

Department of **DERMATOLOGY**

Alumni News 2024

From the Chair

Dear Alums and Friends,

As 2024 draws to a close, those of us who call 1004 Chafee Avenue our home away from home remain extremely grateful to all of you who support our educational mission. We train hardworking, talented dermatologists at MCG and are committed to continuing this tradition at the highest level. Many, many thanks to each of you for staying connected, sentimentally and financially!

This year brought a formal celebration of our first endowed chair, the Sanders and Dana Callaway Chair of Dermatology. Held at their beautiful home overlooking the city of Augusta, Sanders and Dana welcomed their co-residents and our current residents and faculty to toast this major milestone in our history. We are very grateful for Sanders' and Dana's generous support!

Our 2024 Board Certified graduates continue to make us exceedingly proud. Dr. Joel Byrne is now in Houston, TX tackling complex medical dermatology cases while his co-residents, Dr. Lauren Prusinski Fernung and Dr. Davis Diamond, have relocated to Louisville and Pittsburgh for Mohs surgery fellowships. Matching 2 residents in the Mohs surgery match in the same year is another milestone in our history. This newsletter will fill you in on my others!

Bragging on our 2024 accomplishments is important as these events could easily be overshadowed by the devastation of



Loretta Davis, MD

Hurricane Helene. Helene slammed into Augusta on September 27th, leaving downed trees, powerlines, and crushed homes in her wake. Augusta did not have the flooding that Asheville experienced, but power, Wi-Fi, and clean water were sorely missed. Stacks of uprooted trees, buzzing chain saws, and processions of utility vehicles will not leave us any time soon. The landscape will never be the same, but we are thankful for the ongoing recovery efforts and for having remained safe amid this strife. We definitely take much for granted and are grateful to be back on the job.

While the Hurricane up ended our routines, so has the launch of our new electronic medical record. We are currently transitioning from Cerner to Epic, and if it were not for our wonderful residents, I am sure

that I would have been a casualty – left far behind. Our faculty and residents are making this transition happen with the invaluable MCG camaraderie that makes this place so special.

Please take the opportunity to read these pages and know that the circle of life at MCG continues in a wonderfully positive way. As an example, and made possible by your generous contributions, 5 residents presented posters at the American Society of Dermatopathology Meeting in Chicago and all 9 residents presented 14 posters at the Southeastern Consortium meeting in Charlottesville, VA. A record number of medical students - aspiring dermatologists - were mentored in the process. The annual Academy meeting, Georgia Society of Dermatology meeting, and Mohs meeting remain high points of residency training. The enthusiasm and energy for our chosen profession exponentially flow out of 1004 Chafee Avenue, such a great tradition – may it continue. No hurricane can change what is so deeply rooted in this place.

Happy Holidays!

Loretta Davis

2024 MATCH Our New Residents

Kathleen Hill

I am thrilled to begin my career in dermatology at MCG! I initially became interested in dermatology during my first year of medical school after a conversation with a recently matched graduate. This inspired me to spend several days shadowing at a local dermatology clinic over M1 summer break, and the rest is history! I chose dermatology for its diverse pathology, the unique combination of complex medical cases and procedures, and the opportunity to build lasting relationships with patients, helping them feel confident in their own skin.

Throughout medical school, my interest in dermatology only continued to grow as I immersed myself in various experiences and organizations. As Co-President of the Dermatology Interest Group, I helped initiate a program to educate elementary school students about sun protection and skin cancer prevention. My passion for public health and education led me to organize several health fairs to educate the community. I had the opportunity to participate in several research projects, including one during my away rotation at MCG. Additionally, I served as a Student Ally for the Global Vitiligo Foundation, collaborating with a local support group to raise awareness and increase representation of vitiligo in children's books.

Having spent a month at MCG for an away rotation during my fourth year, I was able to experience firsthand what makes MCG Dermatology so special. The incredible culture, well-rounded training, and knowledgeable faculty make MCG a great place to train. I feel so fortunate to be a part of the MCG Dermatology family and look forward to all that is to come over the next three years!



Alex Kollhoff

It is a privilege to be returning to MCG for my dermatology training. Growing up, my dermatologist was the doctor I saw the most. I struggled with recalcitrant acne and witnessed my mother's struggle with disseminated superficial actinic porokeratosis, and I became acutely aware of the psychosocial distress that skin conditions can cause. I was inspired to pursue a career in medicine to provide quality, compassionate care for patients whose diseases impaired their quality of life.

After graduating from Auburn University with a degree in Biomedical Sciences, I worked in a neurology lab for three years investigating blood and CSF biomarkers in neurodegenerative diseases. I was fascinated by the neuroscience and immunology, but I had a persistent desire to work with dermatology patients. I volunteered at Camp Discovery—a summer camp for children with chronic skin conditions—and my passion for dermatology was reinforced.

After beginning medical school at the AU/UGA Medical Partnership, I looked for research opportunities. Recognizing chronic pruritus as an intersection between the nervous system and the skin, I spent a summer at UCSF working on various itch-related projects. I later completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Johns Hopkins University researching chronic pruritic skin conditions with a focus on neuropathic pruritus.

I was fortunate to complete my intern year at a program with a highly supportive culture, and I learned that a positive, team-oriented atmosphere is absolutely essential. My program reminded me of the tight-knit community of MCG Dermatology, where there is a commitment to clinical excellence and camaraderie among residents, faculty, and staff. I could not be more grateful and excited to join the MCG Dermatology family next year!

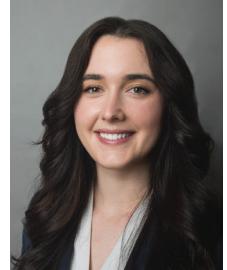


Nicole Micklus

My path to dermatology has been one of the most rewarding endeavors, and I am so incredibly grateful to begin my career here at MCG! Having gone here for medical school, my very first rotation of 3rd year was with MCG Dermatology. It was here that I got to experience the exciting variety of pathology that this specialty has to offer. Beyond medicine, I got to meet the incredible faculty and residents who would become a pillar of support for me throughout the rest of my time in medical school. I continue to be inspired by their level of patient care, willingness to teach, and overall ability to be amazing mentors.

In my 4th year of medical school, I was able to participate in the Costa Layman Health Fair to provide dermatologic education and care to an underserved population. Additionally, I had the opportunity to be involved in the Georgia Cancer Center's TeleECHO TeleDerm series where I presented on pigmented BCC in skin of color. Through these opportunities I realized that a career here at MCG would allow me to impact the community beyond the walls of the clinic and hospital.

Having initially been a military applicant with very little certainty of my future in dermatology, the MCG Dermatology program has always been a constant source of guidance. When I learned that I was able to apply for a civilian residency position, there was no doubt in my mind that MCG was where I wanted to stay. I am so excited and grateful to continue to learn from this incredible group of role models that got me to where I am today!



EDUCATION

Dermatopathology Education

The Dermatology Department had an exciting time at the American Society of Dermatopathology (ASDP) conference in Chicago, IL, where five of our residents, along with Dr. Powell, showcased six poster presentations sharing their research.



Additionally, we are thrilled to announce that donations from our generous alumni provided the recent addition of a new multi-headed microscope which will greatly enhance our resident education. It's an exciting step forward in our commitment to fostering a strong learning environment for our residents!



Cadaver Lab Workshop

First year resident, Sally Jung, MD and Chief resident, Victoria Madray, MD recently organized an in-person, fresh cadaver workshop under the guidance of attending physician, Dr. Kathryn Anne Potter. During this workshop, residents were able to have hands on experience with nail procedures and standard excisions. In addition, the residents were also able to perform basic filler augmentation. Dr. Jung and Madray hope to extend this opportunity into an IRB approved research project studying the use of hyaluronic acid for filler dissolution.

Teledermoscopy Education Grant

Congratulations to Dr. Kendall Buchanan! Dr. Buchanan received a grant from the Georgia Society of Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery for "Expanding Access to Skin Cancer Screening and Dermatologic Care with Teledermoscopy Education for Physicians-in-Training".

Dr. Loretta Davis and Dr. Jorge Cortez, Director of the Georgia Cancer Center (GCC), are co-PIs on the project. Other members of the team are Drs. Rhea-Beth Markowitz, Brenda Santellano, and Kenza Mamouni from the GCC.

This project will extend the work of our Teledermatology in Rural Georgia project by training the frontline workforce, that is, medical residents in Family Medicine departments, in the use of teledermoscopy to screen for skin cancer. Participating in the program will be residents from the MCG Family & Community Residency program and the Phoebe Family Medicine Residency program in Albany, GA.

Dermoscopy Bowl

Kendall Buchanan M.D. co-organized and ran the AAD Resident Dermoscopy competition and then summarized the impact of the Dermoscopy Bowl in a presentation to the International Dermoscopy Society Pigmented Lesion Subcommittee. Dr. Buchanan has quickly become a recognized leader in the field of dermoscopy.



RESEARCH

Proteomic Analysis of Tear Film in Ocular Rosacea

Dr. Loretta Davis and her residents, Dr. Silas Money (PGY-4) and Dr. Jennifer Su (PGY-3) have been working on an exciting new, IRB-approved translational research study which aims to identify clinically relevant biomarkers for ocular rosacea. Their study involves the collection of tear film samples from ocular rosacea patients pre- and post-treatment with low-dose doxycycline via the non-invasive Schirmer test method, with subsequent global proteomic analysis of tear film via mass spectrometry in the Sharma lab at Augusta University.

Thus far, six patients have been successfully enrolled with the goal of publishing the preliminary data in 2025. This project is funded by the GME Research Award, for which Dr. Money was one of 5 resident recipients this year.

The findings of this study may contribute to the development of more effective treatments for this challenging disease.

AWARDS & HONORS

■ AY2022/2023 Exemplary Teaching Awards:
Undergraduate: Matthew Belcher; Loretta Davis,
Kathryn Anne Potter, Morgan Thakore
Graduate: Matthew Belcher, Kathryn Anne
Potter, Victoria Madray

■ MOB Dermatology received our institution's 1st Place Press Gainey award for "Rate Provider 0-10" and 1st Place for "Friendliness/Courtesy of Nurse/Assistant." We came in 2nd (by 0.13 of a point) for "Concern of Nurse/Assistant for Problem."

■ The AUCC Dermatology Aiken practice site received the Press Ganey 2023 Human Experience Guardian of Excellence Award. This Outstanding Achievement honors excellence for consistently reaching the top (95th to 99th percentile) database for patient experience. This was the only site within WellstarMCG to receive this award.

■ Dr. Morgan Thakore – Women Who Inspire – MCG Recognition September 2024

■ Kathryn Anne Potter M.D., Mohs surgeon and medical director of AUCC Dermatology Aiken, was promoted to Associate Professor on July 1, 2024 and was selected for the American College of Mohs Surgery Foundation Leadership Program - Mohs Surgeons Leading the Future.

■ First Place Research Poster at Southeastern Consortium for Dermatology Annual Meeting: Understanding Resident Perspectives: Key factors for Matching and Excelling in Dermatology Residency. Bateganya L, Abdi W, Money S, Potter KA, Blalock T.



■ Dr. Kaitlyn Blanchard won the Donald C Abele Award for her presentation "Lights, Drugs, Blisters!!!" at the Congress of Clinical Dermatology meeting



■ Silas Money, MD received the 2024 Marshall Guill Resident Teaching Award.



■ Gregory Simpson, MD, Professor, University of California, Fresno received the Kaiser Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2024.



■ On June 21, 2024 our Department gathered at SRP Park to celebrate our graduating residents: Dr. Davis Diamond is now a Mohs fellow at Zitelli and Brodland Skin Cancer Center in Pittsburgh, PA; Dr. Lauren Prusinski Fernung is a Mohs fellow at the University of Louisville, KY; and Dr. Joel Byrne joined a private practice in Houston, TX.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

■ The Dermatology free clinic, a new branch of the student-led free clinics, is up and running. We just had our 4th session which was met with great enthusiasm from all involved.

■ Dermatology was well-represented at the 19th Annual Costa Layman International Health Fair and Outreach Program held Friday July 12 at Costa Layman Farms in Trenton, SC. Drs. Kendall Buchanan and Kathryn Anne Potter along with residents Kaitlyn Blanchard MD and Jennifer Su MD and 4 senior medical students, Gillian Mcpherson, Andrew Cheng, Warda Abdi, and Hannah Myers evaluated over 100 patients.

Callaway Chair Celebration

On March 1st alumni and friends gathered at the home of Sanders & Dana Callaway to celebrate the eponymous endowed chair, which is

held by our department chair, Dr. Loretta Davis. Their gift provided the impetus to move dermatology from a division back to a department.

The Callaway's beautiful condo on Walton Way was packed with close to 70 people. Guests included Dr. Chad Brown, who came all the way from Kentucky; Dr. Carol McConnell, who came from Greensboro, NC; Drs. Chris Peterson and Joel Phillips, who came from Greenville, SC; and Dr. Tammy McLean, who came over from Columbus. Local attendees and former trainees included Dr. Sarah Cely, Dr. Anna Kay Duckworth, Dr. Karen Parviainen, Dr. Anne Loeble and Dr. Charlotte Hand.

It was a great gathering of MCG Dermatology supporters.



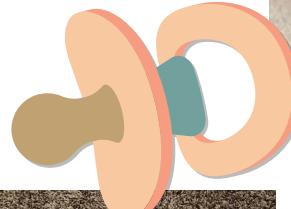
WELCOME, BABIES!



Jack & Teddy 6/2/24
to Steven Kent



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to Margaret Newsome

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to Katherine Kemple

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to Kendall Buchanan

In Memoriam

Margaret Fitch, MD

Oct. 16, 2024 Aiken, SC



CONGRATULATIONS

Deanna Dickerman and Andrew Liechty
were married on September 7, 2024.



Hurricane Helene

On September 27th, Hurricane Helene devastated our beloved home, Augusta, Georgia. The storm left countless across the CSRA with substantial property damage as well as lack of power, and/or clean water for days. Many in our department were significantly impacted, but our dermatology family banded together in order to care for both one another and our patients during this difficult time. For example, residents and attendings alike who were displaced from their homes showed up to see patients, some driving for miles from out of town to be here.

Likewise, our manager and staff worked tirelessly to reschedule patients as well as provide precious bottles of water. Those who got power back sooner opened their doors to those with little ones (special shoutout to our chief resident's wife, Katy Money, for her hospitality and much appreciated babysitting services!). In short, this truly has been a time of supporting each other, underscoring the close knit community we have here at MCG dermatology.

2024 PRESENTATIONS

Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology

- Disha Patel B.A., Jennifer Su M.D., Loretta Davis M.D., Prevalence of Contact Allergens in Self-Tanners.
- Carly Wallace M.D., Jennifer Su, M.D., Loretta Davis M.D., Topical oxybutynin for hyperhidrosis: A systematic review (presentation delivered by Dr. Su).
- Margaret Newsome M.D., Kathleen Hill B.S., Loretta Davis M.D., An Unusual Presentation of Cutaneous Collagenous Vasculopathy.
- Madeline Pham, B.S., Kaitlyn Blanchard M.D., Matthew Belcher, M.D., A Unique Case of Leukemia Cutis Presenting as Widespread Ecchymotic-Like Patches.
- Sara Attari, B.S., Silas Money, M.D., Matthew R. Powell, M.D., Morgan Thakore, M.D., Atypical Kikuchi Disease following COVID-19 Infection.

American Society for Dermatopathology Annual Meeting

- Blanchard, K., Ntukogu, A., Prusinski Fernung, L., Powell, M., Davis, L. Solitary, pedunculated poroma of the non-glabrous lateral foot following chemotherapy.
- Prusinski Fernung, L., Blanchard, K., Johnson, A. Malignancy Mimicker: A Rare Case of Inverted Follicular Keratosis in Skin of Color.
- Madray, V., Maloney, M., Powell, M., Davis, L.: An Uncommon Case of Perianal White Sponge Nevus-Like Proliferation
- Ramsey, Z., Su, J., Davis, L., Powell, M. Porokeratosis Pedis: Tinea pedis and its affection for the cornoid lamella.
- Money, S., Ramsey, Z., Kemple, K., Davis, L., Powell, M.: A Case of Aggressive Peripheral T-cell Lymphoma Arising During Treatment of Psoriasis with Ixekizumab
- Coulanges, E., Newsome, M., Powell, M., Potter, K.: Pseudoglucomoma Syndrome Presenting with Necrolytic Migratory Erythema

Southeastern Consortium for Dermatology Annual Meeting

- Daly K, Nazir H MD, Seiverling V MD, Buchanan K. Utility of Ultraviolet-Induced Fluorescence Dermoscopy in Diagnosing Scalp Disorders.
- Smaha K, Newsome M, Powell M, Davis LS. Cutaneous Neuroendocrine Metastases in a Patient with Multiple Malignancies.
- Hetzel J, Money S, Waller J, Davis LS. Incidence of bullous pemphigoid after scabies diagnosis in dialysis patients: a retrospective cohort study.
- Johnson, CE, Su JJ, Powell MR, Davis L. Utility of human papillomavirus vaccination for keratinocyte carcinomas: A literature review.
- Su JJ, Blanchard KJ, Agrawal R, Davis LS. Unilateral angiokeratomas of the right buttock.
- Myers, HE, Kemple KB, Davis LS. Keep your hands peeled: A novel PLEC variant in epidermolysis bullosa simplex.
- Attari S, Kemple KB, Potter, KA. Eruptive keratoacanthomas following topical 5-fluorouracil therapy.
- Duchesne G, Copeland R, Abdelsyed R, Davis, LS. Non-scrapable Yeast: A Case of Chronic Hyperplastic Candidiasis.
- Jung J, Hanna S, Davis LS. Tinted sunscreen for camouflage and sun protection in vitiligo patients.
- Gaurav A, Jung J, Madray V, Belcher M. A case of lichen planus-like features in a young male with dysphagia.
- Blanchard K, Smaha K, Potter K. Demodex Folliculitis in a Pediatric Patient with a NOD2 Mutation.
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- Momin R., Blanchard K, Davis LS. The Recombinant Zoster Vaccine in Immuno-compromised Patients.

American Society for Dermatologic Surgery Annual Meeting

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