To all our newly promoted* faculty Members and Senior Faculty Appointments:

- Donald Batisky*
- Todd Cooper*
- Paul Dawson
- Patricia Denning*
- Chris Gunter
- Kiran Hebbar*
- Dennis Kim*
- Lakshmanan Krishnamurti
- Jeffrey Linzer*
- Tobey MacDonald*
- Matthew Paden*
- Christopher Petit*
- Cheng-Kui Qu
- Rene Romero*
- Dmitry Shayakhmetov
- Stephanie Walsh*
- Cynthia Wetmore

*As of September 1, 2014

To Department of Pediatrics Annual Faculty Award recipients**:

- Teacher of the Year General Pediatrics
  Nancy Fajman, MD, MPH
- Teacher of the Year Subspecialty Pediatrics
  Lisa Kobranski, MD, MPH
- Innovation in Teaching Program Development
  Jennifer Stapel-Wax, PsyD
- Joe Snitzer Master Clinician
  Gary Freed, DO
- Clinical Innovation Program Development
  Usama Kanaan, MD
- Best Scientific Publication
  Shannon Gourley, PhD
- Junior Faculty Researcher
  Wilbur Lam, MD
- Career Teaching Award
  Frank Berkowitz, MD
- Research Mentor
  Lawrence Scahill, PhD, MSN, MPH
- Humanitarian Award
  Gayathri Tenjarla, MD
- Chair’s Award for Service to the Department
  Jeremy Kerley

**see pages 4-6 to learn what nominators said about awardees
SAVE THE DATE FOR A DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS CELEBRATION!

March 20, 2015

Advances in Child Health:
A Celebration of the FIRST 10 Years as Chair

Honoring Barbara J. Stoll, MD

Health Sciences Research Building
Rollins Auditorium

Join us for the day with lunch and an afternoon reception

*Registration details and RSVP information to come in early 2015

The day’s events will include presentations from Department of Pediatrics faculty and invited guests on advances in child health.

Highlighted speakers to include:

Wanda Barfield—Director, CDC Division of Reproductive Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

Richard Martin—Drusinsky-Fanaroff Chair in Neonatology Professor of Pediatrics Case Western Reserve University

Howard Bauchner—Editor in Chief
Journal of the American Medical Association

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**Mark Your Calendars:**

School of Medicine Faculty Development 2015 Lecture Series continues…

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**The Promotion Process**
Learn about the requirements and guidelines for the various promotion tracks in the School of Medicine, and hear advice on career advancement at Emory.

*Tuesday, January 13, 2015*
5:30 – 6:30 pm
James B. Williams School of Medicine Building
Room 178P

*Kathy K. Griendling, PhD*
R. Wayne Alexander Professor of Medicine
Vice Chair for Research and Faculty Development
Assistant Dean for Faculty Development

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**Building a Teaching Portfolio**
The teaching portfolio is an important part of the promotion packet. Learn about the critical pieces and how to put together a compelling packet.

*Tuesday, February 10, 2015*
5:30 – 6:30 pm
James B. Williams School of Medicine Building
Room 178P

*Jaffar Khan, MD*
Associate Professor and Vice Chair for Education
Department of Neurology

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**Engaging Learners**
Learn about education opportunities in the School of Medicine and their relation to mentoring as well as skills to engage learners at all levels.

*Tuesday, March 17, 2015*
5:30 – 6:30 pm
James B. Williams School of Medicine Building
Room 178P

*Valerie Blouss, MD*
Professor of Ophthalmology
Professor of Ophthalmology and Neurology

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**Negotiation Skills: Advancing in the World of Academia**
Learn about the challenges of negotiation and how to overcome them. Gain effective negotiation techniques and accrue tips for the best possible outcome.

*Tuesday, April 21, 2015*
5:30 – 6:30 pm
James B. Williams School of Medicine Building
Room 178P

*Nadine Kaslow, PhD, ABPP*
Professor and Vice Chair, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
Chief Psychologist, Grady Health System

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**Developing a Quality Project for Maintenance of Certification**
New maintenance of certification guidelines include carrying out a quality project. Learn what that entails and how to get started.

*Tuesday, May 12, 2015*
5:30 – 6:30 pm
James B. Williams School of Medicine Building
Room 178P

*Nathan Spell III, MD*
Vice Chair for Quality and Clinical Effectiveness, Department of Medicine
Associate Professor of Medicine, Primary Care

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To register for “Learning to be Better Teachers” go to: [http://med.emory.edu/faculty_dev/education/internal-programs.html](http://med.emory.edu/faculty_dev/education/internal-programs.html)

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**Learning to be Better Teachers**

**Wednesday, January 14, 2015**
7:45 am – 4:10 pm
James B. Williams Medical Education Building, Room 120

Join us for this full-day Emory workshop which provides faculty with an opportunity to interact with colleagues across the School of Medicine and enhance their teaching skills. Check out the full schedule!

We are happy to have Dr. Richard M. Frankel, Professor at Indiana University School of Medicine, as this year’s keynote speaker.

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**Event brought to you by the SOM Office of Faculty Development**

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**Ever feel left out of the SOM or DOP information loop?? Check your emory.edu email for announcements! ALL SOM & DOP news is sent to your emory.edu address**
What Faculty Awardees are known for and what their nominators** say about them...

Teacher of the Year General Pediatrics
Nancy Fajman, MD, MPH

Nancy’s commitment to teaching is both broad in subject area and deep in passion for teaching. Her mentees in the medical student society receive extensive benefit from her efforts. Her resident colleagues are heavily influenced by her knowledge, commitment, and enthusiasm. And despite all of this, her actions and words are always carefully measured. She is the quintessential model of the ideal faculty member.

Teacher of the Year Subspecialty Pediatrics
Lisa Kobrynski, MD, MPH

Presented by Andi Shane with a poem:

It's an honor to present this award
And add Lisa's name to the board.
In appreciation of her passion
And knowledge without ration.

A first-class clinician
And supreme diagnostician
She championed birth screening
Into results with meaning.

With every faculty, resident, and fellow
Each discussion remains mellow.
Sharing immunology pearls
Remember - better outcomes for girls.

Once a month without fail
Even when she could bail,
She facilitates review of a topic
To keep us from becoming myopic.

B-cells, T-cells, CD4, oh my!
Heavy chains, light chains make us want to cry.
Helping us to clearly think
And our confusion unkink.

Is my patient normal?
Her advice-informal.
Delivered at a late hour,
To us, it is always a wow-er.

"What does Lisa say?"
Asked of us every day.
When caring for her 22qs
Their infections give us the blues.

Best subspecialty teacher
Has finally reached her.
Thank you for always being there
To give us and your kids great care.

-Andi L. Shane 05 Nov 2014

**Make sure you nominate deserving, stand-out faculty members in 2015. Get with your peers/division and submit group nominations!
**Innovations in Teaching Program Development**

Jennifer Stapel-Wax, PsyD

“Autism Navigator” Early Intervention Provider Training Tool

Dr. Stapel-Wax is the co-developer of a highly interactive, web-based tool for training early intervention (EI) providers. This tool is the cornerstone of a vast program of training that we are implementing for EI providers deploying home-based interventions. The tool is supplemented by ‘coaches’ who follow the ‘training the trainers’ model in order to achieve maximum dissemination in what is a new and innovative community-viable program for autism screening and early access to treatment and interventions.

Joe Snitzer Master Clinician
Gary Freed, DO

Gary has mastered the "3 As of consultation". He is AFFABLE - always cheerful to provide expert advice at any time of the day and in any situation. He is AVAILABLE - he answers questions...always. He is ABLE - a leader in his field, infant apnea, a well trained neonatologist, and a sleep specialist. Gary is also anal, tenacious, and ruminates about complicated cases - and is able to spot the unusual patient amongst a large sea of usual cases. Getting a consult from Gary brings with it happy parents who finally feel like they have been heard, a common sense plan of action, and close/accessible follow up. Emory is truly fortunate to have Gary - we should celebrate him!

Clinical Innovation Program Development
Usama Kanaan, MD

Pulmonary Hypertension Multidisciplinary Clinic and Consultation Service

This very robust and comprehensive Pulmonary Hypertension multidisciplinary out-patient clinic and in-patient consultation service deals with a very complex group of patients with precision and expertise. This practice is cost conscious and compassionate. They "walk the walk" in transitioning these difficult patients to adult care as they get old enough.

Best Scientific Publication
Shannon Gourley, PhD


This manuscript represents a line of research originated by Dr. Gourley’s group at Emory, and it will provide a critical foundation for future work on issues of adolescent-emergent psychiatric disease. Importantly, it harnessed a wide range of techniques and tools to delineate mechanisms of habit formation — these include both rat and mouse behavioral models, in vivo intracranial viral-mediated gene silencing, high-resolution fluorescence microscopy, and biochemical and pharmacological approaches. This manuscript also resolved a charged debate in the field of psychiatry regarding the mechanisms of stressor-induced habits. Additionally it will have broad translational impact because in addition to identifying a novel application for classical tricyclic antidepressants, it highlighted the potential therapeutic application of riluzole, a drug now used to treat ALS, for use as an adjunct to treating depression.

Junior Faculty Researcher
Wilbur Lam, MD

With his unique background as a physician-scientist-engineer trained in pediatric hematology/oncology and bioengineering, Dr. Lam’s interdisciplinary laboratory includes engineers, biologists, biophysicists, and clinicians. His laboratory serves as a unique “one-stop shop” which develops microsystems (microfabricated devices, microfluidics, etc.) to study hematologic processes in both health and disease and then immediately brings those technologies to the bedside. More specifically, the Lam lab’s research interests involve the development and application of microsystems to enable research in pathologic blood cell interactions that occur in diseases such as sickle cell disease and thrombosis, as well as further translating those systems into novel diagnostic devices. Dr. Wilbur Lam is an amazing physician-scientist who has already made a profound impact on the intellectual life and academic programs of the Department of Pediatrics and Emory University. In his short time at Emory, he has established himself as an independent investigator and achieved national and international recognition of his work.
Career Teaching Award  
Frank Berkowitz, MD

Frank is always looking to bring out the best from the rest of us. He sees us all as students and he commands our attention as learners. His love of teaching is clearly evident. His ability as teacher is fueled by his constant reading and learning. He is always sharing his newfound knowledge with us whether it is through emailing articles or discussing interesting cases. The most challenging cases are solved by Frank’s ability to dissect them, applying his grasp of basic science principles, his breadth of experience, and unwavering logic.

Research Mentor  
Lawrence Scahill, PhD, MSN, MPH

Larry has played a critical role in supporting the career development of mentees/junior faculty (in making the transition from clinicians to clinician-scientists who are able to engage in independently funded scientific research. This includes providing ongoing mentorship in grant writing, manuscript preparation, research design, and analyses through weekly research/lab meetings. I never doubt that Larry looks out for my interests when it comes to encouraging my research career, and I know he is also willing to challenge me when I need it (publish, publish, publish, is a mantra I’ve heard from him on more than one occasion!). He is open for consultation, (bi-directional) feedback, and good-old-fashioned pontification on all things research at the drop of a hat (his door is literally always open. If it’s closed, it’s because he’s not in his office).

Humanitarian Award  
Gayathri Tenjarla, MD

Dr. Tenjarla exemplifies a compassionate physician by listening intently to patients and families as they tell their stories. Many of her patients and parents tell us that she does it so effectively by listening, by paying attention to minor details and by giving lots of hugs. Dr. Tenjarla’s clinic is a home for many patients with complex and multiple medical issues. Over time she has accumulated a large cohort of patients with cerebral palsy, mental retardations, feeding difficulties, seizures, and the need for gastrostomy tubes. While these children’s problems are often complex, Dr. Tenjarla is determined to be a caring physician who will listen to the family as they share their frustrations and difficulties. As a result, Dr. Tenjarla has full clinics, which often run behind, as she takes the required time to listen to each family’s story, and often ends a visit with a hug. She takes the time to care for the entire family, placing the child and family at the center of medical care, but knowing that the best care is compassion.

Chair’s Award for Service to the Department  
Jeremy Kerley

Jeremy has been our lifesaver for technical challenges within the DOP, Grady and the HSRB. He has worked tirelessly to make sure our computers are up and working. He takes the time to explain to us, including technically challenged colleagues, the operations of the computer. He is a wonderful resource to the DOP administration offices. If any of us in administration need help with IT-related business initiatives he is ALWAYS the first to volunteer. He has consistently provided some of the best customer service to both our faculty and staff as well as Children’s. He is a fantastic representative and advocate of our department and he is an invaluable member of our team.

Department of Pediatrics Award Recipients and Presenters  
November 6, 2014
Annual Awards Reception and Celebration in Pictures!

Marcus Autism Center Team with Jennifer Stapel-Wax (center), recipient of the Innovations in Teaching Program Development Award

Shannon Gourley: Best Scientific Publication

The Berkowitz Family
Frank Berkowitz recipient of the Career Teaching Award

Janet Waidner and Bill Sexson—enjoying good food and good company

Dr. Geller and Dr. Stoll enjoying the reception

Katrina Scott, Detrick Barnes, Maurice Lynch (our HSRB A/V Expert!) and Corinthian Bryant
Usama Kanaan and Robert Campbell
Sibley Heart Center

Shannon Gourley, Jeremy Kerley and Amelia Perszyk

Celine Saulnier, Marcus Autism Center and Denise Jacobson

Dr. Tenjarla—Humanitarian Award for Compassionate and Patient and Family Centered Care

Hal Simon and Tal Berkowitz

Jennifer Stapel-Wax recipient of the Innovations in Teaching Award
Gary Freed, receiving the Joe Snitzer Master Clinician Award

Dr. Stoll and Jeremy Kerley—recipient of the Chair’s Award for Service to the Department of Pediatrics

Robert Migliore—taking a break from IT to celebrate

Robert Campbell, Usama Kanaan and Hal Simon

Wilbur Lam—recipient of the Junior Faculty Researcher Award, presented by Dr. Stoll while Dr. Joiner proudly looks on.

Marcus Autism Center winners: Shannon Gourley, Ami Klin, Jennifer Stapel-Wax and Larry Seahill