



2011 Golden Apple Awards

The American Medical Student Association and the College of Medicine held the 2011 Golden Apple Awards Ceremony, November 30th. The Golden Apple Awards honor teaching excellence across the curriculum. This year the Golden Apple Award winners included **Dr. Chelsey Petz, Internal Medicine Resident.**

Winners:

- 1st year: Golden Apple- Michael Caplan, MD
Special Appreciation- Chris Pelic, MD
- 2nd year: Golden Apple- Gabriel Virella, MD
Special Appreciation- Jennie Ariail, PhD
- Clinical years: Golden Apple- Megan Baker, MD
Special Appreciation- Ruth Fortini
- House Staff: **Chelsey Petz, MD**

2010-2011 Award Nominations:

First Year Class - Faculty Award

- Dr. Thierry Bacro, Regenerative Med & Cell Biology
- Dr. Michael Caplan, Pathology & Laboratory Med
- Dr. Sarah Mennito, Pediatrics

Dr. Paul McDermott, Medicine/Cardiology

- Dr. Debra Hazen-Martin, Pathology & Laboratory Med & College of Medicine Dean's Office

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On the Calendar:

Deadline for Research Day Abstracts
December 19
Christmas Eve Holiday
Dec 23 - Clinics/Offices Open
Christmas Holiday
Dec 26 - Clinics/Offices Closed
Day After Holiday
Dec 27 - Clinics/Offices Open
New Year's Day
Jan 2 - Clinics/Offices Closed

First Year Special Appreciation

Dr. Willette Burnham, Education & Student Support
 Marilyn Lowndes, College of Medicine Dean's Office
 Dr. Chris Pelic, College of Medicine Dean's Office

Joan Graesch, College of Medicine Dean's Office
 Dr. Matt McEvoy, Anesthesia & Periop. Med

Second Year Class - Faculty Award

Dr. Gene Burges, Dermatology
Dr. Diane Kamen, Medicine/Rheumatology
 Dr. Sally Self, Pathology & Laboratory Medicine
 Dr. Gabriel Virella, Microbiology & Immunology
 Dr. Paul Eberts, Path& Lab Medicine, Chief Resident & Fellow

Dr. John Hildebrandt, Pharmacology
 Dr. Laura Kasman, Microbiology & Immunology
 Dr. Jerry Squires, Pathology & Laboratory Med

Second Year Special Appreciation

Dr. Jenny Ariail Education & Student Suppt
 Krista Mysock, College of Medicine Dean's Office
 Myra Haney Singleton, College of Med Dean's Office

Sara Frampton, College of Medicine Dean's Office
 Sandy Nelson, College of Medicine Dean's Office
 Artice Smith, College of Medicine Dean's Office

Clinical Years - Faculty Award

Dr. Megan Baker, Surgery
 Dr. Kelly Barth, Psychiatry
Dr. Theresa Cuoco, General Internal Medicine
 Dr. Joseph Dobson, Pediatrics
 Dr. Jack Foust, Psychiatry
 Dr. Jeanne Hill, Radiology
Dr. Brad Keith, General Internal Medicine
 Dr. John Lazarchick, Pathology & Laboratory Medicine
 Dr. Stephanie Montgomery, Surgery
 Dr. James Roberts, Pediatrics
Dr. Marian Taylor, Medicine/ Cardiology
 Dr. Carol Wagner, Pediatrics

Dr. Prabhakar Baliga, Surgery
 Dr. Julio Chalela, Neurosciences
Dr. Deborah DeWaay, General Internal Med
 Dr. Nestor Esnaola, Surgery
Dr. Corey Hatfield, Medicine/Rheumatology
Dr. Keri Holmes-Maybank, General Intnl Med
Dr. Rogers Kyle, General Internal Medicine
 Dr. Rebecca Lehman, Neurosciences
Dr. Nick Pastis, Medicine/Pulmonary
 Dr. Barron Short, Psychiatry
 Dr. Robert Turner, Neurosciences
 Dr. Aljoeson Walker, Neurosciences

House Staff

Dr. Lauren Angotti, Resident, Medicine
Dr. Matthew Huffman, Cardiology Fellow

Dr. Marc Heincelman, Resident, Pediatrics
Dr. Chelsey Petz, Resident, Medicine

Clinical Years Special Appreciation

Dr. Laurine Charles, Education & Student Support
 Ruth Fortini, Surgery
 Myra Haney-Singleton, Medicine Dean's Office
 Nora Siwarski, Education & Student Support
 Dr. Jeff Wong, General Internal Medicine
 Dr. Christopher Pelic Assoc Dean, Students

Dr. Deborah Deas, Coll of Medicine Dean's Office
 Sara Frampton, College of Medicine Dean's Office
 Dr. Lisa Kerr, Education & Student Support
 Dr. Thomas Smith, Education & Student Support
 Della DeLong, Family Medicine

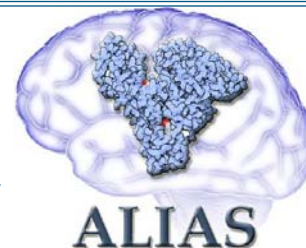


Dr. Marvella Ford selected as 2012 MUSC Martin Luther King, Jr. Award recipient

Dr. Marvella Ford,, Associate Professor in Biostatistics & Epidemiology, has been selected as the 2012 MUSC Martin Luther King, Jr. Award recipient. Annually, a faculty or staff member from each of the local colleges is selected by students to receive the MLK, Jr recognition award for service and contributions to the Tri-county community. Dr. Ford and four other recipients from (CofC, Charleston Southern, The Citadel and Trident Technical College) will be recognized Tuesday, January 17 during the annual Black History Intercollegiate Consortium's Annual King Holiday Observance. MUSC is the local host this year. The program will be held in St. Luke's

Chapel commencing at 6:30 pm.

DBE conducting NIH trial of Albumin for Stroke Patients



The Data Coordination Unit (DCU) in the Division of Biostatistics and Epidemiology is conducting a NIH-funded international clinical trial, Albumin in Acute Stroke (ALIAS) Trial-Part 2 to determine whether high dose albumin therapy will provide increased protection for the brain in stroke patients over and above the standard of care. Eligible subjects receive IV treatment of either albumin or placebo (isotonic saline solution). Patients are assessed at their 3 month clinic visit and by phone at 1, 6, 9, and 12 months to determine the durability of the effect of the albumin therapy.

The trial is being conducted at approximately **70 clinical sites in the US and Canada**, and since summer of 2011, **9 clinical sites in Israel** (Sourasky, Tel Aviv; Rambam, Haifa; Sheba, Ramat-Gan; Barzilai, Ashkelon; Hadassah, Jerusalem; Rabin, Petach Tikva; Bnai-Zion, Haifa; Soroka, Beer-Sheva; and Carmel, Haifa). The Trial is preparing to expand to **Finland** in early 2012, adding an additional 4 clinical sites.

The DCU is the Statistics and Data Coordinating Center under the NINDS cooperative agreement mechanism (U01) in collaboration with the Clinical Coordinating Center at the University of Miami, led by Dr. Myron Ginsberg. The MUSC team consists of **Drs. Yuko Palesch (PI), Renee Martin, Sharon Yeatts, and Robert Woolson**, the study statisticians; **Ms. Lydia Foster**, the biostatistical programmer; **Dr. Ed Jauch** (Emergency Medicine), the internal medical monitor; **Dr. Wenle Zhao and Mr. Jaemyung Kim**, who developed and maintain the clinical trials management system; **Ms. Bonnie Waldman and Ms. Lynn Patterson**, who handle project management; and **Mr. Rick Leinster and Mr. Aaron Perlmutter**, who provide data management support.

The ALIAS Trial is a large (N=1,100), multicenter, randomized, double-blinded, parallel, two-arm Phase III trial to assess whether 25% human albumin (ALB) therapy confers neuroprotection for acute ischemic stroke patients over and above the standard of care. Eligible subjects (aged 18 to 83 with a NIH Stroke Scale score of 6 or greater who are able to have study drug initiated within 5 hours of stroke onset) are randomized 1:1 to IV treatment of either albumin or placebo (isotonic saline solution). The primary outcome is assessed at a 3-month clinic visit. Subjects are followed for 12 months from randomization via telephone contact at 1, 6, 9, and 12 months to determine the durability of the effect of the albumin therapy.

Research Award Highlights for November 2011

PI	Sponsor	Sponsor Type	Title	Project Total
Biostatistics				
Valerie Durkalski	Univ of Virginia/NIH	Federal	The Stroke Hyperglycemia Insulin Network Effort (SHINE) Trial	\$ 1,883,208
General Internal Medicine				
Lawrence Mohr	Tulane University/NIH	Federal	Long-Term Lung Health After Exposure to Chlorine Gas	\$ 61,384
Hematology/Oncology				
Lawrence Afrin	Incyte Corp	Corporate	Alternative Dosing Strategy of Ruxolitinib in Patients with Primary Myelofibrosis	\$ 73,928
Luciano Costa	Onyx Pharmaceuticals	Corporate	A Phase I / II Trial of Cyclophosphamide, Carfilzomib, Thalidomide and Dexamethasone (CYCLONE) in Patients with Newly Diagnosed Active Multiple Myeloma	\$ 54,950
Keisuke Shirai	Merrimack Pharmaceuticals	Corporate	A Phase 1-2 Trial of MM-121-01-1 in Combination with Erlotinib in Three Groups of Patients with NSCLC	\$ 139,094
George Simon	Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals	Corporate	BIBW 2992 (Afatinib) vs Gemcitabine-cisplatin in 1st Line Non-small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC)	\$ 332,646
Nephrology				
Ruth Campbell	REATA Pharmaceuticals, Inc / OIP	Corporate	REATA: Bardoxolone Methyl Evaluation in Patients with CKD and Type 2 Diabetes:	\$ 93,274
Pulmonary				
Gerard Silvestri	Univ of Toledo	Federal	Validation for Multi-Gene Test for Lung Cancer Risk (LCRT)	\$ 155,000
Rheumatology				
Marcy Bolster	Novartis	Corporate	Efficacy at 24 weeks and Safety, Tolerability and Long Term Efficacy up to 1 Year of Secukinumab (AIN457) in Patients	\$ 56,235

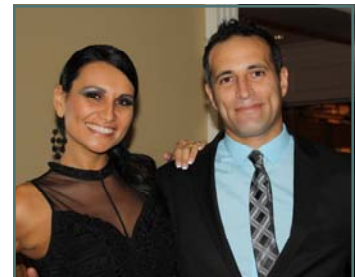
IMPORTANT HIPAA TIP

When sending emails, do not put any identifying information (patient name, MRN, etc...) in the subject line of the email. This is applicable for emails going both inside and outside the MUSC firewall. If you have a business need to identify the patient in the subject line, then just use the last four digits of the MRN.

If you have questions regarding this or other related privacy issues, contact the UMA Compliance Department at 876-1323 or compluma@musc.edu



SCENES FROM THE HOLIDAY PARTY



Department of Medicine's 6th Annual Research Day

January 19, 2012, 4:30 – 7:00 PM
Harper Student Center Gymnasium



*2010 Participation Winners
Divisions of Infectious Disease & Rheumatology*

The Department of Medicine will be rewarding Divisions with the highest percentage of overall participation (**1st place -\$7,500** and **2nd place -\$2,500**). The best part is these earnings will go towards the professional development of junior researchers.

Contest Description & Rules:

Participants: Must be a **Department of Medicine** Junior Faculty (Basic/Clinical), Fellows, Residents, Post-doctoral Fellows, Graduate Students, & Medical Students.

***Medical Students will count in the division only if there is a direct divisional collaboration.**

Abstract Length: approximately 300 words. No more than 1 page.

Content: Title of abstract; Authors, Division and Department of Medicine affiliations; Identify if you are a student, post doc, resident, fellow, clinical or basic; Identify the type of research project (clinical or basic science, epidemiology, etc...); E-mail address of the corresponding author.

Abstract Deadline: December 19, 2011 at 5:00PM (Only one abstract per presenter)
A **\$1,000** travel award will be presented to the best poster in each category.

*Please submit abstract as an attached Word Document to **Meghan Hatfield** at mcqueenm@muscu.edu*

Count Down to a Tobacco-Free Campus



A message from Dr. Ray Greenberg, MUSC president

I am writing to share with you an important new policy that will be implemented soon on our campus. Acting upon the recommendations of the Student Government Association and the faculty senate, our board of trustees recently determined that MUSC will become a totally tobacco-free campus. In order to prepare adequately for this transition and to give faculty, students, staff, patients and visitors ample notice, the new policy will become effective March 1, 2012.

As South Carolina's academic health center and home to the only National Cancer Institute-designated cancer institute in the state, it is a part of our mission to prevent cancer and to lead by example in providing the healthiest environment possible for everyone on our campus. We will be offering smoking cessation classes and other available support and resources for our employees to encourage a healthier lifestyle. Please visit the smoke-free website at www.musc.edu/tobaccofree.

We look forward to your help and support in creating an environment that promotes wellness and healthy behavior.

Year-end Annual Leave Cutback

Current leave records indicate that many classified and research grant employees will exceed the authorized maximum accrued annual leave accumulation on December 31 unless leave is used between now and the end of the year. In accordance with State regulations, annual leave balances **for classified, unclassified non-faculty and research grant employees** will be automatically reduced to 360 hours (45 days) effective January 1, 2012. This is the authorized maximum accrued annual leave accumulation that may be carried over into a new calendar year. Annual leave taken by biweekly and monthly employees through December 31, 2011 will be deducted prior to the annual leave cutback, provided supervisors record all calendar year 2011 leave taken in Kronos prior to January 3, 2012.

Leave Transfer Pool Donations

The Employee Leave Transfer Program allows employees occupying FTE positions who wish to donate leave to the annual and/or sick leave transfer pools to do so before December 31 of each calendar year. Employees who may lose annual and/or sick leave because they will exceed the authorized maximum leave carryover of 360 hours for annual leave and 1,440 hours for sick leave are encouraged to donate leave to the transfer pools before this date.

The donated leave is used by eligible employees who experience a medical or family emergency that requires the employee's absence from work for a prolonged period of time and would otherwise result in a substantial loss of income.

Employees who wish to donate leave are reminded that no more than one-half of the annual or sick leave accrued during the calendar year may be donated. Faculty may donate sick leave only. Once leave has been transferred, it cannot be restored or returned to the leave donor. To donate leave, employees must complete a Leave Donation Form. This form can be accessed from the MUSC Homepage, Human Resources, University Human Resources, Forms web site, or <http://www.musc.edu/hrm/forms/Leave%20Donation%20Form.doc>. Any questions regarding this program should be directed to the Human Resources Management Classification/Compensation Section at extension 2-7225.

Kathy Kelly Editor, AJMS Nephrology



What do you like about working at MUSC?

What I like best about working here at MUSC is the diversity of the people. We have a melting pot of nationalities represented here and we have a wonderful opportunity to learn about co-workers, their cultures and what their life is like living in a different country.

What is your job?

As Managing Editor for The American Journal of the Medical Sciences (AJMS). I ensure that we have best possible monthly publication of the second oldest medical journal in the U.S. I work with authors and reviewers around the world to process manuscripts submitted for publication. I secure reviewers for peer-review and ensure organization of accepted papers and documentation. I also work closely with the publisher to ensure all papers meet our journal standard, proof-reading at each stage and coordinating the lineup for each issue. We welcome your submissions at <http://www.editorialmanager.com/maj/>

Any outside of work interests you'd like to share?

I love serving in the community: The Dream Center and Adopt-A-Block in North Charleston as well as Crisis Ministries. I enjoy the beach, working in my garden, cooking, reading and time spent with friends.

If you could have any career what would it be?

I really enjoy marketing and would love to work in that area.

Tea, Coffee, Soda or Water?

Coffee, black. Mom got me started on this years ago when she would give me a little coffee in my milk. Somehow we got to more coffee than milk and voila...I was hooked.

Favorite book? **The Bible**



Chris Wagner Info. Resource Consultant

What do you like about working at MUSC?

My work with the Outpatient Quality Improvement Network (OQUIN) helps solve real problems and benefits many people. Being surrounded by great people just makes it better.

What is your job?

I am part of the OQUIN IT staff. We collect patient health data from hundreds of doctors throughout the southeast. We send reports to the each doctor that compares his/her treatment of hypertension, diabetes, and high cholesterol to other doctors.

Any outside of work interests you'd like to share?

I am a theater buff. For many years I worked for AMC Theatres. When I moved to Charleston, I helped open the Roxy Theatre on East Bay St with Steve Bohr and George Finnan. Then, I helped renovate and open the American Cinema & Grill on King St with Dr. Celeste Patrick.

If you could have any career what would it be?

I would most like to simply go on a long walk, ending up somewhere along the Pacific coast. But, since that will not support my family, I am currently finishing my PhD so I can switch to my preferred career as a college professor.

Tea, Coffee, Soda or Water?

Soda, then water. I see tea and coffee as taking a fine cup of hot water and polluting it with dirt and tree droppings.

Favorite book?

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. It isn't much of a story, but the social and political insights are spectacular.

Strangest day you've had on the job at MUSC?

I work with so much information from so many sources that a strange day to me is one in which everything works and nothing goes wrong.

Excellent Comments

I was treated great by **Dr. Robert Miller and his staff!** I don't worry when I come to see him because he and his staff are great. I know all my needs will be met, and questions answered. I have told family and friends how great they are!

I have received the very best treatment for my RA. I was diagnosed by my family doctor and was able to see **Dr. Edwin Smith** very promptly. He confirmed the diagnosis and his treatment has been very effective. My follow-ups with him have been excellent along with the convenient blood tests at the facility and locally in Myrtle Beach at LAB Corp



Dr. Cindy Feely and all of her staff are the best!

I am always pleased with MUSC health care. I recommend MUSC to my friends all the time. I asked about a flu shot when I saw my cardiologist in September. The nurse said she could give it to me then, but I would get more protection during the flu season if I waited until October. When I called in October I was able to get the flu shot in less than 2 hours. That is great service. The first nurse was **Lisa at West Ashley and Sherry** was the nurse who gave the shot and it was virtually painless and she explained how to rub my arm to reduce arm soreness. I would not go to any other hospital!!!

I would not consider changing doctors. **Dr. Gerard Silvestri** has a lot of passion and care for his patients.



There is always improvement on most situations, but I believe **Hollings Cancer Center** is doing their best. I thank God that we have Hollings and the good nurses and Dr's. I feel I am on good hands and the least I can do is be patient.

My visit to the **pulmonary center** at MUSC was a wonderful experience. Everyone was pleasant, knowledgeable, caring, and professional. I was most pleased by the quality of my care. Everyone listened to what I had to say, answered all my questions, and never made me feel as if I was being rushed. Thank you for the outstanding quality of care I was given

As a cancer patient- I know I am receiving the ultimate in treatment and care. I consider myself to be extremely fortunate to be a patient of **Dr. Stephan Chin** in the Hollings Cancer Center. Dr. Chin is a kind, knowledgeable, caring Oncologist with his patients welfare his primary concern.



All of the care that I received at the Medical University was excellent. This includes the care in **the emergency room in cardiac ICU and my doctor's care**

Dr. Elisha Brownfield and her staff are the best.



Dr. Pam Morris is the best. She is very knowledgeable, efficient and personable. Each visit we go over the previous results and she presents me with a new detailed form outlining my labwork, medications, changes going forward. I think this is a wonderful tool and I wish all physicians were this organized, knowledgeable and pleasant.

Dr. Mary Jean Vogt was very thorough. She had read thru my medical history before I arrived. She asked many questions and listened to my answers (and concerns). She was very nice and interested in finding answers to my problems. Since my regular doctor is in the same office. I have always found (the staff nurses and office staff) to be nice, helpful, and professional. Both **Dr. Vroman and Dr. Vogt** are terrific and I would (and have) recommended them to friends.

Dr. Hatfield is very courteous, professional, and knowledgeable. His bedside manner is superior. A real asset to the MUSC team. Great staff!

Medicine Grand Rounds

All lectures are held in the IOP Auditorium
each Tuesday at 8:00am
CME credit applies if you have
signed/swiped in by 8:15 am.

December 20 Cancelled for Holidays

December 27 Cancelled for Holidays

January 3 “To Be Announced”



David Koch, MD
Assistant Professor
Gastroenterology & Hepatology

January 10 “To Be Announced”



Angela Hays, MD
Assistant Professor
Neurosciences
MUSC

January 17 “To Be Announced”



Robert D. Brook, M.D
Associate Professor
Cardiovascular Medicine
University of Michigan



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