



Accomplishments, Appointments, Awards

Stacy Higgins 2010 recently had a publication: Delivering on the Promise: Exploring Training Characteristics and Graduate Career Pursuits of Primary Care Internal Medicine Residency Programs and Tracks - JGME August 2019: <https://www.jgme.org/doi/abs/10.4300/JGME-D-19-00010.1?mobileUi=0>

David Wright 2015 has been appointed as the Chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine. He has served as interim department chair since June 2018 and has been a member of our School of Medicine faculty since 1997.

Clint Shedd 2014 received a four-year \$2.2 million grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration to fund a nurse practitioner residency program. Other School of Nursing faculty involved were **Elizabeth Downes 2016** and **Carolyn Clevenger 2013**.

Jada Bussey-Jones 2014 was named Assistant Dean Professional Development for Emory at Grady.

Laura Kimble 2018 received an NIH Supplement Award for her study entitled "Metabolites and Metabolic Pathways Associated with Symptoms Among African Americans with Systemic Lupus Erythematosus and Hypertension".

Jonathan Kaufman 2014 has been named interim director of the Division of Hematology in the department of Hematology and Medical Oncology. The new division combines the old hematology and BMT divisions into one unified division.

David Prologo 2018 was appointed as an Editor for *Seminars in Interventional Radiology* and featured on Fox 5:
<https://www.fox5atlanta.com/news/doctors-trying-new-approach-to-freeze-away-pain>

Nabil Saba 2020 was elected to serve as a member of American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Clinical Guidelines committee, and to the ASCO Head and Neck Cancer Guidelines Advisory Group (GAG). The duration of service is 4 years. These committees are in charge of setting the ASCO clinical guidelines focused on the management of different solid tumors including Head and Neck Cancer.

Doug Ander 2017 has been elected as a Distinguished Fellow of the National Academies of Practice (NAP) in Medicine.

Starting in 2020, **Greg Martin 2011** will begin serving as President-Elect of the Society of Critical Care Medicine.

David Guidot's 2007 son Danny, who graduated from Emory Medical School in 2017, just matched into the Pulmonary & Critical Care Fellowship at Duke University. David is excited and proud that his son is entering the same medical pathway that he chose. To add to that excitement, Danny and his wife (also an Emory Medical School graduate in 2017) are expecting a baby boy in April.

We have been funded for the Alzheimer's Disease Drug Discovery Center by the NIH (\$37 million over five years). **Haian Fu 2015** will serve as a multi-PI. The national kick off meeting was held on December 10th at the NIH campus. See linked news: https://news.emory.edu/stories/2019/10/nia_alzheimers_grant/index.html.

Scott Davis 2017 was nominated to the Board of Governors for the Society of Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgery and is now a member in the Southern Surgical Association.

Effective November 1st, **Usha Ramakrishnan 2008** was appointed Interim Chair of the Hubert Department of Global Health.

As of Jan 1st, 2020, **Ray Young 2014** will be Chief of Psychiatry at Emory Midtown Hospital.

The inaugural Winship 5K Research Professorship was presented to **Larry Boise 2014**, Winship multiple myeloma researcher and associate director for education and training, on October 29. The Professorship award is made possible through generous gifts to the Winship 5K and will allow Larry to explore new areas of research that will improve the care of people with cancer.

Effective November 1, **Taofeek Owonikoko 2019** assumed the role of co-leader of Winship's Discovery and Developmental Therapeutics (DDT) Research Program. He joins DDT Program Leader **Haian Fu 2015** and succeeds **Suresh Ramalingam 2017** in serving as this program's co-leader.

Mike Zwick 2016 was appointed Associate Vice President for Research in the Robert W. Woodruff Health Sciences Center and Associate Dean of Research in the Emory University School of Medicine.

Suresh Ramalingam 2017 had two publications in the New England Journal of Medicine in November 2019 with roles as senior author and first author respectively. These papers reported on new immunotherapy and targeted therapy approaches for patients with lung cancer.

Winship investigators, including Carey Jansen, Nataliya Prokhnevskaya, Hadyn Kissick, and **Viraj Master 2014**, collaborated with surgeons to look at how the level of T cell infiltration in tumors can predict post-surgery outcomes. The results, which focused on kidney and other urologic cancers but could apply more broadly, were published December 11 in *Nature*.

Drs. Rathi Pillai and **Suresh Ramalingam 2017** led an international, Phase III trial of ganetespib, a heat shock protein 90 inhibitor, in combination with docetaxel for second-line therapy of patients with advanced adenocarcinoma of the lung. The results of the study were published Dec. 12 in the *Journal of Clinical Oncology*.

In November, **Ted Johnson 2010** was honored for his and Emory's work in support of those aging in the Atlanta Community at the *Thanks a Million* gala.

Congratulations to Meredith Lora, **Adedapo Odetoyinbo 2015**, and **Tammie Quest 2008**, the winners of the 2019 Distinguished Service Award.

Dimitri Cassimatis 2018 and **Richard Pittman 2015** received the 2019 Dean's Teaching Award. Recipients are nominated by colleagues and students and chosen by the Teaching Awards Committee for their dedication to medical student teaching and their many contributions as course directors and mentors.

Justin Remais 2014 launched a major new research initiative at the University of California, Berkeley, investigating the epidemiology and environmental biology of *Coccidioides immitis* in California, supported by an R01 from NIH-NIAID. Justin joined the Berkeley faculty in 2016 after serving on the faculty in the Rollins School of Public Health for seven years. He continues to hold an adjunct faculty position at Rollins.

<https://publichealth.berkeley.edu/news-media/research-highlights/berkeley-public-health-launches-major-research-initiative-to-tackle-valley-fever-in-california-and-beyond/>

Shannon Kahn 2020 and **Gustavo Pradilla 2016** received the Hidden Gem Award. These faculty members were nominated by their departments in recognition of their outstanding, but often unnoticed or unrecognized, contributions to Emory or beyond.

The Millipub Club honors and recognizes current Emory faculty who have published one or more individual papers throughout their careers that have each garnered more than 1,000 citations. Such a paper is commonly considered a "citation classic" and represents high impact scholarship. Millipub Club inductees include: **Larry Boise 2014**, **Craig Coopersmith 2012**, **Monica Farley 2009**, **Kathy Griendling 2008**, **Lucky Jain 2003**, **Arshed Quyyumi 2012**, **Suresh Ramalingam 2017**, **Andrew Smith 2009**, and **Shanthi Srinivasan 2020**.

Vinod Thourani 2011 was named Piedmont's Marcus Chief of Cardiovascular Surgery.

Keith Delman 2011 received the 2020 Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. The award honors residency program directors who are innovative teachers and quality health care providers.

Melissa Childress 2020 has been named president-elect of the Association of Cancer Executives Board of Directors. The national organization is committed to the leadership development of oncology executives and is designed to promote improvement in patient care delivery.

Carolyn Clevenger 2013 was on Vital Signs with Sanjay Gupta last month. Here's the viewing link: <https://www.cnn.com/videos/health/2019/11/11/dementia-illness-longevity-innovation-vital-signs.cnn>

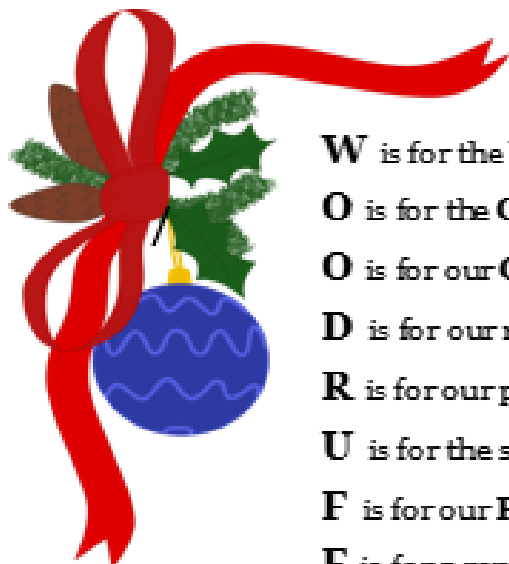
HAPPY TRAILS

Karon Schindler 2005 retired after 33 years at Emory.

After almost 21 years at Emory, **Erwin Van Meir 2006** accepted a new research position at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB).

After 12 years at Emory, **Nicole Turgeon 2015** and her family have started a new chapter of their lives in Austin, Texas. Nicole will be starting a new transplant program at UT Dell Seton Medical Center.

At the end of December, **Mary Beth Allen 2004** will retire after 37 years of service.



W is for the **W**ork we do here every day.
O is for the **O**pinion that we are number one in every way.
O is for our **O**utstanding character that we display.
D is for our mindset of **D**edication from the beginning.
R is for our passion for **R**esults and winning.
U is for the sense of **U**rgency we create - even in the long run.
F is for our **F**ocus on the positive that is second to none.
F is for a reminder that we also need to have **F**un.

L is for the **L**ofty goals we visualize.
E is for our **E**fforts to do the right thing and not compromise.
A is for our winning **A**ttitude on which we thrive.
D is for the **D**iscipline we need to keep our drive.
E is for our process in making **E**ffective decisions.
R is for the **R**espect that we give to other positions.
S is for the **S**elfless concern we have for so many.
H is for the **H**ope we give to plenty.
I is for **I**mproving the quality of everything.
P is for the **P**ride we have in contributing.

A is for our consistent **A**ccountability.
C is for our **C**ommitment to excellence at Emory.
A is for patient care we strive to **A**dvance.
D is for the **D**ifficult conversations we don't take to chance.
E is for our routinely applying **E**motional intelligence.
M is for all we do to advance our **M**issions today.
Y is for the 18th **Y**ear of the WLA!

