Happy Spring (finally)! We have had a very eventful spring! As the academic year comes to an end, let’s look back on some of the accomplishments and events from April 2019-June 2019. Let’s also look ahead to the upcoming events for summer and fall!

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New Faces:

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2019 Spring Events

A look back on some of the fun events of 2019 including, past Work in Progress Seminar, The 2019 Gordon Snider Memorial Lecture, the 2019 Mary Williams Lecture and more!
Awards and Accomplishments

Emad Arafa
Emad Arafa received a 2019 Abstract Scholarship Award at ATS 2019!

Andrew Berical, M.D.
Andrew Berical received first place basic science award at the annual Massachusetts Society meeting for his iPSC Cystic Fibrosis Model!

Alan Fine, M.D., and Suzy Sarfaty, M.D.
Alan Fine and Suzy Sarfaty received a new T35 grant to support Medical Student Research!
David Hamer, M.D.
David Hamer was asked to become a section editor for Global Health for the American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene!

In addition, his group received a Research Award to study the delivery of community-based parenting groups at scale to improve early childhood development in Zambia!

Helen Hollingsworth, M.D.
Helen Hollingsworth Received the 2019 Henry D. Chadwick Medal from the Massachusetts Pulmonary Section of ALA!

Matt Jones, Ph.D.
Matt Jones received the 2019 GMS Faculty Award!
Martin Joyce-Brady, M.D.
Martin Joyce-Brady was elected to Fellow of the American Physiological Society!

Hasmeena Kathuria, M.D.
Hasmeena Kathuria was promoted to Associate Professor of Medicine!

Yuri Kim, Ph.D.
Yuri Kim successfully defended her Ph.D. thesis!
Filiz Korkmaz, Ph.D.
Filiz Korkmaz received a new F32 to study the acute response to lower respiratory infection!

Carolina Lyon De Ana
Carolina Lyon De Ana received a ATS 2019 award!

Joseph Mizgerd, Sc.D., Thomas Kepler, Ph.D., and Rachel Fearns, Ph.D.
Drs. Mizgerd, Kepler and Fearns received a new R33 Grant to explore the lung virome, using lung B cells to gain insights!
**Tim Norman, Ph.D.**
Tim Norman was the speaker for the 2019 Boston University School of Medicine Ph.D. Commencement!

**Christine Reardon, M.D.**
Chris Reardon received Boston University Stanley L. Robbins Award for Excellence in Teaching!

**Seppo Rinne, M.D.**
Seppo Rinne received a 2018 ATS Foundation Unrestricted Grant!
Anukul Shenoy, Ph.D.
Anukul Shenoy received the ATS Abstract Scholarship Award 2019!

Alicia Wooten, Ph.D.
Alicia Wooten successfully defended her Ph.D. thesis!
Upcoming Events

2019 Dr. Mary Williams Lecture in Cell Biology:
Avrum Spira, M.D.
Professor of Medicine, Pathology, & Bioinformatics
Director, Boston University – Boston Medical Center Cancer Center
Chief, Division of Computational Biomedicine
Title: “The Road Rarely Traveled: a 20-Year Journey towards Early Lung Cancer Detection”
May, 31st, 2019

2019 Gordon L. Snider, M.D. Memorial Lecture:
Timothy Blackwell, M.D.
Ralph and Lulu Owen Professor of Medicine
Professor of Cell and Developmental Biology
Professor of Cancer Biology
Director, Division of Allergy, Pulmonary and Critical Care
Title: “Progress in Understanding Genetic Mechanisms of Pulmonary Fibrosis”
June 7th, 2019

2019 Sue Kim Hanson Lecture in Immunology:
Anne Sperling, Ph.D.
Professor, Department of Medicine - Section of Pulmonary and Critical Care, Cancer Research Center, Committee on Immunology, Committee on Molecular Medicine/MPMM
Faculty Director, Immunological Applications Core Facility
Title: TBD
September 27th, 2019
Burton Dickey, M.D.
Dr. Dickey received a Lifetime Achievement Award from MD Anderson Cancer Center. He hopes “he is neither near the end of his lifetime, nor that all of his achievements are in the past!”

Antoine Guillon, M.D., Ph.D.
Dr. Guillon is combining research and clinical activities as an ICU-based Associate Professor in the University of Tours, France

Hardy Kornfeld, M.D.
Dr. Kornfeld, now at UMass-Med, was recently funded to do a randomized placebo-controlled trial of metformin as host-directed therapy for TB/HIV coinfection!
Kaiser Lim, M.D.
From the Pulmonary class of 1995, Dr. Lim is currently at the Mayo Clinic Rochester and is the medical co-director of the PF lab!

Matthew Lowry, M.D.
Dr. Lowry is an active Pulmonary and Critical Care MD at Norwood Hospital. He is also the Chief Medical Officer at Norwood Hospital. His wife, Samantha Kaplan is an OB-GYN at Boston Medical Center, where she has been since he arrived in 2001! Their three babies are growing up: Sophia (who they had while Matthew was a second year fellow) is a senior and looking at colleges; Justin is a freshman; and Scarlett is going into 7th grade.

Thanks to all our alumni who shared their news!


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