MCG Faculty Awards Ceremony

MCG Faculty Senate
February 18, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.
Natalie & Lansing B. Lee, Jr. Auditorium
Dear Colleagues:

The MCG Faculty Senate presents the annual MCG Faculty Awards Ceremony, which recognizes exceptional achievement by faculty and residents in the areas of teaching, research, clinical care, and service.

Today’s honorees have contributed their significant skills and passion to attaining excellence and to setting a high standard for us all. We gather today to thank them for their contributions to our medical school and to the dynamic present and future of medicine.

We thank as well the members of the MCG Faculty Senate Faculty Recognition Committee for their diligent efforts to make this celebration possible.

Our best regards,

Peter F. Buckley, MD
Dean, Medical College of Georgia
Interim Executive Vice President for Health Affairs,
Augusta University, Interim CEO, Augusta University
Medical Center & Medical Associates

Wendy Bollag, PhD
President, MCG Faculty Senate
Program
Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University
2016 MCG Faculty Awards Ceremony
Thursday, February 18, 2016
5:30-6:30 p.m., Reception Immediately Following
Natalie & Lansing B. Lee, Jr. Auditorium

Welcome........................................................................................................... Wendy Bollag, PhD
President, MCG Faculty Senate

Remarks........................................................................................................... Jatinder Bhatia, MD
Past President, MCG Faculty Senate on behalf of
Peter F. Buckley, MD, Dean, Medical College of Georgia
Interim Executive Vice President for Health Affairs, Augusta University
CEO, Augusta University Medical Center & Medical Associates

Educator of the Year Awards................................................................. Jatinder Bhatia, MD

Outstanding Teaching Awards............................................................... Jatinder Bhatia, MD

Resident of the Year Award................................................................. Walter J. Moore, MD
Senior Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education and VA Affairs
Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics

Music........................................................................................................... Albert Huh
MCG Medical Student Class of 2016

Distinguished Faculty Awards................................................................. Thad Wilkins, MD
Chair, Faculty Recognition Committee
Nita J. Maihle, PhD
Senator at Large, MCG Faculty Senate

Institutional Service, Outstanding Young Basic and Clinical Science Awards......... Thad Wilkins, MD
Nita J. Maihle, PhD

Outstanding Faculty Awards................................................................. Thad Wilkins, MD
Nita J. Maihle, PhD

MCG Lifetime Achievement Award........................................................ Thad Wilkins, MD

Retiree Recognition................................................................................ Thad Wilkins, MD

Recognition of MCG Faculty Senate Executive Committee................... Jatinder Bhatia, MD

Closing Remarks..................................................................................... Wendy Bollag, PhD
**Honorees:**

**Educator of the Year**

**Eric R. Zevallos, MD**
Assistant Professor and Emergency Medicine Assistant Clerkship Director
Department of Emergency Medicine and Hospitalist Services
Presented By:
Stephen Jackson, President, Class of 2016

**Stephen K. Lucas, MD**
Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine
Presented By:
Joey Krakowiak, President, Class of 2016, AU-UGA Medical Partnership

**Laura L. Mulloy, DO, FACP, FASN, FAST**
Vice Chair, Clinical Affairs and Faculty Development
Professor and Chief, Division of Nephrology, Hypertension and Transplant Medicine
Department of Medicine
Presented By:
Katherine Menezes, President, Class of 2017

**Eva K. Moore, MD**
Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery
Presented By:
Ashlee Nicole Sharer, Class of 2017, presenting for Palmer Feibelman, President Class of 2017
AU-UGA Medical Partnership

**John F. Fisher, MD**
Professor, Department of Medicine

**D. Greer Falls, III, MD**
Associate Professor and Director, Pathology Residency Training Program, Department of Pathology
Associate Dean for Student Affairs, Second Year Class

Presented By:
Donald David Davis, President, Class of 2018

**Howard J. Cohen, MD**
Associate Professor, Department of Medicine
Presented By:
Caroline Geiger, President, Class of 2018, AU-UGA Medical Partnership
Anthony M. Payne, PhD  
Associate Professor, Department of Physiology  
Presented By:  
Babatunde Fariyike, President, Class of 2019

Clive A. Slaughter, PhD  
Associate Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
Presented By:  
Daniel Steinberg, President, Class of 2019, AU-UGA Medical Partnership

Outstanding Clinical Science Teaching Award

Department of Emergency Medicine and Hospitalist Services  
Richard B. Schwartz, MD, FACP  
Chairman and Professor  
Presented By:  
Jatinder Bhatia, MD  
Stephen Jackson, Class of 2016

Outstanding Basic Science Teaching Award

Department of Pathology  
Amyn M. Rojiani, MD, PhD  
Chairman and Edgar R. Pund Distinguished Professor  
Presented By:  
Jatinder Bhatia, MD  
Donald David Davis, Class of 2018

Resident of the Year

Zachary Klaassen, MD  
Department of Surgery  
Presented By:  
Walter J. Moore, MD, MACP  
Senior Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education and VA Affairs, Professor of Rheumatology, Departments of Medicine and Pediatrics
Distinguished Faculty Awards

Basic Science Teaching
Anna C. Edmondson, PhD

Dr. Edmondson is an Associate Professor of Cellular Biology and Anatomy and course director of the Phase 1 Medical Human Development D, Phase 1 Tissue/Musculoskeletal Module and Human Gross Anatomy. She is a graduate of Auburn University, and earned her PhD from the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center, Memphis. She completed postdoctoral training at Vanderbilt in the Department of Cell and Developmental Biology. Dr. Edmondson is an experienced gross anatomist and assists medical students in honing their skills in dissection and identification of structures. She is an extremely valuable member of the anatomical sciences teaching team. She guides students who are having academic difficulty, and also mentors top-performing students to serve as teaching assistants in the summer gross anatomy course for allied health students. Dr. Edmondson has a keen interest in medical education and how students learn anatomical sciences. Her educational research findings have been presented at local, regional, national and international meetings.

Clinical Science Teaching
Bradford Z. Reynolds, MD

Dr. Reynolds is an Associate Professor, and Clerkship Director for the Emergency Medicine Medical Student Rotation, in the Department of Emergency Medicine and Hospitalist Services. He is a 2000 graduate of the Medical College of Georgia. He completed his internship in internal medicine in 2001, and his emergency medicine residency training in 2004, both at MCG. He was chief resident from 2003-04. After a brief period in private practice, Dr. Reynolds returned to the Medical College of Georgia, where he has been very involved in both residency and medical student education. He was appointed Assistant Residency Director in 2004 and Associate Residency Director in 2008. He was then appointed Clerkship Director in early 2014. Dr. Reynolds is credentialed in Emergency Medicine ultrasound at AU Medical Center and Children’s Hospital of Georgia, and is involved in teaching ultrasound to both residents and medical students. His research interests include hemostatic agents, tourniquet use, emergency airway management, resident education and ultrasound. He works as a volunteer faculty member at Druid Park Community Health Center.
Clinical Science Teaching
Waleed F. Mourad, MD, PhD

Dr. Mourad is an Associate Professor, Interim Chair, and Residency Program Director for the Department of Radiation Oncology and Director for Clinical Services for the Cancer Center. He earned his medical degree from Ain Shams University, Egypt in 2000. He completed his postdoctoral fellowship in immunomodulation at Tampa’s H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center in 2007, and in Radiation Oncology at University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, in 2010. Dr. Mourad has trained extensively in brachytherapy procedures for head and neck cancers and intraoperative radiation therapy programs (IORT). He started a comprehensive radiation oncology program at the Cancer Center for patients with head and neck tumors, including treatments involving brachytherapy and IORT to locally advanced tumors, recurrent tumors, and previous irradiation patients.

Basic Science Research
Wen-Cheng Xiong, PhD

Dr. Xiong holds the George W. Weiss Research Professorship and is a Professor in the Departments of Neurology and Neuroscience and Regenerative Medicine. She obtained her doctoral degree at Johns Hopkins Medical School, and studied neural development in fruit flies. She completed her postdoctoral training at the University of Virginia on integrin signaling in regulating cell adhesion and migration. During her 12 years at MCG, her lab has studied the role and function of the factor netrin-1 in the critical neural process of axon path finding and bone remodeling. Recently, her lab has made important contributions to our understanding of how VPS35-deficiency contributes to neurodegenerative disorders, such as Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s disease.

Clinical Science Research
Jose A. Vazquez, MD, FACP, FIDSA

Dr. Vazquez is Chief of the Division of Infectious Disease and Professor of Medicine, in the Department of Medicine. He earned his medical degree from Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra in Santiago, Dominican Republic in 1985. He completed his residency in internal medicine at Finch University of Health Sciences/Chicago Medical School. He also completed a three-year infectious diseases fellowship at Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit, and is board certified in internal medicine and infectious diseases. Dr. Vazquez’s current research includes the epidemiology and management of mucosal and invasive candidiasis, as well as the management of systemic fungal infections. His current bench research includes the characterization of polymicrobial biofilms, especially Candida/Staphylococcus and Aspergillus/Pseudomonas.
Roni J. Bollag, MD, PhD

Dr. Bollag is an Associate Professor in the Department of Pathology and the Director of the Cancer Center’s Tumor Biorepository and BRAG-Onc Consortium. He earned his doctoral degree from Yale University in 1989 and completed his postdoctoral fellowship at Princeton in 1993. Dr. Bollag began his career as an Assistant Professor at the Medical College of Georgia in 1994. He changed career paths and obtained his MD in 2004, completed his residency in pathology, and fellowship in transfusion medicine at the Medical College of Georgia. He then joined the MCG faculty as an Assistant Professor of Pathology, serving as the Medical Director of the Clinical Chemistry Laboratory, Associate Director of the Blood Bank and then Director of the Blood Bank. Dr. Bollag has had a career trajectory directed at progressive involvement in clinical and diagnostic laboratory medicine and research related to this field. Dr. Bollag was instrumental in establishing MCG’s participation in the TIES project, designed as a cross-institutional cancer database recently described in an article in Cancer Research, which Dr. Bollag co-authored.

Patient Care Awards

Deepak Kapoor, MD

Dr. Kapoor is the Director of the Cardiac Catheterization Lab and an Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine, Section of Cardiology. He obtained his MD from the University of Delhi in India. He completed his residency in internal medicine at Coney Island Hospital, and his cardiology fellowship at Coney Island/New York Hospital Program of Cornell University. He is an interventional cardiologist, with special interest in the treatment of complex and high risk chronic artery disease. He has participated in clinical trials evaluating and exploring new treatment modalities for acute coronary syndromes and complex high-risk chronic artery disease.

Institutional Service Award

Laura L. Mulloy, DO, FACP, FASN, FAST

Dr. Mulloy is currently the Vice-Chair for Clinical Affairs & Faculty Development and Division Chief of Nephrology, Hypertension & Transplant Medicine in the Department of Medicine. She is a graduate of the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed an osteopathic internship at the Dallas/Ft. Worth Medical Center. She received her internal medicine training at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock, and the Yale-University affiliated Waterbury Hospital Health Center, Waterbury, Connecticut. Dr. Mulloy joined the Medical College of Georgia faculty as an Assistant Professor in 1990, and was promoted to Associate Professor in 1995 and Professor in 2001. Dr. Mulloy secured $1.1 million in extramural funding to develop a transplant outreach program for the Medical
College of Georgia. This funding has resulted in expanded staff and allowed MCG to reach Georgians in rural communities to promote transplantation. She is active in the community, supporting education, research, clinical service and community engagement. She has supported the National Kidney Foundation since 1999 as a Medical Advisory, and general Advisory Board member. She is also the Medical Director of the Faith Care Clinic sponsored by Wesley United Methodist Church for indigent patients. Dr. Mulloy was inducted into the Academy of Academic Educators in 2012, was nominated by an AU Health patient, and received the Patient Care Award from the AU Health Family Choice Awards in 2011, and has received the honor of Augusta’s Top Doctors annually since 2000.

Outstanding Young Basic Science Faculty Award

Nilkantha Sen, PhD

Dr. Sen is an Assistant Professor in the Departments of Neuroscience and Regenerative Medicine and Neurology. He obtained his Ph.D. from one of the top universities in India in 2006 and then conducted postdoctoral studies at Johns Hopkins working with Dr. Solomon Snyder. Dr. Sen arrived at MCG in 2012, has published thirty-six papers in very high-tier journals, such as Nature Cell Biology, Neuron, and Molecular Cell; these publications have already been cited over 200 times. Dr. Sen’s publications have also improved our understanding of the role of the novel gasotransmitters, hydrogen sulfide, and nitric oxide in the pathology of traumatic brain injury. He is the recent recipient of an NIH R01 award for his research.

Eric Belin de Chantemele, PhD

Dr. Belin de Chantemele is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Physiology. He earned a DSc (PhD) in cardiovascular physiology from the University Claude Bernard Lyon I, France in 2005. Dr. Belin de Chantemele is an extremely promising young investigator who deserves recognition. In his short time as a researcher, he already has achieved a track record of funding. As a postdoctoral fellow he was supported by an American Heart Association fellowship and is currently supported as principal investigator on an AHA grant award, a National Institutes of Health R01 and an intramural award. He has also published over 30 articles in well-respected journals. In addition, he has won numerous young investigator awards, (e.g., from the American Physiological Society and the Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine) and serves as an Associate Editor for two journals, and as a member of an AHA study section, and as an NIH early career reviewer. Although he is a junior investigator himself, he has also been successfully involved in mentorship of junior colleagues for more than 13 years. Thus, his summer students have presented abstracts at national meetings and received travel awards as have his postdoctoral fellows, who have received awards from respected societies (Annual High Blood Pressure Research Conference Award for New Investigators, Caroline tum Suden/Frances Hellebrandt Professional Opportunity Award) for the quality of their work.
Outstanding Young Clinical Science Faculty Award

Paul M. Weinberger, MD, FACS

Dr. Weinberger is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Otolaryngology and the Center for Biotechnology and Genomic Medicine. A 2005 graduate of the Medical College of Georgia, he completed his residency in otolaryngology, and fellowship in laryngology, at the Medical College of Georgia before traveling to the United Kingdom to perform his fellowship training in airway reconstruction at the Royal National Throat Nose and Ear Hospital in London. With a clinical specialty in laryngology and complex airway reconstruction, Dr. Weinberger is one of only thirty subglottic stenosis surgeons in the country. Dr. Weinberger also has a strong interest in research. As a medical student, he was the first at MCG to successfully compete for a nationally competitive, one-year research fellowship. At the time, there was no precedent to guide in managing this departure from the standard, and he had to temporarily withdraw from school (and begin repaying his student loans) to accept the research fellowship. Upon his return, he helped to change policy, to not only allow but to encourage similar participation for future students. Now, nearly every year MCG students successfully pursue year-out research opportunities, which have included prestigious Doris Duke Fellowships and NIH Cloisters Fellowships. In 2008, Dr. Weinberger was recognized by the American Medical Association for his commitment to student research, receiving the National Leadership Award, and he continues to promote student training in biomedical research in his own laboratory.

Medical College of Georgia Outstanding Faculty Award

Carlos Isales, MD

Dr. Isales is Regents’ Professor and Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs in the Department of Neuroscience and Regenerative Medicine, Vice Chair of Research in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, and Director of the Institute for Regenerative and Reparative Medicine. He is also a Professor in the Departments of Medicine, and Cellular Biology and Anatomy. He obtained his MD from, and completed his residency in internal medicine at the University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine. He then completed a fellowship in endocrinology and metabolism at Yale School of Medicine. He and his team of collaborators hold a highly competitive NIH Program Project Award from National Institute on Aging on age-induced impairment of nutrient signaling results in bone loss. They are researching the effects of aging on nutrition-dependent signaling pathways in bone marrow stromal cells.
Medical College of Georgia Lifetime Achievement Award

Abdullah Kutlar, MD

Dr. Kutlar is a Professor and Interim Chief Division of Hematology/Oncology in the Department of Medicine. A graduate of Ankara University Medical School, Ankara, Turkey, he completed his residency, including a year as chief resident, and a fellowship in hematology at Istanbul University Medical School in Istanbul, Turkey. Following clinical and research fellowships in Turkey, and working as a Special Fellow in the Department of Laboratory Hematology at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, OH, and as a Research Fellow at the Medical College of Georgia, he joined the faculty at MCG as an Assistant Professor in 1985. Dr. Kutlar practices hematology with a focus on benign hematology and is an active member of the American Society of Hematology. Under Dr. Kutlar’s direction, the university’s Sickle Cell Center has maintained continuous funding from the State of Georgia for the Newborn Screening Program, which allows for the operation of the pediatric and adult clinics in Augusta, and outreach clinics in South Georgia. The Sickle Cell Center’s Hemoglobinopathy Laboratory serves as the state’s confirmation lab for suspected hemoglobinopathies identified through newborn screening, the core lab for several National Institutes of Health sponsored research trials in sickle cell disease, a reference lab receiving samples for hemoglobin identification from all around the world, and a site for specialized tests in hematology.
Retiree Recognition

Raymond Corpe, MD
Professor, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery

Shirley Redd, MD
Assistant Professor, Department of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine

Dennis Murray, MD
Professor, Department of Pediatrics

Andrew Mellor, PhD
Professor, Department of Medicine

Eugene Murdock, MSN
Instructor, Department of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine

Pamela Fall, MD
Professor, Department of Medicine
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