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Healing Hurt People: A Violence Intervention Program

Every day in Philadelphia, young people aged 12 to 24 are sent to the emergency room by intentional violence – victims of assault, stabbing or gunshot. In most cases, those who are not hospitalized are discharged back into the community without any connection or follow-up. Another injury, or an act of retaliation is a familiar next step. However, Drexel University College of Medicine, the Drexel School of Public Health, and Hahnemann University Hospital are collaborating in an effort to create a different outcome.

When victims of intentional violence come into the emergency department at Hahnemann, they are introduced to Healing Hurt People™, a violence intervention program. The goal of this program is to break the cycle of violence by helping the youths involved develop a different perspective. It asks them, “How do you want to see your world?”

The program was developed by Theodore Corbin, M.D., MPP, assistant professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, Drexel University College of Medicine, and John Rich, M.D., MPH, professor and chair, Department of Health Management and Policy, Drexel University School of Public Health. Their interest in establishing the program stemmed from the observation that while some area medical centers had programs for victims who were hospitalized, there was nothing for victims who were treated as outpatients.

Healing Hurt People is based on a “trauma-informed approach.” This approach, Corbin explains, takes into account the whole person and the suffering he or she has experienced over a lifetime. Adopting this perspective, in place of the sometimes punitive attitude toward victims of youth violence, is a key step toward helping them heal and avoid future violence. Soon after they arrive in the emergency department, program staff make personal contact with the victims, directing them to social services, and mentoring them through the process of connection and redirection.

When the patient, typically a young man, comes into the ER, staff introduce the program to the patient. If he or she is interested, Dionne Delgado, of the College of Medicine, the program’s injury prevention coordinator, will complete an assessment: “Does the young person have insurance? If not, is there a way we can connect him or her with coverage? Does he or she feel safe at home? Does the young person have a support network? What organizations can help?”

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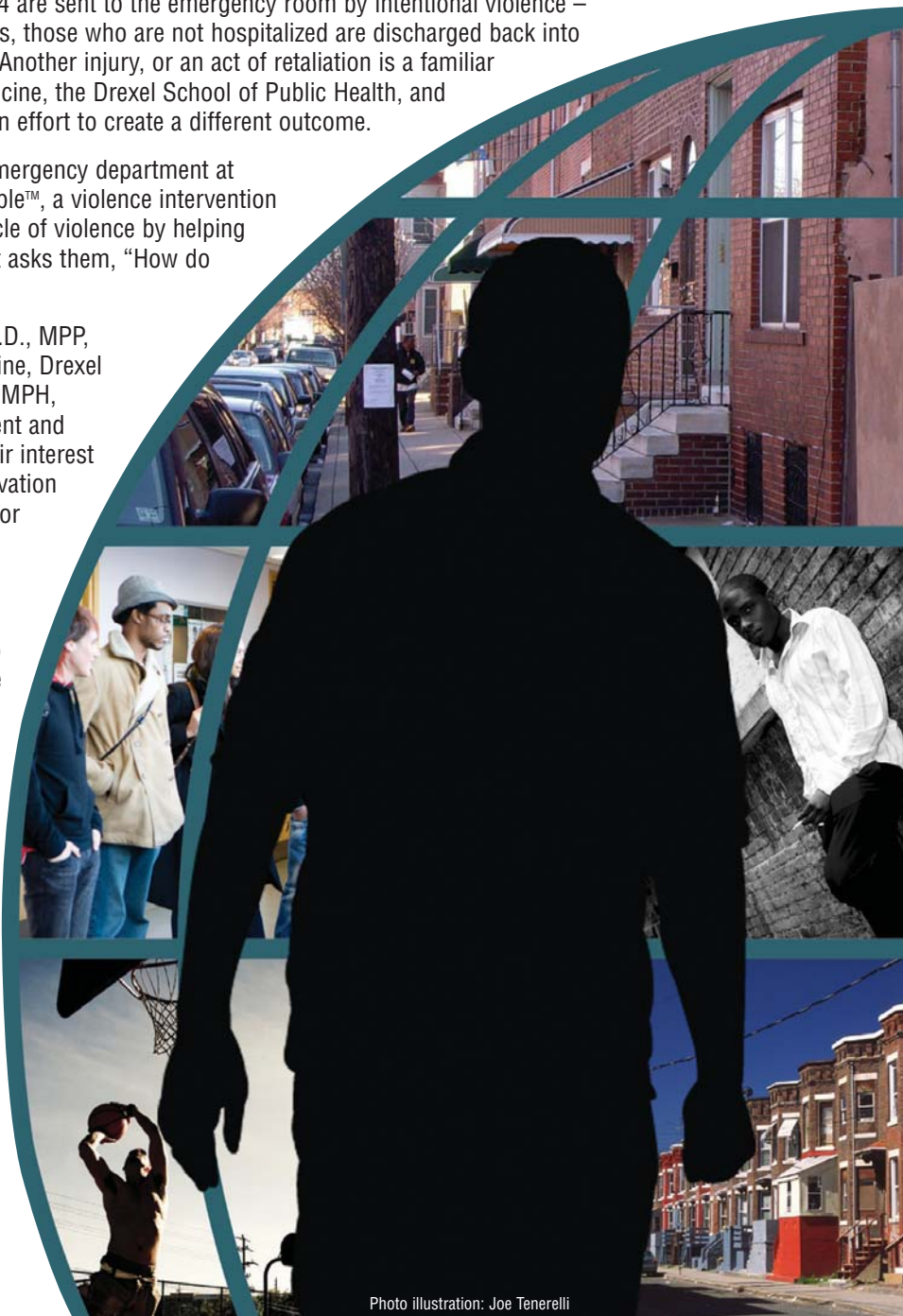


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Richard V. Homan, M.D.
Senior Vice President for Health Affairs
Annenberg Dean

Greetings to our new students! We have looked forward to meeting you, and at last you are here. Each of you has come to us with unique gifts and talents, and I am proud to welcome you to the College and an educational journey that will be guided by gifted teachers.

A special series of Faculty Awards is given at the close of the school year. These awards have been established over time to honor revered members of the faculty and the excellent

qualities exemplified in their work. Each award describes specific attributes. Taken all together, they describe an array of values to emulate. When faculty members nominate their peers for these awards, they affirm that we are passing down our tradition of excellence.

Here are the Faculty Award recipients. Congratulations to all!

Julian Marsh Faculty Scholar Award presented to a faculty member who has demonstrated excellence in scientific research, has achieved national/international recognition, demonstrated outstanding teaching skills, mentored students as well as peers, and provided consistent, high quality leadership to the medical school, thereby creating a better environment for all faculty and students: **Peter Baas, Ph.D.**

June Klinghoffer Clinical Educator Award presented to a faculty member who has devoted his/her career to promoting excellence in the learning of clinical skills and clinical knowledge, serving as a teacher, an innovative educator, a leader, role model and mentor for students, residents and faculty colleagues alike: **William McNamee, M.D.**

Oksana Korzeniowski Patient Care Award presented to a faculty member who has demonstrated outstanding skills and commitment in the clinical care of patients and through his/her teaching has substantially improved the skills and knowledge of residents, students and medical colleagues: **Meg Fisher, M.D.**



Drs. Barbara Schindler, Vice Dean; William McNamee; Dean Homan

William Likoff Clinical Excellence Award presented to a clinician whose professionalism, humanity, ethical standards, diagnostic acumen and ability to develop outstanding clinical programs serves as a role model for those striving for excellence in the practice of medicine: **Joseph Boselli, M.D.**

Angelo Pinto Basic Science Educator Award presented to a faculty member who has demonstrated commitment and excellence to the education of medical students through innovative educational programs, serving as a teacher, a leader, mentor and role model to students and colleagues alike: **Ed Gracely, Ph.D.**

Vincent Zarro Community Outreach Award presented to a faculty member whose exemplary and selfless commitment to the care of members of medically underserved communities serves as the standard for medical students seeking to attain the medical school's exit objective requiring them to provide high quality care to all regardless of age, race, socioeconomic class, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity or religion and to be an advocate for uniform access to healthcare: **Margaret Eng, M.D.**

Elias Abrutyn Mentoring Award presented to a faculty member who has demonstrated excellence in mentoring colleagues, residents, and/or students; by creating a supportive, effective environment in one or more of the following areas: research, clinical care, education and scholarship, while advocating for the advancement of their mentees in their chosen discipline; and serving as a trusted advisor and role model: **Richard Sloan, M.D.**, and **Allan Tunkel, M.D.**

Phyllis Marciano, M.D., WMC '60 Woman in Medicine Award presented by the Trust Fund of the Alumnae/i Association of WMC/MCP to a woman in medicine as recognition for her outstanding contributions to teaching, mentoring, and patient care and for her leadership as a role model for women in medicine: **Sandra Levison, M.D.**

Mary DeWitt Pettit Fellowship awarded by the Trust Fund of the Alumnae/i Association of WMC/MCP to a young female faculty member to aid in advancing her career: **Robyn Cohen, M.D., M.Ph.**



Joseph Jaeger, MPH, associate vice president for academic affairs, Monmouth Medical Center; Dr. Schindler; Drs. Meg Fisher, Margaret Eng, and Allan Tunkel, all of Monmouth; Dean Homan



Dr. Ed Gracely

College Maintains Strongest Gross Anatomy Program in Region

Since the earliest days of medical schools, students have participated in a traditional rite of passage in their quest to become physicians – the gross anatomy course and its key component, cadaver dissection. Today that revered tradition faces challenges that include dwindling funding and fewer classically trained faculty, coupled with a growing use of computer simulation technology that, in some schools, is superseding dissection as a teaching model.

Drexel University College of Medicine stands firm in its long legacy of commitment to traditional gross anatomy, the most time-intensive course taught at the College, with a total of 144 hours. “There is no substitute for cadaver dissection,” emphasizes Nancy Minugh-Purvis, Ph.D., associate professor, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine and Office of Professional Studies in the Health Sciences. “No computer simulation can replace the tactile learning experience of holding a thoracic wall between your fingers, feeling the ribs and the muscles and palpating them. It’s essential for students to see the structures in the body firsthand, as well as the variations they will see in the patient population. That has value you can’t quantify.”

Many academicians agree. In a survey of postgraduate residency program directors in the United States conducted by the University of Utah Medical School, a majority of the respondents reported that gross anatomy is important to mastery of their discipline and ranked it as the most important basic science.

Maintaining a strong gross anatomy program requires substantial faculty, and Drexel University College of Medicine has the largest in Philadelphia, with more than 12 full-time and adjunct faculty who have extensively taught or trained in gross anatomy, an impressive achievement in a time when many schools are facing a serious shortage. Most schools in Philadelphia have far fewer full-time professors in this discipline and rely heavily on part-time adjunct faculty to fill the void.

“**We have a very experienced faculty** with a variety of backgrounds, including physical anthropologists, cell biologists, and surgeons, as well as classically trained gross anatomists,” says Minugh-Purvis, a physical anthropologist with considerable clinical experience. “Our students really benefit from this mix of basic scientists and clinicians who provide depth as well as breadth of experience.”

In addition to learning anatomical information in the dissection lab, students also learn the social skills needed to work collaboratively in the medical profession, according to Dennis DePace, Ph.D., associate professor, Department of Neurobiology & Anatomy and course director for Gross Anatomy. In fact, the lab has been incorporated into DUCOM’s professionalism curriculum for this purpose. “During cadaver dissection, the students teach each other and periodically evaluate each other on their contributions to each other’s learning,” says DePace. “It’s a unique experience.”

The gross anatomy course extends throughout the entire first year, structured as a built-in component of several modules,

which is also unique among medical schools. The year-long format also facilitates a popular two-week elective anatomy course offered to seniors. “The seniors participate in teaching the lab to the first-year students, sharing clinical experiences from their rotations, as well as having the opportunity to do an in-depth review of anatomy relevant to their residency choice,” notes DePace. Second-year

students have a similar opportunity to revisit the gross anatomy lab through DUCOM’s Medical Scholars Program, offered to those who have achieved honors in the first-year course. They provide tutorial service and pre-exam reviews for the current first-year students.

The strength of the college’s gross anatomy program is underscored by the excellent ratings the faculty consistently receives on annual year-end student surveys. “Students view the actual cadaver dissection to be one of the major positives of their experience,” says DePace.

Moving forward, Drexel Medicine is well positioned to maintain the biggest and best gross anatomy program in Philadelphia. “As faculty begin to retire and the number of classically trained gross anatomists continues to dwindle, I think it likely that bioengineers and bioarchitects, such as the students being trained in Drexel University’s bioengineering labs, will help fill the void,” says Minugh-Purvis. “They have a real fascination with gross anatomy. They may even help bring about a renaissance in the field.”

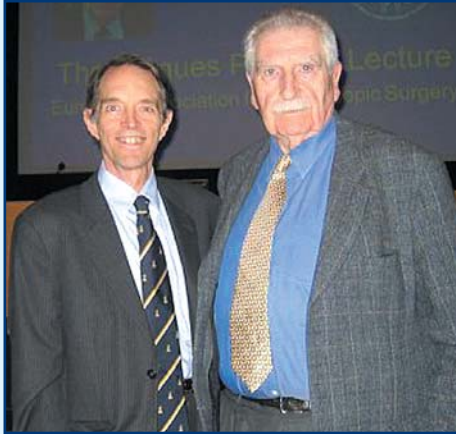


Student group in Anatomy Laboratory, Woman’s Medical College, 1903



... and Drexel University College of Medicine, 2005

Erika Aaron, MSN, CRNP, and Shannon Criniti, MPH, both in the Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases & HIV Medicine, and former colleague, **Amy Levine, M.D.**, published an article, "Screening for Depression in HIV-Infected Pregnant Women," in the May 2008 issue of the *Journal of Reproductive Medicine*.



John R. Clarke, M.D., professor, Department of Surgery, presented the Jacques Perissat Lecture, "Designing Safety into the Minimally Invasive Surgical Revolution," to the European Association for Endoscopic Surgery in Stockholm on June 13.

Dr. Clarke (left) and Professor Perissat, of Bordeaux, France, the founder and first president of the European Association for Endoscopic Surgery.



Dr. Daetwyler



Dr. Novack

Christof Daetwyler, M.D., associate professor, Department of Family, Community, and Preventive Medicine; **Dennis H. Novack, M.D.**, professor, Department of Medicine, Division of Internal Medicine, and associate dean of medical education; **Edward Gracely, Ph.D.**, associate professor, Department of Family, Community, and Preventive Medicine; and **Walter D. Cohen, DDS**, chancellor emeritus, College of Medicine,



Dr. Gracely



Dr. Cohen

have submitted an abstract, "Learning and Assessing the Giving of Bad News With the On-line Tools 'doc.com' and 'WebOSCE': Presentation of a Pilot Study," that has been accepted as a "short communication" at this year's international Association for Medical Education in Europe Conference, taking place in Prague, August 30 - September 3.



Gagandeep Goyal, M.D., a resident in the Department of Anesthesiology, presented a poster entitled "Unusual Case of Bilateral Brachial Plexus Injury Related to Ramping," at the Society of Ambulatory Anesthesia's 2008 annual meeting, held May 1-4 in Miami. The poster was also authored by **Melissa Brodsky, M.D.**, assistant professor; **Maria Munoz-Allen, M.D.**, assistant professor; **Joseph Aloï, M.D.**, resident; and **Jay Horrow, M.D.**, professor and program director, all in the Department of Anesthesiology.

In addition, **Goyal, Horrow**, and colleagues in India presented "Evaluation of Morphine Sparing Effects of Gabapentin for the Relief of Post-operative Pain in Patients Undergoing Lumbar Laminectomy – A Double-Blind Study."



Dr. Hamilton

Richard Hamilton, M.D., professor and chair, Department of Emergency Medicine, presented "G-Tolerance of Commercial Space Flight Participants" at the Aerospace Medicine Association meeting in Boston in May. Part of a conference session on human commercial spaceflight developments, Hamilton's presentation examined the centrifuge training of the Virgin Galactic Founders and others at the NASTAR Center in Southampton, Pa. (The Founders are the first 100 private space travelers scheduled to take suborbital flights with Virgin Galactic.)



Dr. Hong

Eugene Hong, M.D., associate professor and chair, Department of Family, Community, and Preventive Medicine, and chief of the Division of Sports Medicine, and five sports medicine colleagues from other institutions around the country, presented "The Updated and Revised National Residency Curricular Guidelines in Musculoskeletal Medicine and Sports Medicine" at the annual meeting of the Society for Teachers of Family Medicine in Baltimore in May.

Drs. Divya Khurana, Leon Salganicoff, Joseph Melvin, Elizabeth Hobdell, Ignacio Valencia, Huntley Hardison, Harold Marks, and Agustin Legido, all in the Department of Pediatrics, are co-authors of “Epilepsy and Respiratory Chain Defects in Children with Mitochondrial Encephalopathies” in the February edition of *Neuropediatrics*.

Posters Presented at National Kidney Foundation Meeting

Faculty, residents and fellows in the Division of Nephrology and colleagues co-authored the following posters presented at the annual meeting of the National Kidney Foundation April 2-6. (Unless otherwise noted authors are associated with the Division of Nephrology.)

“Use of Erythrocyte Stimulating Agent During Renal Transplantation,” by **Drs. Niyoti Modi, Ziauddin Ahmed, Iram Mahmood, Anil Kumar, Karthik Ranganna, and Devasmita Chowdhury**.

“The Infection Patterns in HIV Pos and HIV Neg Renal Transplant Patients,” by **Drs. Lina Mackelaite, Nauman Shahid, Iram Mahmood, Gary Xiao, Ziauddin Ahmed, and Karthik Ranganna**. Mackelaite won best poster award (*NewsPager*, June, page 5).

“Use of Tunneled Catheters in Hemodialysis,” by **Drs. Vaibhav Sahni, Bashar Alalao, Jasjot Garcha, Joseph Saggio, and Ziauddin Ahmed**.

“Is Asymptomatic Pyuria a Risk Factor of UTI After Surveillance Renal Transplant Biopsy?,” by **Drs. Lina Mackelaite, Karthik Ranganna, Anil Kumar, and Ziauddin Ahmed**.

“Comparison of Darbopoeitin Doses Used in Hospitalized Patients to Recommended Dose,” by **Drs. Fazole Noor, Utpol Dutta, Karthik Ranganna, Anil Kumar, and Ziauddin Ahmed**.

“Comparison of Ankle BP with Brachial BP Measurement in Dialysis Patients by Automatic Oscillotonometry,” by **Drs. Sudhir Vyakaranam, Jayakrishnan Krishnakurup, Karthik Ranganna, and Ziauddin Ahmed**.

“Heart Transplant Anti-rejection Therapy Does Not Prevent de novo Immune Mechanism Kidney Disease,” by **Drs. Jasjot Garcha**; Nedjema Sustento-Reodica, College of Nursing & Health Professions; **Howard Eisen**, Thomas J. Vischer Professor, Department of Medicine, and chief, Division of Cardiology; and **Allan B. Schwartz**.

“Hemoglobin Sc disease in Chronic Kidney Disease stage III, IV and Rare ESRD Require Close Monitoring of Hemoglobin and Frequent Titration of Erythropoietin to Avoid Crisis and Angina,” by **Drs. Jasjot Garcha; Allen Friedman; Ziauddin Ahmed; and Allan B. Schwartz**.

Biomedical Research Dinner



At the annual dinner of the Pennsylvania Society for Biomedical Research (PSBR) on May 20: (l-r) **Kenny Simansky, Ph.D.**, vice dean for research, Drexel University College of Medicine; animal expert **Jungle Jack Hanna**; and **Richard B. Huneke, DVM, MPH**, executive director, University Laboratory Animal Resources at Drexel. Hanna, who received a community service award for his public support of humane animal-based research, spoke about how his daughter was cured of childhood leukemia with the help of biomedical research. Huneke is vice president of the PSBR board.

Panel on Aging With Dignity



The Institute for Women’s Health and Leadership presented “Designing Your Future: Aging with Dignity and Independence,” a new program in its Conversations series, on May 7 at Moore College of Art. The event was sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Aging. Left to right: **Nora A. Dowd Eisenhower**, secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Aging; **Elizabeth W. Gonzalez, Ph.D., APRN, BC**, associate professor, Drexel University College of Nursing & Health Professions; **Lynn H. Yeakel, MSM**, institute director; **Mary Ann Kuzma, M.D.**, associate professor, Department of Medicine; **Yolanda D. Heman-Ackah, M.D.**, associate professor, Department of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery.

College Expands Mini-Med Programs, Tailoring One for Princeton

Since its inception in 2004, Mini-Medical School at Drexel University College of Medicine has never been mini-minded. This fall, the landmark community education program will launch its sixth offering: The Mini-Med Experience, a three-day custom curriculum created for premed students from Princeton University.

The original course, now known as Mini-Med I, is an eight-week medical education program for the public, meeting one night each week for lively lectures and hands-on labs focused on different medical topics. It was an immediate success, and Mini-Med II, in a similar format but devoted to one area of medicine, soon followed.



The winning team in a Mini-Med version of jeopardy outdid their summer camp peers in recalling medical lectures.



The first day of Mini-Med Summer Camp...OK, here we go – to the OR!

Mini-Med Spring Break™, introduced last March, allows a select group of college students to try medical school from the inside. Participants spend five days accompanying the teaching team and 3rd- and 4th-year medical students on hospital rounds, seeing patients in the clinical practices, attending department lectures, and so on.

Also new last spring was Mini-Med Doc for a Day, an individualized program for the adult who wants to sample the road not taken. The client is immersed in the life of a physician, making rounds, seeing patients, or perhaps going into surgery, depending on the specialty he or she chooses.

More recently, as summer was in full swing, two dozen select high-schoolers were getting an opportunity to experience what it's like to be a doctor at the third annual Mini-Med Summer Camp®. Campers meet daily for five weeks at the College's Center City campus to interact with physicians, fellows and residents, spending five days in each of five rotations, including medicine, surgery, pathology/research and – new this year – a week divided between urology and orthopedics. They also choose electives such as labor and delivery.

In September, up to five Princeton premed students will undertake the new residential program, the Mini-Med Experience. For three days, the group will be plunged into the demanding routine of a 3rd- or 4th-year medical student, spending their days with the students, residents and attendings, and assigned to a surgery service. The visitors will also be doing “short call” – on call but only until midnight, at which time they will catch a few hours sleep in Styles Hall until they are up again for 6 a.m. rounds and the start of another day.

Mini-Med II: The Pulmonary System, October 21 – November 25

Classes meet on six consecutive Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Queen Lane Campus. Each class consists of a lecture segment with a question-and-answer portion, followed by a small group learning or lab session.

Contact: minimed@drexelmed.edu or 215-762-6800
www.drexelmed.edu/minimed

Mass Spectrometry Facility Opens

The College of Medicine's Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology has announced the opening of a mass spectrometry facility with state-of-the-art instrumentation and services available at discount pricing to Drexel University College of Medicine and Drexel University researchers. The facility will be directed by Dr. Keith Vosseller, assistant professor in the department, and managed by John Deuso, a 2003 graduate of Drexel University. **Information:** www.drexelmed.edu/MassSpec, or email jdeuso@drexelmed.edu.

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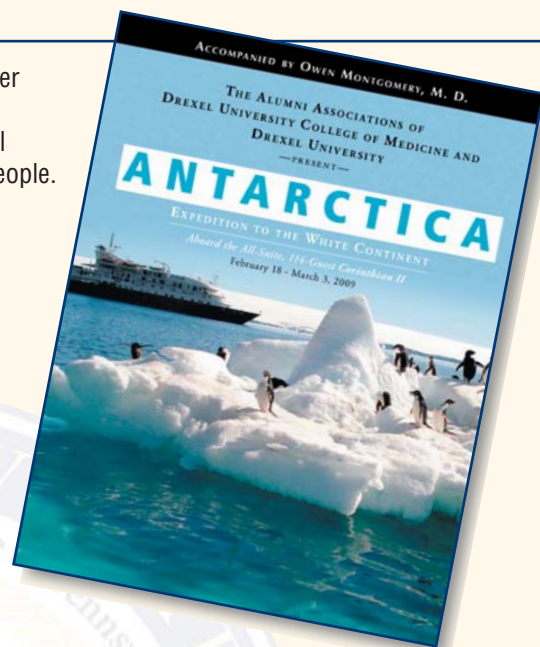
Travel with the Alumni Association

As part of our commitment to lifelong learning, the Alumni Association will offer a series of unique group travel opportunities. These alumni travel programs combine educational forums and excursions to places of historical and cultural interest with the opportunity to enjoy unplanned experiences and meet local people.

The trips, sponsored by the Alumni Associations of Drexel University College of Medicine and Drexel University, and planned in cooperation with Travel Dynamics, will offer as an option the integration of medical components and lectures into the cultural aspects of the travel experience.

These medical elements might include visiting medical institutions in diverse cultural settings and dialogues with colleagues in foreign lands. Participants may choose to self-claim and self-document their educational experience for Category 2A CME credits.

For additional information, please call the College of Medicine Alumni Office toll-free at **866-373-9633** or email medical.alumni@drexel.edu.



Upcoming Events

2008

September 19

American Academy of Family Physicians

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Manchester Grand Hyatt, San Diego

October 5

American College of Gastroenterology

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Gaylord Palms, Orlando

October 12

American Academy of Pediatrics

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Marriott, Boston

October 14

American College of Surgeons

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

San Francisco

October 28

American College of Emergency Physicians

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Chicago

November 2

Association of American Medical Colleges

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Grand Hyatt, San Antonio

November 9

American Association for Laboratory Animal Science

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Indianapolis

November 17

Society for Neuroscience

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

JW Marriott, Washington, D.C.

2009

May 1-3

Alumni Weekend

May 13-15

50-Year Class Reunion

May 15

Commencement

For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at **215-255-7341** or medical.alumni@drexel.edu



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'40s

Gloria Schrager, M.D., WMC '48, clinical professor of pediatrics at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, has been recognized by Cambridge Who's Who for dedication, leadership and excellence in all aspects of healthcare education. Schrager recently published a memoir, *Medicine, Matzoh Balls, and Motherhood: The Complex Life of a Woman Doctor* (Xlibris Corporation, 2006). Her long career includes teaching, research and organizing residency training programs. She worked in private practice for 19 years and as a director of pediatrics at Overlook Hospital for 17 years.

'60s

Peter G. Lavine, M.D., HU '66, a cardiologist, has joined the practice of the Medical Group of Saint Joseph's at Cowles Clinic in Greensboro, Ga. Lavine was previously in private practice in the Philadelphia area, where he was director of coronary care units at Hahnemann University Hospital and Crozer-Chester Medical Center. He also served as the director of the cardiac rehab unit at Crozer-Chester Medical Center.

'70s

Fredric Schiffer, M.D., HU '71, assistant clinical professor of psychiatry, Harvard Medical School, and associate attending psychiatrist, McLean Hospital, Belmont, Mass., recently published a paper in *The Journal of Neuropsychiatry and Clinical Neurosciences* that lends support to ideas he expressed in his book *Of Two Minds: The Revolutionary Science of Dual Brain Psychology* (The Free Press, 1998).

Stephen Klasko, M.D., HU '78, has joined the board of directors of Teleflex Inc., a global supplier of disposable and single-use medical products for critical care and surgical applications, headquartered in Limerick, Pa. Klasko is senior vice president for USF Health and dean of the College of Medicine at the University of South Florida.

Anthony S. Morgan, M.D., HU '78, has been named director of trauma research, education and community outreach at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Hartford, Conn.

'80s

Mary G. Bolton, M.D., MCP '83, Ph.D., a medical oncologist, was appointed vice president of clinical development at South San Francisco-based Sunesis Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on the development of new oncology therapeutics for the treatment of solid and hematologic cancers. Dr. Bolton previously served as a consultant to Sunesis on the development of voreloxin, a cancer drug.

Nick G. Leasure, M.D., HU '83, was named chief of hematology/oncology at Reading Hospital, Reading, Pa. He is also president of Berks Hematology-Oncology Associates in Reading.

David S. McCloskey, M.D., MCP '83, FACS, a general surgeon, was named chairman of the Department of Surgery at Delaware County Memorial Hospital. McCloskey is also part of the Crozer-Keystone Health Network's Delaware Valley Surgical Associates practice.

Robert M. Abbott, M.D., MCP '85, of Owings Mills, Md., has been inducted as a fellow in the American College of Radiology. Abbott is a diagnostic radiologist at Advanced Radiology in Baltimore.

Edward Stanford, M.D., MCP '85, M.S., FACOG, FACS, has been appointed head of the Division of Gynecologic Services and Female Pelvic Medicine, Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, University of Tennessee Health Science Center. Stanford will also supervise reconstructive pelvic surgery and serve as chief of ambulatory services within ob/gyn.

Patrick A. Cambier, M.D., HU '86, FACC, FACP, has been appointed to the board of directors at First State Bank in Sarasota, Fla. Cambier is the executive director of the Heart & Vascular Institute of Florida.

Robert Kahan, M.D., HU '86, a cardiologist, was the featured speaker for the free health lecture sponsored by the Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington, Conn. Kahan joined the Charlotte Hungerford staff in 1992 and practices with the Associates in Cardiovascular Medicine.

'90s

John C. Andrefsky, M.D., HU '90, a neurology specialist, has joined the medical staff of Wadsworth-Rittman Hospital in Wadsworth, Ohio. Andrefsky is board certified in neurology, neuro-imaging and sleep medicine.

Richard Valicenti, M.D., HU '90, co-edited the book *Image-Guided Radiation Therapy of Prostate Cancer* (Informa Healthcare, 2008). Valicenti is clinical director and professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, as well as the lead physician of the Image-Guided Radiation Therapy Program for prostate cancer.

David Stamilio, M.D., HU '92, was named director of the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Stamilio studies pre-eclampsia, gestational diabetes, and the prediction and prevention of preterm birth.

Andrew DeMichele, M.D., HU '93, a board certified general surgeon, joined Jennersville Regional Hospital in West Grove, Pa. He is also on staff at St. Francis Hospital and Christiana Care Health Systems.

Jeffrey Hawtof, M.D., HU '95, a primary care physician, formed a new medical practice with three other physicians known as Beacon Medical Group in Sussex County, Del. In addition,

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Hawtof has been elected to the board of the Delaware Academy of Family Physicians and the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association. He is also the medical director of the Cape Henlopen School District Wellness Community and for Cadbury at Lewes Independent and Assisted Living.

Stephanie M. Gale, M.D., HU '96, an orthopedic surgeon specializing in foot and ankle conditions, has joined the medical staff at Shriners Hospital for Children–Erie. She also maintains a medical practice in Meadville, Pa. Gale is a former team physician to both the Gannon University football team and the Erie Otters of the Ontario Hockey League.

Theodore Corbin, M.D., MCP '97, assistant professor of emergency medicine at Drexel University College of Medicine, received his master's degree in public policy from the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University in June. Corbin is also a member of the core staff of the Center for Nonviolence & Social Justice at Drexel University's School of Public Health and a founder of the violence-intervention program "Healing Hurt People" (see front cover).

Matthew C. Fontana, M.D., MCP '97, an internist, has been named vice president and chief medical officer for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Mexico. Fontana is responsible for the development and oversight of clinically related programs, and for maintaining and enhancing effective relationships with physicians, hospitals and medical service companies.

Carla DiGirolamo, M.D., Ph.D., MCPHU Biomedical Graduate Studies, Molecular Pathology '99, a reproductive endocrinologist, has joined the physician staff of Reproductive Science Center of New England. DiGirolamo is accomplished in adult stem cell research and implantation biology.

'00s

Vivian Argento, M.D., MCPHU '00, was appointed to the medical staff of Connecticut Health of Southport. Argento specializes in geriatrics and also serves on the staff at Bridgeport Hospital's Center for Geriatrics.

Jason Wayne Brown, M.D., MCPHU '01, wrote an article, "Some Aspects of Cancer Still a Mystery," that was published in *The Meadville (Pa.) Tribune*. Brown is board certified in internal medicine and in hematology/oncology.

Asif M. Ilyas, M.D., MCPHU '01, an orthopedic surgeon and hand surgeon at Temple University Hospital, is an assistant professor and residency director in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at Temple. Ilyas was recently named director of the newly formed Temple Hand Center.

Justin Puller, M.D., DUCOM '04, spoke at the commencement of Smethport Area Junior-Senior High School, his alma mater. Puller is an emergency room physician at Hamot Medical Center in Erie, Pa. He was the valedictorian of the class of 1996 at Smethport.

Captain Zachary Scott Hoffer, M.D., DUCOM '08, was commissioned into the U.S. Army Medical Corps. He will begin his residency training in pathology and neuropathology at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Wash.

Former Fellows and Residents

Punita Kothari, M.D., Resident, Pathology, MCP '79, has joined the Mercy Hospital of Tiffin (Ohio) medical staff as the new pathologist. She also supports Mercy Health Partners' Rural Division as the pathology medical director.

Craig Mittleman, M.D., Resident, Emergency Medicine, MCP '93, joined the Emergency Department of New Milford (Conn.) Hospital. Mittleman has worked in various EMS leadership roles for the last 12 years, including medical director, advisory committee chairman and dispatch physician in the Connecticut communities of Waterbury, Newtown and New Canaan. He also developed an "adopt-a-classroom" program for health education in Waterbury and facilitated an award-winning "drinking and driving" education program for high school students and adults.

Seshurao Venkata Kruthiventi, M.D., Fellow, Neurophysiology, DUCOM '03, a neurologist, has joined Yakima Regional Medical and Cardiac Center in Yakima, Wash. Kruthiventi will practice at the Central Washington Neurosciences Clinic.



The Phyllis Marciano, M.D., WMC '60 Woman in Medicine Award given by the Trust Fund of the Alumnae/i Association of WMC/MCP was presented to Sandra Levison, M.D., professor of medicine and chief of the Division of Nephrology, at Faculty Day, July 3. Left to right: Drs. Barbara Schindler, WMC '70; Doris Bartuska, WMC '54; Levison; Matthew Levison (her husband); and Richard V. Homan, dean.

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In Memoriam:

Angie Connor, M.D., WMC '37, August 2, 2007

Mary Gray Creamer, M.D., WMC '48, January 20, 2008

Daniel C. Maras, M.D., HU '51, January 29, 2007

Robert Harry Null, M.D., HU '43, April 10, 2008

Richard John Oscovitch, M.D., MCP '91, June 14, 2008

Richard S. Penly, M.D., HU '45, February 1, 2007

Hubert L. Rosomoff, M.D., HU '52, June 5, 2008

Willis L. Dixon, M.D., HU '48, passed away July 1 at Clark Retirement Community, Grand Rapids, Mich., where he had served as medical director from 1959 to 1994. He was 85. After completing his residency at Harper Hospital in Detroit, Dixon served in the Navy Medical Corps during the Korean War. (He had served in the army before attending medical school.) He joined the medical staff at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids in 1953 and opened an office practice nearby. He focused primarily on elderly patients and often made house calls. He is survived by his wife, Ruth; sons, Mark and Jeff; daughter, Jane Riggs; and seven grandchildren.

Andrew A. Doering, M.D., HU '38, a physician who practiced family medicine in the Bryn Athyn–Huntingdon Valley, Pa., area for more than 40 years, died July 15 at the age of 95 at the Delaware Valley Veterans Center in Northeast Philadelphia. He served as a medical officer with the Army Air Corps during World War II. Doering is survived by a son, Alan; daughters Lynn Sullivan and Beverly Connolly; stepdaughters Nell Friesen, Lucyellen Norman and Virginia Campbell; stepsons David and Frank Norman; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His wife of 15 years, Julia, died in 1993. His first wife, Margaret, also died.

Henry J. Fox, M.D., HU '52, of Fairfield, Conn., a retired radiologist, died May 29 at the age of 83. He served with the United States Army during World War II. After an internship at St. Vincent's Hospital in Bridgeport, he completed his residency in radiology as a Pendergrass Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania. He returned to Bridgeport to practice radiology and was on staff at St. Vincent's Medical Center, retiring in 2001. He was a fellow of the American College of Radiology and had served as president of the Radiological Society of Connecticut. In addition to his wife of 56 years, Madeline, he is survived by his daughters, Madeline and Mary; sons, Thomas, Kevin and Michael; and grandchildren.

Demetrius S. Saris, M.D., HU '50, formerly of West Chester, Pa., passed away April 15. He was 86. He and his wife of

50 years, the late **Nayda Emanuelli Saris, HU '50**, met as medical students at Hahnemann. Since her death in 2005, Saris had lived in Jacksonville, Fla. The son of Greek immigrants, Saris served in the Army Air Force in the states during World War II. He completed his surgical training at Hahnemann University Hospital and remained on the medical school faculty and hospital staff until retiring as director of the Industrial Clinic at Hahnemann in 1993. (The clinic handled on-the-job injuries for employees at area businesses.) He also maintained a private surgical practice for many years in King of Prussia and was on the staffs of Paoli Hospital, and Sacred Heart and Montgomery Hospitals in Norristown. He is survived by daughters Lydia Saris Mechenbier, Anne Saris Stevenson, Barbara Saris Easby, and **Teresa Saris-Parkes, HU '88**; sons Steven and Jim; 19 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Donations in his memory may be made to Drexel University College of Medicine, P.O. Box 8235, Philadelphia, PA 19101-9685.

Estelle Siker, M.D., WMC '43, a pediatrician and public health physician, died June 29 at the age of 89. She received her master's in public health from Yale Medical School, serving as chief of the Maternal and Child Health Section and then director of the Community Health Division until her retirement in 1987. A pioneer who implemented such programs as WIC and lead screening, Siker remained active in the public health field after retiring and was recognized by several Connecticut health organizations, including having an award named in her honor by the Connecticut Association of School Health. She was predeceased by her husband, Rabbi Henry O. Bernstein, and is survived by her sons, Joel and Jonathan, and four grandchildren.

J. Ellis Turner Jr., M.D., HU '45, a family physician originally from Wallingford, Pa., died June 6 at Fair Acres Geriatric Center in Lima, Pa., where he had cared for patients from 1978 until 1998, when he retired. After serving in the Navy during World War II, he completed a residency in general medicine at the Cleveland Clinic. He maintained a private practice in Chester, Pa., from 1949 to 1985. Turner, whose wife, Nancy, died in 1999, is survived by sons J. Ellis III, John and David; daughters Beth Wagner, Emily Bush, Meg Gross, and Trish; and six grandchildren.

Rosemarie J. Tursky-Morrison, M.D., WMC '40, of State College, Pa., passed away June 20 at the age of 91. A board-certified diplomate of the American Academy of Pediatrics, she had a private practice in Harrisburg for 50 years and was active in establishing poison control centers throughout the state of Pennsylvania. Predeceased by her husband Donald E. Morrison, M.D., Tursky-Morrison is survived by two stepsons, Dr. Douglas Morrison and Donald Morrison Jr.

Please note: The NewsPager publishes brief obituaries, space permitting, when information is made available by the family or a media service.

Issues: How Involved Should Physicians Be in Gun Ownership Decisions for the Mentally Ill?

In a room with every seat taken, Marcelo Malakooti, M.D., a 2008 graduate of Drexel University College of Medicine, stood behind the podium and in front of a projected photograph of his cousin, who was killed during the tragic shooting last year at Virginia Tech. Malakooti was the guest speaker for the May 22 Psychiatry Grand Rounds presentation on “Firearm Ownership and Patients with Psychiatric Diagnosis.” Nadine Schwartz, M.D., assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry, aided Malakooti in his presentation.

On April 16, 2007, a student at Virginia Tech opened fire on the campus, killing 32 people, and himself, and wounding many others. The perpetrator, Seung-Hui Cho, had a medically documented history of mental illness. After the death of Malakooti’s cousin, Reema Samaha, the grieving medical student became increasingly interested in the legal issues surrounding mentally ill patients and gun ownership. The information he found and presented to Drexel physicians sparked interest, debate, and more questions than answers.

Malakooti has found that in the majority of cases where people have committed public acts of mass violence, the aggressors communicated their troubles prior to instigating their attacks. Many of them had sought mental health treatment. Others, like the assailant in the Virginia Tech shooting, were court ordered to receive outpatient care. (“Cho Didn’t Get Court-Ordered Treatment,” *Washington Post*, May 7, 2007) Malakooti raises this point: Why is it that a person with a documented history of mental illness is allowed to purchase firearms if they are admittedly seeking, or court ordered to receive, outpatient treatment, whereas someone with similar mental concerns, mandated to receive inpatient treatment, is not allowed to purchase the same kind of weapons?

Laws vary from state to state. The most recent legislation in Pennsylvania, the Uniform Firearms Act of 1995, requires physicians to complete the PA Uniform Firearms Act form for patients who are *both* involuntarily committed, by a physician or police officer, to a hospital for evaluation (“302’d”) and hospitalized by the physician. This provision is not mutually exclusive. For example, physicians who treat patients that voluntarily seek counseling or psychiatric care or that are involuntarily brought to the hospital but not admitted, are not required to fill out any such form. Patients who voluntarily seek treatment, or whose involuntary commitment is opposed by the examining physician, are not entered into the firearms database. This provision was instated to protect the personal rights of those who may be falsely committed and to not discourage those who would voluntarily seek treatment.

Once a patient has been involuntarily committed to a hospital, the physician must fill out the PA Uniform Firearms Act form. The information in the form is sent to a statewide database operated by state police and used by gun dealers to make background checks of potential buyers. “The form is not optional, it is the law; however, more times than not, physicians neglect to fill the form out, even when a patient is involuntarily admitted,” says Malakooti. To date, Malakooti has not found any recorded legal repercussions for doctors who have not followed this law.

In response to the death of his cousin, Malakooti has made it a goal to spread awareness and spark debate on the involvement of physicians, and the role they play in patients’ lives, when it comes to owning weapons. “As a doctor, I feel most of us don’t think about issues like firearms, or that we even have a role in their distribution. I’m trying to help show how our clinical decisions not only have integral health impacts, but legal and social ones, as well,” says Malakooti.

Other physicians raise the point that firearms statutes pose a dilemma for advocates of those with mental disorders by reinforcing the stigma that mentally ill individuals are “dangerous,” based on one admission, regardless of the reason or diagnosis. In a culture where hunting is an integral hobby for many, some people may hesitate to seek necessary mental treatment in fear of losing the right to own a firearm. Similar concerns can be found among those whose livelihood depends on the ability to carry a firearm, such as a police officer or state trooper.

Then there are confidentiality concerns. “No research has specifically examined the impact of these firearms laws in terms of such critical concerns as employment, health insurance, violence, or suicide,” says Malakooti. “HIPAA only applies to healthcare entities and insurance companies; it does not dictate state matters.”

Because of the deadly Virginia Tech incident, Virginia Governor Tim Kaine signed a General Assembly bill on April 9, 2008, mandating that a person declared mentally ill and ordered by the courts to receive in- or outpatient care, be entered into the firearms informational database, prohibiting them from owning firearms in Virginia. This new law, found only in Virginia, could have prevented Cho from owning the weapons he used, possibly preventing the death of Malakooti’s cousin and many others.

Where do we go from here? Communication between the community, family members, and health providers is key in identifying and preventing potentially violent situations. Research is needed. Malakooti notes that there are no formal data regarding the relationship between mass shootings and diagnosed mental illness. In Pennsylvania, should the 302 form be combined with the Firearms form? Should information concerning mental illness and firearms ownership be in a nationwide database? As our world evolves, these kinds of discussions and topics become increasingly important to doctors and patients as well as mothers, fathers, cousins, and society as a whole.



Drs. Nadine Schwartz, assistant professor, Department of Psychiatry, and Marcelo Malakooti, DUCOM '08



Reema Samaha

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Dr. Ara

Jahan Ara, Ph.D., assistant professor, Department of Pediatrics, was awarded a \$308,000 grant from the American Heart Association for a period of four years for her research into neuroprotection of newborn piglet brain following hypoxic preconditioning.



Dr. Delivoria-Papadopoulos

Maria Delivoria-Papadopoulos, M.D., professor emerita of pediatrics and physiology, received an honorary degree from the Medical School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, in April. She was cited as “a distinguished pioneer in the field of Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine and an exceptional mentor to numerous young physicians.”

Aditi Falnikar, a student in the Biomedical Graduate Studies Ph.D. program, is the recipient of the first Doris Willig, M.D., Award from the College’s Institute for Women’s Health & Leadership for her research project “Role of Microtubule Dynamics in Disturbed Neuronal Migration Underlying Autistic Phenotype.” **Peter Baas, Ph.D.**, professor in the Department of Neurobiology & Anatomy, is Falnikar’s mentor.



Dr. Hamilton

Richard Hamilton, M.D., professor and chair, Department of Emergency Medicine, was named chairman of the Medical Training Committee of the Personal Spaceflight Federation in Washington, D.C. The PSF is a consortium of industries involved in the commercial development of space.

The Department of Emergency Medicine was recently recognized for its support of the “Science of Simulation in Healthcare: Defining and Developing Clinical Expertise” as part of the Academic Emergency Medicine Consensus Conference on May 28 in Washington, D.C. **Sharon Griswold-Theodorson, M.D.**, associate professor and director of the Emergency Medicine Simulation Center, was a participant in the Procedural Skill Expertise working group.



Dr. Núñez

Ana Núñez, M.D., associate professor, Department of Medicine, and director of the Women’s Health Education Program, recently served on two expert panels at the invitation of the Association of American Medical Colleges. In May, Núñez participated in a Health Literacy panel organized as part of the AAMC’s Medical School Objectives Project (MSOP), which was established to identify

the standards for knowledge, skills, and attitudes appropriate for the medical school graduate. A major purpose of the panel was to develop the 10th MSOP Contemporary Issues Report (for more information about this project, visit www.aamc.org/msop).

In June, Núñez was a member of the panel “Cultural Competence Education: Evaluating the Assessment Literature” convened in Washington, D.C., and sponsored by the AAMC.



Dr. Sataloff

Robert Sataloff, M.D., DMA, professor and chair, Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, is this year’s recipient of the Distinguished Service Award of the Pennsylvania Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery. This award is presented periodically to a member for service to the academy. Sataloff has served as past president of the academy and has been active in the organization for more than 25 years.

In addition, Sataloff was presented with the deRoaldes Award of the American Laryngological Association (ALA) during their 129th annual meeting in Orlando, Fla., in May. The award is given in “recognition of outstanding accomplishments in the field of laryngology.”



Dr. Reilly

James J. Reilly, M.D., HU '80, assistant professor in the Department of Medicine, received the 2008 Dean’s Special Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching at Allegheny General Hospital. In his absence, Jeffrey Reed, manager of student affairs at AGH, accepted the award. A caption in the Commencement *NewsPager* mistakenly identified Reed as Reilly.

Five Faculty Elected to College of Physicians of Philadelphia

Five members of the Drexel University College of Medicine faculty were inducted as fellows of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia at a formal ceremony on May 22.

Ari D. Brooks, M.D.

Assistant Professor
Department of Surgery

Scott H. Herbert, M.D.

Clinical Associate Professor
Department of Radiation Oncology

Jay Charles Horrow, M.D.

Professor and Program Director
Department of Anesthesiology

Rene Rothstein-Rubin, M.D.

Clinical Instructor
Department of Medicine

Bruce B. Sloane, M.D.

Clinical Associate Professor
Department of Surgery

Class of 2010 Student Clinician Ceremony – Gold Foundation Awards Presented to Residents

The College of Medicine's sixth annual Student Clinician Ceremony, held July 2, recognized the rising third-year medical students of the Class of 2010, and honored a half dozen of their future teachers.

Gregory Dobash, M.D., an assistant professor in the Department of Family, Community & Preventive Medicine and director of the Family Medicine Clerkship, was nominated by the class to be the keynote speaker. His address was "The Golden Rule in Medicine." A 2002 graduate of MCP-Hahnemann School of Medicine, Dobash also completed his residency at Drexel University College of Medicine.

The Arnold P. Gold Foundation's Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award was presented to College of Medicine or affiliate residents, representing six specialties:

Family Medicine

Colin Jairam, M.D.

Internal Medicine

Allison Ferris, M.D.

Obstetrics & Gynecology

Jennifer Phung, M.D.

Pediatrics

Nirav Desai, M.D.

St. Christopher's Hospital for Children



Drs. Samuel Parrish, associate dean; Gregory Dobash, speaker; Barbara Schindler, vice dean; Jennifer Phung; Nohazarahit Garcia; Robert McGregor, director of medical education at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, who accepted the award on behalf of Nirav Desai; Allison Ferris; and Colin Jairam.

Psychiatry

Nohazarahit Garcia, M.D.

Surgery

Kuldeep Singh, M.D.

Allison Ferris also received the House Staff Member of the Year award from Hahnemann University Hospital.



Recent graduates of the Master of Laboratory Animal Science program are headed to veterinary school (l-r): Drs. Gerald Soslau, senior associate dean, and Julian Mesina, director, Animal Science Programs, with Tomekia Manson, Tuskegee University; Breanna Caltagarone, Michelle Erney, Andrea Halko, and Smita Namjoshi, all University of Pennsylvania; Dana Koch, University of Glasgow; Megan Jones, Bridgette Wells, and Gillian Braden, all UPenn.

Three New COM Students Named Woman One Scholars

Three incoming students at Drexel University College of Medicine have been added to the roster of Woman One Scholars, bringing to 11 the number of active scholarships supported by this program of the Institute for Women's Health and Leadership.

The new scholars – Alicia Howard, Stephanie Johnson and Ifeoma Nwabuzor – were selected based on academic excellence, demonstrated leadership, a dedication to becoming physicians and a commitment to serve communities in need. Each will receive \$80,000 in tuition support over her four years of study.

Alicia Howard has been cited for her community service and classroom achievement in her undergraduate studies at Howard University. Her scholarship is funded by the Sunshine Lady Foundation.

Stephanie Johnson is a graduate of Temple University, where she excelled as a medical laboratory assistant and as a tutor in student support services.

Ifeoma Nwabuzor comes to DUCOM from the University of Pennsylvania and from a year of teaching youth in Washington, D.C., about the prevention of HIV/AIDS and substance abuse.

Each year, the Woman One program honors a woman of extraordinary leadership credentials, and the funds raised by the event support the scholarship initiative. In May 2008, scholars Annette Lopez and LaToia Marks received their medical degrees and became the first graduates of the program.

A Celebration of Scholars – a reception to honor the current scholars and kick off the next Woman One cycle – will be held on September 23.

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Healing Hurt People...continued

"I call the organizations, lay the groundwork, and tell [the patient] whom to contact," says Delgado, a social worker who used to work in child protective services.

Patients admitted to the trauma unit at Hahnemann as a result of interpersonal violence are also introduced to the program.

John Gaines, of the College of Medicine, the program's community intervention specialist, knows about community violence firsthand. He speaks candidly about his participation in what he calls a menacing group as a teenager in South Philadelphia. He also experienced the pain of being shot and stabbed.

"Everything is territorial," he says. "You can't even get through your own neighborhood without encountering six or seven different groups."

The work of anticipating and meeting the challenges to safety is daunting. "People are so overwhelmed. What looks like poor decision-making is really survival," Gaines says. Retaliation is reflexive and protective. Healing Hurt People seeks to interrupt that response by offering social and emotional supports as part of the healing process.

Gaines first saw a different point of view through a personal connection. As a youth, he and some friends planned to rob a woman as she got off the bus. But when they got close to the intended victim, she recognized John from the neighborhood; she also worked with him at his part-time job. "She started questioning me. She said, 'You don't have to do this,'" he recalls.

A seed was sown. In the short term, his existence continued much the same, but when Gaines had a child, it changed. "When you bring in a life, you get a different opinion about what is valuable," he says.

After Delgado helps clients sort out what programs will help them, Gaines mentors them through the process. Healing Hurt People connects its consumers to resources for advocacy, anger management, job readiness or career development, conflict resolution, substance abuse treatment, legal services, housing, trauma treatment, or victim compensation – whatever they need.

Gaines accompanies his clients to appointments or meets with them in their homes. But the first thing he does is give them his cell phone number. "These young people have no one to connect to," Gaines says. "Once they know they can trust me, they call me every day."

Contact: 215-762-3029 (program office)

Healing Hurt People was originally funded by the Blueprint for a Safer Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health as a pilot project. Continuing support comes from the Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health, and additional funding comes from the Thomas Scattergood Behavioral Health Foundation. Drs. Theodore Corbin and John Rich are the medical director and associate medical director, respectively, for the program. Linda Rich, M.A., Department of Emergency Medicine, is program research director, and Sandra Bloom, M.D., adjunct professor in the School of Public Health, is program associate. The four are also core staff of the Center for Nonviolence & Social Justice at the Drexel University School of Public Health.

Medical Jeopardy Team Takes Third Place in National Competition

A team of internal medicine residents from Drexel University College of Medicine recently placed third in the nation at the American College of Physicians' national medical jeopardy competition, Doctor's Dilemma. Thirty-six teams competed at the event, which was held May 15-17 in Washington, D.C.

The Drexel team, which had previously won several regional competitions, represented the state of Pennsylvania. At the National Championships, the team sailed through the first round, beating New York, Jordan, and Puerto Rico. They then moved on to the semi-finals, beating out eight teams to compete in the finals as one of the top four teams in the country.

Drexel held the lead the entire game, but answered the final question incorrectly and finished behind South Illinois and Southern California.



The finalist team comprised (l-r): internal medicine residents Petros Grivas, Vaibhab Sahni, Joseph Vadakara, Gayathri Nagaraj, and (inset) chief resident and coach Archana Gowda.

Faculty members are invited to submit their news for Presentations & Publications and Grants & Kudos to NewsPager@drexelmed.edu. Please approximate the formats shown on pages 4 and 12 in this issue. Be sure to identify DUCOM and University colleagues by full name and department. Extramural authors are referred to as "colleagues" or "co-authors."

Compliance Corner: 2008/09 Regulatory Education and Preparation



Edward G. Longazel
Chief Compliance
& Privacy Officer

The summer kicks off preparations for the 2008/09 academic year and offers an opportunity for all to accomplish the important administrative requirements that accompany the provision of clinical care.

HIPAA education: The newly arrived clinically involved faculty, staff and students are afforded web-based training in the privacy and security rules of HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) at <http://webcampus.drexelmed.edu/hipaa>.

Education regarding federal and state false claims laws is required annually of healthcare entities under the federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. The required compliance education will be emailed to employees in the fall.

Web-based compliance training will be introduced in 2008 and will include federal sentencing guidelines, coding and documentation training. Inpatient, outpatient and electronic medical record documentation skills will be evaluated for each new practitioner, as well, during Allscripts implementation and initial and annual compliance program audit cycles.

The *Conflict of Interest, Code of Conduct and Federal Sanction Attestation* disclosure website for new faculty and staff is found at <http://inside.drexelmed.edu/COI>.

Questions? Call any time to ask a question, schedule training or request development of new training to address any important privacy, coding, or documentation issues that arise. Contact the Office of the Chief Compliance and Privacy Officer at **215-255-7819**.

Confidential compliance hotlines: Call toll-free 866-936-1010; or visit www.drexelmed.edu/ComplianceHotline

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Bulletins:

Study Finds ELAM Program Effective

A recent study, "Evaluating a Leadership Program: A Comparative, Longitudinal Study to Assess the Impact of the Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Program for Women" (*Academic Medicine*, May 2008), has found that ELAM® is effective in promoting leadership skills and attainment. It employed a pre- and post-test methodology to compare women from two ELAM cohorts with a matched group of women from the Association of American Medical Colleges Faculty Roster and with women who applied to the program but were not accepted. ELAM participants scored higher than the other two groups for 15 of the indicators. Differences were statistically significant for 12 indicators.

State Approves Greater Coverage for Autism

The Pennsylvania legislature passed a bill in July allowing parents of autistic children to pay for behavioral therapy and related services with private health insurance starting next year. Under the new law, insurers would be required to cover up to \$36,000 annually in such expenses for a person with autism under the age of 21. Medicaid would cover costs above the dollar limit. Businesses in Pennsylvania with more than 50 employees would have to offer the coverage.

Obesity Trend Continues, Says CDC

The latest CDC data indicate that more than one in every four Americans, or 25.6 percent, self-report as obese, based on a body mass index of 30 or above, an increase of 1.7 percent since 2005. BMIs were calculated using height and weight information collected in the CDC's Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, a state-based telephone survey that collects information from adults aged 18 years and older. In three states – Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee – the prevalence of self-reported obesity among adults age 18 or older was above 30 percent. Colorado had the lowest obesity prevalence at 18.7 percent.

Calendar:

August	<i>Cataract Awareness Month</i>
Aug 11	Class of 2012 White Coat Ceremony
September	<i>National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month</i>
Sep 1	Labor Day
Sep 13	<i>National Celiac Disease Awareness Day</i>
Sep 23	Celebration of Scholars Institute for Women's Health & Leadership Woman One Kickoff and Scholars Reception Contact: 215-255-7381 or mmmcvail@drexelmed.edu
Sep 28	"Walk 2 Miles in My Shoes for RSD" Raises funds for work of Dr. Robert Schwartzman McDade Park, Scranton, Pa., 1 p.m. Contact: sheila.urban@drexelmed.edu
October	<i>Healthy Lung Month</i>
Oct 15	Discovery 2008 The College of Medicine's annual research day Contact: Angelo Milone, 215-991-8403 or amilone@drexelmed.edu
Oct 29	New Faculty Reception Ritz Carlton, Grand Ballroom, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Contact: Arlene Padolina, 215-762-2500
November	<i>Healthy Skin Month</i>
Nov 27	Thanksgiving
December	<i>Safe Toys & Gifts Month</i>
January	<i>National Blood Donor Month</i>
February	<i>American Heart Month</i>
Feb 3	Sex & Gender Research Forum Contact: 215-255-7381 or mmmcvail@drexelmed.edu
March	<i>National Kidney Month</i>
Mar 19	Match Day