



WLA SPOTLIGHT

*Report on Woodruff Leadership Academy Fellows
Fall 2021*

Accomplishments, Appointments, Awards

Marilea Grider 2008 was named to the board of the Association of Pathology Chairs, Pathology Department Administrators section as the Southeast Region Representative. This is a two-year term.

Deena Gilland 2009 was elected as president for the American Association of Ambulatory Nursing with her term beginning in 2022. She is also co-editor of the 1st edition textbook, Perspectives in Ambulatory Care Nursing, that was published in March 2021.

In June, President Greg Fenves announced that **Cameron Taylor 2014**, vice president for government and community affairs, joined the President's leadership team and now reports directly to the President.

Carla Chandler 2020 has been named EHC Hospital Group CFO, effective June 28. In this new role, Carla has oversight for all hospital-based financial teams.

Adam Marcus 2020 has been named deputy director of Winship Cancer Institute. In his new position, Adam leads the integration of research, clinical, and educational components within Winship, Georgia's National Cancer Institute (NCI)-designated comprehensive cancer center.

Sampath Prahalad 2013 was selected for a Doximity Op-Med fellowship.

Craig Jabaley 2021 has received the honorary title of Fellow of the American College of Critical Care Medicine (FCCM). The Society of Critical Care Medicine founded the American College of Critical Care Medicine some years back, which sponsors two honorary titles, one of which is Fellow of the American College of Critical Care Medicine (FCCM). It's meant to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the perception, delivery, or management of the critically ill in the three areas of Program Development, Scholarly Contributions, and Leadership. Some additional details are here: <https://www.sccm.org/ACCM>.



2021 Department of Medicine Faculty and Staff Awards:**Diversity and Inclusion Award: Gina Lundberg 2017 (nominee)**

The Diversity and Inclusion Award recognizes Department of Medicine faculty who have made significant contributions to fostering diverse and inclusive DOM community by leveraging service, teaching, mentoring, and research efforts in support of diversity and inclusion.

Educator Impact Award: Dimitri Cassimatis 2018 (nominee)

This award recognizes faculty who have made outstanding contributions as a medical educator, as recognized by their peers.

Nanette K. Wenger Distinguished Service Award: Wendy Book 2012, Allen Dollar 2011, Stacy Higgins 2010, Field Willingham 2015 (nominees)

This award recognizes faculty who have demonstrated outstanding service and citizenship to the Department of Medicine. One award will be given in each of the three faculty ranks: Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and Professor.

Outstanding Clinician Award: Janice Lea 2012 (award recipient)

This award recognizes faculty who have demonstrated outstanding clinical and collaborative care for patients.

Outstanding Scientific Citation Award: Aneesh Mehta 2015 (award recipient)

This award recognizes researchers producing outstanding basic and clinical/translational (including quality improvement and health services) research publications at the Instructor/Assistant Professor and Associate Professor faculty ranks.

R. Wayne Alexander Excellence in Research Award: Nadine Rouphael 2017 (nominee)

This award recognizes significant contributions to medical knowledge realized through a body of research over an individual's career in either basic research or clinical and translational research.

Shanthi V. Sitaraman Silver Pear Mentoring Award: Kathy Griendling 2008, Ram Subramanian 2021 (nominees)

This award recognizes Department of Medicine faculty who have demonstrated outstanding mentoring to early career faculty within the department during the past year. One award will be given in two categories: Mentoring of faculty primarily in the clinician educator or service area and mentoring of faculty primarily in the research area.

Vandana Niyar 2019 was designated as a Master Physician (technically not an award):

Master Physicians provide exemplary clinical reputation, leadership in practice optimization, and often hold significant leadership positions in administration, teaching, and service. They have been DOM faculty for at least 12 years. This tier is intended to represent less than 10 percent of all faculty.

Aneesh Mehta 2015 has been promoted to Full Professor.

Effective October 1st, **Mark Williams 2004** will be starting a new position at Washington University / Barnes Jewish Health. See link below.
<https://internalmedicine.wustl.edu/mark-v-williams-md-chief-of-the-division-of-hospital-medicine/>

The American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) named Drs. **Nimalie Stone 2009** and Ruth Link-Gelles recipients of the Champion of Quality and Pioneer Awards, honoring them for contributions to long term care during the COVID-19 pandemic.
[AHCA/NCAL Names CDC Professionals Recipients of the Champion of Quality and Pioneer Awards \(ahcancal.org\)](#)

Roberta Kaplow 2004 is being inducted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing next month.

Sheryl Heron 2021 was elected to the AAMC Group on Diversity and Inclusion Steering Committee.

Jonathan Kaufman 2014 was promoted to Full Professor and has been named the Oncology Service Line Director for EUH.

Nicole Franks 2017 has been promoted to Full Professor of Emergency Medicine and has been awarded the Distinguished Service Award from the ESOM.

Aaron Anderson 2021 was selected to carry in the Golden Spike of Atlanta for the home game on August 18th!!! We won that match against Toronto! He's not saying we won because he brought in the spike, but he's certain it didn't hurt! He pointed out he is the only one wearing a mask... (facepalm)



Nabil Saba 2020 is a coauthor on a Nature paper published in September. Also, as of September 21st, Nabil is the inaugural holder of the Lynn and Howard Halpern Chair in Head and Neck Cancer Research.

Lance Waller 2003 has been appointed to a three-year term on the US Census Bureau's Scientific Advisory Committee.

Jane and **David Guidot 2007** welcomed their third grandchild on September 13th. Vivian Louise Rasmussen is now a 'baby sister' to 3-year old Nora. David has also decided to step down as Director of the Division of Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care & Sleep Medicine at the end of this academic year in June of 2022 (after 13 years). He is not retiring however and will remain as a full-time faculty member and director of our NIH T32 Training Program.

Vandana Niyar 2019 received the Clinical Excellence Award from ANIO (American Nephrologists of Indian Origin).

Bob Dent 2021 had several big pieces of news to report:

1. I'm a new grandfather, Lilly Dent was born August 11th. This is grandbaby #8.
2. My book, co-authored with Joe Tye, *Building a Culture of Ownership in Healthcare, 2ed*, made the AUPHA's Bugbee-Falk Book Award list for 2021.
3. An article I coauthored was accepted for publication in Nurse Leader, *The Influence of the Doctor of Nursing Practice on West Texas Healthcare: A Case Study*.
4. I gave a keynote presentation at the Georgia Nurses Association's Metro Atlanta Chapter on August 31st, *Maintaining a State of Resiliency and Positivity during a Pandemic*.
5. The article I co-authored with Joe Tye and published in January 2021, *Everyday Courage for Extraordinary Times*, was chosen as an APEX Award winner for Publication Excellence in the field of COVID-19: Health and Medical.

- I led a team of 35 from our congregation of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to Louisiana the weekend of September 10th-12th to assist with Hurricane Ida Cleanup. Over the course of the weekend, we helped 20 families by mucking their homes and cleaning debris. I will lead another team the weekend of October 1st-3rd to the same area.

Pictured below are Bob and his wife in the matching yellow t-shirts designed for the group and some of the devastation.



Happy Trails

[Sanjeev Gumber 2020](#) accepted a Director, Pathology position at Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health at Athens, GA. His last day at Yerkes was July 18, 2021.

REMINDER

Please join us via Zoom on **Monday, October 18th** for an informative session on “Practical Strategies for Inclusive Leadership” with Dr. Jada Bussey-Jones.

Dr. Bussey-Jones is Professor and Vice Chair Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Department of Medicine Assistant Dean, Professional Development, Emory at Grady, and Chief, Grady Section General Medicine and Geriatrics. She is a WLA Class of 2014 Fellow.

The session will begin promptly at noon. We hope you can make it!

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://emory.zoom.us/j/97178177775>

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“All of life is a constant education.”

Eleanor Roosevelt

