



WLA SPOTLIGHT

A Report on Woodruff Leadership Academy Fellows

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Kimberly Manning 2011 was recently awarded the ACGME Palmer “Courage to Teach” Award.

In February, **Nadine Rouphael 2017** was a keynote speaker at the Georgia Clinical & Translational Science Conference. Her topic was Influenza Vaccination by Microneedle Patch: Results from a Phase 1 Clinical Trial.

Gina Lundberg 2017 celebrated her 25th wedding anniversary on March 5th.

Baker Hubbard 2018 was named Ophthalmologist of the Year by the Georgia Society of Ophthalmology.

Maureen Haldeman 2017 has been named Chief Operating Officer of Emory Healthcare’s Physician Group Practices (Emory Clinic and Emory Specialty Associates practices). Maureen has served as interim in this role since 2016. In this role, Maureen is responsible for driving the strategic development of our Physician Group Practices and operationalizing the associated clinical care delivery operational plans. Additionally, she is charged with ensuring high quality patient care and services, including management of patient flow/access, coordination of ancillary services, and enhancement of patient support and service improvement.

Georgia Governor Nathan Deal honored Winship Cancer Institute with a special commendation recognizing its prestigious National Cancer Institute (NCI) Comprehensive Cancer Center designation. Winship leadership, including **Kimberly Kerstann 2017** and **Suresh Ramalingam 2017**, accepted the award on March 14 at the Capitol.

Starting this year, **Greg Martin 2011** was elected to serve as the Secretary for the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM), the largest multi-professional society in the world dedicated to critical care medicine, and will advance to serve as President of the Society in 2021.

Jonathan Glass 2008 was invited by the Argentina ALS Association as an ALS ambassador. He was there last September and traveled to several cities giving lectures to physicians, scientists, and patients and their families.

Carolyn Clevenger 2013 was named one of Augusta University’s Outstanding Young Alumni.

Melinda Franks 2017 recently celebrated her 5-year service anniversary at Emory and completed the Emory Goizueta Business School Executive Education C-Suite Certificate for Healthcare Strategy.

Adriana Ioachimescu 2018 was nominated by her peers and has been selected by the Emory School of Medicine Recognitions Committee to be highlighted on a special website that will be published in honor of Doctors’ Day on March 30th.

Dave Murphy 2016 was elected to serve a three-year term as Member at-large for the Internal Medicine Section of the Society of Critical Care Medicine.

David Guidot 2007 is the President of the Southern Society of Clinical Investigation for 2018. “Much more importantly,” he and his wife Jane will be welcoming their first grandchild this summer.



The Malaria Host-Pathogen Interaction Center (MaHPIC) has earned three new research subcontracts with 1) MIT, 2) UGA, and 3) Imperial College London, all benefiting from our recently opened new facility: The Yerkes Insectary for Malaria Research (YIFMR), directed by Dr. Chester J. Joyner. The YIFMR has capabilities for rearing, infecting and dissecting the mosquito vector, thus enhancing the potential for malaria research at Emory. **Mary Galinski 2003** and Chet Joyner are co-PIs for the three subcontracts, which support new collaborations in malaria research working with the infectious sexual stages and liver-stage parasites.

Kim Kerstann 2017 was just appointed to the Executive Committee of the Cancer Center Administrators Forum, a national organization representing all NCI designated cancer centers.

Lynda Barrett 2011 is transitioning from interim to Associate VP for Strategic Planning, WHSC, and VP for Strategic Planning, EHC.

Mike Zwick 2016 led these two efforts:

1. Emory Integrated Core Facilities

http://news.emory.edu/stories/2017/10/aamc_award_eicf/index.html

2. "Emory University and the University of Georgia have had a reciprocal agreement for core facilities for the past two years," says Michael Zwick, PhD, assistant vice president for research in the Woodruff Health Sciences Center. This partnership has worked so effectively, we decided to expand this strategy to include all the research universities across the state. We are very enthusiastic about the prospects for a highly successful partnership through our core facilities." http://news.emory.edu/stories/2018/01/core_facilities_gra_agreement/index.html

In addition to her Associate Dean for Graduate Education role, **Kristy Martyn 2015** is now the Interim Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education.

Stacy Higgins 2010 is happy to report her daughter, Zoe, has been accepted to the Emory class of 2022, and will also be on the Emory Swim and Dive Team.

Sheryl Gabram-Mendola 2008 received the Trailblazer Award last Saturday evening at the Eighth Annual White Coat Grady Gala.

A paper written by **David Prologo 2018**, "Percutaneous Image-Guided Cryoablation for the Treatment of Phantom Limb Pain in Amputees: A Pilot Study," has been selected by the Editors of Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology as the Distinguished Clinical Study for 2017.

From **Erwin Van Meir 2006**:

We have an article accepted for publication in the journal *Cancer Cell*:

"BAI1 Suppresses Medulloblastoma Formation by Protecting p53 from Mdm2-mediated Degradation"

We were awarded a new 2-yr Idea grant from the Department of Defense for ~\$640,000. We received 1 of only 5 given nationwide for adult brain tumors. Title: Role of N-Cadherin in the therapeutic resistance of glioblastoma.

We also received a phase IA grant from the Georgia Research Alliance for a project entitled "Development of HIF-1 inhibitors as cancer therapeutics".



[Happy Trails](#)

After more than 33 years with Emory, **Trish Haugaard 2005** is planning to retire, effective March 30, 2018. She has been in her current position as Assistant Dean for Research Administration for 13 years, with this role being the pinnacle of a distinguished career at Emory that began in the department of psychiatry and behavioral sciences in 1985. In 1996, she became the department's Senior Clinical Administrator and eventually added the duties of Vice Chair for Administration, before moving into her current role in research. Her institutional knowledge has proven invaluable time and time again, and her ability to tackle and solve seemingly insurmountable challenges will be sorely missed. Trish has been a critical component in the growth of our research enterprise.

[Staying Linked](#)

*This is a feature to keep you linked with other Fellows. In this case, it is with **Mark Williams 2004**, who is no longer at Emory. Mark noted that the WLA had a salutary impact on his skills, and subsequent career.*

Mark is Chief Transformation & Learning Officer for the UK HealthCare system and in 2014 became the Director of the Center for Health Services Research and Professor and Vice-Chair of the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Kentucky.

He graduated from Emory University School of Medicine and completed a residency in Internal Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital. He also completed a Faculty Development Fellowship in General Medicine at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, the Woodruff Leadership Academy at Emory, the Program in Palliative Care Education and Practice at Harvard, and the Advance Training Program in Health Care Delivery Improvement sponsored by Intermountain Healthcare's Institute for Health Care Delivery Research.

Mark established the first hospitalist program for a public hospital in 1998 at Grady Memorial Hospital and built two of the largest academic hospitalist programs in the U.S. at Emory (1998-2007) and Northwestern (2007-2013) Universities. Currently, as Chief of the Division of Hospital Medicine at UK HealthCare, he has doubled the faculty and advanced practice providers from 2014 to 60+ clinicians in 2016. A Past President of the Society of Hospital Medicine and the Founding Editor of the Journal of Hospital Medicine, he actively promotes the role of hospitalists as leaders in delivery of health care to hospitalized patients.

He also serves as Principal Investigator for SHM's Project BOOST (Better Outcomes by Optimizing Safe Transitions). Grant funding from The John A. Hartford Foundation, BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois and other foundations, supported dissemination of Project BOOST to nearly 200 hospitals across the U.S. In 2015, he became the principal investigator on Project ACHIEVE (Achieving Patient-Centered Care and Optimized Health In Care Transitions by Evaluating the Value of Evidence), funded with a \$15.5 million award from PCORI.

More recently, he led a team from UK that secured a \$4.5 million award from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation for the Kentucky Consortium for Accountable Health Communities. With a history of more than \$34 million in grants and contracts as principal or co-principal investigator and 140+ peer-reviewed publications including in journals such as JAMA, New England Journal of Medicine, and Annals of Internal Medicine, Dr. Williams' research focuses on quality improvement, care transitions, teamwork and the role of health literacy in the delivery of health care. Currently, he is actively involved in building the Office for Value & Innovation in Healthcare Delivery at UK HealthCare fostering inter-professional teamwork to optimize the value of care delivery.



[Emory in the News](#)

Science Newsline Medicine | [Mental stress-induced constricted blood vessels more likely in women](#)

December 21, 2017

Viola Vaccarino 2010, M.D., Ph.D., professor of epidemiology and medicine at Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health, discusses her study on mental stress ischemia, which causes peripheral vessels to constrict and can reduce blood supply to the heart muscle in people with heart disease. [Columbia Basin Herald](#) | [Healio](#)

Washington Post | [Trump administration fires all members of HIV/AIDS advisory council](#)

December 29, 2017

Months after a half-dozen members resigned in protest of the Trump administration's position on health policies, the White House dismissed the rest through a form letter. The notice "thanked me for my past service and said that my appointment was terminated, effective immediately," said **Patrick Sullivan 2016**, an epidemiologist at Emory University who works on HIV testing programs. He was appointed to a four-year term in May 2016.

Reuters via The Globe and Mail | [Married heart patients more likely than singles to survive](#)

January 4, 2018

People with heart disease have better long-term survival odds when they are married, a recent U.S. study suggests. "We measured biomarkers including cholesterol, high blood pressure and presence of diabetes. True, unmarried patients are dying more because they have these conditions. But just the marital status in and of itself is an independent risk factor," said senior study author Dr. **Arshed Quyyumi 2012** of Emory University School of Medicine. [The Guardian](#)

Washington Post | [There are real, and difficult, biological reasons why it's hard to lose weight](#)

January 6, 2018

J. David Prologo 2018, MD, director of Interventional Radiology Services at Emory Johns Creek Hospital and assistant professor in the Department of Radiology and Imaging Sciences, discusses the biological reasons it's hard to lose weight and the impact of interventional procedures in weight loss.

ABC News.com | [Girl died after being misdiagnosed with the flu, family says](#)

January 10, 2017

"Sepsis is, unfortunately, common. When you look at the numbers, it's the third most common death in the United States," **Dr. Greg Martin 2011**, a critical-care physician at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, told ABC News. He called sepsis "the great masquerader" and said it's prone to fooling doctors into believing it is the flu.

Psychiatric News | [Patients with serious mental illness need better primary care integration, health advocacy](#)

December 26, 2017

Two-thirds of the premature deaths of patients with SMI are due to natural causes, not mental illness, explained **Benjamin Druss 2006**, M.D., the Rosalynn Carter Chair in Mental Health at the Emory University Rollins School of Public Health.

Health Day News | [Are women more vulnerable to stress](#)

December 23, 2017

Mental stress can take a toll on blood vessels -- and women with heart disease may be especially vulnerable, says a new study by **Viola Vaccarino 2010**, MD, professor at Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health in Atlanta. [KLRT-TV](#) | [Reach MD](#) | [Science Daily](#)



WSB-TV | [These patches could be new way to deliver flu vaccine](#)

February 13, 2018

Researchers at Georgia Tech and Emory University are working together on a new way to deliver the flu vaccine using microneedles on a patch the size of a small, round Band-Aid. The first human study took place at Emory University's Hope Clinic, with 100 people, and the results were promising. "We found that this new needle-free microneedle patch produced an antibody response that was as good as the standard needle-and-syringe injection," said **Mark Mulligan 2008**, director of the Hope Clinic of the Emory Vaccine Center. [Atlanta Journal Constitution](#)

Healio | [Panel advises psychiatrists to target risk factors, general medical comorbidity](#)

February 9, 2018

"More than a decade has passed since data published by the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors showed that people with serious mental illness treated in the public mental health system were dying, on average, 25 years earlier than the general population," **Benjamin G. Druss 2006**, MD, MPH, department of health policy and management, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, and colleagues wrote in the journal *Psychiatric Services*.

MedPage Today | [The important role of on the scene treatment in mass shootings](#)

February 16, 2018

"It is important for communities to consider how to enable bystanders to safely assist victims with life-threatening bleeding, in much the same way as we enable them to assist cardiac arrest victims needing CPR," commented **Alexander Isakov 2010**, MD, MPH, of Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta.

WAGA-TV | [Georgia woman gives husband a kidney for Valentine's Day](#)

Feb. 14, 2018

A Georgia woman gives her husband a kidney for Valentine's Day. "I mean that's love, that's beautiful," says transplant surgeon Dr. **Christian Larsen 2003**. "The living donors are selfless," Dr. **Nicole Turgeon 2015** says. "They give an organ. They undergo surgery that they wouldn't otherwise have to have."

CNN.com | [Bad Heart? Don't forget your flu shot](#)

February 20, 2018

Having an acute illness like the flu on top of a chronic cardiovascular problem can be "a bit of a perfect storm," according to Dr. **Laurence Sperling 2008**, director of Emory's Center for Heart Disease Prevention. "Every single one of our patients who has heart disease, part of our process is to discuss a flu vaccine," said Sperling, who also teaches at the Emory University School of Medicine and the Rollins School of Public Health. "Not just to prevent the flu but as a means of preventing a heart problem."

The Scientist | [Stem cell implants improve monkey's grip after spinal cord injury](#)

February 26, 2018

Emory neurologist **Jonathan Glass 2008** was quoted discussing a study recently published in *Nature Medicine*: "This type of cellular therapy, though still in its infancy, may eventually be a reasonable approach to treating central nervous system injury and possibly even neurodegenerative disease in humans."

Georgia Health News | [Independent vs employed: The doctor career decision](#)

February 28, 2018

Emory Healthcare has nearly 1,700 employed doctors at its hospitals and clinics. In addition, Emory says it has 1,591 community physician partners. "We want to have options for our physicians -- some may want to stay in private practice but be associated with Emory, while others want to be fully employed by Emory," says **Patrick Hammond 2004**, CEO of the Emory Healthcare Network.



Georgia Health News | [From episodic to everyday: How Jeff Arnold wants to redefine health care through IT](#)

March 1, 2018

“Conceptually, having a single place where patients can get and manage all their health information is a great idea,” says **David Howard 2013**, health economist at Emory University’s Rollins School of Public Health. But he says he suspects that “without the ability to automatically pull information from patients’ electronic medical records, any platform like this will have limited success and plateau at some point.”

Georgia Health News | [How Jeff Arnold wants to redefine health care through IT](#)

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WSB-AM | [Springing forward could cause health risks](#)

March 12, 2018

Emory Medicine sleep medicine doctor **David Schulman 2015** discusses health risks associated with the change to Daylight Saving Time

Atlanta Journal-Constitution | [Officials in Georgia laud opioids push but cool to death penalty](#)

March 19, 2017

The CDC two weeks ago reported that emergency room visits from opioid overdoses rose 30 percent from July 2016 through this past September. That was no surprise to Dr. **Matthew Keadey 2011**, the chief of emergency medicine at Emory University Hospital, who joined with CDC acting director Dr. Anne Schuchat to speak about the opioid plan. "We see it on a daily basis," he said.

This story also ran on WSB-TV.

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