



WLA SPOTLIGHT

A Report on Woodruff Leadership Academy Fellows

Summer 2013 – Volume XVI

Congratulations to the following WLA fellows who were named “Top Doctors” in the July 2013 edition of *Atlanta Magazine*:

Javed Butler 2011
Seth Force 2008
Sheryl Gabram-Mendola 2008
Jonathan Glass 2008
Michael Johns III 2007
Fadlo Khuri 2003
Kevin Kim 2013
Janice Lea 2012
Michael Lindsay 2006
Ruth O’Regan 2009
Andrew Smith 2009
Laurence Sperling 2008

Accomplishments, Appointments, Awards...

Kimberly Manning 2011 won the Department of Medicine Internal Medicine Residency Program's highest teaching award--The Juha P. Kokko Award. This teaching award is given to the best overall teacher across all hospitals as voted on by all of our house staff.

Carolyn Clevenger 2013 has been appointment as Assistant Dean for MSN Education at the School of Nursing. Carolyn was also the winner of the allied health category for the *Atlanta Business Chronicle's* 2013 Health Care Heroes Awards.

Tom Price 2013 was awarded promotion to associate professor effective September 1. Tom was also on TV for GBP regarding elder abuse: <http://gpb.org/elder-abuse> and in August will be filming a documentary for Al Jazeera American on elder mistreatment.

Vinod Thourani 2011 was awarded the W. Proctor Harvey, MD, Young Teacher Award at the 2013 American College of Cardiology's (ACC) annual meeting in San Francisco. He is one of two recipients to receive the prestigious honor, which is awarded every two years. Vinod was also appointed as the Treasurer for the International Society of Minimally Invasive Surgery (3 year term) and is the co-chair of the 2014 annual meeting for that society in Boston.

Vinod also was the winner of the 2013 Dwight C. McGoon Award, a national award given by the Thoracic Surgery Residents Association, which represents thoracic U.S. surgery residents. The award recognizes a distinguished young faculty member who has exhibited an outstanding commitment to resident education and mentorship



Nadine Kaslow 2004 received Emory's 2013 Thomas Jefferson Award at commencement for significant service through personal leadership and influence.

Fadlo Khuri 2003 received the Richard and Linda Rosenthal Memorial Award from the American Association for Cancer Research in recognition of outstanding contributions and accomplishments as an investigator in lung and aerodigestive medical oncology. The award recognizes Fadlo's work in prevention and treatment of lung and head and neck cancers.

Javed Butler 2011 is leading Emory's participation as one of 17 centers from 10 countries participating in a new consortium project aimed at earlier detection and prevention of heart failure. Funded by \$16 million (EUR 12 million), the project seeks to identify more specific biomarkers for heart failure and to develop methods for earlier detection of risk in the elderly.

Tawanda Austin 2009 has agreed to serve in the role of Interim Chief Nursing Officer for Southern Regional Health System (SRHS), effective May 26, 2013, through August 16, 2013, to assist temporarily in the changes underway there. In this role, Tawanda will provide leadership for all clinical nursing practice and related patient care activities, as well as nursing policies, procedures and standards. She will implement structures/processes to ensure delivery of quality, patient- and family-centered care. Tawanda will serve as a member of the hospital administrative team and participate in developing annual goals for nursing and charting the strategic direction of the organization.

DuBois Bowman 2007 received \$900,000 from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. The grant brings Bowman into the national Parkinson's Disease Biomarkers Program, a new NIH initiative. He will develop statistical tools to analyze data from brain imaging and genetic, molecular, and clinical tests to determine which combination of biomarkers can better predict Parkinson's than a single biomarker.

Michelle Kegler 2006 has been promoted to Professor of Behavioral Sciences and Health Education.

Kathryn Yount 2012 is president-elect of the Emory University Senate and Chair-Elect of the Faculty Council.

Mimi Newell 2009 was awarded The American Journal of Roentgenology's top reviewer award.

Viola Vaccarino 2010, professor and chair of the Department of Epidemiology, will be the first to hold the prestigious Wilton Looney Chair of Cardiovascular Research. A leading cardiovascular epidemiologist, Vaccarino is nationally and internationally recognized for her work on cardiovascular disease prevention. A focus of her research is the role of behavioral and psychological determinants of cardiovascular disease and their interplay with genetic and other biological factors in modulating cardiovascular risk.

Representing a network of investigators from 36 cardiothoracic surgical centers in the U.S. and Europe, **John Puskas 2004**, professor of surgery and associate chief, division of cardiothoracic surgery, Emory University School of Medicine, reported preliminary data from the Prospective Randomized On-X Anticoagulation Clinical Trial (PROACT) at the 93rd Annual Meeting of the American Association for Thoracic Surgery in May.



Researchers at Yerkes are fine-tuning a web-based test that gauges how long people view novel and repeat objects. The test can show whether a person is pre-symptomatic for cognitive decline or Alzheimer's. A simple visual test developed at Emory is likely to predict the onset of Alzheimer's disease or mild cognitive impairment (MCI) three to six years before symptoms appear.

During years of research studies, Yerkes Director Stuart Zola and co-developers **Elizabeth Buffalo 2010** and **Cecelia Manzanares 2009** found that monkeys and people--even those without any cognitive impairment--who focused equally on both the novel and repeat objects all developed MCI or Alzheimer's within that three- to six-year window. People who already were diagnosed with MCI at the time of their testing and who focused on both objects equally went on to develop Alzheimer's.

Volkan Adsay 2012 led a 20-member research team that received the 7th Annual Team Science Award from the American Association for Cancer Research. The team, which has worked together for more than 10 years, consisted of members from Johns Hopkins University, Emory, and Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

Monica Farley 2009 has been appointed the Interim Chief, Division of Infectious Diseases in the Department of Medicine.

In April, **Pam Cosper 2011** did a University Healthcare Consortium Webinar on Reducing Restraint Utilization along with Michelle Gray, Unit Director for CCU at EUH.

Jessica Arluck 2012 is now the Residency Program Director for the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics.

Philip Shayne 2010 has been elected vice chair of the ACGME review committee for emergency medicine and served on the emergency medicine milestones task force.

Amir Emamifar 2008 has been named Hospital Pharmacy Director of the Year by Health Connect Partners, an organization that connects hospital providers and suppliers through educational meetings and conferences. Upon receiving all nominations and testimonials from peers, the senior leadership team at Health Connect Partners, who represent some 300 hospitals nationwide, vote and name the recipient. Also, Mercer University College of Pharmacy and Health sciences Alumni Association Board of Directors selected Amir to receive the Meritorious Service Award for 2013. The Meritorious Service award recognizes an individual (a non-alumnus) who has contributed in some outstanding way to the enhancement of the college of Pharmacy and practice of Pharmacy.

Allen Dollar 2011 was awarded the 2013 Excellence in Teaching Award at Grady Memorial Hospital presented by graduating Cardiovascular Fellowship Class of 2013 and also the Golden Apple teaching award from this year's internal medicine residents for teaching at Grady

Toni Wimby 2005 was recently selected as a member of the Leadership Atlanta Class of 2014. Leadership Atlanta is the oldest sustained community leadership program in the nation. It is the mission of Leadership Atlanta to build a better community for everyone in the Atlanta region through education about the key issues facing the region and inspiring members and others to take on and exercise real leadership committed to serving the common good.

Amy Chen 2010 is now Director of Endocrine Surgery. She was also elected to the Triological Society (the most prestigious society in otolaryngology) and received honorable mention on her Triological Society thesis.



In recognition of her outstanding career achievements and demonstrated leadership potential, **Kimberly Arriola 2010** has been invited to participate in the Academic Medicine Track of the 2013 American Psychological Association (APA) Leadership Institute for Women in Psychology (LIWP). The APA LIWP's mission is to prepare, support, and empower women psychologists as leaders to promote positive changes in institutional and organizational life. They do this by increasing the diversity, number, and effectiveness of women psychologists as leaders.

Grace Pavlath 2008 and guests, including **Anita Corbett 2007**, have been invited to attend the Muscular Dystrophy Association Show of Strength taping in Hollywood. The show, which raises awareness and support for MDA research, will air Labor Day weekend on ABC.

Marilyn Margolis 2005 was promoted - her new title is Vice President of Operations (as well as Chief Nursing Officer). In this expanded role, she will have clinical and operational services for EJCH.

Erwin Van Meir 2006 received several new grants:

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| 2013-2014 | Van Meir EG, PI, St. Baldrick's Foundation, \$100K, title: "Investigating the function of BAI1 in medulloblastoma formation" |
| 2013-2018 | Grossniklaus H and Van Meir EG, multi-PIs, NIH-NCI, R01 CA176001-01 \$1,6M title: "Mechanisms of action for KCN1 in the control of uveal melanoma metastasis" |
| 2013-2016 | Grossniklaus H, Van Meir EG and Wang B, multi-PIs, NIH-NCI, R01 CA180805 \$1,6M title: "Discovery of Chemical Probes for Uveal Melanoma" |
| 2013-2018 | Mao H., PI, Van Meir EG, co-Investigator; NIH-NCI, R01 CA169937 \$2,4M title: "MR Investigation of IDH mutation and its marker 2-HG in brain tumor patients" |
| 2013-2015 | Van Meir EG, PI, CURE Childhood Cancer Foundation, \$140K title: "Development of candidate drugs for Ewing Sarcoma treatment" |
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Jaffar Khan 2009 received the "Best Clerkship Director Award" from Emory SOM's Class of 2013.

Craig Coopersmith 2012, an investigator of several ICU-associated issues and associate director of the Emory Center for Critical Care, and Dr. Mandy Ford, a transplant immunologist and assistant professor of the Emory Transplant Center, decided to combine their respective areas of expertise and have been awarded an NIH Co-PI R01 grant upon first submission for "The Impact of Cancer on the Pathophysiology of Sepsis."

"Exhausted T Helper Cells in Lung Transplantation Portend Worse Outcome": Emory pulmonology fellow Dr. Fang-Yu Chao presented an analysis of the complex clinical implications of T cell activation, which seeks to prevent rejection while also preserving long-term ability to fight rejection. Study results indicated that high levels of CD4 T cell exhaustion correlate with worse lung function and are associated with substantial defects in protective immunity that can cause impaired pathogen containment. Emory faculty pulmonologist Dr. David Neujahr was senior author, and Emory CT surgeon **Seth Force 2008** was one of the coauthors.

"The Standardized Referral Ratio (SRR): A New Quality Measure": In an abstract reporting a component of an R24 funded grant by the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, Drs. Patzer and **Stephen Pastan 2012**, medical director of the kidney and pancreas transplant program at Emory, proposed the standardized referral ratio (SRR) as a new measure to address the limitations of STR. By working with transplant centers throughout the Southeast, the researchers obtained data needed to calculate SRR that could then be used as a quality of care indicator of dialysis facilities with low transplant referral.



James Spivey 2009, medical director of liver transplantation and associate professor of medicine and surgery, was appointed as director of hepatology by the department of medicine, division of digestive diseases.

The department of medicine awarded **Wendy Book 2012**, who recently received a promotion from the School of Medicine as professor of medicine (cardiology), with the Nanette K. Wenger Distinguished Service Award. This prestigious award recognizes department faculty who have demonstrated outstanding service and citizenship.

Andrew Smith 2009, director of the Center for Heart Transplantation, recently was named an advisor to Aetna. Dr. Smith will participate in conference calls to help keep Aetna's policymakers up-to-date on transplant issues. The purpose of Dr. Smith's role is to help the insurance provider develop clinical policies that determine insurance benefits for transplant services for its 18.3 million members. Because Aetna's clinical policies are public documents, they can contribute to competitors' coverage decisions as well. **Tom Pearson 2004** serves as an advisor to Blue Cross Blue Shield in a similar capacity.

Fellows in the News...

ABC News | [New pope had lung removed during childhood](#)

March 13, 2013

"Pneumonia is, in fact, one of the more common respiratory conditions as you age," said pulmonologist **Greg Martin 2011**, who teaches at Emory University and specializes in critical care. "As a matter of fact, it's one of the more common causes of death."

Atlanta Journal Constitution | [Four metro counties among state's 'healthiest'](#)

March 20, 2013

David Howard 2013, assistant professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at Emory's Rollins School of Public Health, said he uses the data "cautiously."

Wall Street Journal | [A search for the voice you used to have](#)

March 14, 2013

"Voice therapy doesn't work for everyone," says **Michael M. Johns 2007**, an otolaryngologist and director of the Emory Voice Center, who is familiar with Mr. Hammett's care.

Georgia Health News | [Video: Rethinking the use of PSA tests](#)

March 21, 2013

"The most interesting finding is that a change in an expert panel recommendation led to reductions in the use of screening even though it was not tied to any changes in insurers' coverage or payment policies," says **David Howard 2013**, the study's lead author, who's associate professor of health policy and management at Emory's Rollins School of Public Health. "The recommendation alone led to a cost-saving change in medical practice patterns."

MSN | [Healthy Living: Is early baldness in blacks a clue to prostate cancer?](#)

March 26, 2013

Otis Brawley 2004, chief medical officer of the American Cancer Society, professor, hematology, oncology, medicine and epidemiology, Emory University in Atlanta, said the study provides "more evidence of a link that has been talked about since the '70s."



Atlanta Journal-Constitution | [Morehouse School of Medicine hosting summit that addresses obesity](#)
April 2, 2013

The Morehouse School of Medicine kicked off its 2013 Dr. Daniel S. Blumenthal Public Health Summit Tuesday with a discussion on how to address the country, and Georgia's, growing obesity rate... Wednesday speakers will include:... **Arshed Quyyumi 2012**, co-director of the Emory Clinical Cardiovascular Research Institute.

11alive.com | [Emory to host seminar on bipolar disorder](#)
March 29, 2013

The event will take place Wednesday, Apr. 3 at 6:30 p.m. at Emory's Briarcliff Campus. It is free and open to the public. Panelists include Dr. **Jeffrey Rakofsky**, a psychiatrist with Emory's Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences; **Nadine Kaslow 2004**, an Emory psychologist and president-elect of the American Psychological Association; and Yvonne DeBellotte, mother of a child with bipolar disorder.

Georgia Health News | [Many Georgians projected to get exchange subsidy](#)
April 3, 2013

David Howard 2013, a health policy professor at Emory's Rollins School of Public Health, told GHN on Wednesday that the number of people eligible for credits demonstrates the impact of the ACA on the health insurance market.

Atlanta Business Chronicle Paid subscription | [Busy people turn to 'executive physicals'](#)
April 12, 2013

Emory Executive Health is one such program that makes it easy for professionals to have their medical needs tended to in a one-stop-shop program. **David Roberts 2007**, the program's medical director, said the health system doesn't do a lot of bragging about the service, but its popularity has grown largely through word-of-mouth.

The Los Angeles Times | [Yoga has more to offer than traditional classes](#)
April 13, 2013

Dian Evans 2011, a family nurse practitioner and clinical assistant professor at Emory School of Medicine's School of Nursing who has studied the influence of yoga on chronic back pain, wondered about the collision of hip-hop and yoga. | [The Baltimore Sun](#)

Wall Street Journal | [Neuralstem receives FDA approval to commence phase II](#)
April 17, 2013

"Emory is proud to have conducted the pioneering Phase I trial where we successfully completed 18 transplants in 15 patients, and saw that the cells and the surgical technique were well-tolerated, and that the cells survived, long-term," said **Jonathan Glass 2008**, MD, Director of the Emory ALS Center.

The Georgia Voice | [Emory researchers announce better understanding of HIV transmission](#)
April 22, 2013

Researchers from Emory University and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta recently announced a major development in understanding how HIV spreads from cell to cell inside a human body. "This helps us better understand not only HIV, but many other viruses, and how they take over the cell's sorting and recycling machinery to build their own structures," lead researcher **Paul Spearman 2006**, said in a prepared statement.



Reuters | [New guidelines did not change mammography rates](#)

April 25, 2013

When there are conflicting versions of guidelines, providers may err on the side of screening," said **David Howard 2013**, a health policy researcher from Emory University in Atlanta who has studied mammography.

Atlanta Journal-Constitution | [Accountable care seeks to lower costs, improve patient outcomes](#)

May 3, 2013

"Providers have always been pursuing optimal outcomes, but the fee-for-service structure incentives volume without regard to outcomes, and does not compensate for non-face-to-face encounters that are the hallmark of optimal population management," said **Richard Gitomer 2003**, a primary care physician and chief quality officer of the Emory Clinically Integrated Network, Emory's version of an accountable care model.

Discover Magazine Link unavailable | [The sandman cometh](#)

June 2013

David Rye 2007, MD, professor of Neurology and Director of Research, Emory's Program in Sleep Medicine, discusses the journey to finding a treatment for hypersomnia.

Rock Hill Herald South Carolina | [Simple new test predicts future risk for serious cardiac events](#)

May 8, 2013

"Up until now, it was impossible to differentiate between the person with heart disease who has stable plaque, and not at high risk of a heart attack, versus the patient with unstable plaque, which is vulnerable to rupture and at very high risk for a heart attack," added **Arshed Quyyumi 2012**, MD, of Emory University School of Medicine.

R&D Magazine | [Biomaterial shows promise for Type 1 diabetes treatment](#)

May 8, 2013

Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech) engineers and Emory University clinicians have successfully engrafted insulin-producing cells into a diabetic mouse model, reversing diabetic symptoms in the animal in as little as 10 days. The research article—a partnership with Emory's **Robert Taylor 2007** and **Peter Thule** that was funded in part by the JDRF, the leading global organization funding Type 1 diabetes research—will be published in *Biomaterials*.

CNN | [Psychology plus ballet: Meet 'Dr. Dancer'](#)

May 10, 2013

Now, as the new president-elect of the American Psychological Association, **Nadine Kaslow 2004** doesn't worry about that anymore. Besides being an Emory professor and chief psychologist of Grady Health System, she is also the psychologist for the Atlanta Ballet, where some students call her "Doctor Dancer."

Medpage Today | [No hike in Mass. hospital use post health reform](#)

May, 17, 2013

But will the results seen in Massachusetts translate to the rest of the country? "Massachusetts was special in a couple of respects," **David Howard 2013**, of Emory University Rollins School of Public Health, told *MedPage Today*. "First of all, their baseline rate of uninsured prior to the reform was pretty low compared to the rest of the country. Also prior to the reform, Massachusetts had an uncompensated care pool that helped to offset hospitals' cost for caring for uninsured patients," said Howard, who was not involved in the study.



FOX 5 | [Children and Mental Illness](#) May 16, 2013

Nadine Kaslow 2004, PhD, professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Emory and chief psychologist at Grady, discusses the CDC report about children and mental illness.

Atlanta Business Chronicle | [Clevenger focuses on helping aged Georgians](#)

May 17, 2013

Carolyn Clevenger 2013 is assistant dean of the masters of science in nursing education at Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, Emory University; and associate director of the Atlanta Veterans Administration Quality Scholars Program. "So many things have come my way and I try to keep an open mind and take advantage of opportunities as they come and I feel like every phase is better than the last, so I'm sort of in the moment in the highlight of my career," said Clevenger, winner in the Allied Health Professional category for Atlanta Business Chronicle's 2013 Health-Care Heroes Awards.

Crain's Detroit Business Detroit | [Study finds jump in hospital ER-related admissions](#)

May 22, 2013

Healthcare providers like Grady Health System in Atlanta, whose flagship facility is 660-bed Grady Memorial Hospital, have already been making changes to help streamline processes in emergency room care. In a February interview, **Leon Haley 2005**, chief of emergency medicine, noted that the system had just finished a 12-week engagement with a consulting firm on its emergency department.

Atlanta Business Chronicle Paid Subscription | [Emory gets \\$2 million gift](#)

May 24, 2013

The Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University has received a gift of \$2 million to fund the Wilton Looney Chair of Cardiovascular Research. The endowed chair is named in honor of Wilton Looney, honorary chair of the Genuine Parts Co. board and longtime director of Rollins Inc. The gift was made by the O. Wayne Rollins Foundation and the Rollins family. **Viola Vaccarino 2010**, professor and chair of the epidemiology department at Rollins, will be the first to hold the Wilton Looney Chair of Cardiovascular Research.

Wall Street Journal | [Seeking order in disorder data](#)

May 24, 2013

"Reported counts are always a mix of the true underlying prevalence, diagnosis and treatment patterns, and access to diagnosis and treatment," said **Lance Waller 2003**, a biostatistician at Emory University.

USA Today | [Medical emergencies occur on 1 of every 604 flights](#)

May 29, 2013

Alex Isakov 2010, a physician in the emergency room at Atlanta's Emory University Hospital, has assisted patients on three international flights. He asked that the pilot make an early landing only once, because a woman with gastrointestinal bleeding was at risk of bleeding to death. The flight, originally scheduled to fly from Atlanta to Amsterdam, instead stopped in Newfoundland, so the woman could be taken to a hospital. This article appeared in more than 40 media outlets.

NewsandObserver.com Raleigh, N.C. | [Home health care firms foresee boom, challenges](#) Subscription required

May 29, 2013

Jennifer Schuck 2008, who heads post acute care initiatives at Atlanta-based Emory Healthcare, said in an email, "From a hospital perspective, a patient's treatment does not stop after being discharged from the hospital. The home health agency acts as an extension of the hospital to ensure the patient continues to progress in their healing process."



CNN | [Why bias puts young gays' health at risk](#)

May 31, 2013

This op-ed was written by **Rob Stephenson 2013**, a Public Voices Fellow with the OpEd Project and associate professor of Global Health at Emory University.

Prevention | [What an STD and throat cancer have in common](#)

June 3, 2013

"HPV has been found to be associated with one type of oral cancer at the base of the tongue and the tonsil, otherwise known as the pharynx," says **Amy Chen 2010**, MD, a professor of head, neck surgery at Emory School of Medicine and an academy leader with the American Academy of Otolaryngology."

Medpage Today | [More young adults in the ED](#)

May 29, 2013

The study showed that the ACA provision was effective at insuring unanticipated costs, but didn't show whether the coverage changes helped pay for financially devastating procedures, noted **David Howard 2013**, PhD, of Rollins School of Public Health in Atlanta, Georgia. Howard is also featured in the discussant video.

11Alive.com | [Reducing the mental health stigma](#)

June 6, 2013

Nadine Kaslow 2004 with the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Emory University discusses President Obama's promise to eliminate the stigma associated with mental illness in the wake of Sandy Hook.

Medpage Today | [Distribution of Medicare ACOs varies widely](#)

June 14, 2013

Providers in rural settings will have difficulty making Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) successful, according to **David Howard 2013**, associate professor of health policy and management at Emory University in Atlanta. Most of the cost savings ACOs hope to generate come from specialists, which rural areas don't have and therefore can't integrate into ACOs.

MarketPlace.org | [Doctors look to change the economics of obesity](#)

June 18, 2013

It's also a lot better for the doctors who treat obesity, says Emory University Health Policy Prof. **David Howard 2013**. "Saying that obesity is a disease will possibly open up the flood gates and make it much harder for insurers to deny payment," he says.

CBS Atlanta | [AMA recognizes obesity as a disease](#)

June 19, 2013

David Howard 2013, associate professor, Rollins School of Public Health, explains the American Medical Association's decision to name obesity a disease.

WXIA-TV | [James Gandolfini's death tragically 'typical'](#)

June 20, 2013 The death of actor James Gandolfini at the age of 51 from an apparent heart attack Wednesday night is, tragically, an example of "one of the more common manifestations of heart disease," said **Laurence Sperling 2008**, of the Emory Heart Center.



New York Times | [Clues in the cycle of suicide](#)

June 24, 2013

"There's no one reason that people do it," said **Nadine Kaslow 2004**, a research psychologist at Emory University. Rather, she says, people usually commit suicide because personal, social-system and environmental factors combine to push them to a new place of energized despair.

United Press International | [Vietnam vets with PTSD have higher risk of heart disease](#)

June 25, 2013

Twin Vietnam veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder were more than twice as likely to develop heart disease than those with no PTSD, researchers say... "This study suggests a link between PTSD and cardiovascular health," lead researcher **Viola Vaccarino 2010** of Emory University and chairwoman of the department of epidemiology at the Rollins School of Public Health said in a statement.

Atlanta Daily World | [Leon L. Haley, MD is new Emory associate dean for Grady](#)

June 28, 2013

Leon L. Haley Jr., 2005 MHA associate professor of emergency medicine at Emory University School of Medicine, has been appointed the new Emory School of Medicine Executive Associate Dean of Clinical Services for Grady Health System and Chief Medical Officer of the Emory Medical Care Foundation.

Atlanta Journal-Constitution Paid subscription | [Study finds high incidence of heart disease in PTSD victims](#)

July 2, 2013

The Martin brothers participated in the study involving the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Vietnam Era Twin Registry, a group of 7,000 twin brothers who both served in the military during that conflict. The Martins trekked to Emory's Rollins School of Public Health in Atlanta multiple times beginning in 2006 to participate in the research project led by **Viola Vaccarino 2010**.

Atlanta Journal-Constitution Paid Subscription | [Alzheimer's facility in Jackson County taken over after abuse allegations](#)

July 2, 2013

Tom Price 2013, an Emory geriatrician who specializes in issues related to abuse and neglect of the elderly, said abuse cases are becoming more prevalent "not just in licensed but unlicensed" facilities.

MedPage Today | [Reality Check: DC predictions on the ACA](#)

June 28, 2013

On the day the Supreme Court announced its decision on the Affordable Care Act, President Obama and leaders on Capitol Hill made predictions about how the law would affect the healthcare of Americans. In this video look-back, MedPage Today replays some of those predictions. To find out how close they've come to reality, we turned to health policy expert **David Howard 2013**, PhD, of Emory University's School of Public Health.

Huffington Post | [So you think you can dance: Predicting the winner of season 10](#)

July 5, 2013

"As an epidemiologist and demographer, I cannot resist the urge to crunch the numbers and try and make predictions," says Rollins School of Public Health Associate Professor **Rob Stephenson 2013**.



Huffington Post | [If I am HIV-negative, then you must be too, right?](#)

July 9, 2013

Rob Stephenson 2013, an Emory University associate professor, wrote an op-ed for the Huffington Post stating that, "the lack of discussion around HIV with their sex partners may arise from a surprising gap in knowledge. Recently published work by Bradley Wagenaar and colleagues from the Rollins School of Public Health in Atlanta shows that among a sample of 426 MSM aged 18 to 29, 21 percent were not definitively aware that sero-discordance (where one member of the couple is HIV-negative and the other is HIV-positive) is possible."

Happy Trails...

Tara Adyanthaya 2012 left Emory at the beginning of 2013 to form TLA Healthcare Ethics Consulting & Mediation, LLC, which has been a dream of hers for a long time. You can learn more about her new business at <http://tlaethics.com/>. She invites any and all constructive criticism and ideas as to how her business can be more helpful to patients and providers. Tara is still active in the Emory Community as she is the co-chair of the planning committee for the March 2014 Annual Meeting of the Healthcare Ethics Consortium of Georgia, which is based in Emory's Center for Ethics. This year's theme is Embracing Change: Balancing Innovation and Humanity and will focus on ethical dilemmas raised by healthcare innovations and cultural changes that impact healthcare decisions. Tara also completed both the Boston Marathon and the Big Sur Marathon in April.

Ron Sauder 2003, who has served as vice president for communications and marketing at Emory University since March 2006, left Emory at the end of May to pursue his interests in health communications. He will join an early-stage e-health venture, Concila, based in San Francisco.

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

As you may know, last November the work of Emory University professors Dr. Robert P. Gaynes, Dr. **Mark Mulligan 2008** and Dr. Rafi Ahmed were featured in the program, "The Future Files – Inventing Tomorrow in Georgia Today," developed by the Georgia Research Alliance (GRA) in partnership with Georgia Public Broadcasting. The pilot episode focused on the threat of influenza, and the inventive work of Georgia scientists to stop it. The Future Files has recently gotten some industry recognition, earning four southeast Emmy awards. **Holly Korschun 2004** worked with the GRA to arrange Emory's part of the production.

The Robert W. Woodruff Foundation and The Coca-Cola Foundation provided funding for the project. "The Future Files" pilot can be viewed in its entirety on GPB.org. To watch, go to: <http://www.gpb.org/future-files>.





Upcoming Events

The 2013 WLA Fellows will be presenting mini versions of their project presentations.

Session 1: September 18 from 12:15 – 1:30pm “Transforming Healthcare by Connecting Researchers, Clinicians and Data to Patient Care” - Affordable Care Actors

Session 2: September 30 from 12:15 – 1:30pm “Transforming Healthcare: Optimizing Physician and Affiliate Provider Teams” - The LifeSavers

Session 3: October 17 from 12:15 – 1:30pm “Advancing the Relationship Between Patients and Providers in an Online Health Destination: The Patient-Provider Portal” - Emory Connect

All of these sessions will be held in SOM 110, and the presentations will last approximately one hour each (30 minutes for the presentation & 30 minutes for Q & A). Additionally, lunch will be available at each presentation.

September 11th – 12:00 (please note later starting time): WLA Lunch & Leadership – Guest Speaker Dr. Joseph Simone, author of Simone’s Maxims – SOM 110

October 12th – WLA Reunion Dinner – Emory Conference Center

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.

If you would like to checkout a book, DVD or CD from the library, let us know, and we’ll deliver it to your office within a few days. Send a request via email to: WLAlibrary@emory.edu.

