

# Department of Medicine

# NEWSLETTER

Winter 2019

## Message from the Chairman

Colleagues,

I would like to welcome you to the Winter edition of the Department of Medicine's newsletter! Our new Manager of Communication and Marketing, Mackenzie Keyse, has created this edition of the newsletter. We are eager to capture the rich array of events, awards, and accomplishments in the newsletter and hope that all members of the department will continue to forward content for future editions to Ms. Keyse. I would like to express my gratitude to Jen Visconti for her tireless efforts in improving the newsletter over the past three years!

In this edition of the newsletter, we celebrate several awards to our faculty and trainees from the Evans Days celebration of research and mentoring in the Department of Medicine. The quality, breadth, and quantity of research presentations by members of our department at the event were breathtaking! Although we honor the awardees and their mentors for the most outstanding presentations, we should acknowledge the remarkable commitment of all participants to discovery and inquiry!

We have also included the most recent list of Boston's Best Doctors from the Boston Globe. Remarkably, 1 in 6 of our credentialed physicians are included in this designation! We should be very proud of our clinicians' excellence recognized by members of the Boston community!

The recent fellowship match results of our residents are included in the newsletter as well. Once again, our residents and recent graduates of our residency matched at the most selective fellowship programs. The excellence of our residents that we experience on a daily basis is increasingly recognized by fellowship program leaders! Kudos are especially warranted to Gopal Yadavalli and his team for attracting and developing such an extraordinary group of residents!

We have much to celebrate and be thankful for as we enter 2019. I wish each of you joy and fulfillment as we soar into the new year together!

David Coleman, M.D.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1/29 FDD** *How to Publish an Education Project: Part 2* with Bob Vinci  
Noon – Wilkins Board Room
- 2/1 BUSM Visiting Scholar Workshop:** *Forging a Professional Pathway in Medical Education* with Dr. Stuart Slavin  
2:30—4:30 PM Wilkins Board Room
- 2/5 FDD:** *Responding to Microaggressions by Patients* with Ravin Davidoff, Sheila Chapman, Sheryl Katzanek, Samantha Rawlins-Pilgrim, and Rand Nashi  
Noon – Wilkins Board Room
- 2/15 EEC** Midyear Education Market Place  
1:00—4:00 PM Yawkey Basement
- 2/18** **Deadline for McCahan Day Abstract/Workshop Submissions**
- 2/22 Faculty Meeting**  
Noon—Wilkins Board Room
- 3/26 Faculty Meeting**  
Noon—Wilkins Board Room
- 4/10 ECIRB & IIBRO Conference:** Cancer-Associated Thrombosis and Vascular Dysfunction From Molecular to Large Data Bases  
12:00—5:00 PM 650 Albany Street  
Speakers including Katya Ravid, DSc, Nigel Mackman, PhD, Keith McCrae, MD, Natalie Artzi, PhD, Christopher O'Donnell, MD, and Vipul Chitalia, MD, PhD. For more information or to RSVP, please contact [remac@bu.edu](mailto:remac@bu.edu).
- 5/29 John McCahan Medical Campus Education Day**  
9:00 AM—5:00 PM [Learn More.](#)



# EVANS DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE RESEARCH DAYS



The Evans Department of Medicine would like to thank everyone who participated in the two-day Evans Department of Medicine Research Days on October 11 & 12, 2018. This year saw 193 abstract submissions and was the first year of the Poster Blitz, featuring 24 oral abstract presentations.



The two-day event featured lectures by the Wilkins Visting Professor, Gregg Semenza, MD, PhD from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and the Ingelfinger Visting Professor, Dr. Gary Desir, MD from the Yale School of Medicine. We were delighted to host two such inspiring speakers.

[View the photographs from the 2018 Poster Session and Awards Dinner.](#)

If you were not able to participate, we look forward to seeing you next year! If you have suggestions for improvements for next year, please send them to Takiesha Brooks at [takiesha@bu.edu](mailto:takiesha@bu.edu).







# EVANS DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE RESEARCH DAYS

## Congratulations Awards Recipients

### Evans Center IBR Research Collaborator of the Year Award

Irving Bigio, PhD  
Xaralabos (Bob) Varelas, PhD  
Kathleen Morgan, PhD

### Clinical Innovation Award

*Enhancing Appropriate Cardiac Device Management*  
Robert Helm, MD – Cardiology  
Mauricio Gonzalez MD – Anesthesia

### Clinical Excellence Award

Maura Fagan, MD—Infectious Diseases

### Junior Faculty Mentoring Award

Devin Steenkamp, MBChB—Endocrinology

### Research Mentoring Award

Barbara Corkey PhD – Gastroenterology and the Obesity Center

### Citizenship Award

Francesca Seta, PhD—Cardiovascular Medicine, Vascular Biology Unit  
Ricardo Cruz, Jr, MD — General Internal Medicine

### Clinical Quality Improvement Team Award

*Inpatient Glucosemetrics*  
Team Lead—Sara Alexanian, MD

### Most Abstract Submissions

Pulmonary Section

### Trainee Awards

#### Clinical Oral Presentation

- 1<sup>st</sup>— Dylan Thomas
- 2<sup>nd</sup>— Rani Chudasama
- 3<sup>rd</sup>— Sana Majid

#### Basic Research Oral Presentation

- 1<sup>st</sup>—Richard Giadone
- 2<sup>nd</sup>— Anukul Shenvy
- 3<sup>rd</sup>—Alissa Frame

#### Clinical Poster Winners

- 1<sup>st</sup>— Erika Crable
- 2<sup>nd</sup>— Nicolas Bosch
- 3<sup>rd</sup>— Rachael Epstein

#### Basic Research Poster Winners

- 1<sup>st</sup>— Andrew Berical
- 2<sup>nd</sup>— Kimberly Barker
- 3<sup>rd</sup>— Matt Gagne

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Dr. Tuhina Neogi Named Rheumatology Section Chief

Tuhina Neogi, M.D., Ph.D., Professor, Department of Medicine, begins as Chief of the Rheumatology Section as of January 1, 2019. Dr. Neogi received her M.D. from the University of Toronto and Ph.D. from the Boston University School of Public Health. She leads an internationally known research team focused on knee osteoarthritis and gout, pain mechanisms in osteoarthritis, and methodologic issues in rheumatic diseases. Dr. Neogi is an exceptional investigator, clinician, mentor, and role model, welcome!



"I first started at BU/BMC as a research fellow. I would never have believed that 15 years later, I would be Chief of the newly merged Rheumatology Section. I am humbled and honoured to be following the great leadership of Drs. David Felson and Robert Simms from the Sections of Clinical Epidemiology Research and Training Unit and Rheumatology.

I'm excited to have the opportunity to highlight our world famous faculty who are clinical and research leaders in various disciplines of Rheumatology, including several faculty that lead national treatment guidelines and other international efforts in these areas, yet we do not do enough to advertise

these strengths locally. I want to emphasize the parallel clinical and research excellence that already exists by branding these programs for greater visibility, including scleroderma, spondyloarthritis, osteoarthritis, and gout, as well as musculoskeletal imaging. I'm also excited to further strengthen the multidisciplinary Lupus program at our institution that involves Nephrology, Dermatology, and Obstetrics/Gynecology by recruiting to Rheumatology faculty with recognized expertise in SLE care and research.

A new effort that I would like to see at our institution is a truly interdisciplinary pain clinical and research program. Musculoskeletal pain accounts for by far the majority of chronic pain, and "joint pain" is now the most common diagnosis for ambulatory care visits in the US. Primary care physicians see the majority of these patients without sufficient time in typical office visits to comprehensively manage chronic pain. We need to develop a program to get the right patient to the right provider at the right time for chronic pain management along the lifespan of a patient's pain course by leveraging the numerous faculty on our campus who have expertise in various aspects of pain management. Such an effort would also complement the strong addiction medicine program on our campus, and foster development of a center of excellence in pain research at our institution.

I appreciate this opportunity, and look forward to working with colleagues and trainees to improve care for our patients and strengthen our research endeavors."

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## **New Program in Glomerular Medicine**

BMC/BUSM is pleased to announce the establishment of the **Glomerular Disease Center**, under the direction of Laurence Beck, MD, PhD, Associate Professor of Medicine (Nephrology). Dr. Beck has focused his clinical and research interests on membranous nephropathy, a common cause of the nephrotic syndrome. With Dr. David Salant, Dr. Beck has identified several key target antigens and autoantibodies in this disease that have provided new ways to diagnose disease and to monitor therapy.

The Glomerular Disease Center will offer coordinated clinical expertise in the diagnosis and management of both nephrotic and nephritic disorders through its weekly Glomerular Disease Clinic. The Center will add to the existing expertise in several glomerular diseases already offered by the Lupus Clinic and the Amyloidosis Center by providing a clinical home for patients with a wide range of nephrotic and nephritic disorders, both in the native kidney or recurrent in the kidney allograft. In addition to its clinical activities, the Center will encompass a broader institutional educational and research focus. Development of a patient registry and biorepository will be an important component of the Center in order to facilitate enrollment of patients in the growing number of clinical trials in this space and to expand our translational research in glomerular disease.

For more information about the Glomerular Disease Center or to arrange referrals, please contact Dr. Beck.

## **Mackenzie Keyse, MPH Begins as DOM Marketing and Communications Manager**

Mackenzie joins the central DOM administration as a part of the DOM Strategic Plan to enhance internal and external communication. Mackenzie originally came to the DOM in 2017 as a residency program coordinator, and brings a background in public health communication and digital media. She is a resource for increasing outreach and communication for all departmental activities, programs and developments including public outreach, publicizing events and website design. Feel free to contact her at [Mackenzie.keyse@bmc.org](mailto:Mackenzie.keyse@bmc.org) with any inquiries.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **All of Us** Join *All of Us* Research Program **RESEARCH PROGRAM**

In the fall of 2016, George O'Connor, MD, MS, Professor of Medicine, and DOM colleagues Julien Dedier, MD, MPH, and Tracy Battaglia, MD, MPH, along with William Adams, MD of Pediatrics and Stephen Tringale, MD, MPH of Family Medicine, in collaboration with colleagues at Partners HealthCare, were awarded funding from NIH's Precision Medicine Initiative to establish the New England Hub for the *All of Us* Research Program (<https://www.allofusnewengland.org/>) .

*All of Us* is a historic research effort that aims to enroll 1,000,000 volunteers across the U.S. who are willing to share their health information and blood and urine samples to create a research cohort to serve as a resource for researchers to study the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of many health conditions, with the ultimate goal of speeding up health research and medical breakthroughs. The New England Hub of *All of Us* will enroll patients over 5 years at BMC, the Partners HealthCare hospitals, and health centers affiliated with the two organizations. Enrollment began in October of 2017, and over 3,000 BMC and Boston HealthNet patients have enrolled as participants over the first 15 months, along with another 5,500 at Partner HealthCare.

**All adults age 18 and older, including all BMC patients and staff - and all DOM faculty members – are eligible to enroll as participants in the *All of Us* Research Program.** The *All of Us* research data – without personal identifiers, of course - will be available to all researchers to conduct analyses in their areas of interest.

If you have questions about *All of Us*, or to find out how to enroll or refer your patients to enroll, please contact George O'Connor, MD, MS at [goconnor@bu.edu](mailto:goconnor@bu.edu).



## **Laurie Dubois, C-TAGME Published in AAIM Perspectives**

The article, entitled *Program Coordinator Professional Development: Definition, Perception of Importance, Motivating Factors, and Barriers*, describes the benefit to GME programs of coordinator professional development and identifies the influencing factors for participation. Laurie partnered with Lindsay Demers and the Education Evaluation Core to author her first publication. Congratulations Laurie and Lindsay! [Read More.](#)





# NEWS AND UPDATES

## Dr. Naomi Ko & Hem/Onc Section Featured in Boston Globe “A double diagnosis—cancer while poor”

Dr. Naomi Ko, the Section of Hematology/Oncology, and patient navigator services are spotlighted in a recent article in the Boston Globe describing the particular challenges low income patients face when they receive a serious diagnosis. The article introduces us to Marie Cajuste, a Boston resident who not only received excellent clinical care at BMC, but support and resources to help her manage her treatment and her home life. [Read More](#)

The Boston Globe



**MIDYEAR  
EDUCATION  
MARKETPLACE**

Learn about research-in-progress from  
educators across the medical campus

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Friday Feb 15th  
1:00 - 4:00 PM  
Yawkey Basement

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Lindsay Demers at [Lindsay.demers@bmc.org](mailto:Lindsay.demers@bmc.org)

## Mid-Year Education Market Place

It's time to start preparing your abstracts for the Midyear Market Place! This year's market place is scheduled for Friday February 15th from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. If you would like to present your work please submit an abstract to Mara or Lindsay ASAP. Abstract should be around ~250 words and include a brief synopsis of your project including the aims and scope, methods, and any relevant findings. Please contact Mara Eyllon at [mara.eyllon@bmc.org](mailto:mara.eyllon@bmc.org) or Lindsay Demers at [Lindsay.demers@bmc.org](mailto:Lindsay.demers@bmc.org) with abstracts or any questions.



## DOM Winter Social—What Do You Meme Potluck

The DOM administrators and faculty guests enjoyed a holiday themed social event on Tuesday December 11, 2018, organized by Nellie Ferrara and Jen Visconti. Guests brought their favorite holiday side dishes to share and played What Do You Meme, an Apples to Apples inspired card game where you create a meme with various picture and caption cards. Thank you to all who helped make this a fun and delicious start to the holiday season and stay tuned for the next social event!



# WINTER SPOTLIGHT:

## Neuro-Oncology at BMC



Dr. E. Alton Sartor, MD/MBA recently began work as the first Neuro-Oncologist at Boston Medical Center. He graduated from medical at Tulane School of Medicine in New Orleans, LA and additional training in Neurology the Columbia Neurology Residency in New York. He underwent his Neuro-Oncology at the Massachusetts General Hospital/Dana Farber combined Neuro-Oncology Fellowship program.

Neuro-Oncology at Boston Medical center will offer the latest advances in care for adult patients with tumors of the brain or spinal cord, as well as for neurologic complications of cancer and its treatments. Treatment planning for these conditions is complex, and treatment planning requires coordination from many subspecialists including neurosurgeons, radiation oncologists, and oncologists. Through our multidisciplinary approach, patients have the benefit of meeting with our team of surgical, medical, and radiation oncologists to develop individualized treatment plans. We focus on treating both common and rare brain tumors, including glioma, glioblastoma, oligodendroglioma, astrocytoma, meningioma, lymphoma, metastatic brain disease, and medulloblastoma.

Patients with brain tumors battle fatigue, cognitive dysfunction personality changes, speech and motor problems, anxiety, depression, and seizures, all complications of their disease. In addition, patients are living longer today than 10 years ago and face new challenges of as survivors. We focus on evidence-based treatments to help with these problems. Because of the increasing incidence of CNS tumors over the years, there is more awareness of these diseases and the problems these patients and caregivers experience. Care for this patient population requires an integrated approach between specialties and with both patients and their love ones. Not only can we help guide them through the complicated treatment, but we can also help to provide them and their families with closure and emotional support. Neuro-Oncology at Boston Medical Center will work to provide coordinated care for all of these challenges

# DOM ADMIN SPOTLIGHT:

## Patricia (Trish) Godio



**Job title:** Clinical Trial and Grants Manager

**Location:** Central Research Admin, currently supporting Cardiology and Rheumatology

**How many years have you been at BUSM/BMC?** Starting in 2012, I worked at BU Post Award Financial Operations on the Charles River Campus. In 2016, I moved to (BUSM) Central Research Administration under the DOM.

### **What do you do in the DOM?**

At Central Research Administration, I indirectly support all of DOM sections by publishing the monthly newsletter, arranging the discussion groups, editing and updating the website, and managing the CRA grants manager help email address – gmhelp@bu.edu. I also work on the Clinical Trial Bootcamps that you will see coming up in March or April 2018. My main goal at CRA is to assist section administrators with their clinical trial and grant management (pre award and post award) and make sure that the resources that BU and BMC offer are well known and utilized.

I also interim support sections when they don't require a full time grants administrator. Right now, I manage all the clinical trials in Rheumatology and am the grants and CT manager for most of the PI's within the Section of Cardiology.

### **What do you like best about your job?**

The people! The nature of my role means that I get to interact with a lot of people. Every day is a new day in a different office working with different PIs and administrators.

Working on the newsletter, website, and building CRA initiatives or projects from the ground up has been fun and inspiring. My role really goes outside of the standard grant management daily activities and it has given me an opportunity to be creative with my job and learn a lot about the institutions' resources.

### **Favorite lunch spot?**

I fully admit that I do not get out much... therefore, I have to go with Chequers. They make a fantastic grilled cheese and I love their salad bar. Toro is pretty amazing but it's a food coma waiting to happen.

### **Favorite thing to do outside of work?**

Explore Boston— especially around the holiday time. I love being able to leave work and head to a local Boston event, farmer's market, show, etc before grabbing my train home.

On the weekends my husband and I are usually packing my bike on the back of my car and heading somewhere in MA. If the weather's nice, I take my scooter!

### **Fun Fact:**

I own a bearded dragon named Ginger! I usually feature my dog in the GM newsletter so I have included Ginger to show her some love.



# CONGRATULATIONS

## Awards & Recognitions



### **Dr. Vasan Ramachandran** named the 2019 *William B. Kannel, MD Memorial Lecturer*

Awarded by The American Heart Association's Council on Epidemiology and Prevention and the American Society for Preventive Cardiology, Dr. Ramachandran will address the American Heart Association's 2019 EPI/Lifestyle Scientific Sessions on March 5, 2019. [Read More](#)

### **Dr. Angela Jackson** named the 2018 recipient of the *Jerome Klein Award for Physician Excellence*

Dr. Jackson is recognized for the Jerome Klein award for her unwavering commitment to our patients and mission, her leadership in the medical community locally to nationally and her profound impact on education and mentorship throughout her 30 years on the medical campus. [Read More.](#)



### **Dr. Richard Cohen** Receives 1st Prize in *national photography competition*

Dr. Cohen's photograph, "Finale" from his Waterline portfolio, received first place prize in the 14th Annual National Photography Competition at the Fotofoto Gallery in Huntington, NY.

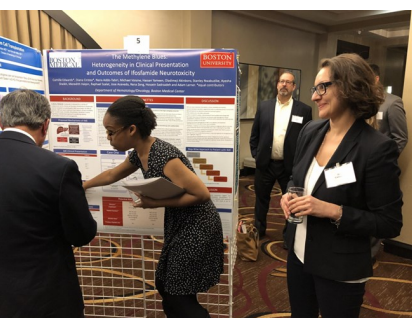
 [@richardalancohen](#)

### **Dr. Laura Corlin** Receives *Early Investigator Travel Award*

Awarded by the American Heart Association, Dr. Corlin is a T32 post-doc in the section of Preventive Medicine. (Mentor—Dr. Vanessa Xanthakis)

### **Dr. Joowon Lee** Receives *Steven N Blair Award for Excellence in Physical Activity Research*

Awarded by the American Heart Association, Dr. Lee is a T32 post-doc in the Preventive Medicine section.



### **Dr. Camille Edwards and Dr. Diana Cirstea** Receive MSCO Award for Best Clinical Vignette Poster

Awarded by the Massachusetts Society of Clinical Oncologists for their poster "The Methylene Blues: Heterogeneity in Clinical Presentation and Outcomes of Ifosfamide Neurotoxicity," Drs. Edwards and Cirstea are fellows in the Section of Hematology/Oncology.



# CONGRATULATIONS

## Fellowship Match 2018

*Congratulations to all our senior residents and recent alumni who participated in this year's Fellowship Match and secured full time positions.*

### **Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship**

Konstantinos Aronis	Johns Hopkins Hospital
<i>Cardiac Electrophysiology</i>	
Gregory Baker	University of Michigan Hospital
Max Brock	Loyola University
Herman Carneiro	Case Western Reserve
Alejandro Folch Sandoval	UMASS Medical School
Shabatun Islam	Emory University
Eun Jeong (EJ) Kim	UC San Francisco

*Cardiac Electrophysiology*

Matthew Kluge	University of Vermont
Brian Lilleness	Boston Medical Center
Graham Lohrmann	Northwestern McGraw
Yuliya Mints	Boston Medical Center
Vanessa Obas	Yale New Haven Hospital

### **Gastroenterology Fellowship**

Laura Chiu	Boston Medical Center
<i>Gastroenterology Research</i>	
Matthew Petersile	UMASS Medical School
Brian Surjanhata	Boston Medical Center

### **Geriatric Medicine Fellowship**

Kristin Hlebowitch	Duke University Medical Center
Shilpa Chowdhry	University of Buffalo
<i>Hospice &amp; Palliative Medicine</i>	

### **Hematology and Oncology Fellowship**

Edward Briercheck	University of Washington
Rani Chudasama	Brown University
Teja Ganta	Ichan School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
Philipp Rauch	Dana-Farber/Brigham & Women's Hospital
Justine Ryu	Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
Andrew Staron	Boston Medical Center
Matthew Strickland	Dana-Farber/Brigham & Women's Hospital
Rena Zheng	Boston Medical Center

### **Transplant Hepatology Fellowship**

Themistoklis Kourkoumpetis	Northwestern Medicine
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### **Hospital Medicine**

Cheng Ding	South Shore Medical Center
Swati Patel	Boston Medical Center
Kevin Su	Massachusetts General Hospital

### **Infectious Diseases Fellowship**

Leah Harvey	Boston Medical Center
<i>Infectious Diseases/Addiction Medicine</i>	
Styliani Karanika	Johns Hopkins Hospital
<i>Infectious Diseases/Research</i>	
Jocelyn Keehner	UC San Diego Medical Center
Andrew Platt	NIH

### **Primary Care Physician**

Margot Rogers	Boston Medical Center
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### **Pulmonary and Critical Care Fellowship**

Nicole Herbst	Emory University
Brittany Scarpato	University of Utah
Bhavna Seth	Johns Hopkins Hospital
Evan Smith	Brown University
Rachel Strykowski	University of Chicago
Michelle Zhang	UC San Diego Medical Center

### **Research Fellowship**

Minhee Sung	Yale University
<i>Health Services Research &amp; Development</i>	

### **Rheumatology Fellowship**

Rand Nashi	Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
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# CONGRATULATIONS

## Top Docs 2019



*Congratulations to all DOM faculty named to Boston Magazines Annual Top Docs List!*

**Sonia Ananthakrishnan**

ENDOCRINOLOGY, DIABETES &  
METABOLISM

**Heidi P. Auerbach**

GERIATRIC MEDICINE

**Eric H. Awtry**

CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

**Gary J. Balady**

CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

**Thomas W. Barber**

INTERNAL MEDICINE

**Laurence H. Beck Jr.**

NEPHROLOGY

**John L. Berk**

PULMONARY DISEASE

**Jeffrey S. Berman**

PULMONARY DISEASE

**Sheilah A. Bernard**

CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

**John Bernardo**

PULMONARY DISEASE

**Jasvinder S. Bhatia**

NEPHROLOGY

**Charles M. Bliss Jr.**

GASTROENTEROLOGY

**Lisa B. Caruso**

GERIATRIC MEDICINE

**Timothy P. Cooley**

MEDICAL ONCOLOGY

**Hollis D. Day**

GERIATRIC MEDICINE

**Melissa D. DiPetrillo**

INTERNAL MEDICINE

**Robert T. Eberhardt**

CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

**Harrison W. Farber**

PULMONARY DISEASE

**Francis A. Farraye**

GASTROENTEROLOGY

**Alan P. Farwell**

ENDOCRINOLOGY, DIABETES &  
METABOLISM

**David T. Felson**

RHEUMATOLOGY

**Gretchen Gignac**

MEDICAL ONCOLOGY

**Kevan L. Hartshorn**

MEDICAL ONCOLOGY

**Robert H. Helm**

CARDIAC ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY

**Warren Y. Hershman**

INTERNAL MEDICINE

**Claudia P. Hochberg**

INTERVENTIONAL CARDIOLOGY

**Jodi D. Hoffman**

CLINICAL GENETICS

**Michael F. Holick**

ENDOCRINOLOGY, DIABETES &  
METABOLISM

**Helen M. Hollingsworth**

ALLERGY & IMMUNOLOGY

**Angela H. Jackson**

INTERNAL MEDICINE

**Alice K. Jacobs**

CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

**Eugene Y. Kissin**

RHEUMATOLOGY

**Elizabeth S. Klings**

PULMONARY DISEASE

**Matthew H. Kulke**

MEDICAL ONCOLOGY

**Wendy Kuohung**

REPRODUCTIVE  
ENDOCRINOLOGY/  
INFERTILITY

**Stephanie L. Lee**

ENDOCRINOLOGY, DIABETES &  
METABOLISM

**Adam Lerner**

MEDICAL ONCOLOGY

**Sharon A. Levine**

GERIATRIC MEDICINE

**David R. Lichtenstein**

GASTROENTEROLOGY

**Frederic F. Little**

PULMONARY DISEASE

**Anthony D. Litvak**

INTERVENTIONAL CARDIOLOGY

**Robert C. Lowe**

GASTROENTEROLOGY

**Kevin M. Monahan**

CARDIAC ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY

**David P. Nunes**

GASTROENTEROLOGY

**George T. O'Connor Jr.**

PULMONARY DISEASE

**Ashvin N. Pande**

INTERVENTIONAL CARDIOLOGY

**Elizabeth N. Pearce**

ENDOCRINOLOGY, DIABETES &  
METABOLISM

**Susan L. Phillips**

INTERNAL MEDICINE

**David J. Salant**

NEPHROLOGY

**Jeffrey H. Samet**

INTERNAL MEDICINE

**Vaishali H. Sancherawala**

HEMATOLOGY

**Paul C. Schroy III**

GASTROENTEROLOGY

**Sunil G. Sheth**

GASTROENTEROLOGY

**Robert W. Simms**

RHEUMATOLOGY

**Arthur C. Theodore**

PULMONARY DISEASE

**Charles P. Tifft**

INTERNAL MEDICINE

**Robert M. Weiss**

REPRODUCTIVE  
ENDOCRINOLOGY/  
INFERTILITY

# CONGRATULATIONS

## Fall AY '18 Appointments & Promotions

### **Professor of Medicine**

Joanne Murabito GIM  
Shoumita Dasgupta Genetics

### **Associate Professor of Medicine**

Natalia Morone GIM

### **Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine**

Katy Bockstall Cardiology

### **Assistant Professor of Medicine**

Kristen Lee GIM  
Kaku So-Armah GIM  
Deborah Gurewich GIM  
Shakun Karki Cardiology  
Hector Marquez Pulmonary  
Gareth Morgan Research HEMONC  
Gyungah Jun Biomedical Genetics  
Andre Kydd GIM  
Aala Jaber Nephrology  
Ray Qian GIM  
Joseph Kaserman Pulmonary  
Christine Gunn GIM  
Joanna D'Afflitti GIM

### **Instructor of Medicine**

Mark Yoder GIM  
Gina Chen GIM  
Nirphemy Dambreville-Lundy GIM  
Christine Prifti GIM  
Meg Ames GIM  
Rosa Breton Vascular Biology  
Elke Pravda Ganz GIM  
Duo Zhang Research Instructor, Pulmonary  
Cornelia Wakeman Pulmonary  
Sudhir Kumar Nephrology  
Theresa Weir GIM  
Alla Sherer GIM  
Jessica Murray Geriatrics  
Alice Grant GIM  
Juanita Belton Gastroenterology

## **New Faculty Spotlight**



### **Rebecca Miksad MD, MMS, MPH**

We are delighted to announce that Rebecca Miksad MD, MMS, MPH has accepted an offer to join the section of Hematology/Oncology at Boston University and Boston Medical Center. Dr. Miksad currently serves as Senior Medical Director, Research Oncology, at Flatiron Health where she designs and conducts large-scale data analyses in collaboration with the FDA, NCI, and academic partners. Dr. Miksad will continue her work at Flatiron while spending one day a week at BU/BMC. She plans to maintain her clinical focus on gastrointestinal malignancies while also serving as a mentor fellows and faculty on clinical research projects. We are thrilled to have Rebecca join us!



# FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

## Early Career Program

**Program Objective:** Develop skills to effectively navigate a successful career in academic health sciences

**Target Audience:** BUMC Instructors & Assistant Professors

**Number of Faculty:** Up to 30/year

**Program Structure:** 14 sessions, September to May. Mondays from 2:30p to 5:00p

**Program Elements:** Professional development experiential seminars, Individual academic project with content mentor, Peer mentorship across BUMC schools, Career mentorship by program's core faculty [Learn More](#)

**2019 – 2020 applications accepted February 4th thru March 11th**

**Program Objective:** Develop strategic leadership skills to impact change in education, clinical care, research & public health

**Target Audience:** Late Assistant Professors (7+ yrs.) & all Associate Professors, selected through a competitive admissions process

**Number of Faculty:** Up to 14 BUMG + 6 non-clinical BUSM, SPH & GSDM

**Program Structure:** Six (6) off-campus two-day modules, July – June; Thursdays and Fridays; .05FTE clinical effort forgiveness provided for BUMG faculty

**Program Elements:** 360 evaluation & coaching; Senior & peer mentorship, Meetings with inspirational leaders in health sciences, Team leadership projects to address institutional needs, Experiential seminars for developing leadership skills

[Learn More.](#)

**2019 – 2020 applications accepted February 4th thru March 4th**

## Mid-Career Faculty Leadership Program

## Women's Leadership Program

**Program Objective:** Enhance the skills of women leaders to positively affect change and navigate a successful career in the academic health sciences

**Target Audience:** BUMC women faculty in leadership roles

**Number of Faculty:** Up to 20/year

**Program Structure:** 15 sessions, September to June; Wednesdays 3:00-5:00PM

**Program Elements:** Experiential seminars on leadership skills and fostering change as a woman leader, Peer mentoring & coaching to successfully negotiate challenges, foster resiliency, and achieve goals, Conversation Cafes with inspirational leaders.

[Learn More.](#)

**2019 – 2020 applications accepted March 4th thru April 8th**

# FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

## URG Faculty Development Program

**Program Objective:** Enhance career and leadership development skills of, and a sense of community for URG faculty members

**Target Audience:** BUMC faculty from under-represented racial and ethnic groups in academic health sciences\* (URG)

**Number of Faculty:** Up to 20 per year

**Program Structure:** Nine (9) monthly sessions, October to June; Thursdays from 4:30p – 6:30p

**Program Elements:** Experiential seminars focused on career and leadership development skills, and the experiences of URG faculty, Participant-led forums on navigating a career in academic health sciences as a URG faculty member, Individual career coaching to identify resources and mentors, successfully negotiate challenges, and achieve identified goals. [Learn More.](#)

**2019 – 2020 applications accepted March 25th thru April 29th**

\*NIH defines URG as Blacks or African Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, American Indians or Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders

## Narrative Writing Program

**Program Objective:** Develop narrative skills through reflective writing, reading, and listening, with goal of submitting narratives for publication by the end of the course

**Target Audience:** All BUMC faculty

**Number of Faculty:** Up to 20 per year

**Program Structure:** Nine monthly sessions, October to June; Thursdays from 4:00p – 6:30p

**Program Elements:** Experiential seminars that include discussion of literary texts and reflective writing exercises (non-scientific writing), Writing workshops to review in-progress narratives and receive peer feedback . [Learn More.](#)

**2019 – 2020 applications accepted April 1st thru April 30th**

**Do you have an upcoming event, exciting announcement, recent project, or accolade that you would like to share with the rest of the department?**

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