

# NEWSLINE

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*Special Summer Catch-Up Issue!*

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*Note: The Editor has been busily counting M1 and M2 teaching contact hours as part of the Mission-Based Management process, and so our Spring Newsline was put on hold – here are some things that have happened since Spring. Look for a Fall issue in September with new and improved SOM news! Please send your items for Newsline to Kathy Kreutzer at [kkreutzer@vcu.edu](mailto:kkreutzer@vcu.edu).*

### Department Chair Search Update

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**Dr. James P. Neifeld** was named Stuart McGuire Professor and Chairman of the **Department of Surgery** effective May 1<sup>st</sup>. A VCU SOM alumnus, he joined our faculty in 1978. Dr. Neifeld continues as a professor in the surgical oncology division. Thanks to the search committee, led by Dr. John Cardea (Orthopedic Surgery) for their hard work and a successful search process. To read more about Dr. Neifeld, go to <http://www.vcu.edu/uns/news/vcuvview/archives/may2003/neifeld.html>



**Dr. William H. Benson**, Associate Professor, has been named the Interim Chair for the **Department of Ophthalmology**. He was appointed effective May 19. Dr. Robert Allen stepped down as Chair due to illness.

The **Ophthalmology Search Committee** has been re-formed with Dr. David Wilkinson (Pathology) as chair; others serving on the committee are: Dr. Ross McClung, Anatomy; Dr. Algin Garrett, Dermatology; Dr. Alan Towne, Neurology; Drs. Daniel McGrath, Stephen Schwartz, and Debra Hamby, Ophthalmology; Drs. Marcia Carney, Paul Bullock, and James

Ferguson, Community General Ophthalmologists; Dr. Aristides Sismanis, Otolaryngology; Carol Crosby, BSRN, VCU Health System.

### Dr. Betty Ann Johnson Selected as ELAM Fellow

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**Dr. Betty Ann Johnson**, Professor of Internal Medicine and Interim Division Chair, General Internal Medicine/Primary Care, was accepted as a member of the 2003-2004 class of Fellows in the *Hedwig VanAmeringen* Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Program for Women. She was 1 of 45 Fellows selected out of more than 100 women faculty candidates representing 70 schools of medicine and 7 schools of dentistry in the U.S., Canada, and Puerto Rico. Dr. Johnson follows **Dr. Bela Sood**, Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Chair of the Division of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, and Medical Director of the Virginia Treatment Center for Children, who completed her ELAM Fellowship in the spring. Established in 1995,

ELAM is the premiere national program that focuses on preparing women faculty for senior leadership positions at academic health centers. Our SOM has had 6 ELAM Fellows selected in the past 7 years.

### Plan to Attend the 5th Annual SOM Teaching Excellence Awards Program

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The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual SOM Teaching Awards Program will be held Tuesday, October 14, 2003, from 12:10 – 1:10 pm in the MSB Auditorium with luncheon following on the Plaza. The Dean, School of Medicine, invites all faculty to come and honor your colleagues and teaching in the SOM. For more information, contact Debbie Stewart, Program Coordinator, 86591, or Carol Hampton, Associate Dean, Faculty and Instructional Development, at 86594.

### SOM New Faculty Orientation, Tuesday, October 14, 2003

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Join us for this 9th annual event from 7:30am to 5pm in the Medical Sciences Building (MSB), Rooms 104 and 105. Although the program is designed with our newest faculty members in mind, all SOM faculty are welcome to

attend for all or part of the day. The course will provide an introduction to the School of Medicine and the Academic Medical Center, and to the many resources available on campus in support of teaching, patient care, and research. There will be opportunities to learn about the educational environment, the healthcare enterprise, research and the promotion and tenure process at VCU.

## **John F. Duval Named CEO of VCU Health System's MCV Hospitals\_\_\_\_\_**



Mr. Duval was selected as the leading candidate from a talented pool of dozens of initial prospects, who sought this position through an external search firm. The search for the CEO was conducted over a six-month period, and involved two campus visits, and a great many interviews, including faculty members of the VCUHS Board. Mr. Duval assumed this position on June 1.

Mr. Duval was formerly Chief Operating Officer of the University Medical Center at the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center. He held this post for the past six years, having been promoted from his previous role as Vice President for Professional and Ancillary Services, a position he held for ten years. Mr. Duval received a M.B.A. and a bachelor of science in biological sciences from the University of California, Irvine.

## **Did You Know? \_\_\_\_\_**



**Dr. Gordon Archer**, Professor of Internal Medicine and Chair, Division of Infectious Diseases, recently accepted the directorship of the **SOM MD/PhD program**. He was selected from a rich pool of candidates in an internal search. The program coordinates the activities of approximately 30 participating students through both the M.D. and Ph.D. phases of training. **Dr. Earl Ellis**, Professor, Department of Pharmacology, relinquished this position after 6 years of service. Thanks to Dr. Ellis and congratulations to Dr. Archer!

## **VCU Students Highlight Leadership Skills in Student National Medical Association\_\_\_\_\_**

In April, the following VCU SOM students were selected for national and regional leadership positions. This is the second year our SNMA chapter members have held major leadership positions within the SNMA National and Regional venues. *Congratulations to all on their stellar achievements!*

### **New National Officers in SNMA:**

**Janis Price**, M'04 - External Affairs Committee Co-Chair  
**Sala Webb**, M'05 - Community Service Committee Co-Chair  
**Veronica Ayala-Sims**, M'04 - Liaison to the AAMC

### **New Region VI (Maryland, DC, & Virginia) Regional Offices:**

**Quintesia Grant**, MD/PhD student - Regional Recording Secretary  
**Emily Haynes**, M'05 - Associate Regional Director  
**Michele Sumler**, M'05 - Regional Treasurer

### **Members Receiving National Recognition:**

**Sala Webb**, M'05 – received a plaque for her assistance in Community Service Protocols, especially the Health Fair held during the National Conference.  
**Latrina Lemon**, M'05 - for her contribution to the Minority Association of Pre-health Students (MAPS) area of our organization on a local, regional and national level

### **Outgoing Regional Officers (2002-03):**

**Jeannette Millner**, M'04 - Regional Recording Secretary  
**Janis Price**, M'04 - Associate Regional Director  
**Veronica Ayala-Sims**, M'04 - Regional Treasurer

In addition to the leadership roles in the SNMA, **Emily Haynes**, M'05, was elected to a AAMC Southern Region Organizational Student Representative (OSR) position.

## **AD Williams Awards for April & July, 2003 Award Cycles Announced**

The A.D. Williams family left a generous bequest to support medical scholarship and research at the Medical College of Virginia. Today these funds are administered by a committee including the Vice President of the Health Sciences Division of VCU and the Deans of the five schools on the MCV campus. The Committee annually allots a portion of these funds to foster and support research and faculty development. It also sponsors outstanding researcher awards, the recipients of which are chosen by the individual schools. In addition, the MCV Foundation contributes funds from endowments specifically designated for medical research or research into specific diseases or conditions. Monies from these disease-related funds are used to support appropriate A. D. Williams research applications and are not available for direct solicitation. For more information, including applications:

<http://views.vcu.edu/adw/>

### **April 2003 Awards:**

**Dr. Ross Arena**, Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy, was awarded \$6,830 from A. D. Williams Trust Funds in support of his application entitled "Short-Term Reliability of Oxygen Uptake On-Kinetics."

**Dr. Linda Amankwaa**, Assistant Professor of Maternal Child Care Nursing, was awarded \$14,801, (\$10,000 from Bayless Foundation Trust Funds and \$4,801 from the A. D. Williams Trust Funds) in support of her application entitled "Assessing the Psychometric Properties of the Maternal Infant Responsiveness Instrument (MRI)."

**Dr. Christopher L. Kepley**, Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine (Division of Rheumatology and Immunology), was awarded \$15,000 from the A. D. Williams Trust Funds in support of his application entitled "The Effects of Fine Particulate Air Pollution Components on Human Mast Cell Mediator Release."

**Dr. Harry P. Koo**, Associate Professor of Surgery, was awarded \$14,812 from the A. D. Williams Trust Funds in support of his application entitled "Engineering Bladder Tissue Using Electrospun Collagen Nanofibers."

**Dr. Ning Gao**, Assistant Professor of Pharmaceutics, was awarded \$15,000 from the A. D. Williams Trust Funds in support of his application entitled "Molecular Mechanisms of the Anti-carcinogenic Effects of Estradiol and Its Major Metabolites in Human Endometrial Carcinoma Cells."

**Dr. John N. Clore**, Professor of Internal Medicine (Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism), was awarded \$15,000 from the A. D. Williams Trust Funds in support of his application entitled "Racial and Ethnic Differences in the Etiology of Type 2 Diabetes in the United States."

**Dr. H. T. Wright**, Professor of Biochemistry, was awarded \$15,000, (\$9,000 from the Blanton Trust Funds and \$6,000 from the A. D. Williams Trust Funds), in support of his application entitled "New Molecular and Cellular Properties of Serpin Complexes."

**Dr. Janina P. Lewis**, Assistant Professor of Molecular and Oral Biology, was awarded \$15,000, (\$2,000 from the Friel Trust Fund and \$13,000 from the A.D. Williams Trust Funds) in support of her application entitled "Characterization of Fur and Reg regulons of *Porphyromonas gingivalis* W83."

**Dr. Masahiro Sakagami**, Assistant Professor of Pharmaceutics, was awarded \$15,000, (\$9,750 from the Baruch Foundation Trust funds and \$5,250 from the A. D. Williams Trust Funds), in support of his application entitled "Kinetics and Mechanisms of Lung Disposition for Inhaled Insulin in Rats."

### **July 2003 Awards:**

#### ***Multi-School Award***

**Dr. H. T. Wright**, Professor of Biochemistry is the Principle Investigator of a multi-school award entitled "Serpin Complexes: Formation, Properties, and Links to Angiogenesis and Alzheimer's Disease." This award was for \$138,707 provided by the A. D. Williams Trust Funds.

### **Research Grants:**

**Dr. W. Andrew Yeudall** of the Philips Institute of Oral and Craniofacial Molecular Biology, School of Dentistry was awarded \$15,000 from the A. D. Williams Trust Funds for his application entitled "E3B1 and CDK6 in Adhesion and Migration."

**Dr. Brian Hill**, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, was awarded \$11,797 from the A. D. Williams Trust Funds for his application entitled "The Effects of a Therapeutic Martial Arts Program on Youth in Residential Psychiatric Treatment."

**Dr. Marjolein de Wit**, Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine (Division of Pulmonary Medicine and Critical Care) was awarded \$15,000 from the A. D. Williams Trust Funds for her application entitled "Prospective Randomized Placebo Controlled Study of Empiric Treatment of Delirium with Donepezil in Mechanically Ventilated ICU Patients."

**Dr. Katherine Nicholson**, Assistant Professor of Pharmacology and Toxicology, was awarded \$13,460 from the A. D. Williams Trust Funds for her application entitled "Intravenous Drug Self-Administration in Rats Perinatally Exposed to Opioids."

**Dr. Martin Lenhardt**, Professor of Biomedical Engineering, was awarded \$14,000 (\$3,000 from the Friel Foundation Trust Funds and \$11,000 from the A. D. Williams Trust Funds) for his application entitled "Non-Invasive Acoustic Measurement of Intracranial Pressure."

**Dr. Jason P. Rife**, Assistant Professor of Medicinal Chemistry, was awarded \$15,000 from the A. D. Williams Trust Funds for his application entitled "Crystallographic Analysis of KsgA/RNA Complexes."



### **Did you know...?**

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**VCU and the City of Richmond offered a bioterrorism and public health preparedness course this summer.**

State and Richmond-area health department employees, emergency responders and graduate students learned how to prepare for bioterrorist attacks through a special summer course offered by the VCU SOM Department of Preventive Medicine and Community Health and the Richmond City Department of Health. "This course leads the student to a better understanding of some of the newer issues in public health, and hopefully imparts a rational perspective on the topic in the context of the many public health problems facing the country," said Michael Edmond., MD, MPH, MPA, one of the course organizers and instructors. About 30 people enrolled in the three-month, graduate-level course, which examines public health, legal, medical and surgical issues related to bioterrorism; terrorism and related biological, chemical and radiation agents and local, state and federal systems and agencies. This is the second year the course has been offered and organizers plan to offer it again next year.

### **Revisions to VCU Faculty Promotion and Tenure Policy and Procedures**

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At the May 16th meeting of the VCU Board of Visitors, the Board approved revisions to the Faculty Promotion and Tenure Policy and Procedures. The revision to Section 4.2.c, which explains certain duties of the University Promotion and Tenure Policy Review Committee, clarifies the type of files that should be examined by the committee in its periodic review of school procedures as "promotion and tenure files" rather than "personnel files."

**Sections 7.11 and 7.21 were revised to allow collateral faculty to serve on peer committees when the candidate being reviewed for promotion is a collateral faculty member. The changes were effective on May 16, 2003. The revised policy may be viewed on VCU's Web site at**

**<http://www.vcu.edu/ireweb/policies/tenure.htm>**

*(from Dr. Roderick J. McDavis, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs)*

**Virginia Commonwealth University  
School of Medicine Faculty Promotion and Tenure  
Effective July 1, 2003**

*Congratulations to all!*

**TENURE REVIEW (PROFESSOR)**

Pathology: Jonathan Ben-Ezra, M.D.  
Margaret M. Grimes, M.D.

**PROMOTION TO PROFESSOR WITH TENURE**

Anatomy & Neurobiology: John W. Bigbee, Ph.D.  
Neurology: Warren L. Felton, III, M.D.  
Obstetrics & Gynecology: Dale W. Stovall, M.D.

**PROMOTION TO PROFESSOR (ALREADY TENURED)**

Microbiology & Immunology: Gail F. Christie, Ph.D.  
Kathleen McCoy, Ph.D.  
Radiology: Ann S. Fulcher, M.D.

**PROMOTION TO PROFESSOR (COLLATERAL)**

Neurology: Steven Shapiro, M.D.  
Pharmacology & Toxicology: Patrick M. Beardsley, Ph.D.  
Psychiatry: Rakesh R. Sood, M.D.  
James B. Wade, Ph.D.  
Radiology: Lakshmana D. Narla, M.D.

**TENURE REVIEW (ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR)**

Neurology: Severn B. Churn, Ph.D.  
Physiology: Srinivasa M. Karnam, Ph.D.  
Gean-Ny Tseng, Ph.D.

**PROMOTION TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR WITH TENURE**

Anatomy & Neurobiology: Linda L. Phillips, Ph.D.  
Biochemistry: Carmen Sato-Bigbee, Ph.D.  
Human Genetics: Judy L. Silberg, Ph.D.

**PROMOTION TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR (COLLATERAL)**

Emergency Medicine: R. Wayne Barbee, Ph.D.  
Robin L. Foster, M.D.  
Kevin R. Ward, M.D.  
Internal Medicine: Hanna Ayele, M.D.  
Lisa Brath, M.D.  
Andras Mogyorosi, M.D.  
Deborah I. Panebianco, M.D.  
Prema Sudha Rao, M.D.  
Microbiology & Immunology: Shirley M. Taylor, Ph.D.  
Neurology: Lawrence D. Morton, M.D.  
Pathology: Shawn E. Holt, Ph.D.  
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation: David W. Hess, Ph.D.  
Psychiatry: Robert K. Schneider, M.D.  
Radiation Oncology: Paul J. Keall, Ph.D.  
Jeffrey V. Siebers, Ph.D.  
Quiwen Wu, Ph.D.  
Radiology: Kenneth A. Kraft, Ph.D.  
Surgery: Timothy J. Broderick, M.D.  
Charles R. Doarn, M.B.A.  
R. Scott Graham, M.D.

## **PROMOTION TO ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**

*( no peer review required; recommendation letter and curriculum vitae required)*

Dean's Office:	Anita Navarro, M.Ed.
Internal Medicine:	Joyce Beltran-Keeling, M.D. Yun Dai, M.D., Ph.D
Radiology:	Frank D. Corwin, M.S.
Psychiatry:	Alison M. Lynch, M.D.

## **AFFILIATE AND NON-PAID, VOLUNTEER FACULTY**

*( no peer review required; recommendation letter and curriculum vitae required)*

## **PROMOTION TO CLINICAL PROFESSOR**

Surgery:	Wyatt S. Beazley, III, M.D. Gilbert H. Bryson, M.D. James R. Darden, Jr., M.D. E. Armistead Talman, M.D.
Orthopaedic Surgery:	John F. Meyers, M.D.

## **PROMOTION TO ASSOCIATE CLINICAL PROFESSOR**

Family Practice:	J. William Kerns, M.D. Mark G. Petrizzi, M.D. Roger K. Westfall, M.D. Sherry Whisenant, M.D.
Pediatrics:	Sandra L. Boisseau, M.D. Michael Jaffe, M.D.
Surgery:	Linwood P. Boshier, M.D. Peter W. Brown, M.D. Halstead D. Howell, M.D. Neil Edward Hutcher, M.D. George A. Knaysi, Jr., M.D. Gregg L. Londrey, M.D. William A. Robertson, M.D. Campbell G. Stalker, M.D. William R. Timmerman, M.D.

## **PROMOTION TO ASSISTANT CLINICAL PROFESSOR**

Pediatrics:	Barbara Allison-Bryan, M.D. Addie J. Briggs, M.D. Lora G. Christian, M.D. Tracy C. Deal, M.D. J. Mark Shreve, M.D.
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*Thanks to Ann Setien, Dean's Office, for this information. Thanks to the SOM Promotion and Tenure Committee for their dedicated work in this important process.*

## **Department News**

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### **Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology**

One of the Department's former Ph.D. students, **Dr. Mary D. Ellison**, was honored as an Outstanding Alumnus this April. Dr. Ellison is an external affiliate of the Department. At the present time she is at UNOS.

**Dr. Kimberle Jacobs** has recently acquired the following three grants:

- NIH NINDS - "Epileptogenic Mechanisms in Developmental Malformations"
- A.D. Williams - "Gene Expression in Developmental Cortical Malformations Associated with Epilepsy"
- Jeffress Memorial Foundation - "Time Course of Gene Expression Changes in Malformed Epileptogenic Cortex"

**Dr. Linda L. Phillip**, Assistant Professor, has been invited to serve as a member of the Brain Disorders and Clinical Neuroscience 1 Study Section, Center for Scientific Review.

**Dr. Ary Ramoa**, Associate Professor, has been invited to serve as a member of the VISB Study Section, NIH.

### **McGuire Veteran's Administration Medical Center**

**Dr. Karen Sanders** recently assumed a half-time role with the Office of Academic Affiliations, Veterans Health Administration, Washington DC. Her new title is Clinical Director of Residency Supervision. The office oversees Graduate Medical and Associated Health Education for the Veterans Healthcare System. Dr. Sanders still retains her responsibilities as Associate Chief of Staff for Education at the Richmond VAMC.

### **Department of Pathology**

**Greg Miller, PhD**, presented "State of the Art and Path Forward in Creatinine Measurement and Standardization" at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Kidney Disease Education Program Meeting on Creatinine Assay and Reporting of Estimated GFR in Bethesda, Maryland on January 6, 2003.

**Susan Roseff, MD**, was appointed to the Transfusion Medicine Test Development and Advisory Committee of the American Board of Pathology in an open-ended term that began in January, 2003. Also, Dr. Roseff has been named one of the Associate Editors for the 15th edition of the American Association of Blood Banks Technical Manual, to be published in 2005. She was first author of the article "Guidelines for Pediatric Transfusion" in the November, 2002 issue of Transfusion.

Two former members of our faculty passed away recently. **A. Julio Martinez, MD** died on December 27, 2002, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. **William James Sangster Still, MD**, died at his home on January 10, 2003, at the age of 79. Dr. Still was invited to join the MCV faculty in 1965 to start the Electron Microscopy section of the Department of Pathology. He served here at the rank of Professor, performing research into the causes of atherosclerosis.

On December 31, 2002, **Richard C. Hard, MD**, retired after 33 years as a full time faculty member of the Department of Pathology. The hallmark of Dr. Hard's career was his dedication as a teacher. He spent a great deal of time with medical students, providing lectures and directing teaching labs in pathology courses. He was the Pathologist of the M2 course on the Musculoskeletal System for many years. Dr. Hard was highly regarded by students, and he was recognized in 2002 by the VCU School of Medicine for excellence in teaching. In addition to teaching, Dr. Hard directed a research program in immunology studying Host Versus Graft disease, and he was an active teacher of residents as an attending pathologist on the Autopsy Service.

### **Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation**

The Department and the Rehabilitation and Research Center are sponsoring the **12<sup>th</sup> annual Spinal Cord Injury Symposium** on September 28-29, 2003, in Virginia Beach. Keynote speakers include Dr. Stanley Ducharme, an internationally recognized expert in sexuality in spinal cord injury and Billy Perkins, a highly sought after motivational speaker with a unique perspective as a rehabilitation clinician and individual with spinal cord injury.

**Jeff Erickson, M.D.**, teaches a "Medical Illustration" class with Batu Siharulidze to undergraduate art students using 3D anatomy software received from a VCU Center for Teaching Excellence grant, now in its second year.

**R. Macon Sizemore**, Assistant Professor, has been named to the Board of Directors of Independence House. Independence House is a new organization that will be developing a transitional living house in the community for individuals with who have experienced traumatic spinal cord or brain injury.

### **Department of Physiology**

**Clive Baumgarten, Ph.D.**, presented a paper entitled, "Stretch-activated Channels and Signaling Pathways in Heart Failure" at the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Meeting on Cardiac Mechano-Electric Feedback and Arrhythmias at the Oxford University and also served on the Scientific Advisory Committee for the meeting.

**Linda Costanzo, Ph.D.**, has completed new editions of two of her medical physiology books. The third edition of her review book, *Board Review Series Physiology* (Lippincott Williams and Wilkins), was published in January 2003. The second edition of her textbook, *Physiology* (W.B. Saunders), was published in June 2002. Yale medical students recently reviewed the new edition for the Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine.

**R. J. Witorsch, Ph.D.**, spoke in Salt Lake City, Utah, on "Physiological Role and Toxicological Effects of Glucocorticoids on Reproduction" at the CME Course, "The Effects of Non-reproductive Hormones on the

Reproductive System, and the Implications for Toxicology,” as part of the Society of Toxicology Annual Meeting on March 9, 2003.

### **Departments of Psychiatry/Human Genetics**

**Kenneth S. Kendler, M.D.**, the Rachel Brown Banks Distinguished Professor with the SOM departments of psychiatry and human genetics and director of the Virginia Institute for Psychiatric and Behavioral Genetics, was awarded the Erik Strömngren medal by the Strömngren Foundation in Denmark on February 28, 2003. Dr. Kendler also gave the Strömngren lecture at the annual meeting of the Danish Psychiatric Association. Strömngren was the leading figure in Danish psychiatry and Professor at Aarhus University from 1945-1979. Dr. Kendler is one of the few non-European psychiatrists to receive this honor.

### **Department of Radiation Oncology**

The National Cancer Institute has awarded the School of Medicine's Department of Radiation Oncology a \$4.5 million, five-year program project grant to develop gene therapy approaches for increasing the radiosensitivity of cancer cells. The grant is a renewal of the department's 1998 NCI program project award that was one of the first in the country to apply evolving principles of molecular medicine to the field of radiation oncology. "During the past five years of funding, we have unraveled molecular details of cancer cell responses to ionizing radiation," says **Rupert Schmidt-Ullrich, M.D.**, chair of the department and principal investigator of the program project. Through the research, "we have also identified signaling molecules that are now being developed as early steps toward new gene therapy strategies for sensitizing tumors to the toxic effects of radiation." Emerging as an internationally leading group in radiation-related signal transduction research, Dr. Schmidt-Ullrich's team recently launched the university's first gene therapy clinical trial and is readying for Phase I clinical testing a molecular-based approach to interfering with the critical growth signals of tumor cells.

### **Department of Surgery**

**Isaac Wornom, III, M.D.**, Associate Professor of Surgery in the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, has been seated as President of the Richmond Academy of Medicine. Dr. Wornom has been on the faculty of the VCU School of Medicine since 1989. He has been an active member of the Richmond Academy since that time, and he has held elected positions in that organization since 1994. This is a one year elected term, and he served last year as President-elect. Dr. Wornom is the latest in a distinguished line of VCU physicians to hold this important and prestigious position in the medical community. This is a well-deserved honor for a uniquely dedicated physician.



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**Newsline is designed to better inform the faculty about activities and plans affecting the School of Medicine and to encourage open communication. So much that happens is a moving target, so we'll do our best. Send comments and questions and we'll try to find the folks who know the answers (if they'll tell us...) You can submit items for the newsletter to Kathy Kreutzer, Box 980565 or e-mail [kkreutzer@vcu.edu](mailto:kkreutzer@vcu.edu).**

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