

WLA SPOTLIGHT

Report on Woodruff Leadership Academy Fellows
Winter 2022

Accomplishments, Appointments, Awards

Larry Boise 2014 has been named to the board of directors of the Cancer Biology Training Consortium (CABTRAC). The non-profit membership organization is dedicated to improving graduate, medical, and postdoctoral training for the next generation of cancer researcher.

Greg Hill 2021 has been invited by the USC Keck School of Medicine to teach Fellows, Residents, and Attending Faculty the business of medicine on January 27 and 28, 2022. This is consistent with the University of Illinois School of Medicine elective course that he developed: *Beyond the Books - what every medical provider needs to know from a business perspective*.

Dan Owens 2006 has been named chair-elect of the Georgia Hospital Association (GHA) Board of Trustees. He has served on the GHA board since 2017 and will lead the board in developing strategies for GHA hospital members, advocating for the highest quality care for patients, and supporting adequate reimbursement for hospitals.

Jada Bussey-Jones 2014, and her husband Frank Jones, MD, MPH, were recently featured in Medscape's Medical Power Couples. The new series highlights spouses or domestic partners prominent in healthcare who have both achieved high-level professional success and made significant contributions to their respective fields.

The newly established Woodruff Health Sciences Center Office of Well-Being will initially be led by co-chief well-being officers and current Emory faculty members **Tim Cunningham 2020** and **Chad Ritenour 2005**. The office will focus on the development of well-being programs that address the many stresses faced by clinicians, health professionals, faculty, and staff across our clinical, research, and educational mission.

Akanksha Mehta 2020 was elected as Director at Large, Board of Directors of the American Society of Reproductive Medicine (ASRM).

Marilyn Margolis 2005 is officially an adjunct professor in the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing and a co-principal investigator for a study in the school.

Division of General Internal Medicine faculty members Tracey Henry, Danielle Jones, and **Stacie Schmidt 2022** recently co-authored the piece, "Primary Care Practice Transformation in the Era of COVID-19 and Beyond: Key Principles for General Internal Medicine Practitioners," in the Journal of General Internal Medicine. The faculty members reflected on their experiences during the pandemic and considered how they apply to the future of healthcare delivery.

David Prologo 2018 has published *The Catching Point Transformation: A 12 Week Weight Loss Strategy Based in Reality* which is available for pre-order now and is being released on January 11.

<https://www.simonandschuster.com/books/The-Catching-Point-Transformation/J-David-Prologo/9781642939224>



Roberta Kaplow 2004 was selected for the Distinguished Nurse of the Year award by the March of Dimes last month. Nurse of the Year events recognize and honor distinguished nurses for their outstanding contributions. This event is a way to say thank you and honor nurses for their selflessness, dedication, and passion for their profession. Here she is with her award.

Cam Taylor 2014 has a freshman at Emory! Her freshman is working in Dr. Steven Sloan's research lab. Cam loves Emory for offering that opportunity. Also, Cam has two jobs now: VP, Office of Government & Community Affairs and Interim VP, Communications & Marketing, Emory University.

Along with others, **Viola Vaccarino 2010** published an important paper in JAMA this past month. The reference is below.

Association of Mental Stress-Induced Myocardial Ischemia With Cardiovascular Events in Patients With Coronary Heart Disease, V. Vaccarino, Z. Almuwaqqat, J. H. Kim, M. Hammadah, A. J. Shah, Y. A. Ko, et al. JAMA 2021 Vol. 326 Issue 18 Pages 1818-1828

Ryan Haumschild 2022 was named to the Editorial Board for the American Journal of Managed Care. AJMC is regarded as the leading peer-reviewed and MEDLINE-indexed journal of the managed care and value-based care industry with more than 26 years in publication. The press release can be found here:

<https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/the-american-journal-of-managed-care-announces-additions-to-its-editorial-board-301419030.html> \

Cam Escoffery 2021 has been selected as interim chair of the Department of Behavioral, Social, and Health Education Sciences (BSHES). Cam will step into the position on January 1, 2022.

Amy Chen 2010 is a recipient of the 2021 Emory SOM Excellence in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion award. This award was established by SOM Recognitions Committee on behalf of the Dean to recognize faculty who have made significant achievements in ensuring that the climate of the school is characterized by inclusivity and organizational equity through leveraging the varied attributes of diversity in our community. Amy is also serving as Chair of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion of the American Head and Neck Society and the American Thyroid Association.

Alex Isakov 2010 was awarded a three million dollar grant by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR). He will serve as the principal investigator of an Emory-led consortium that includes Augusta University Health System, the University of Georgia Institute for Disaster Management, and the Georgia Department of Public Health, demonstrating how a Regional Disaster Health Response System can improve access to clinical specialty capabilities - including trauma, burn, communicable diseases, radiation injury and other specialty care and improve surge capacity during a national emergency.



In November, Georgia F. Jackson 2013 was honored with the 2021 March of Dimes Heroes in Action Georgia Nurse of the Year Award in the category of Diversity and Advocacy. The criteria for this award are a nurse who demonstrates excellence within their specialty while exemplifying commitment to advancing the principles of diversity and inclusion and advocates for the promotion of diversity within the field of nursing. Georgia serves as the Director, Nursing Workforce Development and Patient-Family Centered Care and partners with local and system leaders in the development and execution of a variety of diversity, equity and inclusion strategies to foster an optimal experience for employees, patients, and our community. Georgia received her certification in Diversity and Inclusion from eCornell University in March, 2021.

Tammie Quest 2008 received the Richard Payne Outstanding Achievement in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award. This is a major award in her field named after a phenomenal African American Clinician in palliative care who was an inspiration to so many.

Vandana Niyar 2019 has some exciting personal news - she and Prince celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on 7th December! She cannot believe it's been 25 years and feels so blessed and so grateful that she has her best friend on this journey together.

Kevin Kalinsky 2022 just had a first author paper published in the New England Journal of Medicine. <https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa2108873>

In October, **Ravi Rajani 2017** was named Assistant Dean for Education, Emory at Grady. In his new role he serves as the primary liaison between the Emory School of Medicine and Grady Memorial Hospital in the areas of Undergraduate Medical Education (UME), Allied Health, and Graduate Medical Education (GME). Ravi will work closely with Carlos Del Rio, executive associate dean for clinical affairs at Grady; J. William Eley, executive associate dean for medical education & student affairs; and **Marilane B. Bond 2006**, associate dean for medical education.

The School of Medicine and Grady are grateful for the leadership of **Jaffar Khan 2009** who served as assistant dean prior to accepting the role of interim chair in the Department of Neurology.

Donald Harvey 2019 has been named a recipient of the Fulbright Specialist Award. The award is given to more than 400 U.S. citizens who share expertise and create partnerships with academic, government, cultural, nonprofit, and medical institutions abroad through the Fulbright Specialist Program.

As a part of this effort, Donald was selected to go to Nigeria to train oncology pharmacists on various aspects of anticancer use. He spent two weeks in Nigeria in early December, attending a conference facilitated by Project PINK BLUE to bring together the oncology pharmacy practitioners of Nigeria (OPPAN). Project PINK BLUE is a cancer organization focused on cancer awareness and screening and advocacy for people battling cancer in Nigeria.

<https://ng.usembassy.gov/u-s-fulbright-experts-in-oncology-share-new-clinical-approaches-to-patient-care/>

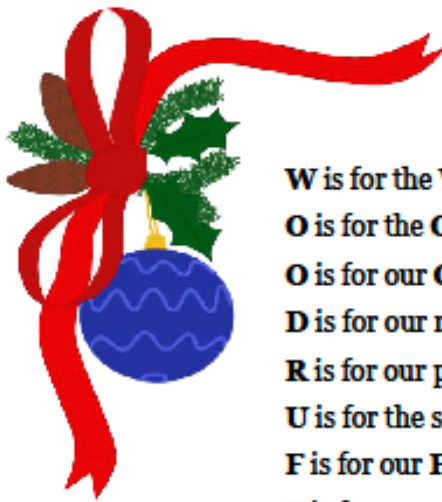
Happy Trails

After **42** years **Mary Zellinger 2015** decided to retire and move back to New England to be near her family.

Christina Wu 2021 will be leaving Emory this month. She is heading out to Mayo Clinic in Arizona to work with a former mentor.

Kallarin Mackey 2020 will be taking a position with Deloitte at the start of next year.

Parmi Suchdev 2021 announced that he will be stepping down as EGHl's associate director at the end of this year. Parmi has accepted a 2-year assignment with U.S. CDC's Central America Regional Office in Guatemala City. He and his family will have an enriching and exciting experience together, and he'll return to Emory after this sabbatical with an even broader and deeper skill set as a global health leader. Parmi will continue his advisory roles with CHAMPS and the School of Medicine's Global Health & Equity Office, and will return to Atlanta periodically to do clinical work.



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**mootional intelligence.
M is for all we do to advance our **M**issions today.
Y is for the 20th **Y**ear of the WLA!

