FROM THE CHAIR

March is a busy month with several important activities that will honor previous leaders of the department. I'm very excited that we will be hosting Dr. Lewis First, Chair of the University of Vermont, for the annual Lewis A. Barness Lecture and Fellows Forum. Dr. First will be here for two days and there are numerous activities related to his visit. Please be sure to review the schedule and participate. This is a great opportunity to honor our founding chair in addition to celebrating our current scholarly work. Also this month, we will host our first annual Bernard Pollara Lecture in Ambulatory Pediatrics. Many thanks to Dr. Lynn Ringenberg, emeritus professor and head of our alumni organization, who helped to establish a fund for resident travel and ambulatory education in Ben’s honor.

March 20 is also Match Day! Thanks to Dr. Dabrow, our crack education team and ten faculty who did all of our resident interviews! We are looking

KUDOS

Dr. Lynn Ringenberg was recently elected as president of Physicians for Social Responsibility at a meeting in Washington, DC. The organization shared the Nobel Peace Prize in 1985 for work that led to the Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, and is currently forming Climate Health Action Teams across the country to educate about the health dangers of climate change.

Dr. Barbara Hansen was elected as a member of the American Society of Nutrition.

Dr. Kersti K. Linask was an invited co-editor of a recently released ebook titled *Mechanotransduction and Development of Cardiovascular Form and Function*, which was published by the Frontiers Physiology Biomechanics section.

Dr. Linask was issued a patent titled *Method and Composition for Modulating Canonical Wnt Pathway Using Folate and Inositol* (#8883744) in November 2014.

HAPPENINGS

The American Academy of Pediatrics is seeking qualified AAP Fellows to serve on the PREP Self-Assessment Subspecialty Advisory Boards. Contact Scott Miller (smiller@aap.org) for additional information. Nominations are due April 1, 2015.

Save the date for the 2nd Annual Slam Dunk Scavenger Hunt benefitting the Ybor Youth Clinic — Saturday, March 21st! This day will begin with a “pre-game” festival and feature a family-friendly and interactive basketball themed scavenger hunt through Tampa’s Historic Ybor City. To register as an individual or a team, click the logo or go to http://yboryouthclinic.health.usf.edu. This was a fun event last year—consider joining a team or sponsoring one!
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forward to a great class. It is fitting that we celebrate our new cohort of resident trainees as we also celebrate our senior mentors and faculty. I hope that our residents, students and fellows can appreciate the dedication and tenacity these leaders demonstrated during the early years of our department. We owe much of our current achievements and growth to their hard work and the strong foundation they built.

Patricia J. Emmanuel, M.D.
Chair, Department of Pediatrics

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Larry J. Dishaw, an Assistant Research Professor in Pediatrics, received his BS and PhD degrees from Florida International University. In 2004, he joined the laboratory of Dr. Gary Litman in the Division of Molecular Genetics as a post-doctoral fellow. Dr. Dishaw continues to work under the direction of Dr. Litman, and has expanded upon Dr. Litman’s previous discovery of an immune protein expressed in the gut of a marine invertebrate. He works with a different marine invertebrate, the sea squirt Ciona intestinalis, which provides an excellent and simple model for investigating bacterial colonization of the gut. Dr. Dishaw’s work with this model has led to important discoveries in gut biology, along with substantial funding support and important publications. Dr. Dishaw is an author on 24 peer-reviewed publications, including 11 as first author. His 2011 article in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences was a featured review in Nature Immunology; a 2012 Frontiers in Immunology opinion article has been downloaded more than 10,000 times; and a critical 2014 paper in PLoS ONE described the presence of a core microbiome in the Ciona gut.

The Ciona model has become a platform system for defining the basic biology of bacterial colonization of the gut, and is being used by Dr. Dishaw and other investigators to advance the field of study related to the gut microbiome. His work has led to important collaborations with other investigators and to significant funding:

• Co-investigator with Dr. Mya Beitbart from USF Marine Sciences on a 3-year, $440,300 National Science Foundation grant, which builds upon his work demonstrating that the gut microbiome is composed of bacteria and also of viruses that infect bacteria (bacteriophage). The work focuses on how these viruses help reshape the microbiome.
• Principal Investigator of a 3-year ACH grant for $74,000. He will work with investigators from the USF Division of Allergy and Immunology to characterize the microbiome in patients with chronic rhinosinusitis and humoral immunodeficiency.
• Co-investigator with Dr. Maureen Groer of USF College of Nursing on a 5-year, $3.2M NIH R01 grant to study maturation of the gut environment in very low birth weight infants.
• Co-investigator with Dr. Frank Diamond on a 3-year, $48,000 ACH grant to determine if diet can restructure the gut microbiome of children enrolled in a weight management program.

We are proud to have Dr. Dishaw as a member of USF Pediatrics, and look forward to hearing more about his impressive achievements!

GRAND ROUNDS

March 5
Tamas Peredy, MD
The 10 Myths of Pediatric Toxicology

March 12
Lewis First, MD
The 2015 Lewis Barness Lecture
Medical Education Across the Continuum in an Era of Clinical Productivity and Accountable Care: Who Says It Cannot Be Done?

March 19
Rani Gereige, MD
The Inaugural Bernard Pollara Resident Lecture: The General Pediatrician’s Approach to Common Upper Extremity Sports Injuries in the Young Athlete

March 26
Alison Salloum, PhD
Childhood PTSD: Trauma Informed Care
NEW EMPLOYEES

Robyn Wallen, NNP, Nurse Practitioner; TGH NICU
Ivry Lambert, Client Services Assistant; Neuropsychiatry/The Rothman Center
Cimarron Horton, RN, Clinical Manager; STC/17D/ACH

Please join us in welcoming Cimarron Horton as USF Pediatrics Clinical Manager. Cimarron, a registered nurse with a BSN degree from USF, has more than 10 years of nursing and administration experience. Her most recent position prior to joining USF was as a charge nurse in St. Joseph’s Hospital Pediatric Emergency Department. As Clinic Manager, she will be responsible for managing the nursing staff at 17 Davis and STC, and for general administrative oversight of the subspecialty clinic at All Children’s Hospital and the YYC. Cimarron will work closely with department administration, vice chairs and medical directors to further enhance efficiencies at our multiple clinical sites.

USF INTERNAL AWARDS PROGRAM

Deadlines for three USF internal awards are in March. The mission of this program is to foster excellence in research and to support activities aimed at securing extramural funding. Click here for more information.

INAUGURAL BERNARD POLLARA, MD, PHD RESIDENT LECTURESHP

This inaugural lectureship will be held on March 19 at 8:00 AM in TGH’s Macllnnes Auditorium. This lectureship was established to honor our colleague, mentor and friend, Dr. Ben Pollara, and will provide education and training opportunities for pediatric and medicine-pediatric residents in USF Pediatrics. We are delighted to have Rani Gereige, MD, MPH, FAAP, as our first visiting professor. Dr. Gereige is the Director of Medical Education and Designated Institutional Official at Miami Children’s Hospital, and Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at Florida International University’s Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine.

Dr. Gereige received his MD from the American University of Beirut, Lebanon, and he completed three years of pediatric residency at USF and one year as chief resident. In 1998 he received his MPH degree from the USF College of Public Health. While at USF, he held the positions of Pediatric Clerkship Director, Pediatric Residency Program Associate Director, and General Academic Pediatric Fellowship Director prior to moving to Miami in 2010. Dr. Gereige maintains very active state and national roles in the American Academy of Pediatrics, and was recently appointed as a member of the Pediatric Residency Review Committee of the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education.

A short reception will follow the lecture in the foyer of the Macllnnes Auditorium. In addition, Dr. Gereige will deliver the noon resident’s conference titled Approach to Common Lower Extremity Injuries in the Young Adult.

Donate to the Bernard Pollara, MD, PhD Resident Lectureship Fund!

This fund will support a pediatric and/or medicine-pediatric resident to attend a national meeting, conference or training opportunity, or will be used to support the invitation of a nationally recognized visiting professor. Please express your gratitude and friendship by making a gift in Ben’s honor. Donations are payable to the USF Foundation, Inc.

Please include in the memo line: Bernard Pollara, MD, PhD Resident Lectureship-Pediatrics. Mail checks to:
USF Health Development & Alumni Relations
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SAVE THE DATE

March 2
Creative Scholarship Grant Award deadline

March 2
New Researcher Grant deadline

March 9
Proposal Enhancement Grant deadline

March 12
USF Pediatric & Med Peds Residency Alumni & Community Pediatrician Reception

March 12
Barness Lecture & Fellows’ Forum

March 12
Resident Quality & Research Poster Session

March 13
Faculty Development Breakfast with Lewis First, MD

March 19
Inaugural Bernard Pollara Resident Lecture

March 21
YYC’s 2nd Annual Slam Dunk Scavenger Hunt in Ybor City

April 17
Morsani College of Medicine Commencement

April 23-24
FPQC Annual Conference

May 8
Student Clinician Ceremony

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The Ben Pollara Fund is just one of the many funds you can choose that will count towards this year’s Faculty & Staff Campaign. We would like to have 100% participation among our faculty and improve our overall participation from last year’s 43%. There are numerous causes you can contribute to — student scholarships, education, clinical care for the underserved or research. Please consider giving back…. No amount is too small.

2015 BARNESS LECTURE

Dr. Lewis First will deliver the 2015 Barness Lecture at 8 AM on March 12, and will facilitate the Fellows’ Forum immediately following the lecture. During the noon luncheon, residents will present posters related to their quality and research projects. The Forum will reconvene at 1:00 PM for final presentations and conclusions (if necessary). On Friday March 13th, Dr. First will meet faculty during a breakfast meeting (8-10 AM, STC 5050), during which he will discuss faculty development issues. He will then join the resident team for rounds and their noon conference.

Dr. First has been the Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Vermont for over 20 years. He is the Editor-in-Chief of Pediatrics, and was the 2014 recipient of the Joseph W. St. Geme, Jr. Leadership Award.

We hope that you will join us for these activities!

PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Carina Rodriguez is senior author on Decisional capacity and medication adherence among youth with HIV; Dr. Patricia Emmanuel is a co-author. AIDS Care 27(3):338-41, 2015.


FACULTY IN THE NEWS

Dr. Luis Maldonado was interviewed as part of the news coverage of the infant born on the Crosstown Expressway on January 21; Dr. Maldonado cared for the baby in the TGH Newborn Nursery. The story aired on most local television stations and was published in local newspapers and magazines.

Dr. Lynn Ringenberg’s op-ed titled Doomsday Clock Moved Two Minutes Closer to Midnight was published at CNN.com on January 23.

Dr. Dale Bergamo was interviewed by Tampa Bay Parenting about measles and the importance of having children vaccinated. [Link] Dr. Cameron Tebbi was interviewed by WFTS-Tampa Bay (ABC) on January 2 regarding his work on a protein in the blood of leukemia survivors that may be used to develop a screening test and vaccine for childhood leukemia. A Magic Cure benefit was held on February 7 in Ybor City to help raise funds for his research.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

This month we introduce a newsletter section that features graduates of the USF Pediatrics & Med-Peds Residency Programs. This initiative is being led by Dr. Lynn Ringenberg. Please contact her at ring46@me.com if you have ideas or comments.

Dr. Jose Colon, class of 2005, completed a child neurology fellowship at Vanderbilt University, with special emphasis on sleep medicine. He established a successful and fast-growing pediatric neurology practice in Fort Myers. Dr. Colon now has partners, and he practices sleep medicine full-time.

When asked what he liked best about his training years, Jose replied that he has “a collage of awesome memories, from the mentorship of faculty and the joy of working with medical students and resident peers, which I always valued”. Jose also said “the values of hard work and collegial collaborations set me up for success at Vanderbilt”, where the Emergency Medicine Department nominated him for Consultant-of-the-Year and the Patient Advocacy Award.

Jose has written two books. The Magic Ice Cream Palace addresses children’s sleep, and also teaches families about mindfulness and self-regulation skills. Sometimes I Dream addresses infant sleep, and instructs parents of newborns how to help their infant get a good night’s sleep. Pediatricians and their parents can order free eBooks at: [Link]

Jose married Krystal upon graduation in 2005. They have 2 children. Manuel is 6 years old and Jada-Love (pictured) is 3 years old.

Please join your colleagues at the Pediatric Alumni Group on LinkedIn!

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Adam Lewin attended the American Psychological Association Division Leadership Meeting in Washington, January 20-21, to participate in training for incoming executive board members. Dr. Lewin represents the Society for Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology as Member at Large for Education and Standards.

The Winter 2015 issue of the Florida Medicaid Drug Therapy Management Program for Behavioral Health features projects headed by USF faculty: Dr. Jennifer Takagishi’s facilitation of a workshop to review new child/adolescent guidelines, and Dr. Justyna Wojas’s upcoming study that aims to provide an integrated model for primary care physicians who monitor youth on psychotropic medications and treat mental illness.