Welcome PonJola Coney, M.D., Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs

PonJola Coney, M.D., has accepted the position of Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs in the VCU School of Medicine. Dr. Coney received a B.S. Degree in Medical Technology from Xavier (1973) and an M.D. degree from the University of Mississippi (1978). She completed an Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency at the University of North Carolina (1982) and a Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility Fellowship at Pennsylvania Hospital (1984).

From 2002-2006, Dr. Coney was Senior Vice President for Health Affairs and Dean of the School of Medicine and Professor of Ob/Gyn at Meharry Medical College—the nation’s largest historically Black medical school. In addition to her administrative duties at Meharry, Dr. Coney continued research in the area of menopausal health, contraception and assisted reproduction, contributing numerous papers to the medical literature. She is the Principal Investigator on a $7.5 million NIH grant on Women’s Health Research and a $6.5 million NIH U54 Specialized Center for Research in Reproduction. Dr. Coney served on the editorial board of Mayo Clinic Proceedings, Fertility and Sterility and is currently on the editorial board of Sexuality, Reproduction and Menopause. She was previously Professor and Chair of the Department of OB/GYN at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine as well as held faculty appointments at the University of Oklahoma, University of Nebraska and University of Arizona. She is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha and recipient of multiple awards for outstanding teaching and community service.

In the newly created position of Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, Dr. Coney will be responsible for coordinating, assessing, and streamlining activities related to faculty recruitment, orientation and development, faculty diversity and retention and faculty governance including managing the promotion and tenure review process. In addition to these administrative duties, Dr. Coney will continue her clinical and research interests in reproductive medicine in the Department of OB/GYN.

Dr. Coney assumed her responsibilities at VCU September 16, 2007.

Emerging School of Public Health

Dr. Tilahun Adera has been appointed to the position of Senior Associate Dean for the emerging School of Public Health within the School of Medicine. Dr. Adera has been serving as Professor and Associate Dean for Public Health and Chairman of the Department of Epidemiology & Community Health. Dr. Adera has announced his intention to step aside from the Chair of the Department of Epidemiology and Community Health once his successor has been identified to focus his attention on the development of the School of Public Health. We gratefully acknowledge his profound personal commitment to the Department’s educational mission, its faculty and students and thank him in advance for the critical role he will play as the emerging School of Public Health moves forward to the next step in its evolution. A search committee is being organized to search for Dr. Adera’s successor.

Sr. Associate Dean for Finance and Administration

The Search Committee, Dr. Anton Kuzel (Chair, Family Medicine), has completed the first round of interviews. Second visits are planned, and final recommendations to the dean are expected shortly.
Department of Human Genetics

Peter O’Connell, Ph.D., has announced his intention to step aside from the Chair of the Department of Human Genetics once his successor has been identified to focus on his research. Dr. O’Connell joined the Department of Human Genetics as Chair in 2002. He received a B. A. in Biology from Brandeis University in 1974 and a Ph.D. in Biology from the same institution in 1983. Dr. O’Connell has held faculty positions at the University of Texas Health Science Center, Baylor College of Medicine and the University of Utah prior to being recruited to VCU.

Dr. O’Connell contributed to the mapping of a number of disease genes including the genes for von Recklinghausen neurofibromatosis and familial polyposis coli, ataxia-telangiectasia, and multiple endocrine neoplasia type 1. He also chaired consortium groups mapping human Chromosomes 17 and 18 and served as a member of the consortium mapping Chromosomes 1 and 21. In recent years, Dr. O’Connell’s research has focused on genetic aspects of insulin resistance and breast cancer, the latter work funded by a grant from the V Foundation/American Association for Cancer Research and a NCI SPORE grant component. Insulin resistance and cancer genetics represent two important areas of our strategic research plan and Dr. O’Connell’s contributions to these initiatives will be important to achieving success. A search committee is being organized to search for Dr. O’Connell’s successor.

Medical Director, Center for Human Simulation and Patient Safety

A new simulation center is planned for use in teaching, training, and evaluation of patient care skills. Plans are for this to be located in the Main Hospital once the Bed Tower space is occupied. Resources to include mannequins, computerized skill training systems, and standardized patients are planned. A search committee for a Medical Director of the Center has been appointed; members are listed below. The search is for internal candidates. First interviews are scheduled mid-September.

Dr. Ron Clark, Chair  (VP Clinical Activities & Chief Medical Officer, VCUHS), Brenda Seago, M.L.S., M.A., (Computer Based Instruction Lab, Faculty and Instructional Development, Dean’s Office), Dr. Elizabeth Waterhouse (Medical Education), Dr. Paul Mazmanian (Continuing Professional Education and Evaluation Studies), Dr. Wilhelm Zuelzer (Orthopedic Surgery), Dr. Rao Ivatury (Surgery), Amy Sebring, (Finance and Administration, SOM) and Dr. Mary Alice O’Donnell (Graduate Medical Education). For more information, go to www.medsim.som.vcu.edu.

Department of Physiology

The search for the chair of Physiology remains active. The search committee is chaired by Dr. Gordon Archer (Associate Dean for Research, Internal Medicine). The position is posted at www.pubinfo.vcu.edu/facjobs/facjob.asp?Item=2364.

Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education

The Search Committee (Dr. Joel Silverman, Chair) has had an initial meeting and advertisements are placed in the appropriate journals. The Search Committee members are: Dr. John Bigbee (Anatomy), Dr. Rita Willett (Internal Medicine), Dr. Linda Costanzo (Physiology), Dr. Judy Brannen (VAMC Chief of Staff), Dr. Ross Mikkelsen (Radiation Oncology), Dr. Thomas Wise (Psychiatry – Inova), Dr. Daniel Santos (Otolaryngology Chief Resident), and medical students: Bella Gabice and Brandon Engom. The position is posted at www.pubinfo.vcu.edu/facjobs/facjob.asp?Item=2674.

LCME Accreditation Update

The various subcommittees for the School of Medicine working on the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) accreditation database are in the final processes of completing their work and are now analyzing the data. Strengths and weaknesses have been identified and work on the self-study summary document has begun. An outside consulting company that specializes in LCME accreditation will be reviewing the documents in October and will conduct a mock site visit on February 11 & 12, 2008 as part of the final preparation for the actual site visit February 25 – 27, 2008. Those faculty meeting with the site visitors will be contacted in the early fall. If you have any questions about the accreditation site visit, please contact Dr. Jim Messmer, Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education, at 828-9790.

Did You Know?

The Department of Biostatistics has moved to Theater Row, Rm. 3006, 730 E. Broad St.! Phone nos. remain the same.
School of Medicine Technology Services

During the past six months, the administrative and instructional technology services in the School of Medicine – Dean’s Office have been consolidated to provide a coordinated approach for managing technology to enhance the delivery of technology services. The newly created School of Medicine Technology Services unit will provide an integrated IT environment that advances two core missions of the School of Medicine—education and research, and the administrative processes that support these missions.

To provide leadership for the consolidated technology services office, Meenu Tolani has been appointed as the Assistant Dean for Technology Services, a new position reporting to the Senior Associate Dean for Finance and Administration, Bill Gleason. Ms. Tolani has worked in the VCU School of Medicine since December 1993. In her previous role as the Director of Information Systems in the Dean’s Office, Meenu oversaw the development of administrative systems and provided leadership for the School of Medicine Desktop Support Services (SOMTech) program. Meenu earned her bachelor’s degree in computer science from Delhi University (India) and VCU, and MBA from VCU. Recently she completed a week long IT leadership program sponsored by American Association of Medical Colleges’ (AAMC) Group on Information Resources Leadership Institute.

In her new position, Ms. Tolani has been charged with creating an IT governance structure and strategic plan for information technology for the school. The reorganized IT structure includes two new advisory groups—Educational Technology Advisory Committee (ETAC) and Research Technology Advisory Committee (RTAC). While ETAC will provide leadership in the development, implementation and evaluation of educational technologies in the School of Medicine, RTAC will focus on issues surrounding research technology. ETAC was formed in July 2007 and includes representatives from undergraduate medical education (UME), graduate medical education (GME), continuing medical education (CME), graduate educations, instructional and faculty development, and SOMTS. The goals and membership for RTAC are still under development and will be announced in January 2008.

With this new structure is an opportunity to provide consistent technology support across the education continuum—UME, GME, CME and advanced degree programs. Besides improving efficiency and service delivery, this consolidation will promote collaboration and enhance communication and information sharing with institutional IT organizations.

VCU School of Medicine Technology Services

Organization Chart

- Sr. Associate Dean for Finance and Administration
  - William M. Gleason

  - Educational Technology Advisory Committee (ETAC)

  - Assistant Dean for Technology Services
    - Meenu Tolani

  - Research Technology Advisory Committee (RTAC)

- Desktop Support Services
  - Hardware and software troubleshooting
  - Desktop and notebook PC installations
  - Network administration and support
  - Proactive monitoring via LAN/Desk
  - Asset management
  - Purchasing recommendations

- Administrative Systems Development and Data Management
  - Business requirements gathering
  - Web applications development
  - Database design/development
  - Ad hoc report development
  - Data interface development

- Educational Technology
  - Instructional design & development
  - Computer lab support
  - Evaluation of new technologies
  - Videoconferencing support
  - Multimedia production
  - Course management system support

- Website Management
  - SOM website maintenance
  - Web template design
  - Search engine optimization
  - Departmental consulting
  - Web CMS deployment

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Congratulations to our faculty: Our most valuable asset!

**VCU SOM Faculty Promotion & Tenure Effective July 1, ‘07**

**TENURE REVIEW (PROFESSOR)**
Gary L. Francis, M.D., Ph.D.  
Kamar Godder, M.D.  
Pediadrics

**PROMOTION TO PROFESSOR (ALREADY TENURED)**
Suzanne Barbour, Ph.D.  
Cynthia N. Cornelissen, Ph.D.  
Biochemistry
Microbiology & Immunology

**PROMOTION TO PROFESSOR (COLLATERAL)**
Douglas Arthur, M.D.  
Sara G. Monroe, M.D.  
Julia Nunley, M.D.  
S. Rutherfoord Rose, PharmD.  
Szabolcs Szentpetery, M.D.  
Radiation Oncology
Internal Medicine
Dermatology
Emergency Medicine
Surgery

**TENURE REVIEW (ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR)**
Aron H. Lichtman, Ph.D.  
Jenny L. Wiley, Ph.D.  
Pharmacology & Immunology
Pharmacology & Immunology

**PROMOTION TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR WITH TENURE**
Charles Chalfant, Ph.D.  
Biochemistry

**PROMOTION TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR (COLLATERAL)**
Ajai K. Malhotra, M.D.  
Daniel G. Maluf, M.D.  
Catherine Matthews, M.D.  
Shunlin Ren, M.D., Ph.D.  
Surgery
Surgery
Obstetrics & Gynecology
Internal Medicine

**PROMOTION TO ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**  
(no peer review required; recommendation letter and curriculum vitae required)
Mukhtar Adem, M.D.  
Colin Banas, M.D.  
Dhiren Kumar, M.D.  
Georgia N. McIntosh, M.D.  
Gaetano M. Menna, M.D.  
Timothy P. York, Ph.D.  
Internal Medicine
Internal Medicine
Internal Medicine
Internal Medicine
Anesthesiology
Human Genetics

**AFFILIATE AND NON-PAID, VOLUNTEER FACULTY**  
(no peer review required; recommendation letter and curriculum vitae required)

**PROMOTION TO CLINICAL PROFESSOR**
William L. Harp, M.D.  
Rochelle L. Klinger, M.D.  
Steven S. Leblang, M.D.  
Anthony L. Pelonero, M.D.  
Psychiatry
Psychiatry
Family Medicine
Psychiatry
PROMOTION TO ASSOCIATE CLINICAL PROFESSOR

Thomas A. Ball, M.D.        Family Medicine
Jennifer B. Barron, M.D.        Family Medicine
Thomas P. Ehrlich, M.D.        Family Medicine
Sydney Fleischer, Ph.D.        Psychiatry
Daniel C. Lawrence, M.D.        Family Medicine
Paul M. Spector, D.O.        Psychiatry
Keyhill Sheorn, M.D.        Psychiatry
Neena G. Singh, M.D.        Psychiatry

Two SOM Faculty Receive 2007 VCU Distinguished Faculty Awards!

Congratulations to Dr. Bela Sood and Dr. Sarah Spiegel, recipients of VCU’s 2007 Distinguished Faculty Awards at the annual Fall Convocation, September 25, at the Singleton Center for the Performing Arts, Monroe Park Campus.

Dr. Sood, Professor of Psychiatry and Chair, Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, and Medical Director for the Virginia Treatment Center for Children, VCH Health System, received the University Distinguished Service Award. This award recognizes superior service to the University, the profession and the wider community as evidenced by activities beyond normal expectations, unique contributions, and long-standing leadership. Dr. Sood has served many years in mental health leadership positions and recently served as a member of the Governor’s Independent Virginia Tech Incident Review Panel.

Dr. Sarah Spiegel, Professor and Chair of Biochemistry, received the Distinguished Scholarship Award. This award recognizes a VCU faculty member who has a demonstrated pattern of productive scholarly activity and is recognized nationally and internationally. Dr. Spiegel is a world-recognized pioneer in the study of sphingosine-1-phosphate and is described as a “corner stone leader and an authority in the field.” Since her arrival at VCU in 2001, she has taken the Biochemistry Department ranked 103rd in NIH funding to 32nd.

Other awards presented were for VCU Distinguished Teaching and University Award of Excellence.

What to Know and Do To Be Prepared for Emergencies at VCU

Please include the statement below on each of your class syllabi and on your class Blackboard pages. Since for fall classes, syllabi have likely already been printed or copied, an addendum sheet can be provided as an alternative. We will also be asking that the academic and student affairs deans in your schools arrange to meet with class cohorts to make sure they have this information. In the future this information can be included in routine orientations for incoming classes in the schools.

What to Know and Do To Be Prepared for Emergencies at VCU

1. Sign up to receive VCU text messaging alerts (http://www.vcu.edu/alert/notify). Keep your information up-to-date.
2. Know the safe evacuation route from each of your classrooms. Emergency evacuation routes are posted in on-campus classrooms.
3. Listen for and follow instructions from VCU or other designated authorities.
4. Know where to go for additional emergency information (http://www.vcu.edu/alert).
5. Know the emergency phone number for the VCU Police (828-1234).

If you have any questions, please e-mail svpfa@vcu.edu. (Information provided by Sheldon M. Retchin and John M. Bennett)
New Postdoctoral Fellow Policies, Salary Guidelines

Dr. Frank Macrina, VCU Vice President for Research, announced the implementation of policies and procedures that have been established to guide the appointment and training of all VCU postdoctoral scholars. They have been presented to the administration and have been approved by the President and Vice Presidents, making them official office policy.

The full policy can be accessed on our website at http://www.research.vcu.edu/vpr/postdoc/index.htm

Key points are:

- Effective October 10, 2007, the required minimum annual salary for full-time postdoctoral scholars will be $30,000. The minimum salary will be adjusted July 1 of each year as we work to bring the salary levels of all postdoctoral scholars to the level recommended by the NIH for postdoctoral trainees.
- Effective October 1, 2007, payment/contribution toward the cost of health insurance equal to the cost of individual coverage from one of the plans offered through the Office of Postdoctoral Services must be provided to postdoctoral scholars.
- Effective October 10, 2007, all postdoctoral appointment papers must be submitted to the Office of Postdoctoral Services in advance of, or concurrent with, the proposed start date for the appointment.
- Effective October 1, 2007, postdoctoral scholars will be eligible for 20 days of paid leave within each appointment year. Leave is monitored at the department level and does not carry over from one appointment year to the next.

I urge you to carefully read the policies and procedures so that you are aware of the details of each of these changes, as well as others that are being implemented. I also encourage you to contact the newly created Office of Postdoctoral Services (OPS) within the Office of the Vice President for Research if you have any questions.

The goal of the OPS is to support postdoctoral training at VCU by:

- serving as a liaison between postdoctoral scholars, faculty, administrators and staff on campus;
- providing resources and information to facilitate the recruitment, employment, mentoring, and career development of postdoctoral scholars; and,
- assuring that faculty and postdoctoral scholars are aware of university policies, procedures and benefits for postdoctoral scholars.

Additional questions can be directed to Ms. Andrekia Branch, Coordinator, Office of Postdoctoral Services (aebranch@vcu.edu or 827-6036), or Dr. Ann Nichols-Casebolt, Associate Vice President for Research Development, Office of the Vice President for Research (acasebol@vcu.edu or 827-2267). (information provided by Dr. Frank Macrina)

Please join us for the next WISDM Book Club, Wednesday, October 17, 6 - 8 pm Dinner

Book: Pope Joan by Donna Woolfolk Cross
Facilitators: Dr. Ruth Clemo (Anatomy & Neurobiology) and Dr. Cheryl Al-Mateen (Psychiatry)
Location: Café Gutenberg, 1700 E. Main St., Shockoe Bottom (accessible to persons with disabilities)

Medical Student Class of 2011

The class of 2011 arrived August 13, 2007 eager to begin their medical school career. The 186 member class was chosen from an application pool of 5664. 734 were interviewed. 24 states are represented with 80 members of the class from out of state locations. 23 of them are from California. Biology was the most common major but their were 29 other majors. The average age of the class is 24. Academic statistics note a slight increase in GPA to 3.6. The average MCAT total score was 29.45. The class has settled in and from all comments shared so far seem to be a really nice group.

Welcome Class of 2011.
M-I Class Creates Hippocratic Oath

It has become a tradition for the MI Class to create their own Hippocratic Oath – here is the Hippocratic oath of the new MI Class of 2011:

- We pledge to be compassionate and empathic to our patients, taking time to listen and understand emotions in our roles to serve the ill and recognizing that above all else our patients are human beings and not diseases.
- We pledge to be self-less in our commitment to our patients, putting our stresses aside in lieu of the needs of those we treat, and approaching our patients with a non-judgmental and respectful attitude.
- We pledge to commit to excellence in our training, attaining the experience necessary to be competent practitioners, attending to detail and realizing this includes a commitment to lifelong learning. We pledge to conduct ourselves in a manner that engenders confidence from our patients, while at the same time being aware of the limitations of our knowledge and skills, knowing when we should ask for help.
- We pledge to be effective members of the healthcare team, communicating with staff, patients and their families in an open and honest manner, assuring that we convey information with sensitivity to the level of understanding and ability of our patients to receive what we wish to share.
- We pledge to be role models of leadership in the community, interacting and carrying ourselves in a professional manner, accepting the responsibility that is inherent to our profession and realizing that we best serve the needs of our patients through modeling a balanced life.

Thanks to Dr. Ike Wood, Associate Dean for Student Activities, SOM, and Dr. Michelle Whitehurst-Cook, Associate Dean for Admissions, for sharing this information.

2007 SOM Research Recognition Awards Go To 10 Faculty

Congratulations to these faculty for leading the way as VCU SOM builds its research portfolio!

Awards were presented June 26 during the Research Recognition program held in Kontos MSB. Faculty recognized were:

**Faculty Research Achievement:**
- Gregorio Gil, Ph.D., Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
- Donna McClish, Ph.D., Biostatistics
- Alphonse E. Sirica, Ph.D., Pathology
- Paul Wehman, Ph.D., Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
- Alexander Krist, M.D., Family Medicine
- Gea-Ny Tseng, Ph.D., Physiology
- Joline Windle, Ph.D., Human Genetics
- Jeffrey Williamson, Ph.D., Radiation Oncology
- Richard Marconi, Ph.D., Microbiology & Immunology

**Research Achievement Award:** Sarah Spiegel, Ph.D., Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

SOM Faculty Development Series, Focus: Educational Scholarship

For over ten years, the SOM has offered a Faculty Development Series for those who teach in our medical school. In 2007-08 the series will focus on Educational Scholarship to provide an opportunity for faculty to 1) organize and develop a process for documenting and evaluating their teaching activities, 2) learn theory and practice skills related to education research, 3) learn about resources that are available to support them in pursuing scholarly study of their educational activities, 4) identify opportunities on the local and national level for presenting and publishing their work, and 5) develop a cadre of educational scholars who are recognized as faculty development resources for less-experienced teachers and for each other.

Please mark your calendars for upcoming sessions – all are welcome! Announcements are sent to all faculty – please RSVP to Debbie Stewart at dstewart@vcu.edu before each seminar.

Dates: November 14, January 9, March 12, May 14. Each topic/date will include a morning hands-on workshop for more individualized work, and a noon plenary session.
Upcoming program: November 14, 2007 - Help on Publishing your Work
Morning Workshop. Keys to getting your journal articles published (9-11:30 am)
Afternoon plenary session: How Journals Work—and Making them Work for You (12 noon – 1:30 pm)
Guest Presenter: Addeane S. Caelleigh, Director of Institutional Studies, Office of the Dean, UVA School of Medicine

SOM Annual Faculty Excellence Awards & New Faculty Orientation

- School of Medicine’s Annual Faculty Excellence Awards Program. VCU School of Medicine will host its 9th Annual Faculty Excellence Awards Program on Tuesday, Oct. 9, at 12:10 p.m. in the Kontos Medical Sciences Building auditorium. A luncheon reception will immediately follow the ceremony on the Kontos MSB Plaza. All SOM faculty, medical and graduate students, house staff, postdocs, administrators and staff are invited. Awards for Teaching Excellence, Humanism, WISDM Professional Achievement, and MCV Physicians Distinguished Clinician will be presented. Come and celebrate with faculty - our most valuable asset. For more information, contact Debbie Stewart at 828-6591.

- New Faculty Orientation. Please register for the 2007 VCU School of Medicine’s 13th Annual New Faculty Orientation. The Orientation is designed to provide a “quick start” for all full or part-time clinical, basic sciences and administrative faculty new to VCU, and it is open to any School of Medicine faculty member. This program is held on three mornings: ½ day, Tuesday, 10/9; ½ day, Wednesday, 10/10; and ½ day, Thursday, 11/1. To register print out the attached PDF at www.cmeregistration.som.vcu.edu or call Continuing Professional Development & Evaluation Studies for more info at 828-5414. For questions about the program, contact Carol Hampton, carol.hampton@vcu.edu, 828-6594.

Grand Opening! Please join us in touring these newly renovated teaching facilities
Tuesday, October 9, 2007, 11 am - 2 pm
following the SOM Faculty Excellence Awards, lunch will be served on the Plaza at 1 pm.

The facilities include: (l to r: George Ben Johnston Auditorium; Gross Anatomy Lab, Sanger 10th Fl.; Computer Based Instruction Lab (CBIL), MSB Mezzanine; Classrooms for Foundations of Clinical Medicine (FCM), Egyptian Bldg. 3rd Fl.; Sanger Classroom 6-032).

A.D. Williams Awards for July 2007 Award Cycle 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. Funds are allotted to foster and support research and faculty development. Multi-school applications were not accepted this spring/summer; the next available deadline for these awards will be October 1. For more information, including applications: http://views.vcu.edu/adw/

JULY 2007 AWARDS:

A. D. Williams Research Grants
“Cholesteryl Ester Hydrolysis and Cholesterol Efflux.”
Dr. Shobha Ghosh, Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, was awarded $25,000 from the A. D. Williams Trust Funds.

“The Validation of a Test-bed Haptic Device for Examining the Utility of New Tactile Graphical Representations for People who are Blind or Visually Impaired.”
Dr. Dianne Pawluk, Assistant Professor of Biomedical Engineering, was awarded $14,568: $6,000 from the Friel Foundation Trust Funds and $8,568 from the A. D. Williams Trust Funds.
“Increased Vulnerability of the Hypertensive Subject to Hemorrhagic Shock.”

Dr. R. Wayne Barbee, Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, was awarded $15,000 from the A. D. Williams Trust Funds.

**A. D. Williams Faculty Development Awards**

“Gene Expression Profiles in Osteoarthritis Clinical Variants.

Dr. George F. Moxley, Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, Division of Rheumatology and Immunology, was awarded $2,500 from the A. D. Williams Trust Funds.

**VCU Grace Harris Institute Leadership Development Program**

“The VCU Leadership Development program of the Grace E. Harris Leadership Institute invites nominations for the 2008 class. The goal of this program is to develop current and emerging leaders each year at VCU who represent the academic and administrative units of the university and the VCU Health System. The 2008 program will run from January through October. Academic and administrative units are encouraged to nominate VCU employees who exhibit the skills, potential, and desire to take a significant role in leading the university and who hold significant responsibilities in the university, or show special promise for leadership roles. Nomination/application forms are due October 18, 2007. To obtain a form, please contact Peg Williams at mlwillia@vcu.edu or 828-1530.”

**Tompkins-McCaw Library Bits and Bytes**

*Have a Research Question?*

The TML Librarians are glad to schedule library instruction sessions for your faculty and provide assistance with research projects. If you would like a library update, to learn more about finding highly cited articles, or an introduction to RefWorks session scheduled for a departmental meeting or other group, please contact Thelma Mack at 828-0017 or mackta@vcu.edu.

Take advantage of a number of upcoming classes offered by the Tompkins-McCaw Library a number of topics including PubMed, RefWorks, Finding Cited Resources, Resources for Finding Tests and Measurements, Creating Poster Presentations in the Instructional Media Workshop, and more. For more information about upcoming workshops at Tompkins-McCaw Library, visit [http://www.library.vcu.edu/events/](http://www.library.vcu.edu/events/).

**CME Opportunities**

The Department of Dermatology and the VCU Office of Continuing Professional Development and Evaluation Studies will present the Southeastern Consortium for Dermatology 2007, October 12-14, at the Omni Richmond Hotel. The conference will feature opportunities to observe and hear discussions on a variety of common and uncommon cutaneous disease. Participants will gain a better understanding of various skin diseases and management of those diseases. For additional information, visit [www.cmeregistration.som.vcu.edu](http://www.cmeregistration.som.vcu.edu) or call 828-3640.

**Did You Know?**

Dr. Kristin Ondeko Ligda, a SOM graduate and current intern in Internal Medicine, recently wrote an article for the Richmond Times-Dispatch on her experience as a 2003 John Kent Cooke Foundation Graduate Scholar. The Cooke Graduate Scholarships cover tuition, room, board, fees, and books up to $50,000 annually for up to six years. Her article may be found at: [http://www.inrich.com/cva/ric/search.apx.-content-articles-RTD-2007-07-22-0101.html](http://www.inrich.com/cva/ric/search.apx.-content-articles-RTD-2007-07-22-0101.html)

**The Big Picture**

The School of Medicine’s new digital signage system is a way for departments to share research and departmental activities with colleagues and increase communication. Located in Sanger Hall, Kontos Medical Sciences Building and the new Goodwin Lab at Massey Cancer Center, the screens are designed to display messages about events such as upcoming research seminars, faculty development opportunities and other special programs.
The screens are also tied in with the University’s new emergency messaging system as part of an enhanced, rapid, multilevel system for communicating emergency information to the VCU community.

To share your departmental event, browse to the VCU Calendar of Events, http://events.vcu.edu, and click on Submit an Event to enter the information. Funding for the system was provided by SOM Dean’s Office. Technical support is provided by SOM Information Technology Services, in collaboration with VCU Technology Services (User Services).

Alumni and Development Office News

Fundraising for the School of Medicine has had another banner year. June 30, 2007 marked the completion of the seven-year, university-wide campaign, which included an $87 million goal for the School. The SOM raised a total of $114.2 million, exceeding its goal by 31%. With gifts and pledges of $1 million or more, the School established new endowed chairs in the areas of neuro-oncology, pulmonary disease, hepatology, Parkinson’s disease, and family medicine. Pledges to raise two other chairs to the $1 million level were also received.

In addition, the Annual Fund raised a record $409,745 dollars in FY07, exceeding FY06’s record contribution by almost $80,000. The increase in Annual Fund contributions has allowed a commensurate increase in student financial aid.

The School’s fundraising success in 2006-07 can be attributed in part to targeted efforts to improve alumni relationships. In 2006-07, the Dean hosted 10 alumni/donor events around the country including visits to Lynchburg, Roanoke, South Florida, San Francisco, and Chicago.

News on Alumni

Richard H. Dean, M.D.,’68, retired June 30 as president and CEO of Wake Forest University Health Sciences. A vascular surgeon, Dean arrived at Winston-Salem in 1987 as chairman of the Department of Surgery at Wake Forest University School of Medicine and chief of surgery at North Carolina Baptist Hospital. He became CEO of Wake Forest University Health Sciences, which includes the School of Medicine and Wake Forest University Physicians, in 2001.

James H. Meador-Woodruff, M.D.,’84, has been named the Editor-in-Chief of Neuropsychopharmacology. This journal is the official publication of the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology and is ranked in the top 5% for impact of all Psychiatry journals world-wide.

Virginia Department of Health Commissioner Dr. Robert B. Stroube, M’74, H’76, received a National Governors Association Award for Distinguished Service to State Government.

William Harrington, M’78, was the keynote speaker for the medical school’s annual white coat ceremony, at which our incoming students receive their first white coats and recite the Hippocratic Oath. Dr Harrington spent many years overseas as a missionary, providing health care in Africa. He’s now returned to the US and has incorporated “virtual visits” into his practice.

The Virginia Commissioner’s Healthcare Workforce Recognition Awards

On September 5, 2007, Dr. Steve Spence accepted the Virginia Commissioner’s Healthcare Workforce Recognition Award on behalf of the residency at Blackstone. The following is an edited quote from the nomination which Dr. Robert Stroube, Commissioner of Health, read for all those in attendance at the ceremony.

“For over 30 years, the VCU Family Medicine Residency at Blackstone, VA worked diligently to recruit young physicians to the state of Virginia and train them appropriately to practice in underserved areas. Sadly, in 2004, the program was closed because of its lack of proximity to a hospital (an accreditation requirement). Despite that setback, the legacy of this superb program lives on in many ways. Graduates of that program now educate students in their offices and in our residency programs. They provide patient care and are leaders in statewide organizations. Each residency program in Virginia was modeled to some extent on the Blackstone program, and each continues to this day to put principles and practices of the Blackstone program to work in their unique settings.
Without the pioneering work done at this program, Virginia’s health care would be in a far different place. Blackstone was the first family medicine residency in the state. It was instituted at a time when the shortage of primary care physicians was prompting the country to charter new medical schools and seek innovative ways of training physicians. There is no program which has contributed more to the alleviation of physician shortages, especially in rural areas, than the Blackstone program.

In our opinion, there is no organization more deserving of this award for all they did in the earliest days of Virginia’s commitment to its citizens to provide the best possible health care to all.” (Thanks to Cynthia Messmer for this information)

**Physician Leadership Academy Launched**

Twenty-five physicians from across the VCU Medical Center have been accepted as the inaugural group of fellows for the Executive Fellowship in Physician Leadership, which began September 11, 2007. The VCU School of Medicine and the VCU Health System Office of Workforce have partnered with The Williamson Institute of the VCU Department of Health Administration to present the program.

The major objective of this innovative program is to offer a forum for emerging physician leaders to further develop the necessary skills for future leadership roles here. The program was designed around needs specific to VCU Medical Center and includes topics such as leadership, team building, organizational culture, negotiation, strategic analysis, communication, and business skill development. A combination of classroom experiences, distance learning, and group projects will be used. The fellows were nominated by their department chairs.

Patient safety will serve as a core theme and each fellow will participate in a group project focused on an interdepartmental patient safety issue. The fellows, departments and team projects are listed below.

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The complete program outline, curriculum, instructors, projects, and planning committee members may be found at [www.had.vcu.edu/williamson/health_law.html](http://www.had.vcu.edu/williamson/health_law.html). For questions, contact Dr. Ron Clark, CMO, VCUHS, or Karen N. Swisher, MS, JD, Professor and Associate Director, Williamson Institute.

**NIH Loan Repayment Award Programs (LRPs)**

NIH is inviting health professionals engaged in biomedical and behavioral research to apply online for a loan repayment award. The loan repayment programs (LRPs) are a vital component of our nation’s efforts to recruit and retain highly qualified professionals to careers in research.
NIH annually awards loan repayment contracts to approximately 1,600 health professionals with an average award of $52,000. More than 50% of the awards are made to individuals less than 5 years out of school. Approximately 40% of all new applicants are funded and 70% of renewals are funded.

The LRP application cycle is open through December 1. NIH will repay up to $35,000 annually of qualified educational debt for health professionals pursuing careers in one of the five Loan Repayment Programs (LRPs). The programs also provide coverage for Federal and state tax liabilities.

To qualify, applicants must possess a doctoral-level degree, devote an average of 20 hours per week or more to research funded by a non-profit organization, university, or government entity (NIH grant support is not required). Applicants must also have outstanding educational loan debt equal to at least 20% of their institutional base salary and be U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

All applications for 2008 awards must be submitted online by 8:00 p.m. EST, December 1, 2007. To access the online application or for program information, please visit the LRP Web site at www.lrp.nih.gov. For assistance call the Helpline at 866.849.4047 or send email inquiries to lrp@nih.gov.

Departmental News

Department of Biochemistry


Dr. Frank Fang was invited to serve on American Heart Association (AHA) Grant Review Study Section: Basic Science and Molecular Biology.

Dean’s Office, School of Medicine

The College of William and Mary Class of 2011 and entering graduate and transfer students were welcomed August 31 by alumna Dr. Michelle Whitehurst-Cook (MCV ’75) at the annual Opening Convocation. Whitehurst-Cook is a physician and Associate Dean for Admissions for the SOM. “The advancement of medical practice in the Commonwealth, and the training of its young doctors, owes much to the energy and talent of Michelle Whitehurst-Cook,” said William and Mary president Gene R. Nichol. “We’re proud to welcome her back to her alma mater, and know she’ll be an inspiration to our newest students and to us all.” Originally from Lawrenceville, Va., Whitehurst-Cook received a bachelor’s degree in biology at the College.

Jeanne Schlesinger, M.Ed., Assistant Professor and Director of Instructional Development, Office of Faculty and Instructional Development, won Best in Show for her photograph, “Rejoice”, at the 2nd Annual National Arts Program Competition for VCU Health System employees and family members.

Jerome F. Strauss III, M.D., Ph.D., received the first Distinguished National Research Service Award for contributions to research and training in reproductive biology from the Marine Biological Laboratories Frontiers in Reproduction Course sponsored by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

Department of Epidemiology and Community Health

The Department welcomes Hongjie Liu, Ph.D., Associate Professor, effective July 16, 2007. Dr. Liu received his PhD in Epidemiology from UCLA School of Public Health in 2002. His research focus is in Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS. He has 30 published journal articles (13 as primary author) and is PI for 2 current grants totaling $265K, and 2 pending grants totaling $1M.

Department of Family Medicine

The Department, its faculty and programs recently received three awards for 2007 from the Virginia Academy of Family Physicians which advances and represents the specialty of family medicine.
Steven N. Spence M.D., director of the VCU Blackstone residency, received the Family Physician of the Year award, which is presented to physicians who serve their community with compassionate, comprehensive and caring medical service on a continuing basis.

Steven S. Leblang M.D., director of the VCU Riverside family medicine residency, received the James P. Charlton, M.D., Teacher of the Year award. VAFP awards this annually for excellence in teaching in family medicine.

Mark H. Ryan M.D., assistant clinical professor, received the Volunteer of the Year award, which is designed to recognize a Virginia family physician whose service to his or her profession and the community exemplifies the true nature of volunteerism.

Spence graduated from the VCU Riverside family medicine program in 1980, where he then served on the faculty. Leblang graduated from the VCU Riverside family medicine residency in 1984 and served on the faculty from 1990-2003. Ryan graduated from the VCU School of Medicine in 2000 and from the Blackstone residency in 2003.

The VCU Family Medicine program is a system of six, community-based residency programs located in urban, suburban and rural settings. The residents are connected to health care centers and family medicine centers for clinical support. More than 1,000 physicians have graduated from its residency programs. For more information, visit http://www.vafp.org/.

Steven Crossman, M.D., associate professor, was appointed to be the new coordinator of predoctoral programs. Steve is already a faculty leader working with the HOMBRE team.

The Department of Family Medicine’s research division has just received a $1.2 million dollar grant from NIH, Agency for Health Research and Quality. The title is “Ambulatory Safety and Quality: Enabling Patient-Centered Care Through Health IT”. The Principal Investigator on the grant is Dr. Alex Krist. Co-investigators are Drs. Steve Woolf, Steve Rothemich, Dan Longo, Kelly Devers, Gary Matzke, Bob Johnson, Sharon Flores, Steve Mitchell, Amy Burgett and Carole Hale.

Department of Internal Medicine

The Division of General Medicine had the following doctors join the faculty in June as Hospitalists: Kimberly Pedram M.D., Evan Meadors, M.D., Laura Paletta, M.D., Ari Hirsch, M.D., Khoi Do, M.D. All of these new faculty came from the Internal Medicine residency program.

Suzanne Sorof, M.D., is a new faculty member in the Division of Cardiology. Her interests are Interventional Cardiology, Women’s Health, General Consultative Cardiology. She is originally from Scarsdale, New York. Her undergraduate education was at the University of Vermont where she majored in Political Science and Theater. She attended medical school at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and Baylor College of Medicine and completed her Internal Medicine training at the Baylor Affiliated Hospitals in Houston Texas. She completed her Cardiology Fellowship at Metrohealth Hospital of Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland Ohio before coming to the Medical College of Virginia for her Interventional Cardiology training.

Dr. Steven Grant received a Translational Research award from the V Foundation for his proposal titled, “Reestablishing the leukemia cell death program with sorafenib and Bcl-2 antagonists.” This award provides $200,000/year for three years. The other investigators who made up the team include Drs. John Roberts and Mohamed Rahmani (Medicine) and Paul Dent (Biochemistry). Every year the V Foundation solicits one application from each NCI- designated Cancer Center. Of the 45 applications evaluated this year, six were selected for funding. Awards were also made to applicants from MD Anderson, University of California San Francisco, City of Hope, Johns Hopkins, and the University of Southern California. Since the inception of the V Foundation Translational Research Awards in 2001, this is the second time Grant and his collaborators have received this award.

Massey Cancer Center

Andrew Larner, M.D., Ph.D., has joined the Massey Cancer Center as co-leader of its Immune Mechanisms research program. Larner most recently was with the Cleveland Clinic Lerner Research Institute, where he was a professor of molecular medicine. Much of his research is devoted to studying the immune system’s natural defenses and how they might be meaningful in fighting cancer. This includes understanding what happens with changes in and around cancer cells that either promote cancer cell growth or induce cell death.
“Coming to Massey was an opportunity for me to build on what’s already here,” said Larner, who will co-lead the program with Harry Bear, M.D., Ph.D. “I know and respect the work of leaders and researchers here, and my work fits in well.”

Seven members of his lab staff moved from Cleveland to continue their work with Larner, and he anticipates recruiting more staff to examine the role of immune responses in a variety of different types of malignancies.

Larner earned his medical and doctorate degrees from the University of Virginia. His postdoctoral fellowship was at Rockefeller University, where he made a key discovery related to the pathway certain proteins use in triggering immune responses. This discovery has spawned additional research worldwide. He completed a residency in Anatomic Pathology at the National Cancer Institute and was a senior scientist at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. His work may have an impact in breast, prostate and lung cancer, as well as in neurological diseases such as multiple sclerosis. Larner has nearly 80 publications and book chapters, and has trained more than 20 postdoctoral fellows, many of whom have faculty positions throughout the world. (information from University news Services)

Department of Microbiology
Dennis Ohman, Ph.D., Chair, has been appointed to the Editorial Advisory Board of Molecular Microbiology which has become the premier journal for microbiology research.

Department of Neurology
Dr. Elsa Varughese Mathew, who just completed her fellowship in Neurophysiology at VCU, is now a part-time clinical instructor who will be working in the Sleep Medicine Center with Dr. David Leszczyszyn.

Department of Neurosurgery
Christina Marmarou, Ph.D., postdoctoral fellow, was elected to chair of the Women in Neurotrauma Research Group. The announcement came during a National Neurotrauma Meeting in August. This group will extend networking in clinical research to bridge the gap between basic research and clinical correlations.

Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Dr. Elizabeth McGee will be the recipient of the Ira and Ester Rosenwaks New Investigator Award at the American Society of Reproduction Medicine Opening Ceremony in October.

Department of Pathology

The Department held a reception on August 13, 2007 to thank employees who participated in the phlebotomy workshop for third year medical students in July. This was the seventh time that training in phlebotomy was offered to medical students. “This practical experience had been missing from the medical school curriculum for several years until students requested it in 2001. The number of students participating was approximately 100 yearly until the SOM made it mandatory in 2006. Since then about 150 students have been involved each year,” according to Dr. Richard McPherson, Professor of Pathology, who has directed the sessions.

He also added, “I am deeply grateful to all the Pathology staff who have played roles in this exercise. They ordered tests and printed computer labels in advance, prepared individual bags of supplies, provided direct instruction to students as they drew blood on their classmates, transported blood specimens from the Medical Sciences Building to the laboratory, accessioned the tubes of blood, and performed testing in the hematology and chemistry laboratories. I want to express my sincere thanks to all of them and especially to the phlebotomists, technologists, nurses, residents, and faculty who stood at the side of students as they performed their initial phlebotomies. This educational exercise is highly regarded by medical students who are naturally apprehensive about passing this fundamental milestone of their medical education. Our department has established an outstanding mechanism by which all students are guaranteed formal, expert training in phlebotomy that will serve future patients well.”

Catherine I. Dumur, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Pathology, received a patent for an algorithm to standardize the sample-handling procedures for microarrays. This algorithm incorporates the raw data of the sample into decision functions, allowing the user to monitor the quality of every step of sample preparation for microarray testing in the Affymetrix platform. This
algorithm ensures that every sample is handled in the same manner and is of the same quality before using it in a microarray test.

Greg Miller, Ph.D., Professor of Pathology, Director of Clinical Chemistry, and Director of Pathology Information Systems, received the Award for Outstanding Contributions to Clinical Chemistry at the annual meeting of the American Association for Clinical Chemistry in July. This award is considered the premier award of the Association. Individuals selected for this award have made significant contributions in all aspects of clinical chemistry, particularly in education and research; have achieved international stature and reputation by virtue of their efforts, and have demonstrated long standing service to the AACC, either at the grass roots or national level.

Mary Jo Martin, M.D., has joined the department in the Division of Neuropathology. She received her MD Degree from Marshall University School of Medicine and did a Residency - VCU, Combined Anatomic and Clinical Pathology and Fellowship - Neuropathology, VCU Pathology and Fellowship - Forensic Pathology, Virginia Medical Examiners Office.

Marie C. Do, M.D., joined Transfusion Medicine in Clinical Services August 1. She graduated from the VCU School of Medicine and completed a Residency at VCU in Clinical Pathology.

Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology

Steve Negus, Ph.D., will be joining Pharmacology/Toxicology as a professor on October 1. He is currently an Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Research Center, McLean Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Belmont, MA. Dr. Negus’ research interest include pain research and drug addiction and is currently conducting studies with opioids and psychomotor stimulants. His approaches include both behavioral analysis as well as functional magnetic resonance imaging.

Darlene Brunzell, Ph.D., joined the department on September 17 as an Assistant Professor. She is coming from Yale University, Department of Molecular Psychiatry. Dr. Brunzell research interests include the behavioral and molecular psychopharmacology of drugs of abuse, neurochemical mechanisms of learning and memory and animal models of schizophrenia.

Department of Radiation Oncology

Please welcome three new faculty:

Jun Lu, Ph.D., received his PhD in Physics from the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Lanzhou, China. He completed post-doctoral fellowships at the University of Rochester and MD Anderson Cancer Center. His area of expertise is 4D cone beam CT, imaging quality improvement and image processing. Aylin Rizki, Ph.D., is a graduate of the Departments of Biological Sciences and Biomedical Engineering at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA. She completed her doctoral studies in the Verna and Marrs McLean Department of Biochemistry at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, TX under the guidance of Vicki Lundblad, PhD. Dr. Rizki did her postdoctoral work in the laboratory of Mina Bissell, Ph.D. at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in Berkeley, CA. Dr. Rizki’s laboratory will study the reciprocal interactions between the microenvironment and genome stability that are relevant to breast cancer progression and radiation therapy. Mihaela Rosu, Ph.D., received her PhD in Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. She completed her doctoral studies in the Department of Radiation Oncology at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. Before accepting the position at VCU, Dr. Rosu was an assistant professor (clinical physicist) in the Radiation Oncology Department at the University of Nebraska. Her area of expertise is 4D motion/deformation effects for radiotherapy treatments.

New and Competing Grant Awards: April 1-August 31, 2007

Please join us in recognizing the following researchers who received grant awards during April 1, 2007 - August 31, 2007. These are listed by faculty member name, department, awarding agency/institution titles, and amount. Data source: InfoEd utilized by the VCU Office of Research. Snapshot date 9/4/07. (Note: Grant titles are as available from InfoEd.)
### Anatomy & Neurobiology
**National Institutes of Health**

**Colello, Raymond J.**
**National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke/NIH/DHHS**
Modulation of Hippocampal Neurogenesis and Cognitive Recovery Following Trauma (Subproject)  
Initial 123,399

**Guido, William**
**National Eye Institute/NIH/DHHS**
Functional State of Developing Retinogeniculate Synapse  
Supplement 56,569

**Henderson, Scott C.**
**National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke/NIH/DHHS**
Biomechanics of Brain Edema and Intracranial Pressure (Subproject)  
Initial 8,018

**Phillips, Linda L**
**National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke/NIH/DHHS**
Matrix Metalloproteinases and Regenerative Plasticity Following Brain Injury  
Initial 372,500

**Povlishock, John T**
**National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke/NIH/DHHS**
The Brain Parenchymal and Vascular Response to Trauma  
Initial 182,555

### Non-Profit

**Medina, Alexandre**
**Thrasher Research Fund**
Restoring Plasticity in Fetal Anticonvulsant Syndrome Usinga Phosphodiesterase Inhibitor  
Initial 146,400

### State/Local

**Dupree, Jeffrey L.**
**Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services**
Sodium Channel Sequestration in Traumatic Axonal Injury (Subproject)  
Initial 11,340

**McQuiston, Adam R**
**Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services**
Human Neuronal Progenitor Cells Isolated from Neurosurgical Resection Tissue as a Cell Source for Brain Repair Following Trauma (Subproject)  
Initial 12,260

**Reeves, Thomas M.**
**Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services**
Unmyelinated Axons: A Role in Injury and a Target for Therapy  
Initial 149,267

### Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
**National Institutes of Health**

**Chalfant, Charles E.**
**National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute/NIH/DHHS**
Role of Ceramide Phosphate in Prostaglandin Synthesis  
Supplement 49,186

**Chen, Ching-Kang J.**
**National Eye Institute/NIH/DHHS**
Recovery of Phototransduction  
Initial 372,500

**Larner, Andrew C.**
**National Institutes of Health**
Signalling in Cells Chronically Exposed to Interferons  
Initial 204,660

**Larner, Andrew C.**
**National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases/NIH/DHHS**
The Role of Stat1 in Mitochondria  
Initial 202,546

**Ratz, Paul H.**
**National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute/NIH/DHHS**
Regulation of Vascular Smooth Muscle Calcium Sensitivity  
Initial 367,208

**Spiegel, Sarah**
**National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke/NIH/DHHS**
Intracellular Target of Shingosine-1-Phosphate  
Initial 33,792

### State/Local

**Wright, H T**
**Commonwealth Health Research Board**
Arm/Rmt Ribosomal Methylation in Antibiotic Resistance  
Initial 33,305

### Biostatistics
**National Institutes of Health**

**Best, Al M III**
**National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research/NIH/DHHS**
Periodontitis, Anti-Phospholipids, Dentritic Cells and Atherosclerosis (Subproject)  
Initial 6,757

**Gennings, Chris**
**National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences/NIH/DHHS**
Empirical Determination of Sufficiently Similar Complex Mixtures  
Initial 134,100

**Gennings, Chris**
**National Institute of Nursing**
Subproject of PT101391: Modeling Research Participant Compensation  
Initial 5,251

**Gennings, Chris**
**National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences/NIH/DHHS**
T32 Training Grant: Integration of Mixtures Toxicology, Toxicogenomics, and Statistics  
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Comparator Study to Evaluate the Antihypertensive Efficacy and Safety of Losartin/ HCTZ Combination Compared to Losartin Monotherapy in Pediatric Patients with Essential Hypertension

Chadha, Vimal  Merck & Co., Inc. A Randomized, Double-Blind, parallel, placebo or Amlodipine-controlled study of the Effects of Losartan on Proteinuria in Pediatric Patients with Essential Hypertension

Initial  94,779

A Expanded Phase 1/2a, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Dose-Escalation Study to Evaluate the Safety, Tolerability, Immunogenicity, and Viral Shredding of Medi-534, A Live, Attenuated Intranasal Vaccine Against Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) and Parainfluenza Virus Type 3 (PIV#) in Healthy Pediatric Patients

Meloy, Linda D  MedImmune, Inc.  Initial  78,103

A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study of the Effects of Losartan on Proteinuria in Pediatric Patients with Essential Hypertension

McVoy, Michael  National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases/NIH/DHHS

Human cytomegalovirus alkaline nuclease (pUL98): potential antiviral target?

Initial  205,576

National Institutes of Health

Elsea, Sarah H.  Jeffress
Investigating the Role of Tom112 in Immune Response as a Susceptibility to Infection

Initial  27,010

Non-Profit

Francis, Gary L  George Washington University
The VCU TrialNet Major Affiliate

Initial  130,385

Sub-Awards

Pharmacology & Toxicology

Industry

Damaj, M. Imad  Targacept, Inc.
Establishing analgesic profile of nicotinic receptor agonists in acute and chronic pain

Initial  38,521

Ritter, Joseph K.  Immunotox
“Evaluation of a glucuronidation deficient rat as a model for immunotoxicological testing”

Initial  15,000

National Institutes of Health

Harris, Louis S  National Institute on Drug Abuse/NID/NIH/DHHS
Preclinical Medications Discovery and Abuse Liability Testing for NIDA

Supplement  74,500

Li, Ningjun  National Institutes of Health
Renal Medullary HIF Prolyl Hydroxylases and Salt Sensitivity of

Initial  335,250

Martin, Billy R  National Institutes of Health
Center for Drug Abuse Research

Initial  648,962

Miles, Michael F.  National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism/NIH/DHHS
Behavioral and Molecular Analysis of Individual Variation of Ethanol Drinking

Initial  31,651

Miles, Michael F.  National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism/NIH/DHHS
INIA-Stress: Informatics and Analysis Core

Supplement  55,000

White, Kimber L Jr.  National Institute on Drug Abuse/NID/NIH/DHHS
Tolerance to the Immunosuppressive Effects of Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol

Initial  31,894

Non-Profit

Balster, Robert L  Institute of International Education
Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program in Substance Abuse, Prevention & Treatment

Initial  434,730

Lichtman, Aron H  Scripps Research Institute
Enzymes That Regulate Fatty Acid Amide Function In Vivo

Initial  106,670

Lichtman, Aron H  Scripps Research Institute
In Vivo Consequences of Inhibiting

Initial  176,343

State/Local

Abdrakhmanova, Galia R.  Virginia Center on Aging
Novel Epibatidine Analogs as Potential Selective Agonists of Alpha4beta2 nAChRs

Initial  40,000

Sub-Awards

Gewirtz, David A  University of Richmond
Synthesis of Pyrrole Containing Marine Alkaloid Derivatives and Their Evaluation as Potential Antitumor Agents

Supplement  1,500
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| Physiology |
| Industry |
| Desimone, John A               | Campbell Soup Company | Physiological, Pharmacological, and Molecular Characterization of the Amiloride-Insensitive Salt Taste | Supplement | 200,000 |

| Non-Profit |
| Qiao, Liya               | Foundation for Digestive Health and Nutrition | Neurotrophins and Neuropeptides in Colon Cancer and Bladder Hypersensitivity | Initial | 50,000 |

| State/Local |
| Hu, Wenhui              | Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services | Isolated from Neurosurgical Resection Tissue as a Cell Source for Brain Repair Following Trauma (Subproject) | Initial | 4,047 |

| Psychiatry |
| Industry |
| Kornstein, Susan G         | Wyeth Pharmaceutical | A Multicenter, Randomized, 8-week Double-Blind Acute Phase Followed by a 6-month Continuation Phase (Open-Label or Double-Blind) Study to Evaluate the Efficacy, Safety, and Tolerability of DVS SR Versus Escitalopram in Postmenopausal Women with Major Depressive Disorder | Supplement | 16,756 |
| Kornstein, Susan G         | Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation | An 8-week, multicenter, randomized, double-blind, placebo-and-paroxetine-controlled study of the efficacy, safety and tolerability of agomelatine 25 and 50 mg given once daily in the treatment of Major Depressive Disorder (MDD) following a 52-week open-label treatment with agomelatine 25 or 50mg. | Initial | 131,378 |
| Oswald, Donald             | Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh | Comorbidity in Adolescents with Asperger's Disorder | Initial | 8,463 |

| National Institutes of Health |
| Maher, Brion               | National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research/NIH/DHHS | Statistical Genetic Analysis of Orofacial Cleft Families | Initial | 149,000 |
| McCance-Katz, Elinore F.   | National Institute on Drug Abuse/NIH/DHHS | Role of Buprenorphine in Improving Clinical Care in Opioid Addiction and Dependence | Initial | 181,948 |
| Williams, Susan K          | National Institutes of Health | A Cognitive-Behavioral Intervention for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders | Initial | 129,691 |

| Sub-Awards |
| Kornstein, Susan G          | University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas | Sequenced Treatment Alternatives to Relieve Depression (STAR*D) | Supplement | 8,250 |
| Maher, Brion                | University of Pittsburgh | Substance Use Disorder Liability: Candidate Gene Systems | Initial | 59,676 |

| Radiation Oncology |
| Industry |
| Chung, Theodore D.         | GenVec, Inc. | GV - 001,004 Amend #6, Randomized, Phase II, Study of TNFerade Biologic with FU and Radiation Therapy for Locally Advanced Pancreatic Cancer | Initial | 332,416 |
| Mikkelsen, Ross            | Duke University Medical Center | Radiation-Induced Nitric Oxide Signaling, Inflammation and Lung Fibrosis | Initial | 42,814 |

| National Institutes of Health |
| Mikkelsen, Ross             | National Cancer Institute/NIH/DHHS | Training in Radiation Oncology Translational Research | Initial | 204,874 |
| Williamson, Jeffrey F.      | National Cancer Institute/NIH/DHHS | Image Guided Adaptive Radiotherapy | Initial | 2,235,993 |
**Radiology**  
*Hirsch, Jerry I*  
IBA Molecular  
Professional Services Agreement - Research and Development of PET Radiopharmaceuticals - Subproject for “F-18 Fluorodeoxythymiine (F-18 FLT) Chemistry Optimization and Validation Using the IBA Synthera ™ Multipurpose Chemistry Box”  
Supplement  
175,838

**Non-Profit**  
*Sydnor, Malcolm K Jr.*  
Society of Interventional Radiology  
Splenic Artery Embolization in the Blunt Trauma Patient  
Initial  
2,000

**Surgery**  
*Duane, Therese M.*  
Pfizer Inc., U.S. Pharmaceuticals Group  
Linezolid In The Treatment Of Subjects With Nosocomial Pneumonia Proven To Be Due To Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus  
Initial  
103,240

*Kasirajan, Vigneshwar*  
On-X Life Technologies  
“Clinical Trial of the On-X Valve using low Dose Anticoagulation”  
Initial  
294,039

*Maher, James W.*  
United States Surgical Corporation  
Fellowship Agreement  
Supplement  
65,000

*Malhotra, Ajai K.*  
Basilea Pharmaceuticals, Ltd.  
A Phase III, Double Blind, Randomized Study to Evaluate Safety and Efficacy of BAL8557 Versus A Caspofungin Followed by Voriconazole Regimen in the Treatment of Candidemia and Other Invasive Candida Infections  
Initial  
46,182

*Malhotra, Ajai K.*  
CPL Associates, LLC  
An Open-label Noncomparative, Multicenter, Clinical Trial Measuring Time Related Clinical Response Factors In Relation To Time To Bacterial Eradication With Tigecycline Treatment In Patients With Catheter  
Initial  
23,614

**Other**  
*Klausner, Adam P.*  
American Geriatrics  
An Investigation of Urinary Incontinence in Patients with Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus  
Initial  
142,418

**Other Federal**  
*Merrell, Ronald C.*  
U.S. Agency for International Development  
Pakistan-US Scient and Technology Cooperative Program 2006  
Initial  
200,854

*Rafiq, Azhar*  
National Aeronautics & Space Administration  
Non-Invasive BioSensor Network System for Health Monitoring During Launch, Entry and EVA Sessions  
Initial  
123,119

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