

Department of Medicine

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2019

Message from the Chairman

Colleagues,

As the colors of spring explode in Boston, I hope you will enjoy this latest edition of the Department of Medicine's electronic newsletter! We celebrate a number of extraordinary accomplishments in this edition! The renewal of the Framingham Heart Study contract by the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute is a remarkable testament to the impact of this iconic study over the past 70 years and the creative and thoughtful leadership of the study's leader- Vasan Ramachandran, M.D. In addition, the Mass HEAL award from the National Institute on Drug Abuse to Boston Medical Center under the leadership of Jeffrey Samet, M.D., is a tribute to the long-standing leadership of the faculty and staff in General Internal Medicine in devising new approaches to the prevention and treatment of opiate use disorder. Importantly, the research funded by these two awards will have a critically important and enduring impact on the health of our patients.

The recent resident match was also quite successful! We matched a large number of applicants from the top of our rank list and had a more selective result than in any of the previous 12 years! Although the intern class has diverse geographic representation, we continue to be challenged in recruiting interns from backgrounds under-represented in medicine. The successful match is a tribute to the leadership of Drs. Rachel Simmons and Gopal Yadavalli, and the tireless commitment of the faculty, administrative staff in the program office, and, importantly, the many residents who participate in the intern recruitment process!

The establishment of EPIC Leads in the department is described in this edition of the newsletter. The EPIC lead program was created as part of a variety of initiatives to improve the work environment for our clinicians. This effort has been led by Dr. Alice Jacobs and has included substantial faculty participation. We will be evaluating the impact of the EPIC Lead program on workflow, clinician efficiency and morale. If the program is successful, it may be expanded to other department departments at BMC.

Finally, among the many awards acknowledged in this issue of the newsletter, it is particularly noteworthy that all five BUSM Alpha Omega Alpha recipients are from the Department of Medicine. Special kudos to Drs. Jean Francis, Suzanne Sarfaty, Rachel Strykowski, Matt Strickland, and Asaf Maoz. In addition, three faculty from the Department of Medicine received prestigious Teaching Awards from BUSM! Dr. Melissa DiPetrillo received the 2019 Pre-Clerkship Educator of the Year Award, Dr. Steven Borkan received the 2019 Clerkship Educator of the Year Award, and Dr. Christine Reardon received the Stanley L. Robbins Award for Excellence in Teaching! We are very grateful for their contributions to our entire community and the example they set for BUSM!

I hope you join in celebrating the many accomplishments of our faculty, staff, and trainees in this edition of the newsletter!!

David Coleman, M.D.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

5/13—5/17 BMC Obesity Clinical Immersion Program

[Learn More and Apply](#)

5/15 FDD Seminar: Implications of gendered language in letters, evaluations, and search committees on women's careers with Kitt Shaffer, Heather Miselis, & Rachel Simmons

Noon—Yawkey Basement Conference Room

5/22 Under-Represented Racial and Ethnic Groups & Allies Networking Dinner

6:30—8:30 PM—Emelia Benjamin's Home (112 Lancaster Terrace) [RSVP Here](#)

5/24 Senior Resident Academic Day

9:00—12:00 Hiebert Lounge

5/28 May Faculty Meeting

Noon – Wilkins Board Room

5/29 Morbidity and Mortality Conference

Noon | L-110

5/29 John McCahan Medical Campus Education Day

9:00 AM—5:00 PM [Learn More.](#)

6/1 Faculty Development & Diversity Grants Deadline

Open to ALL DOM FACULTY at all levels seeking to further their professional development in research, education, clinical skills, and/or leadership [Learn More and Apply](#)

Education Pilot Grants Deadline

\$1000 - \$5000 grants to fund innovative projects and research in education. Grant recipients participate in a 6-session writing course to support their project & manuscript development. [Learn More and Apply](#)

6/4 FDD Seminar: Responding to Microaggressions as a Bystander with Sheila Chapman, Emelia Benjamin, & Ravin Davidoff

Noon—Wilkins Board Room

LGBTQ+ and Allies (with Trainees) Networking Dinner

6:30—8:30 PM—Emelia Benjamin's Home (112 Lancaster Terrace) [RSVP Here](#)

6/10 Investigators Networking Dinner

6:30—8:30 PM—Emelia Benjamin's Home (112 Lancaster Terrace) [RSVP Here](#)

6/25 June Faculty Meeting

Noon—Wilkins Board Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rania Omar Burke begins as Vice Chair of Finance and Administration June 3, 2019



Rania Omar Burke is a seasoned leader with notable experience in academic medicine, community medicine, healthcare consulting, and hospital administration. Rania began her career in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH). In 2004, Rania accepted a leadership role and moved to St. Petersburg, Florida. In this role, she was responsible for a \$70M annual budget for a medium-size radiology department in a growing community health system. After a short time in community medicine, Rania realized a strong preference for academic medicine. She enrolled at the BU School of Public Health and received a Masters Degree in Public Health. In 2006, she began a long-term consulting project with the Radiology Consulting Group (through MGH) for the University of Kentucky (UK). She was responsible for a large-scale redesign of all aspects of the radiology department including equipment, space, infrastructure, IT systems, and Chair of Radiology leadership infrastructure.

In 2009, Rania accepted the role of Department Administrator for Pediatrics in the UK College of Medicine. This opportunity came at a good time as she was seeking a role more closely related to the academic, service to community, and research missions of an academic institution. Her current responsibilities include a \$52M annual budget. Rania reports directly to the Chair while maintaining key relationships with leadership in the Kentucky Children's Hospital, other colleges within UK, community stakeholders, and shared research and professional billing services.

In the fall of 2015, Rania began the Doctorate in Public Health, Health Management and Policy program at UK. Her area of interest is family and child wellness and she expects to defend her dissertation in the fall of 2019. Rania will be moving from Lexington, KY with her husband and two young children. Lexington has been a wonderful place to start a family but Boston is still home. She is excited to start working with the team.

According to David Coleman, "Rania Burke was selected from an extraordinary group of applicants for the position of Vice Chair of Finance and Administration for the Department of Medicine. She has impressed all of us with her experience, thoughtfulness, and very strong reputation as a collaborative and effective leader. We are looking forward to welcoming her to our Department in June!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Framingham Heart Study Awarded NHLBI Contract Renewal



The Framingham Heart Study (FHS), the nation's longest running cohort study with longitudinal analysis of cardiovascular disease, has received a contract renewal for an additional six years and \$38 million dollars from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI).

The contract period will support examining the elderly groups of the cohort study, the Offspring and Omni 1 cohorts, in hopes of better understanding the biology of aging and determinants of health and disease in older people, as well as examination of the younger generation of the FHS after a couple of years. This examination serves as a platform for newer cutting-edge ancillary studies with the study's core protocols. Examples of ancillary studies in the older cohort include studying liver fat, platelet function, arterial stiffness, the heart and great vessels and patterns of thousands of circulating blood proteins in the elderly participants. The funding also allows for continued maintenance of study operations, its data and bio-sample collection as well as follow-up and surveillance of all FHS participants and continued analyses of their data.

In its seven decades, the FHS has been responsible for numerous research breakthroughs, including smoking's contribution to heart disease risk (1960); identifying fundamental risk factors for heart disease (1961); the benefit of physical activity and the risk posed by obesity, with regard to heart disease (1967); heightened stroke risk from high blood pressure (1970); and the importance of so-called good cholesterol in reducing death risk (1988). Now 70 years later, researchers are studying the children (Offspring, Omni 1 cohort) and grandchildren (Generation 3, Omni 2 cohorts) of those original participants, which has led to groundbreaking discoveries in other domains including neurodegenerative diseases, obesity, lung abnormalities and pulmonary fibrosis.

The Framingham Heart Study is led by Boston University Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology, and Principal Investigator and Director of FHS, Vasani S. Ramachandran, MD, FACC. Boston University has administered the FHS since 1971.

To learn more about the Framingham Heart Study please visit framinghamheartstudy.org. For investigators interested in developing their own (or collaborating with FHS investigators for) research projects, please visit framinghamheartstudy.org/fhs-for-researchers

Coverage of the FHS has been featured in the following publications:



[New Research Grant Will Enable Framingham Heart Study to Explore Biology of Aging](#)



[71-year-old Heart Study Gets \\$38M Grant for Another 6 Years](#)



[Framingham Heart Study Awarded \\$38 Million to Continue Research](#)



[Framingham Heart Study Will Examine Aging with New \\$38M Funding](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIM Researchers Awarded \$89 Million NIDA Grant to Address Opioid Crisis

From The BMC Brief: Boston Medical Center has received an \$89 million research grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) to lead a study aimed at reducing opioid overdose deaths by 40 percent in Massachusetts communities heavily impacted by the opioid crisis over the next three years. This grant is the largest ever awarded to BMC by NIDA and follows a highly competitive process that included many leading academic medical centers from across the country.

BMC's study is part of the [National Institutes of Health's HEAL \(Helping to End Addiction Long-term\) Initiative](#), a bold, trans-agency effort to speed scientific solutions to stem the national opioid crisis. Led by Jeffrey Samet, MD, MA, MPH, Chief of General Internal Medicine at BMC, researchers will study innovative addiction treatment interventions in order to create a national model aimed at curbing the opioid crisis.

"The opioid crisis in Massachusetts has been devastating, as it has been across the country," said Samet. "This research study is a major step forward. We will take what we've learned at Boston Medical Center and across Massachusetts over the past 20 years and work with our partners to bring those initiatives together to make a serious dent in the overdose death rate. It means pulling out all the stops."

The approach funded by this grant builds on existing BMC partnerships to identify people with and at risk for opioid use disorder (OUD), provide overdose risk reduction, and foster access to medication for OUD for high-risk individuals. BMC will partner with 16 communities across the state to test the impact of [Office-Based Addiction Treatment \(OBAT\)](#) and the deployment of additional interventions. Eight sites will implement OBAT and eight will implement OBAT and additional programs, such as community education, accelerated access to medication during hospitalization, jail, and detoxification as well as prevention and intervention programs in communities, schools, and doctor's offices.

The effort also includes a Community Advisory Board to ensure that the voices of the community are included in the interventions.

This grant recognizes BMC's leadership and expertise in addiction treatment, research, and education, and our long-standing focus on creating strong partnerships with our peers and community-based organizations and institutions. It will help further our efforts to bring these best practices to communities across Massachusetts and ultimately the United States.

"I am so proud that we will be leading this important initiative to study the impact of clinical interventions and programs, many of which have been developed by teams at BMC, in communities across the state to reverse the trajectory of this national public health crisis," said Kate Walsh, president and CEO. "It is thanks to the hard work, dedication and commitment of many people across the hospital that BMC was chosen to lead this critical work."



The HEAL Study highlighted on the homepage of the NIH website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STaRS Summer Research Program is Seeking Mentors

The Summer Training as Research Scholars (STaRS) program aims to promote access to graduate education for traditionally underrepresented students in science and medicine. STaRS provides research opportunities for students aiming to become physician scientists or researchers in the biomedical field.

STaRS hosts 15 high achieving undergraduates and first year medical students in an immersive, 10-week summer research experience in laboratories across the Medical Campus (June to mid-August). Undergraduate students are typically rising juniors or seniors.

As a STaRS mentor, you will foster the development of the next generation of exceptional biomedical scientists by:

- Providing a research opportunity for talented young people from across the country
- Guiding the scholar toward development of an independent research project
- Sharing knowledge and skills, career advice and helping the trainee to make contact with other professionals
- Being model for mentoring younger generations of scientists

Your STaRS scholar will

- Work 40 hours per week in your laboratory on a project of your choosing
- Gain valuable research skills and insights into the scientific process, critical thinking and team-based problem-solving
- Receive academic and career advice from diverse professionals
- Practice communication skills, and present a poster on their research project at the STaRS Symposium in August

PI's interested in hosting a STaRS scholar this summer or in future summers, please email Isabel Dominguez at starsdir@bu.edu

Thank you to previous STaRS mentors Markus Bachschmid, PhD, Ajit Bharti, PhD, Andrew Henderson, PhD, Hasmeena Kathuria, MD, Jennifer Luebke, PhD, Reiko Matsui, MD, Lee Quinton, PhD, Manish Sagar, MD, Karin Schon, PhD, Jeffrey Sira-cuse, MD, Francesca Seta, PhD, Vickery Trinkaus- Randall, PhD, Richard Wainford, PhD, Lee Wetzler, MD, and Joseph Zaia, PhD

Platform Development for Patient Recruitment: The Cancer Microbiome and Metabolomics ARC—Pre-ARC 2018

Director: Dr. Matthew Kulke

Co-Directors: Drs. Evan Johnson, Norman Lee and Stephen Whelan

This proposed pre-ARC “Platform Development for Patient Recruitment: The Cancer Microbiome and Metabolomics” will allow us to begin the development of unique, diverse, clinically annotated biospecimen repositories that will provide a critical resource for investigators to collaboratively study the associations between the microbiome, metabolic biomarkers, and response to ICIs. In the current proposal, we will focus on assessing associations between the microbiome, tryptophan metabolites, and ICI treatment response in two tumor cohorts, both of which are prevalent at BMC and are commonly treated with ICIs: head and neck and non-small cell lung carcinoma (NSCLC) patients. We anticipate that, based on the success of this initial project, we will be able to subsequently scale our project to understand the role of microbiome and metabolism in other cancer types and IO therapies, as well as cancer treatment and prevention broadly.

For more information please visit: <http://www.bumc.bu.edu/evanscenteribr/pre-arcs/>

SPRING SPOTLIGHT: DOM EPIC Leads Program

The Department of Medicine is focusing on clinician satisfaction and efficiency with the EHR through the creation of the DOM Epic Leads Program. This is in direct response to some of the items raised in the faculty interview report from the DOM Clinician Satisfaction/Advocacy Advisory Group. The Department has appointed one physician in each Section with time dedicated to improving clinician efficiency in Epic. The program is a joint venture between DOM and IT with the goal of getting you the tools you need to be more efficient – whether that’s additional training, sharing efficiency tips and new features, or making changes to Epic itself.

The DOM Epic Leads have received additional Epic training and have the IT training team at their disposal for questions. The DOM Epic Leads are rounding in their clinics, presenting at Section meetings, and working one-on-one with clinicians to provide efficiency tips and identify changes that could be made to enhance the experience with Epic. They participate in IT meetings to prioritize those changes to Epic that can improve efficiency and satisfaction with the system.

We are all dedicated to the success of this program – it is modeled after other programs nationally that have seen improvements in clinician satisfaction with the EMR as a result, and we hope to see the same here at BMC. Please reach out to your Section Epic Lead if you’d like to become more efficient with Epic or have suggestions for improvements to the EMR.

Did you know...

You can get CME credit for searching UpToDate. Link your personal UpToDate account to Epic and when you navigate to UpToDate from Epic, it will tabulate your CME credit. You will need to submit the CME to your Board annually. See tip sheet [here](#).

Visit Notes route to the General PCP automatically, whether that PCP is at BMC or not, as long as that institution uses Epic. Just make sure the correct PCP is listed as the “General PCP,” which is displayed on the top right of the patient header. If the General PCP is not correct, you or your staff can easily change it in the “Care Teams” activity. See tip sheet [here](#).

You can send messages to clinicians at the community health centers through Epic. Do this through your In Basket, using an Outside Message. See tip sheet [here](#).

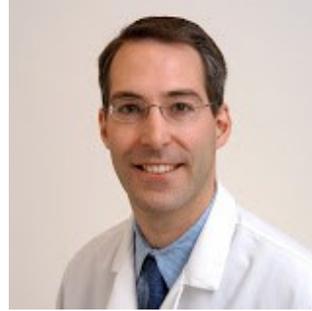
SPRING SPOTLIGHT: DOM EPIC Leads Program



Rebecca Mishuris
– Program co-lead,
Associate CMIO



Phil Knapp – Pro-
gram co-lead,
Endocrinology



Larry Beck – Renal



Chip Bliss – GI



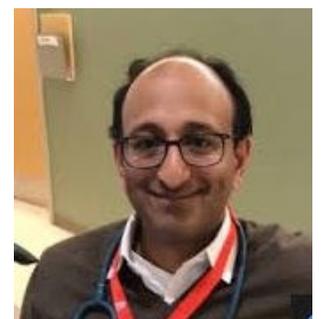
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Cardiology



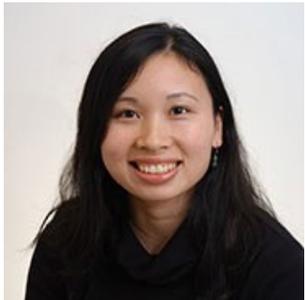
Krissy Coffey – IT
Training Lead



Gretchen Gignac –
Heme/Onc



Praveen Govender
– Pulmonary



Won Lee –
Geriatrics



Jai Marathe – ID



Craig Noronha –
GIM



Michael York –
Rheumatology

DOM ADMIN SPOTLIGHT:

Dennis Chow



Job Title

Senior Financial Analyst

Location

Vose Hall, Department of Medicine (DOM)

How many years have you been at BUSM/BMC?

7 years with DOM, 10 years total at BMC

What do you do in the DOM?

Principally responsible for helping the Administrative Directors to complete their budget in an accurate manner, and managing the central DOM budget. Also completes financial analyses throughout the year.

What do you like best about your job?

I love working with the ADs to solve problems within their sections and to improve work flow processes.

Favorite thing to do outside of work?

Spending time w/ nephew outdoors and in the yard.

Fun Fact

I have a mini-homestead w/ a Koi pond, chickens and lots of bees. My family sells the excess honey and eggs at <https://www.barkyardbees.com/>.

The Finance Department had a lot of thoughts on Dennis, but this is our collective opinion:

Dennis Chow is a work horse within the Finance Department. Over the course of 7 years he has cultivated an innate knowledge of each section on a macro and micro level, both in research and clinical capacities. Without this knowledge, it would be impossible to complete an accurate budget that adequately reflects the predicted annual activity for the upcoming year. The budget close is one of the more challenging times of year, as the Finance Department needs to balance the standard monthly closes with a four month long, and often extended, budget process. For the second year in a row, Dennis was solely responsible for guiding the Administrative Directors to a successful budget close. He is kind, patient, level headed, and seemingly tireless when evaluating options to bring a section to break even. It is not uncommon for Dennis to work 7 days a week, 10 hours a day or more during the budget close. He meets every challenge head on, and we would like to recognize him and thank him for all of his efforts.

CONGRATULATIONS

Residency Match 2020

Thank you to all who contributed to this year's interview season and helped make the 2019 match a success! We continue to advance the mission of the Department of Medicine and Boston Medical Center by seeking to recruit talented students from diverse backgrounds, who are passionate about caring for our patient population. We are able to do this each year because of the hard work and enthusiasm of our program office, our residents and Chief Residents and the rich variety of faculty interviewers who dedicate their time to meet and connect with our applicants.

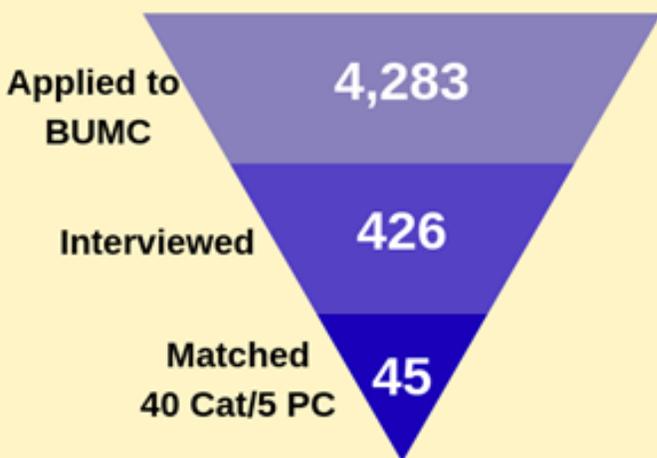
With the help from our 56 faculty interviewers this year, we were able to meet 455 applicants and conduct 850 total interviews! Our final match results filled all of our 45 categorical/primary care and 8 prelim positions, with approximately 70% of whom matching from the top 200 spots on our rank list.

A special thank you to our faculty members who interviewed the highest number of applicants, including Michael Klein—42, Sheila Chapman—25, Ryan Chippendale—21, George Rosenthal—19 and Rob Lowe—18. We invite all faculty members to join us next year as we recruit for the 2020 intern class. More information on how to get involved to come this fall.

INTERNAL MEDICINE RESIDENCY

INTERNS 2019

12,527 Applicants applied to U.S. IM Programs
34% of them applied to BUMC



We are excited to welcome ALL of our 53 interns! Thank you to all involved in the recruitment and interview process!

CONGRATULATIONS

Residency Match 2018

Congratulations to all who matched and welcome to our incoming internal medicine interns!

First Name	Last Name	Medical School of Graduation	Tracks
Jihoon	Choi	Albany Medical College	Categorical
Kevin	Keller	Albany Medical College	Categorical
Achint	Patel	Albert Einstein College of Medicine	Categorical
Colin	Pierce	Albert Einstein College of Medicine	Categorical
Stephen	Chang	Boston University	Categorical
Alexis	Clay	<i>Boston University</i>	<i>Preliminary</i>
Celina	Duran	<i>Boston University</i>	<i>Preliminary</i>
Paul	George	Boston University	Categorical
Amir	Gilad	Boston University	Categorical
Emily	Mann	Boston University	Categorical
Munizay	Paracha	Boston University	Categorical
Kevin	Stirling	Boston University	Categorical
Xixi	Xu	Boston University	Categorical
John	Young	Boston University	Categorical
Faiz	Khan	Brown University	Categorical
Kristina	Moller	Cooper Medical School, Rowan University	Categorical
Eleni	Pilitsi	Demokritos University of Thrace	Categorical
Justin	Battaglini	Drexel University	Categorical
Charles	Milrod	Drexel University	Categorical
William	Park	Drexel University	Categorical
Amanda	Piarulli	Drexel University	Categorical
Sara	Shusterman	Drexel University	Categorical
Alan	Chan	Florida State University	Categorical
Kyle	Jones	Geisel SOM- Dartmouth	Categorical
Robin	Wilson	Jacobs School of Medicine	Categorical

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First Name	Last Name	Medical School of Graduation	Tracks
Anish	Parekh	Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California	Categorical
Sara	Aijaz	Lewis Katz SOM Temple University	Categorical
Michael	Rossi	Rush Medical College	Categorical
Rebecca	Burns	Rush Medical College	Categorical
Sajni	Tamby	Rutgers, New Jersey Medical School	Categorical
Jennifer	Bayly	Rutgers, Robert Wood Johnson	Categorical
Joshua	Gilman	Rutgers, Robert Wood Johnson	Categorical
Sarah	Olofsson	Saint Louis University	Categorical
Dave	Ho	Saint Louis University	Preliminary
Matthew	Custodio	SUNY Downstate Medical Center	Categorical
Helen	Lyo	SUNY Downstate Medical Center	Categorical
Christopher	Valente	SUNY Downstate Medical Center	Categorical
Timothy	Toomey	Tufts University SOM	Categorical
Peter	Schnorr	UMASS Medical School	Categorical
Shivkumar	Bhadola	UMASS Medical School	Preliminary
Sebastian	Suarez Zarate	Universidad de Los Andes (Colombia)	Primary Care
Maria	Barillas Lara	Universidad Francisco Marroqua (Columbia)	Categorical
Lucas	Horta	Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ) Faculdade de Medicina	Preliminary
Sandro	Marini	Universita degli Studi di Firenze Scuola di Scienze della Salute	Preliminary
Antreas	Charidimou	University of Athens School of Health Sciences	Preliminary
Brooke	Rice	University of California, San Francisco	Categorical
Emily	Jones	University of Hawaii, John A. Burns School of Medicine	Primary Care
Devin	Driscoll	University of Miami Leonard M. Miller	Categorical
Miguel	Montana Fernandez	University of Miami Leonard M. Miller	Primary Care
Ryan	Wang	University of Virginia SOM	Preliminary
Nika	Sulakvelidze	University of Washington	Primary Care
Petro	Gjini	Wake Forest SOM	Categorical
Emily	Lupez	Wake Forest SOM	Primary Care

CONGRATULATIONS

Awards & Recognitions

2019 BUSM Educators of the Year

These awards recognize BUSM educators who provide excellence in teaching and mentoring. Awards are given annually in the areas of pre-clinical sciences, clinical sciences and graduate medical sciences. Congratulations to this years DoM recipients!



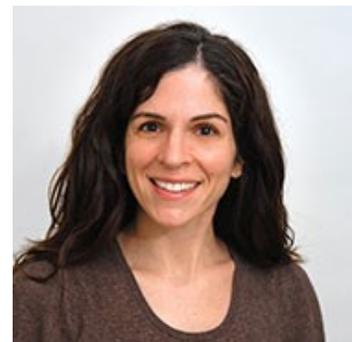
Chris Reardon, MD

Named the 2019 recipient of the *Stanley Robbins Award for Excellence in Teaching*

This award was established in recognition of the excellence in teaching and devotion to students exemplified by Dr. Stanley L. Robbins, former Chair and Professor of Pathology at BUSM. This award serves to acknowledge the importance of teaching skills and commitment to students and education at BUSM. This nomination came from members of the curriculum committees and is to honor a teacher who also demonstrates a scholarly approach to education and innovation.

Melissa D. DiPetrillo, MD

Named BUSM Educator of the Year in Pre-clerkship



Stephen Borkan, MD

Named BUSM Educator of the Year in Clerkship

CONGRATULATIONS

Awards & Recognitions

Sonia Ananthakrishnan, MD

awarded the 2019 *Early Career Medical Student Educator* award by the Alliance of Academic Internal Medicine

Dr. Ananthakrishnan was honored during Academic Internal Medicine Week 2019, held April 14-17 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, PA.



Lynn L. Moore, DSc, MPH; PhD student Jabed Mustafa, Robert Ellison, Martha Singer, M Loring Bradlee, Bindo Kalesan, Michael Holick

Article selected as one of *American Journal of Epidemiology 2018 Articles of the Year*

Article entitled “Dietary Protein and Preservation of Physical Functioning Among Middle-Aged and Older Adults in the Framingham Offspring Study”

Vanessa Xanthakis, Ph.D

Inducted as a Fellow of the American Heart Association (Council on Epidemiology and Prevention)

Dr. Xanthakis was inducted at the recent EPI/Lifestyle Scientific Sessions in Houston, TX. Election as a Fellow of the American Heart Association recognizes scientific and professional accomplishments, volunteer leadership and service.



Hollis Day, MD, MS

Elected Treasurer of the Society of General Internal Medicine

Dr. Day will begin her three year term at the 2019 SGIM annual meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS

Awards & Recognitions

The logo for Alpha Omega Alpha (AΩA) is displayed in white text on a green rectangular background.

Alpha Omega Alpha at BUSM

Congratulations to the 2019 Inductees to Alpha Omega Alpha! All 5 inductees from BUSM this year are members of the DoM.



Jean Francis, MD
Renal Section



Suzanne C. Sarfaty, MD
General Internal Medicine Section



Rachel Strykowski, MD
Chief Medical Resident



Matthew Strickland, MD
Resident



Asaf Maoz, MD
Resident

CONGRATULATIONS

Winter AY '18 Appointments & Promotions

Promotions

Associate Professor

Natasha Hochberg ID

Clinical Associate Professor

Jasvinder Bhatia Renal

Assistant Professor

Joanna D'Afflitti GIM

Christine Gunn GIM

Joseph Kaserman Pulmonary

Andre Kydd GIM

Juhee McDougal GIM

Ricardo Cruz GIM

Appointments

Professor

Julie Palmer HEMONC

Assistant Professor

Christy Di Frances GIM

Deborah Gurewich GIM-VA

Justeen Hyde GIM-VA

Aala Jaber Nephrology

Lorena Loci GIM

Paul Maglione Pulmonary

Ray Qian GIM

George Sorescu HEMONC-VA

Adjunct Assistant Professor

Stephanie Moore GIM-VA

Instructor

Archana Asundi ID

Juanita Belton Gastroenterology

Dylan Clemens ID

Bryan Godduhn-Braaten Cardiology

Alice Grant GIM

Sudhir Kumar Nephrology

Jessica Murray Geriatrics

Ben Ojserkis Pulmonary-VA

Daniel Regan GIM

Fitzgerald Shepherd GIM

Alla Sherer GIM

Ying Tan Nephrology-VA

Cornelia Wakeman Pulmonary

Theresa Weir GIM

Welcome New Faculty & Staff



Paul J. (PJ) Maglione, MD, PhD, joined the Pulmonary Center as Assistant Professor in the Section of Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine

[Read Bio](#)

Alyssa Lambert, Renal Fellowship Program Coordinator

Nicole Nguyen, Residency Program Coordinator

Fatima Chowdhury and Yulianna Santos, Student Clerkship Coordinators

RESEARCH CORNER

Jul—Dec '18

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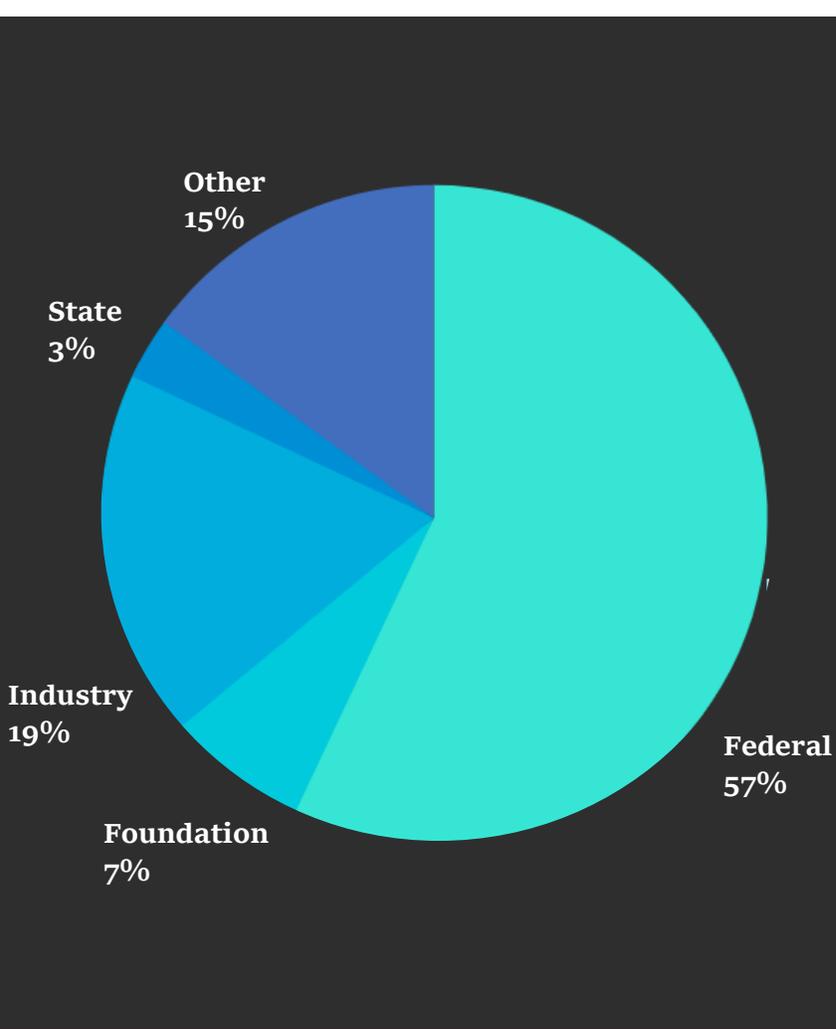
**Total New Award
Funding**

98

Total New Awards

182

**Total Proposals
Submitted**



New K Awards— Congratulations!

Stacy Andersen

Geriatrics

Jessica Fetterman

Vascular Biology/Whitaker Cardiovascular
Institute

Christine Gunn

General Internal Medicine

Christine Liu

Geriatrics

Shunobu Matsuura

Whitaker Cardiovascular Institute

Larki Shakun

Whitaker Cardiovascular Institute

DOM HAPPENINGS

Dim Sum Luncheon

On Saturday, March 16, 2019, the Department of Medicine hosted its annual “Celebration of Diversity!” The Dim Sum event provides an opportunity to celebrate all the richness and benefits we get from being a diverse community. The event was held in Boston’s Chinatown-Leather District at the China Pearl Restaurant, where over 100 guests enjoyed a sampling of traditional Dim Sum. Drs. David Coleman & David Salant welcomed faculty, staff and their families. The room was filled with smiling faces, pleasant conversation and the wafting aroma of sweet egg tarts and tulips!



Family Feud

A little friendly competition was in store for the DOM’s Second Family Feud social event. Hosted by DOM Social Chair, Nellie Ferrara, 2 teams of 4 faced off to for the coveted prizes of paper crowns and bragging rights.

Keep an eye out for the next Family Feud competition, participation is open to all!

