



Winship names 2014 WLA Fellow new Associate Director for Education and Training

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Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University has named [Larry Boise](#) as its new associate director for education and training. Larry is Professor and vice chair for basic research in the Department of Hematology and Medical Oncology.

A renowned multiple myeloma researcher, Larry serves as interim leader of Winship's Cancer Genetics and Epigenetics Research Program. In his new role as associate director, he will lead and coordinate research education, training, and mentorship activities at the cancer center as well as cultivate additional cancer-specific educational opportunities across the spectrum of learners.

Larry has longstanding funding from the National Cancer Institute as well as the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation. He is also the contact principal investigator on a multi-PI training grant to support graduate student training in biochemistry, cell and developmental biology from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS).

Janice Lea receives Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Award

[Janice Lea 2012](#) has been awarded a \$300,000 grant through the Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Awards program, an initiative creative by the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI). The funds will support a project entitled "Enhanced Patient Engagement to Improve Patient-Centered Outcomes Among Chronic Kidney Disease Patients."

The project's objective is to increase patient engagement and improve their well-being through a peer mentor program that will provide education on coping methods for living well with kidney disease and effective strategies for choosing a renal replacement treatment option.



Accomplishments, Appointments, Awards

Thirty WLA Fellows were named "Top Doctors" in the July 2019 edition of Atlanta Magazine:

Maria Aaron 2018, Susy Alfonso 2015, Patrick Bowen 2018, George Chang 2016, Amy Chen 2010, Kimberly Curseen 2019, Keith Delman 2011, Seth Force 2008, Jonathan Glass 2008, Toby Goldsmith 2018, David Guidot 2007, Michael Halkos 2016, Baker Hubbard 2018, Amy Langston 2010, Janice Lea 2012, Brad Leshnowar 2018, Michael Lindsay 2006, Gina Lundberg 2017, Viraj Master 2014, Sampath Prahalad 2013, David Prologo 2018, Suresh Ramalingam 2017, Chad Ritenour 2005, David Schulman 2015, Andrew Smith 2009, Larry Sperling 2008, Patrick Sullivan 2019, Steve Szabo, 2017, Ned Waller 2007, and Field Willingham 2015

Stewart Factor 2011 had his 4th book published recently called Therapy of Movement Disorders - A Case -Based Approach and we have it in the WLA Library. The book is dedicated to his mentor and role model, Dr. William J. Weiner, who was a master clinician and a very generous teacher in the field.

Tracy Russell-Gonzalez 2006, Director of Guest/Volunteer Services at EUH and EUHM, shared that The Emory University Hospital Volunteer Association donated \$728,000 to assist with the renovation of the EUH 2nd floor main lobby. The funds were provided from many years of Emory University Hospital Gift Shop sales. Thank you to the Gift Shop staff and volunteers for their hard work and dedication. Without them, this donation would not have been possible.

The project included: portrait restoration, lobby furniture, furniture in Salon One and Two, replacing draperies and pendant light fixtures, refurbishing two silver chandeliers, stripping and resealing marble flooring, flooring in A/B elevator lobby, and upgrades in E-Wing elevator lobby entrance.



The Emory University Hospital Volunteer Association, along with Tracy, presenting their \$728,000 check to **Catherine Maloney 2013**, VP Operations EUH.

Carolyn Meltzer appointed [Gina Lundberg 2017](#) as the co-chair for the School of Medicine task force to stop sexual harassment in academic medicine.

[Mimi Newell 2009](#) has been named President of the Georgia Radiological Society. She is the first woman to hold this post.

[Suresh Ramalingam 2017](#) joined predecessor [Fadlo Khuri 2003](#) (now President of the American University of Beirut) at the First Middle East Lung Cancer Congress, June 21-22 in Beirut, Lebanon. Ram presented on immunotherapy in non-small cell lung cancer.

[David Murphy 2016](#) was promoted to Associate Professor.

Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University has received a prestigious K12 training grant from the National Cancer Institute to help develop the next generation of researchers and leaders in clinical oncology. Led by principal investigator [Suresh Ramalingam 2017](#) and another to be named, the grant will be used to establish a K12-funded oncology research training and mentorship program for Winship's junior faculty researchers.

The following WLA Fellows received awards at the 2019 Roast and Toast in recognition of the dedication they have shown to Emory's internal medicine residency program:

[Dan Hunt 2016](#) received the Juha P. Kokko Teaching Award. This award represents the single most outstanding teaching attending the residents work with at any of the hospital sites.

[Wendy Armstrong 2011](#) (subspecialist at EUH) received the Golden Apple Award. This award recognizes the most outstanding inpatient attending and subspecialist attending at each hospital.

[Lisa Bernstein 2010](#) and [Richard Pittman 2015](#) received the Best Conference Leadership Award for the GMH Kokko Conference.

[Mike Epstein 2018](#) has been elected to serve on the University Senate.

[Kimberly Curseen 2019](#) has been elected to serve on the SOM Faculty Relations Committee.

[Dan Hunt 2016](#) was recently elected President-Elect of the Association of Chiefs and Leaders in General Internal Medicine (ACLGIM), an organization that brings together about 200 academic leaders in our field. He'll be President-Elect for 2019-2020 and then President 2020-2021.

Emory Healthcare is expanding its primary care footprint with the announcement of a new partnership with One Medical, a modernized primary care organization combining seamless digital health and premier in-office care. [Stephanie Vicent 2019](#) is the administrative lead and [Ted Johnson 2010](#) is the program lead for this One Medical Partnership.

[Mary Jo Lechowicz 2011](#) has been appointed the faculty leader of the Society System, an integral part of our MD curriculum. During orientation, each student is assigned to one of four Societies (named after four historic physicians) led by experienced clinician-educators called Small Group Advisors. The Small Group Advisor instructs students in professionalism and the art of patient care, patient-physician communication skills, and the principles of physical examination and diagnostic thinking.

David Schulman 2015 has been appointed the new Foundations Director for the MD program beginning September 1st. David has more than 17 years of experience as a clinician-educator and has received local, regional, and national recognition for excellence in teaching and outstanding contributions to medicine. He currently serves as the Pulmonary Module director and EBM course director for the Foundations Phase, is chair of the Required Clerkships subcommittee of the Executive Curriculum Committee, and directs the Integrations course for the MD program.

Researchers, including **Karen Law 2016**, recently published findings from a study that illustrates variability in administration of resident maternity leaves. The study aims to characterize determinants of resident maternity leave and the effect of length of leave on maternal well-being.

Winship received a five-year, \$9.7 million Specialized Program of Research Excellence (SPORE) grant from the NCI to study new approaches for lung cancer treatment, one of only four SPORE grants in the U.S. dedicated to lung cancer. Led by **Haian Fu 2015** and **Suresh Ramalingam 2017**, this program will support a team of investigators in immunology, pharmacology, medical oncology, radiation oncology, surgical oncology, and pathology.

At the Department of Medicine recognition awards in August, **Vandana Dua Niyyar 2019** received the Nanette K. Wenger Distinguished Service Award - Associate Professor and **Abhi Goyal 2015** received a Hidden Gem award for Associate Professor, Division of Cardiology.

David Roberts 2007 has been promoted to Professor.

Sagar Lonial 2012 and Ajay Nooka are authors of an international study to evaluate selinexor, a potential new treatment option for patients with refractory multiple myeloma. The results were published August 22 in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Colleen Kraft 2019 was interviewed on GPB. As of this summer, it has been five years since the first U.S. Ebola patient went to Emory University Hospital. *On Second Thought* looked back on the events that followed with Colleen, one of the physicians who helped with care. Here is the link to this segment: <https://www.gpbnews.org/post/second-thought-tuesday-sept-10-2019>.

As of September 1st, **Cheryl Day 2015** was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in the Department of Microbiology & Immunology in the School of Medicine.

Wendy Book 2012 received notice we were awarded a 5-year cooperative agreement for "Surveillance of Congenital Heart Defects Among Children, Adolescents, and Adults" from the CDC to continue work we have done on 2 previous cooperative agreements over the past 7 years. Wendy said she is fortunate to have a very skilled team at Emory and is excited to continue as PI on this important project!

Mike Zwick 2016 was promoted to Professor of Human Genetics.

After serving 27 years in this capacity, **Andy Smith 2009** shared that Divya Gupta has assumed his role as Medical Director of the Advanced Heart Failure Program at Emory. His clinical duties are not changing and he continues in other leadership roles. Andy said it feels good to step aside and know that the program will continue to get better and said thanks to all of you who have mentored and supported him.

Mary Galinski 2003 is the senior author of a special malaria research article published by the PLoS Pathogens journal as their featured article of the week. Here is the Emory story about the article:

https://news.emory.edu/stories/2019/09/yerkes_relapsing_malaria/index.html

Here is the PLoS Pathogens press release - with quotes from all three senior authors:

https://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2019-09/p-csr091219.php

The link to the complete article, "[Humoral immunity prevents clinical malaria during *Plasmodium* relapses without eliminating gametocytes](#)", is here:

<https://journals.plos.org/plospathogens/article?id=10.1371/journal.ppat.1007974>

Donald Harvey 2019 and colleagues participated in the 2019 American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Advocacy Summit, Sept. 25-26, in Washington, D.C. The delegation met with members of Congress and staff to discuss improved access to high-quality, high-value care for people with cancer.

Carolyn Clevenger 2013 was named a fellow in the Gerontological Society of America.

Seth Force 2008 was named the Kamal A. Mansour Professor in thoracic surgery.

Colleen Kraft 2019 was interviewed in Nurse.org on Ebola Outbreak Isn't Over Yet – World-Renowned Doctor Speaks On Virus, Vaccines: <https://nurse.org/articles/ebola-virus-outbreak-doctor-interview/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced the appointment of **Larry Sperling 2008** as the new executive director of Million Hearts®. The Association of Black Cardiologists (ABC) congratulates him on this new position. Larry has been a strong advocate for eliminating health disparities and has worked with the ABC on multiple occasions.

The Emory Prevention Research Center, led by principal investigator **Michelle Kegler 2006**, has received a five-year, \$8 million grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Bleu Owens 2019 shared results from the Masters Nationals Rowing Championship in Grand Rapids, MI - her boat won GOLD! Her Women's category clinched first place at Nationals, so she is a National Champ. Bleu said, "never forget you always have another gear - just when the legs give out go with heart!"

Cindy Moore 2012 is celebrating 16 years with Emory this month. In May, she and husband John celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. Cindy hopes to finish her NP program at Georgia State University in May 2020. She has experienced delays with graduation due to caring for her husband after his multiple surgeries this year. She is thankful he is alive (thanks to outstanding care by ESJH physicians, nurses, techs, and so many others) and on the long recovery road.

Suresh Ramalingam 2017 is senior author on the study, "Nivolumab plus Ipilimumab in First-Line Advanced Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer," published in the New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM) and presented at the European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO) Congress on September 28.

Melinda Franks 2017 left Emory in the summer of 2018 to assume a COO role for two area emergency and critical care animal hospitals. She says the timing just felt right to leverage her 30 years of prior experience in emergency medicine, large group specialty practice management, and hospital administration into the vibrant animal sector.



During this past year she successfully led M&A activity for her organization with Mars Petcare, the largest division of Mars, Incorporated. Mars, Inc. is a 107-year-old family owned business with annual revenues of \$35bn. Headquartered in Brussels, Belgium, Mars Petcare is one of the world's leading pet care providers. It employs more than 35,000 Associates across 50 countries and offers 41 brands. It takes a big heart to care for little hearts, so we wish her continued success whether she is providing hospital leadership for our two-legged or four-legged loved ones.

HAPPY TRAILS

After more than 16 years at Emory and Winship, **Chris Flowers 2016** accepted a position at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston as department chair for lymphoma and myeloma.

Holly Korschun 2004 retired after 38 plus years at Emory!

SAVE THE DATES!

Lunch & Leadership: Friday, October 4 from noon to 1:00 pm in the School of Medicine, Room 178P

The 2019 team Serenity Now (Fawn Connor-Stroud, Donald Harvey, Yousuf Khalifa, Colleen Kraft, Vandana Dua Niyar, Kush Singh, Stephanie Vicent) will present Methods for Mitigating Clinician Burnout - Bringing Joy Back to Medicine. Please try to make time to come see this important presentation.

Interactive Workshop with Caitie Whelan - please mark your calendars now for Monday, December 9th from noon to 1:00 in the WHSCAB Auditorium.

Join entrepreneur Caitie Whelan for a high-energy, highly interactive workshop to help you narrow the divide between where you are and where you want to be. You'll walk away with concrete tools to take smart risks; handle fear, failure, rejection, and criticism; and establish practices to reduce stress and burnout.

Caitie Whelan is Founder/Noter-in-Chief of *The Lightning Notes*, a short daily post to help us move the world forward. It features great ideas and striking stories to remind us that we matter and that improving the world is our matter. musicians, and raised pigs in Italy. She is a graduate of Brown University - where she co-launched their Social Innovation Initiative - and is a member of the Brown Women's Leadership Council. She attended the Salt Institute for Documentary Studies, where she co-founded the Salt Alumni Board; she is on the board of the Treehouse Institute, a member of the Portland Parks Commission, and a Truman Scholar from Maine.

