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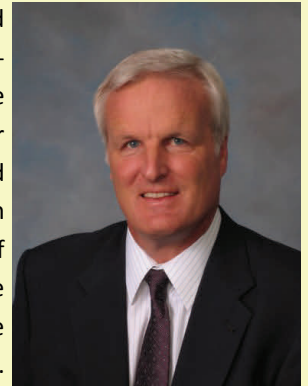
Chairman's Corner

It has been an eventful year for LSU Health Science Center and the LSU Medical School. The interim LSU Hospital and the future academic medical center are now under contract with the state to be managed by Louisiana Children's Medical Center (LCMC). We are excited to have a new managing partner and as in any new relationship, we are learning much about each other as we embark on this new road. We are in the midst of our residency recruiting season and are looking to add three new residents starting in July 2014. Please check the web page for pictures and more information on the residency program. Construction on the new academic medical center is moving at

a rapid pace and remains on track for the proposed official opening which is now only 18 months away. If you are interested in following the progress of the new building site "live", please check on the link to the construction camera on the right side of our Departmental homepage. Our Department continues to prosper due to your continued support and I want to take this opportunity to wish each and every one a joyous and blessed holiday season. As you consider your charitable donations this year, please consider making a donation to the Department. Your generosity allows for the enrichment and expansion of our programs. Please take the time to visit our webpage www.medschool.lsuhs.edu/pathology to keep abreast of the latest news in our Department.

Richard S. Vander Heide, M.D., Ph.D.

Jack Perry Strong Professor and Chairman



Visiting Lecturers



On October 7, 2013, the Department held its annual Emma Moss Lectureship Series. The lectureship has been a recurring event for the Department of Pathology, whereby recognized national and international leaders in pathology are invited to LSU to address the second year medical students during their pathology course and LSU Pathology faculty and residents. The Department was honored to host **Barbara J. McKenna, MD** as this year's recipient. Dr. McKenna serves as the Godfrey D. Stobbe Professor of Pathology and Director of Educational Programs and Residency Program Director in the Department of Pathology at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Dr. McKenna presented a lecture entitled "The Pathology of Bliss: Finding Happiness in Your Choice of Medical Specialty" to the second year medical students. In addition, Dr. McKenna presented a lecture entitled "A Pragmatic Approach to Grading Dysplasia in Barrett's Esophageal Biopsies: How to Help More Patients Than I Hurt" to the LSU Pathology Faculty. Lastly, Dr. McKenna presented a lecture entitled, "The Pathology of Bliss: Finding happiness in your choice of medical specialty to the LSU Pathology Residents.

Resident's Corner

The program would like to thank its outgoing Chief Residents, **Kelley Sherling, MD** and **Brad Cheek, MD** for their year of hard work and dedication to the Program. You have accomplished many goals and the program is better for having you both in your leadership roles. We would also like to welcome the incoming Chief Resident, **Caroline Alquist, MD, PhD** who will assume responsibility in January 2014. Welcome aboard Dr. Alquist and congratulations on your election as Chief!

Congratulations to **Luis Del Valle, MD**, who was named recipient of the 2013 Annual Resident Teaching Award and to **Leslie Davis**, Residency Coordinator, for being named recipient of the Resident's Appreciation Award.

The program is in the thick of the recruiting season. There have been nearly 300 applications for the 3 spots in the Match of 2014. Interviews are well underway and will include approximately 30 excellent applicants. Match Week is the third week of March, so stay tuned for exciting news releasing the names of our next intern class.

Congratulations to **Caroline Alquist, MD, PhD** who was nominated for Resident of the Year at the Interim LSU Hospital.

Two of the third year residents have announced their post-graduation plans! **Caroline Alquist, MD, PhD** has accepted a fellowship position in Transfusion Medicine/Blood Banking at Dartmouth Hitchcock in New Hampshire and **Tong Yang, MD**, has accepted a fellowship position in Hematopathology at Emory University in Georgia. Congratulations on these very prestigious positions! Well-deserved.

The Residency Program would like to thank **Gault Townsend, MD** ('89) for his continued support of the program. He recently purchased several fantastic books for the Residency library including the much needed and just released Pathology Informatics textbook. Thanks Dr. Townsend.

The Autopsy Service was intramurally funded to collaborate on an interdisciplinary project with the Anatomy Department to teach gross and microscopic pathology within the Gross Anatomy course for the freshman medical students. **Ellen Connor, MD, PhD** (PGY-1); **Joel France, DO** (PGY-1); **Harry Porterfield, DO** (PGY-2) and **Reggie Thomasson, MD** (PGY-1) along with several pathology faculty have all enjoyed teaching in the cadaver lab and plan to present their findings in early 2014. The work in the class has already sparked some interest among freshman to consider choosing the field of pathology for residency

On Wednesday, November 13, 2013, President **Zach Dereau** hosted the fall meeting for the SIPS (Students Interested in the Pathology Specialties). The meeting was well attended with nearly 30 interested students and a panelist of speakers including **James Barbeau, MD**; **Ritu Bhalla, MD**; **William Newman, MD** and Chief Resident **Brad Cheek, MD**. We are pleased to announce that third year resident **Theresa Nuttli, MD** was elected to be the resident liaison to the group and sophomore student **Steven Eastlack** was nominated as Vice-President.



Above: Chief Residents Brad Cheek, MD and Kelley Sherling, MD present Dr. Del Valle with the Resident Teaching award.



Above: Charles Hilton, MD with third year resident Caroline Alquist, MD, PhD.



Above: First year residents Reggie Thomasson, MD and Ellen Connor, MD, PhD teaching freshmen medical students gross and microscopic pathology.



Above: William Newman, MD; Brad Cheek, MD; James Barbeau, MD; and Ritu Bhalla, MD served as panelist for Fall SIPP Meeting.

Resident's Corner Cont'd

Brad Cheek, MD (Chief Resident) was selected to give an oral presentation entitled: "Acute Spontaneous Rupture of Anterolateral Papillary Muscle" at the Southern Medical Association meeting in early November. Additionally, **Dr. Cheek** authored an article entitled "Acute Onset of Extreme Shortness of Breath" and along with former resident **Mike Leroy, MD ('13)** authored another paper entitled: "Splenic Nodules at Autopsy" in the May/June issue of the Journal of the Louisiana State Medical Society.

Tong Yang, MD (PGY-3) was selected to give a poster presentation entitled: "Sustained Granulocytopenia in a Patient with Metastatic Alveolar Soft Part Sarcoma Paraneoplastic Syndrome in Context of a Rare Sarcoma" at the American Society of Clinical Pathology annual fall meeting in Chicago, Illinois. Additionally, **Dr. Yang** had a paper entitled "Fatality Following Acute Onset of Shortness of Breath" published in the July/August 2013 issue of the Journal of the Louisiana State Medical Society.

Third year resident, **Caroline Alquist, MD, PhD** had an article entitled "Diagnostics in Cystic Fibrosis" published online in the July 2013 issue of CAP NewsPath.

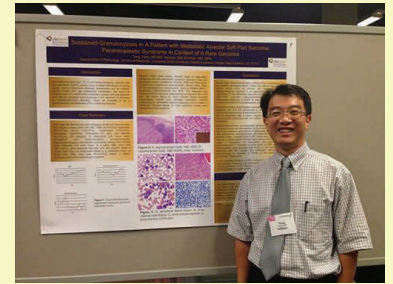
Supriya Donthamsetty, DO (PGY-2) had a paper entitled "Swamp Related Infection" accepted for publication in the November/December 2013 issue of the Journal of the Louisiana State Medical Society.

Kelley Sherling, MD (Chief Resident) and **Theresa Nuttli, MD (PGY-3)** had a paper entitled: "Left Ventricular Noncompaction Cardiomyopathy" published in the Journal of the Louisiana State Medical Society. Additionally, **Dr. Sherling** had a paper entitled "Bilateral Renal Artery Stenosis" published in the September/October 2013 issue of the Journal of the Louisiana State Medical Society.

Congratulations to **Supriya Donthamsetty, DO** (PGY-2) who was elected to the LSU School of Medicine Women's Affairs Committee.

Third year, **Theresa Nuttli, MD** and interns, **Reggie Thomasson, MD** and **Ellen Connor, MD, PhD** were asked to serve as judges at the LSU medical student science fair.

The program would also like to congratulate its new elected representatives to the Program Evaluation Committee: **Caroline Alquist, MD, PhD** will serve as the Chief Resident and **Supriya Donthamsetty, DO** (PGY-2) will serve as the Junior Resident Representative.



Tong Yang, M.D.

Alumni Updates

Matt Safley, MD ('13) and **Mike Leroy, MD ('13)** passed their AP and CP boards. **Dr. Safley** is practicing as a Pathologist in private practice in Gulfport, Mississippi and recently published an article entitled "A 31-Year Old Man with AIDs, Fever and a Rash" in the September/October 2013 issue of the Journal of the Louisiana State Medical Society. **Dr. Leroy** is completing a Transfusion Medicine fellowship at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. He recently accepted an offer to begin a Surgical Pathology fellowship at MD Anderson in July of 2014.

Amy Collinsworth, MD ('12) is now on faculty at University of Florida at Gainesville. She is doing well and is very happy to report that her son Eli is 3 years old and is tons of fun for her whole family.

Kirk Bourgeois, MD ('11) successfully completed his Hematopathology board examination and is practicing at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida.

Farrukh Gill, MD ('11) successfully completed his Cytopathology board examination and is practicing with PathGroup, a large pathology group based in Nashville, Tennessee. He is also the Medical Director of the Henry County Medical Center. He and his wife Naveed and two children recently traveled back to Pakistan for a family wedding.

Stephanie Richard, MD ('06) is currently practicing general pathology as a partner at the Pathology Laboratory in Lake Charles, Louisiana. She also serves as LA State Commissioner for the CAP Lab Accreditation Program.



Dr. and Mrs. Farrukh Gill

Alumni Update Cont'd

The Residency Program asks for your help. Friends, colleagues and alumni of the program recently received an information form from the program office. Completed forms are rolling in but please do your part to update our files on where you are, what you are doing and how you might be able to help network with our current trainees as they start to formulate their own ideas about fellowships and/or job prospects. Mentorship and networking are great ways to increase the success of our grads! If you did not get a form or would like another one sent, email the Coordinator of the program, Ms. Davis at ldavis@lsuhsc.edu.

Announcements & Accolades

Congratulations to **James Barbeau, MD** and **Luis Del Valle, MD** who were named recipients of the School of Medicine 2013 Alumni Excellence Award. Congratulations on this wonderful achievement!

Fred H. Rodriguez, MD was named President of the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS) and President of the University of New Orleans International Alumni Association. In addition, Dr. Rodriguez was also named Alumnus of the Year by the LSU Medical Alumni Association in June 2013.

Carmen Frias-Kletecka, MD was elected to the editorial board for JSM Cell, published by JSciMed, a publisher of forty-nine internationally peer reviewed science and engineering Journals.

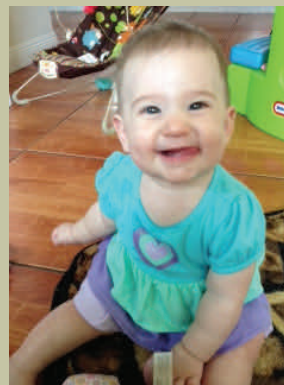
James Barbeau, MD served as Director of a session entitled "Transfusion Medicine and the Law: What You Need to Know" at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB) in Boulder, Colorado.



James M. Barbeau, MD and Luis Del Valle, MD



Left: William Stockwell Barbeau was born on October 31, 2013 to Dr. James Barbeau and his wife Debbie. He weighed 8 lbs 5 oz, 20 inches.



Right: Evelina Lucia Bivona was born March 9th, 2013 to proud parents Benjamin and Ashley Bivona.

Faculty Publications

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