



WLA SPOTLIGHT

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Accomplishments, Appointments, Awards...

Last November, **Toni Wimby 2005**, MBA, MHA, FACHE was awarded the Max Holland Distinguished Alumni Award from the Georgia State University Institute of Health Administration. The award is given to an alumnus who has demonstrated through professional and personal achievements: leadership abilities, contributions to the field, contributions to the community, and dedication to graduate education in health administration.

Marilane Bond 2006 was appointed to the role of Associate Dean, Medical Education, effective February 1, 2015. In this new leadership capacity, Marilane will retain oversight of Graduate Medical Education (GME) along with expanded administrative and operational responsibility for the MD program, the MD/PhD program, Continuing Medical Education (CME) and the academic health professions programs. She will play an integral role in shaping the future of medical education within the School of Medicine.

Emory Healthcare appointed two new chief executive officers (CEOs) to oversee two of its top hospitals. **Marilyn Margolis 2005** has been named CEO of Emory Johns Creek Hospital, and **Dan Owens 2006** has been appointed CEO of Emory University Hospital Midtown. Marilyn had been serving as interim CEO, chief nursing officer (CNO) and vice president of operations at Emory Johns Creek Hospital and Dan had been serving as interim CEO and vice president of operations at Emory University Hospital Midtown.

In February, **Lance Waller 2003** presented "Mapping Mysteries: Science Through Cartographic Visualization and Spatial Statistics" as part of Ursinus College's Center for Science and the Common Good speaker series.

Roxann Arnold 2007 was awarded the Achievement Award by the American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management. The award is in grateful appreciation of exemplary leadership and selfless acts of time and dedication to the healthcare community, while promoting teamwork sharing her vast knowledge and helping others reach new heights.

Mark Mulligan 2008 was named to a three-year term on the Research Committee of the Infectious Diseases Society of America (2014-17) as the representative from the HIV Medicine Association. He was also awarded the R. Wayne Alexander Excellence in Research Accomplishment Award for 2013-14. This is in recognition of his significant contributions to medical knowledge realized through a body of research over the breadth of a career, by the Emory University Department of Medicine.

Leonard Howell 2005 was elected president of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD). The College is the longest standing group in the United States addressing problems of drug dependence and abuse. The organization serves as an interface among governmental, industrial and academic communities maintaining liaisons with regulatory and research agencies as well as educational, treatment, and prevention facilities in the drug abuse field.

Monica Farley 2009 was awarded the Founder's Medal at the Southern Society of Clinical Investigation (SSCI) Meeting in New Orleans on February 27th. This is the highest award that one can receive from this prestigious society and she is the second WLA alum in a row to win this award. Last year the Founder's Medal was awarded to **Jesse Roman 2003**, who left Emory in 2009 to become the Chairman of Medicine at the University of Louisville.



Kimberly Rask 2004 has been appointed to the Rural Health Expert Panel at the National Quality Forum and the Standing Workgroup for Quality Indicator Enhancement at the Agency for Healthcare Quality and Research.

Jason Stein 2010 leads a team of physicians, nurses, and engineers who have been awarded the Society of Hospital Medicine's 2015 Award for Excellence in Teamwork in Quality Improvement recognizing the team's export of an interdisciplinary, patient-centered hospital care model to over 50 hospital units in 14 U.S. states and Australia. The ACU™ Care Model and SIBR™ -- associated with reductions in in-hospital mortality, complications of care, length-of-stay, and variable costs -- was described in the peer-reviewed literature this year for the first time in the *Journal of Hospital Medicine* (**Stein JM** et al. Reorganizing a hospital ward as an Accountable Care Unit. *J Hosp Med.* 2015 Jan;10(1):36-40). Jason was recognized with the same award in 2010 for leading an EHC team that invented a real-time dashboard to improve provision of venous thromboembolism prophylaxis in the hospital.

Volkan Adsay 2012 will be taking on the position of the President-Elect of the prestigious United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology (USCAP), in April 2015. He is also the 2015 recipient of the Gastrointestinal Pathology Society's Jack Yardley Investigator Award.

Winship Cancer Institute named **Sagar Lonial 2012** its new chief medical officer.

<https://winshipcancer.emory.edu/about-us/newsroom/press-releases/2015/new-chief-medical-and-quality-officers.html>

Dian Evans 2011 was selected as Chair-Elect of the American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners, promoted from Assistant to Associate Clinical Professor, and was inducted as a Fellow in the American Association of Nurse Practitioners.

The VHA Office of Academic Affiliations has selected the Cognitive Disorders Specialty Care Education Center of Excellence at the Atlanta VA Medical Center as a new site in its Patient-Centered Specialty Care in Education Centers of Excellence (SCE CoE) Initiative. The Atlanta VAMC will be funded \$500,000 each year for the next three years. **Anne Tomolo 2014** will be the Director and **Carolyn Clevenger 2013** will also be working on this program.

This SCE CoE, under the direction of Anne and Corrine Abraham, DNP, RN, will provide an interprofessional approach to the care of Veterans with cognitive disorders and incorporate the expertise of physicians, nurses, neuropsychologists, and social workers in the fields of Geriatrics, Neurology, Palliative Care and Mental Health to manage the clinical, functional, behavioral, and psychological aspects of these disorders. The goal of this three-year initiative is to foster transformation of clinical education and patient care by preparing graduates of health professional schools and programs to work in and lead patient centered interprofessional teams providing specialty care in the setting of coordinated longitudinal primary care.

Here is a recent press release from **Erwin Van Meir 2006** along with the links to the JCI publication article and accompanying video. Take a look and listen to gain insight into hippocampal synaptic plasticity.

<http://medicalxpress.com/news/2015-03-brain-tumors-memory-multifunctional-protein.html>

<https://www.jci.org/articles/view/74603>

<https://www.jci.org/videos/81>

Marc Overcash 2009, currently deputy chief information officer, will serve as interim enterprise chief information officer and senior vice provost for library services and digital scholarship. He has been instrumental in developing enterprise solutions and best practices, especially in the areas of research technology support and informatics. Marc will report to Emory's three executive vice presidents in his various capacities.

Ned Waller 2007 was honored at Tech Transfer's ninth annual celebration of technology and innovation earlier this month.



Nicole Turgeon 2015 is now surgical director of the living donor paired kidney exchange program and the pancreas transplant program.

The U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Sylvia Matthews Burwell invited **Stephen Pastan 2012**, medical director of the kidney transplant program, to serve a four-year term as the kidney transplant representative on the HHS' Advisory Committee on Organ Transplantation (ACOT). His appointment is from Sept. 2014 to July 2018. Dr. Pastan was nominated to serve on ACOT, which has 20 voting members from across the country, by the National Kidney Foundation. He also continues to publish studies on the disparities in dialysis center patient's access to kidney transplantation in the Southeast.

Staying Linked - *A feature to keep you connected with other fellows:*

General John F. Kelly visited Emory on March 4. Kelly is the Commander of the U.S. Southern Command, one of five four-star generals charged by the president to lead the Department of Defense security cooperation in designated segments of the world. Kelly oversees Central and South America and the Caribbean Sea (except U.S. commonwealths, territories, and possessions) — some 16 million square miles.



Kelly and his staff spent a full day at Emory, touring facilities that exhibit how Emory contributes to the global community and advances initiatives that relate to his areas of influence. Security, public health and public safety — the spread of Ebola affects them all, and Kelly keenly explored those issues when he toured the Emory University Hospital special isolation unit with infectious disease specialists Dr. **Aneesh Mehta 2015** and Dr. G. Marshall Lyon III.

The doctors briefed Kelly on the detailed process for doffing high-level personal protection equipment and the disposal of contaminated waste. Together, Kelly, his staff and the Emory doctors explored best practices for addressing a range of potential and problematic scenarios, including an Ebola outbreak in a Central or South American country and the corresponding mass migration to the U.S. that would inevitably follow.

Happy Trails

Ruth O'Regan 2009 has been appointed division head of hematology and oncology in the Department of Medicine at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.

Arlene Chapman 2006 is leaving to become the new Renal Division Director at the University of Chicago.

Joyce Soule 2015 has accepted a position as Chief Nursing Officer at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita, Kansas.



[Fellows in the News](#)

WXIA-TV | [GBI testing suspected serial killer's gun](#)

December 17, 2014

Dr. **Nadine Kaslow 2004** with Emory University's Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences talks about the psychology of serial killers.

Khabar Magazine | [Foot soldiers in the war on Ebola](#)

January 2015

Infectious disease specialists Dr. **Aneesh Mehta 2015** and Dr. **Jay Varkey** are featured in a story highlighting the contributions of Emory and CDC physicians, epidemiologists and public health professionals in the fight against Ebola virus disease.

Atlanta Magazine | [How an Emory researcher benefited from the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge](#)

January 8, 2015

Jonathan Glass 2008, who directs the Emory ALS Center, is one of the U.S. investigators for Project MinE, an international genetic research program that will receive \$1 million in funds raised by the challenge. The project is working to map the DNA profiles of 15,000 people with ALS to compare with the profiles of 7,500 control subjects.

NPR | [Some very expensive drugs may soon get a lot cheaper](#)

January 8, 2015

David Howard 2013, associate professor of health policy and management at Rollins School of Public Health, discusses biosimilar drugs and the cost savings that could be realized over expensive biologics.

Atlanta Business Chronicle | [Emory Healthcare names two new hospital CEOs](#)

January 13, 2015

Emory Healthcare named **Marilyn Margolis 2005** CEO of Emory Johns Creek Hospital and **Daniel Owens 2006** CEO of Emory University Hospital Midtown.

Medpage Today | [CMS head Tavenner resigns](#)

January 19, 2015

Marilyn Tavenner, the administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), is stepping down, according to news reports. "The ACA relied on CMS to implement key provisions and undertake tasks that were far outside the agency's traditional responsibilities," according to **David Howard 2013**, PhD, of Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health.

HealthDay | [Lung transplants from heavy drinkers linked to higher complication risk](#)

January 21, 2015

In an accompanying commentary, Dr. **David Guidot 2007**, of Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, said the findings raise "the question as to whether or not a history of heavy alcohol use by a potential donor should exclude the use of their lungs in transplantation."

Natural Health Care Canada | [Mentally stressed young women with heart disease more likely to have reduced blood flow to heart](#)

January 26, 2015

Young women with stable coronary heart disease are more likely than men to have reduced blood flow to the heart if they're under emotional stress, but not physical stress, according to research presented at the American Heart Association's Scientific Sessions 2014. "Women who develop heart disease at a younger age make up a special high-risk group because they are disproportionately vulnerable to emotional stress," said **Viola Vaccarino 2010**, M.D., Ph.D., study author and chairwoman of Cardiovascular Research and Epidemiology at Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health in Atlanta, Georgia.



NeighborNewspapers.com | [New Emory Saint Joseph's Hospital CEO having quick impact](#)

February 4, 2015

Five months after being named CEO of Emory St. Joseph's Hospital and nine months after being picked the interim CEO, **Craig McCoy 2014** has made waves at the Sandy Springs facility. "The financial performance of the hospital has improved. He has striven to unify the staff behind the mission of the hospital," said Hospital Board Chair Phil Coletti. McCoy also said having access to Emory's Winship Cancer Institute, the only National Cancer Institute-designated cancer institute in the state, has been a plus for St. Joseph's patients.

ScienceNews | [Shots of brain cells restore learning, memory in rats](#)

February 5, 2015

The researchers directed human stem cells to become a type of brain cell that is destroyed by radiation, a common cancer treatment, then grafted the cells into the brains of irradiated rats. Within a few months, the rats' performance on learning and memory tests improved. "This technique, translated to humans, could be a major step forward for the treatment of radiation-induced brain ... injury," says **Jonathan Glass 2008**, a neurologist at Emory University in Atlanta.

BBC | [French babies swapped at birth awarded compensation.](#)

February 11, 2015

Dr. **Nadine Kaslow 2003**, a clinical psychologist at Emory University School of Medicine, discusses the complicated psychological issues that can arise for children and parents when babies are switched at birth by accident. The story begins around eight minutes into the podcast.

http://downloads.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/worldservice/globalnews/globalnews_20150211-0001d.mp3

New York Times | [A mishap sheds light on an Ebola vaccine](#)

March 5, 2015

"In all likelihood, unfortunately, there will continue to be health care workers and others who have what are considered to be significant exposures to this potentially lethal virus," said Dr. **Mark J. Mulligan 2008**, a professor of medicine and infectious diseases at Emory University School of Medicine, and the senior author of the journal article. This story also appeared in several media outlets: [NBC News](#) | [US News Health](#) | [CBC News Health](#) | [Healthline News](#) | [Infection Control Today](#)

WAGA-TV | [Georgia woman faces ALS with grace, hope](#)

March 4, 2015

Dr. Jonathan Glass 2008, who heads up the Emory ALS Center, says, "There's no beating around the bush with this, it's not fair. People want to know, and they should know. There are two things I tell them. I say number one, you have this disease. And number two, we're going to take care of you. And those are the two things they need to hear."

Atlanta Business Chronicle | [Winship Cancer Institute names new CMO and CQO](#)

March 9, 2015

Winship Cancer Institute at Emory University named Dr. **Sagar Lonial 2012** its new chief medical officer and Dr. **Charles A. Staley** its new chief quality officer. Lonial is also professor and executive vice chair of Emory's Department of Hematology and Medical Oncology. Staley, also professor and director of Emory's Division of Surgical Oncology, previously served as Winship's CMO.

Science Magazine | [A live look at the AIDS virus](#)

March 9, 2015

To obtain this unprecedented look at an AIDS virus in action, a research team led by **Francois Villinger 2010** of Emory University in Atlanta borrowed a technique used with cancer patients. This story was featured in several outlets, including [New Scientist](#), [The Verge](#), [Yahoo News](#).





Upcoming Birthdays

Jennifer Schuck, March 19
Mark Wilson, March 21
Kimberly Arriola, March 22
Jane Vosloh, March 23
Lynda Barrett, March 28
Jason Stein, March 29
Leah Baker, April 1
David Guidot, April 2
Brad Sanford, April 4
Nicole Turgeon, April 7
Marilane Bond, April 9
Seth Force, April 10
Larry Sperling, April 10
Charise Gleason, April 11
Kathy Holloway, April 13
David Kooby, April 14
Chris Dente, April 15
Marilyn Margolis, April 15
Brooke Moore, April 18
Andy Smith, April 19
Abhi Goyal, April 20
Sarah Freeman, April 21
Kent Haythorn, April 21
Rhoda Dozier, April 23
Erica Brownfield, April 24
Jada Bussey-Jones, April 24
Jean Khoury, April 24
Lori McLelland, April 26
John Lawley, April 27
Will Reisman, April 30
Karen Russell, April 30
Janet Shaw, May 3
Zach Johnson, May 5
Mimi Newell, May 6
John Votaw, May 11
Kelly Chasteen, May 14
Viola Vaccarino, May 14
Kate Heilpern, May 18
Chad Ritenour, May 20
Amy Chen, May 22
Janice Lea, May 22
Bernadette Cotton, May 23
Stewart Factor, May 25
Deb Harris, May 28
Nadine Kaslow, May 29
Maeve Howett, June 1
Yoko Hammond, June 2
Michelle Kegler, June 2
Missy Douglas, June 12
Deena Gilland, June 13
Bob Taylor, June 14
Alex Isakov, June 16
Pat Capes, June 18
Holly Korschun, June 18
Sampath Prahalad, June 24
Susy Alfonso, June 25
Heather Hamby, June 27
Robin Ginn, June 28

WLA Lunch & Leadership – Save the date - the next WLA Lunch & Leadership will be held on Tuesday, **June 2nd**. The speaker and location are to be determined.

Don't forget we have a number of new books and CDs in the WLA Library and hope you will be able to take advantage of this leadership resource.

