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SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2019



FROM OUR CHAIR



Aimee Smidt, MD, FAAD, FAAP

Happy Summer Everyone!

On behalf of the Department of Dermatology, I hope you have been enjoying the fun that this time of year brings. Here at UNM, the summer is always a time of transition as we ready ourselves for a new group of trainees. This year, we are thrilled to welcome Drs. Alba Posligua and Kory Lee to join the Dermatology Department as our new residents – please see inside to read more about them! The residency training program continues to thrive under the direction of APD Dr. Emily Altman and has been accredited permanently for the next ten years (pew!). We continue to hold weekly high-yield Grand Rounds sessions for CME and our faculty have been involved in numerous ventures, from developing a clinical trials/research platform and growing the Mohs surgical program, to leading a statewide skin cancer screening effort, and expanding Dermatology’s presence in the medical school curriculum. Though I am recovering from a recent injury and surgery, it has given me the opportunity to again be so thankful for everything we have accomplished together, with daily gratitude for those around me and our joint efforts to truly transform Dermatology in New Mexico.

Thank you, as always, for all of your support. Cheers!

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Here's what's been going on since our Winter Edition:



SUGGESTIONS OR FEEDBACK?

If you have suggestions on what you would like to see in this newsletter, or any other feedback you would like to share in general, please know I am available to you at any time.

- In April 2019 we received notification from the ACGME that we are now on a regular accreditation cycle, and will not need to anticipate another site visit within 10 years. Congratulations and THANK YOU to Dr. Emily Altman and Kathy Freise for this accomplishment!
- We are interviewing for additional UNM, VA and Pediatric Dermatology faculty. Please let us know of any interested candidates, and help spread the word!
- We participated in the Match process for our incoming 2020 residents and matched with two amazing applicants, Drs Kriti Mishra (UNM) and Cyrill Ramirez-Fermin (UVA). Our goal for the residency training program is to be recognized as one of the best in the nation – and to expand!
- Dr. John Durkin has developed and led a state-wide skin cancer screening program using AAD "Spot Me" Campaign materials, along with an incredible group of UNM medical student volunteers. See below for details – We would love your participation in upcoming events.
- Our School of Medicine staff now consists of Unit Administrator, Lalita Lopez de Gauntt, Medical Education Coordinator, Kathy Freise, and our newly hired Department Administrator, Danny Perea. We also have our amazing student employee, Yomi Tadfor. We hope to continue to grow as our program grows!
- Weekly Grand Rounds continues, and we have booked remarkable speakers this year including, among others, Dr. William James (U Penn), Dr. John Rush Pierce (UNM), Dr. Jane Grant-Kels (U Conn), Dr. Liz Lawrence (UNM), and Dr. Marcia Hogeling (UCLA). We schedule a networking dinner for residents and faculty so we can get to know speakers more personally, and show them our special brand of New Mexican hospitality. We also highlight the exceptional work of our own faculty and the HSC community during these sessions. Again, special thanks for donations helping to sponsor Grand Rounds this year. We use dedicated money from the Chairs Fund to promote this program, and contributions are always welcome to continue this effort. Please plan to come to a session if you haven't yet! Breakfast and 1-hour CME credit are provided. If you cannot attend in person, we now broadcast our Grand Rounds through Zoom. If you would like to be sent the Zoom web link, please contact ***HSC-Dermatology@salud.unm.edu***
- Starting July, resident workshops will offer 1 CME Credit to attendees for a total of 2 CME credits for Grand Rounds and Resident Workshops. Resident Workshops are directly after Grand Rounds, so stick around! We are also working on being able to offer you CME for Journal Club participation (Fridays 9-10 directly following GR if no guest speaker)--Stay Tuned.

Meet Our Class of 2022 Residents!

ALBA POSLIGUA ALBAN, MD



Dr. Alba Posligua was born and raised in Guayaquil, Ecuador where she also completed medical school at the Universidad Catolica de Santiago de Guayaquil. She completed training as a Dermatologist in the prestigious Centro Dermatologico "Dr. Ladislao de la Pascua" in Mexico City. After graduation, she had the opportunity to fulfill a Dermatology Research Fellowship at Northwestern University in Chicago, followed by a second Dermatology Fellowship in the State University of New York at Buffalo. She completes her Internal Medicine Internship in Westchester Medical Center/ New York Medical College this year. She has deep clinical and research interests, particularly in complex dermatology, autoimmune and inflammatory conditions. She and her husband are outdoor enthusiasts; they enjoy kayaking and camping.

KORY LEE, MD



Dr. Kory Lee grew up in Longview, TX where he was active in band, Boy Scouts and numerous outdoor activities. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University where he participated in the Corps of Cadets as Commander of his unit and Ross Volunteer Company. He received his MD from UT Houston McGovern Medical School and is currently completing his internship in Baton Rouge, LA.

We are looking forward to working with both of you!

GRAND ROUNDS 2018-2019

For our 2018-2019 Academic year, we have welcomed many wonderful guest speakers to present at our Grand Rounds.



Left to Right: Jane Bellet, MD, Aimee Smidt, MD



Beverly Faulkner-Jones, MD, Ph.D



Left to Right: Emily Altman, MD, William James, MD, Aimee Smidt, MD



From Bottom Left: Mary Beth Logue, MD, Loren Zech, MD, Catherine Tchanque-Fossuo, MD, Jane Grant-Kels, MD, Romeo Morales, MD, Aimee Smidt, Emily Altman, MD, Marianne Berwick, MD, Therese Holguin, MD, Naiara Barbosa, MD



Continuing The Excellence GRAND ROUNDS PROGRAM 2019-2020 WILL FEATURE:

Dr. Heather Goff
Dr. Michelle Iandiorio
Dr. Sarah Chamlin
Dr. Trilokraj Tejasvi
Dr. Andy Ondo
Dr. Arin Green

Dr. Naiara Barbosa & Dr. Phillip Strange
Dr. Rajendra Singh
Dr. Vincent DeLeo
Dr. Henry Lim
Dr. Sam Wang (Tentative)
Dr. Sergei Grando



Upcoming Events

GRAND ROUNDS (CME)

INVITED LECTURES ALTERNATING WITH
PATIENT PRESENTATIONS

EVERY FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
(EXCEPT MAJOR
HOLIDAYS/MEETINGS)

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m

1021 Medical Arts Avenue NE

Albuquerque, NM 87131

Please check our [website](#) for the updated calendar

4TH ANNUAL WALTER BURGDORF LECTURESHIP & NEW MEXICO DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING (CME)

SEPTEMBER 27-28, 2019

Guest Speakers:

Burgdorf Speaker **Dr. Bruce Thiers (MUSC)**

NMDS Speaker **Dr. Jeffrey Callen** (University of Louisville)

Please see our Save the Date for all the activities planned!

SPRING NMDS MEETING (CME)

FEBRUARY 21-22 2020

Guest Speaker **Dr. Clay Cockerell**
(Cockerell Dermatopathology)

AAD ANNUAL MEETING ALUMNI GATHERING 2020

MARCH 20-24, 2020

DENVER, CO

DERMATOLOGY FOR PRIMARY CARE CONFERENCE (CME)

JUNE 2020

The Department in coordination with the UNM CME Office is planning to host a day-long conference for primary care providers throughout the state.

If you are interested in assisting or have suggestions please contact us at **HSC-Dermatology@salud.unm.edu**

5TH ANNUAL WALTER BURGDORF LECTURESHIP & NEW MEXICO DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING (CME)

SEPTEMBER 24-26, 2020

Guest Speakers:

Burgdorf Speaker **Ilona Frieden (UCSF)**

NMDS- TBD

Community & Alumni Events

NEW MEXICO DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY SPRING MEETING

FEBRUARY 22-23, 2019

Thank you to all who came to the NMDS Meeting in February 2019. On Friday, six excellent cases were presented, including four by medical students and two by our new residents. We dined at Zinc Wine Bar & Bistro and though it was snowing, it was a wonderful turn out! Saturday morning, Guest Speaker Mark Lebwohl, M.D. exceeded our high expectations with his knowledge and humor. It was a great session!



Top Left: from left to right: Mary Beth Logue, MD, (Derm Resident), Medical Students Kirill Balatsky, Amy Garcia, Randy Ko, Jaime Lin, and Catherine Tchanque-Fossuo, MD (Derm Resident)

Bottom Left: from left to right: Aimee Smidt, MD, Mark Lebwohl, MD



AAD ALUMNI REUNION 2019

MARCH 2, 2019
WASHINGTON, D.C

Thank you to all who attended the Annual Reunion at the AAD Conference event in Washington, D.C in March 2019. It was great to see many of you there!

Please plan to join us for the 2020 reunion in Denver! Details will be available ahead of the meeting.

Top Photo: Catherine Tchanque-Fossuo, MD, Brenda Dintiman, MD, Mary Beth Logue, MD, Emily Altman, MD
Center photo: John Durkin, MD, Nairara Barbosa, MD, Barrett Zlotoff, MD
Bottom Photo: Chuck Phillips, MD, Ms. Phillips, Emily Altman, MD, Andy Ondo, MD

FREE STATEWIDE SKIN CANCER SCREENINGS

Dr. John Durkin has done an amazing job mobilizing interested students, trainees and faculty this year, starting a sustainable program to direct preventive screenings throughout New Mexico. The program was launched with the support of the Shannon J. Shaw Memorial Fund and in partnership with the UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center. The UNMH Dermatology Clinic hosted a free skin cancer screening in early May 2019 in Albuquerque for Melanoma Awareness Month. This was the second screening of the program after a very successful event held in Carlsbad in December 2018. 160 patients were screened at the local event and educated on the signs and symptoms of skin cancer as well as on measures for prevention.

The next screening will take place tentatively on Saturday, August 24th in Gallup, NM. Other targeted locations include Northern New Mexico/Taos and Las Vegas. The goal of this screening is to bring skin cancer awareness and specifically will try to highlight areas with few or no dermatologists. We plan to repeat this program yearly.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Dr. Durkin at JDurkin@salud.unm.edu. To donate in support this ongoing effort, click [here](#) and indicate this program in Chair's Fund.





Alumni Spotlight

BARRETT ZLOTOFF, M.D.



Barrett "BJ" Zlotoff was a resident at UNM School of Medicine from 2002 to 2006. He was also Faculty from 2006-2015 and Program Director from 2012-2015. In 2015, as he and his wife Ellie planned to have a family, they moved back East to be closer to both of their Pennsylvania based families.

Dr. Zlotoff took a position as Pediatric Dermatologist and Head of the Pediatric Dermatology Division at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. After letting the program know he "was definitely not interested in being a Program Director again" - he became Program Director of UVA Dermatology in 2017. Dr. Zlotoff has helped get several new multidisciplinary clinics get off the ground at UVA, including a Vascular Anomalies Clinic, an Allergy/Immunology/Dermatology Clinic, Cerebral Cavemous Melformations Center of Excellence, and Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia working group. He recently was co-editor of the first edition of Pediatric Dermatopathology and Dermatology textbook (2019).

Starting a family has also gone well for BJ & Ellie. They have two boys. Sam is a rambunctious 2 1/2 year old and Zeke is a happy smiling 5 month old. A mini-van was recently purchased in order to facilitate taking their 12 year old chocolate lab, Violet, on family trips and to crush any lingering hipness that BJ might have exhibited. The Zlotoff family is loving Charlottesville, but miss New Mexico, their walks in the Bosque and all of you! They ask that you visit Charlottesville soon and contact them to hang out. His email is BJZ3A@hscmail.mcc.virginia.edu.





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EMMA JOHNSON, M.D.



Emma Johnson, MD will be joining the UNM Departments of Pathology and Dermatology as a Volunteer Clinical Assistant Professor. She will be doing 40% Dermatopathology as a new member of Pathology Associates of Albuquerque/TriCore Reference Laboratories Dermatopathology section. She will spend the rest of her time providing dermatology services at Presbyterian Medical Center in Santa Fe, and plans to play an active role in teaching students and residents at the UNM Department of Dermatology.

Dr. Johnson grew up in Santa Fe. She attended college at Middlebury College (Middlebury, VT) and received her MD from the University of New Mexico where she was very active with the Department of Dermatology and assisted with multiple publications. She completed both Dermatology residency and Dermatopathology fellowship at Mayo Clinic (Rochester, MN).

She is very excited to return to the Southwest. In her free time she enjoys being outside with her fiancée and their two dogs, fishing, doing puzzles and reading. Welcome back to New Mexico, Dr. Johnson!

Donors & Friends

The UNM Department of Dermatology counts on the support and sponsorship of you, our valued alumni, volunteers, community partners and friends. With your donations, we have been able to successfully recruit new faculty, gain reaccreditation status for the residency program and provide excellent continuing medical education and fun alumni gatherings.

There are many other initiatives we would like to embark on, including a major expansion of our clinical spaces and enhanced funding for the residency training program (books, equipment, educational and meeting opportunities) and faculty scholarly and research initiatives. We hope that you will consider giving. We depend on your dollars to continue to pursue excellence and our vision to transform dermatology in New Mexico.

We can ensure your gift goes to the exact intention you choose and we value any donation at any level. Please contact Ken Thompson at **Kenneth.Thompson@unmfund.org** or at 505-362-3310. Click **here** to donate online.

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Connecting our Community

Please let us know what you think about this newsletter – its content, formatting, or anything else you'd like to share – we want to make this beneficial to you and are so proud to share our Department's accomplishments while we also try to highlight the amazing things our friends, partners, and alumni are doing in New Mexico and beyond.

To that end, if you are interested in serving in any role in our educational program, please do reach out to either Dr. Emily Altman or Kathy Freise. We are always seeking interested colleagues who may want to join us for Journal Clubs, lead didactic sessions (one or many!), or share your expertise on real life practice with our trainees.

We would also love to set up a network of potential mentors/advisors external to the Department itself, to be available to our students and residents who are on various career paths within Dermatology. Please let Lalita or Dr. Aimee Smidt know if you would be willing to serve in this capacity, and what contact information you prefer to share, or if you have other ideas that help build connections for our community. Thank you!

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