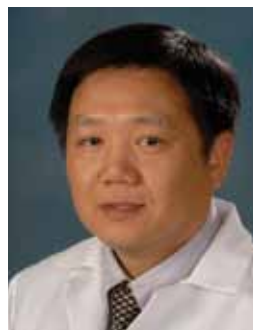
▶ **Rong Chen, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, was among the co-authors of "Predictive Models of Minimal Hepatic Encephalopathy for Cirrhotic Patients Based on Large-scale Brain Intrinsic Connectivity Networks," in *Scientific Reports*, 2017 Sep 14;7(1):11512.

▶ **Wengen Chen, MD, PhD**, Associate Professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, was among the co-authors on "Joint

SNMMI-ASNC Expert Consensus Document on the Role of 18F-Fdg Pet/Ct in Cardiac Sarcoid Detection and Therapy Monitoring" in *Journal of Nuclear Cardiology*, 2017 Aug 2, and "Joint SNMMI-ASNC Expert Consensus Document on the Role of 18F-FDG PET/CT in Cardiac Sarcoid Detection and Therapy Monitoring" in *Journal of Nuclear Medicine*, 2017 Aug;58(8):1341-1353.

▶ **Randi Cohen, MD, MS**, Assistant Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, was among the co-authors on "NRG Oncology-Radiation Therapy Oncology Group Study 1014: 1-year Toxicity Report From a Phase 2 Study of Repeat Breast-Preserving Surgery and 3-Dimensional Conformal Partial-Breast Irradiation for In-Breast Recurrence" in *International Journal of Radiation Oncology Biology Physics*, 2017 Aug 1;98:1028-1035.

▶ **Antoine Dara, PhD**, a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Division of Malaria Research; **Mark Travassos, MD, MSc**, Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics; **Matthew Adams**, Research Laboratory Supervisor, the Institute for Global Health; **Sara Schaffer De Roo**; **Elliott Drabek, PhD**, Senior Bioinformatics Software Engineer; **Sonia Agrawal**; **Miriam Laufer, MD**, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Medicine, and Epidemiology & Public Health, Director of the Division



Wengen Chen, MD, PhD

of Malaria Research, and Associate Director of the Institute of Global Health; **Christopher Plowe, MD, MPH, FASTMH**, the Frank M. Calia, MD Professor of Medicine and Founding Director, Institute for Global Health; and **Joana Silva, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, were among the authors on "A New Method for Sequencing the Hypervariable *Plasmodium Falciparum* Gene Var2csa From Clinical Samples" in *Malaria Journal*, 2017 Aug. 17.

▶ **Aletta Frazier, MD**, Clinical Professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, authored "Distinctive Features of Testicular Neoplasms: Seminoma Versus Mixed Germ Cell Tumor" in *Radiographics*, 2017 Jul-Aug;37(4):1084. Separately, Dr. Frazier authored "Renal Medullary Carcinoma Associated with Sickle Cell Trait" in *Radiographics*, 2017 Sep-Oct;37(5):1537.

▶ **Fabien Fuche, PhD**, Postdoctoral Fellow; **Ousmane Sow**, Research Technician; **Raphael Simon, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine; and **Sharon Tennant, PhD**, Associate Professor of Medicine, Institute for Global Health, were among the authors on "Salmonella Serogroup C: Current Status of Vaccines and Why They Are Needed" in *Clinical and Vaccine Immunology*, 2017 Sep.

▶ **Sarah Jackson, MPH**, PhD Candidate (first author); **Surbhi Leekha, MBBS, MPH**, Associate Professor; **Laurence Magder, PhD**, Professor; **Lisa Pineles, MA**, Program Director; **Kristen Stafford, PhD**, Assistant Professor; **Kerri Thom, MD**, Associate Professor; and **Anthony Harris, MD, MPH**, Professor (last author), all from the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, were among the co-authors on "The Effect of Adding Comorbidities to Current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Central-Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection Risk-Adjustment Methodology" in *Infection Control & Hospital Epidemiology*, 2017 Sep;38(9):1019-1024.

▶ **Edward Herskovits, MD**, Professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine was among the co-authors on

Publications *continued*



Edward Herskovits, MD

“Multicenter Research Studies in Radiology,” in *Academic Radiology*, 2017 Sep 15.

► **Jean Jeudy, MD**, Associate Professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, was among the co-authors on “Location, Variations and Predictors of Epicardial Fat Mapping Using Multi-detector Computed Tomography to Assist Epicardial Ventricular Tachycardia Ablation” in *Pacing Clinical Electrophysiology*, 2017 Jul 19. Dr. Jeudy was also among the co-authors on “Validation of a Novel CARTOSEG™ Segmentation Module Software for Contrast-enhanced Computed Tomography-guided Radiofrequency Ablation in Patients with Atrial Fibrillation” in *Pacing Clinical Electrophysiology*, 2017 Sep 13.

► **Gaurav Jindal, MD**, Assistant Professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, was among the co-authors on “Interhospital Transfer Prior to Thrombectomy is Associated with Delayed Treatment and Worse Outcome in the STRATIS Registry” in *Circulation*, 2017 Sep 24.

► Several faculty members had articles in the August 2017 issue of *Pediatric Clinics of North America*, which focused on global infections and child health. **Karen Kotloff, MD**, Professor, Department of Pediatrics and Head of the Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases and Tropical Medicine, authored “The Burden and Etiology of Diarrheal Illness in Developing Countries.” **Lauren Cohee, MD**, Instructor, Department of Pediatrics, and **Miriam Laufer, MD**, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Medicine, and Epidemiology & Public Health, Director of the Division of Malaria Research, and Associate Director of the Institute of Global Health co-authored “Malaria in Children.” **Elizabeth Rotrosen**, Clinical Research Assistant, Center for Vaccine Development, and **Kathleen Neuzil, MD, MPH**, Professor, Department of Medicine and Director of the Center for Vaccine Development, were co-authors on “Influenza: A Global Perspective.”

► **Myron Levine, MD, DTPH**, the Simon and Bessie Grollman Distinguished Professor, and Associate Dean for Global Health, Institute for Global Health, **Kathleen Neuzil, MD, MPH**, Professor, Department of Medicine and Director of the Center for Vaccine Development, and **Karen Kotloff, MD**, Professor, Department of Pediatrics, and Head of the Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases and Tropical Medicine, were among the co-authors on “The Typhoid Vaccine Acceleration Consortium (TyVAC): Vaccine Effectiveness Study Designs: Accelerating the Introduction of Typhoid



Gaurav Jindal, MD



Myron Levine, MD, DTPH

Conjugate Vaccines and Reducing the Global Burden of Enteric Fever” in *Vaccine* 2017 August 9. Additionally, Drs. Levine and Kotloff along with **Marcelo Szein, MD**, Professor, Department of Pediatrics, were among the co-authors on “Identification of Immune Correlates of Protection in *Shigella* Infection by Application of Machine Learning” in the *Journal of Biomedical Informatics*, 2017 August 9. Separately, Dr. Levine was a co-author on “Typhoid Vaccine Development with a Human Challenge Model” in *The Lancet*, 2017 Sep 28.

► **Michael Lipsky, PhD**, Professor, Department of Pathology; **Sunil Sen**, Research Specialist, **Courtney Matson**, Graduate Research Assistant, and **Jasnehta Permala-Booth**, Laboratory Manager, all from the Center for Vaccine Development, Institute for Global Health; **Louis DeTolla, VMD, MS, PhD, DACLAM**, Professor, Department of Pathology; and **Sharon Tennant, PhD**, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, were among the co-authors on “Virulence of Invasive *Salmonella Typhimurium* ST313 in Animal Models of Infection” in *PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases*, 2017 August 4.

► **Robert Morales, MD**, Assistant Professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine was among the co-authors of “Intrabronchial Catheter Resuscitation for Respiratory and Cardiorespiratory Arrest” in *Shock*, 2017 Sep 14.



Amed Ouattara, PhD, PharmD

► **Amed Ouattara, PhD, PharmD**, Research Associate, Department of Medicine; **Matt Adams**, Laboratory Supervisor; **Mark Travassos, MD, MSc**, Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics; **Matt Laurens, MD, MPH**, Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics; and **Christopher Plowe, MD, MPH, FASTMH**, the Frank M. Calia, MD Professor of Medicine and Founding Director, Institute for Global Health, were among the co-authors on “*Plasmodium vivax* Infections Over 3 Years in Duffy Blood Group Negative Malaria in Bandiagara, Mali” in the *American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene*, 2017 Jul 24.

► **Elizabeth Rotrosen**, Clinical Research Assistant, Center for Vaccine Development, and **Kathleen Neuzil, MD, MPH**, Professor, Department of Medicine, and Director of the Center for Vaccine Development, co-authored “Influenza Among Young Children in Bangladesh: Clinical Characteristics and Outcomes from a Randomized Clinical Trial” in *Clinical Infectious Diseases*, 2017 Oct 6.

► **Eliot Siegel, MD**, Professor, and **Michael Toland**, PACS Team Manager, both from the Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, were among the co-authors of “Use of Radiology Procedure Codes in Health Care: The Need for Standardization and Structure” in *Radiographics* 2017 Jul-Aug. Dr. Siegel was also a co-author on “RSNA Diagnosis Live: A Novel Web-based Audience Response Tool to Promote Evidence-based Learning” in *Radiographics*. 2017 Jul-Aug.



Eliot Siegel, MD

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