

Good afternoon everyone. Welcome to the investiture ceremony of Dr. Philip A. Mackowiak as the Carolyn Frenkil and Selvin Passen History of Medicine Scholar.

Several times a year our school gathers, usually in Westminster Hall, to bestow honorary titles upon deserving members of our faculty; this for exceptional scientific work in their respective fields. These are endowed chairmanships and professorships established by appreciative donors, and they are invested to last in perpetuity.

While Dr. Mackowiak has all the credentials for such an honor in the department of medicine, the title bestowed upon him today recognizes a body of work that transcends departmental borders and scientific accomplishment. For the past 20 years his passion for history has enriched the sole of our university. Through historical clinicpathological conferences, publications and lectures he educates us, stimulates thought, and provokes debate. Although rooted in medicine, his programs often dabble in the humanities, appealing to both physician and lay person. As a result his work has brought our university unprecedented notoriety.

To many of us at the Medical Alumni Association, the creation of this endowed position is a lasting tribute to Dr. Ted Woodward, who we all remember ran the department of medicine for nearly 30 years, and in retirement continued teaching, lecturing, and writing. He was a strong advocate for incorporating history into our medical education, and believed institutions such as ours should not only be encouraging this sort of scholarship, but rewarding it. We take great pleasure in having with us this afternoon his daughter, Dr. Celeste Woodward, Class of 1972, and son Dr. Craig Woodward.

Dr. Mackowiak's projects often cross over to other parts of our campus community. One of his primary resources is the university health sciences library which houses our historic collection. And over the years he's collaborated with colleagues at other school's on campus. So we are honored to have participating in our ceremony today, the President of our University of Maryland Baltimore campus. Please welcome Dr. Jay Perman.

It is a pleasure to introduce Dr. Protagoras N. Cutchis, Class of 1983, the 139<sup>th</sup> Drs. Ronald and Richard Taylor Medical Alumni President.

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This is a unique and wonderful collaboration between the Medical Alumni Association and School of Medicine, and we are truly grateful for all the support of our dean. Please welcome our vice president for medical affairs, and the John Z. and Akiko K. Bowers Distinguished Professor and Dean, Dr. E. Albert Reece.

We're delighted to have with us today the two people who made this endowed position possible. And I'm sure you've read their brief biographies in today's event program.

In the glossary of poker terms lies an expression that appropriately describes Carolyn Frenkil: ALL IN. Because no matter where she is, who she's with, or in which facet of her life she's interacting, you're constantly taken by her passion, conviction, loyalty, and enthusiasm. It's infectious and simply unmatched, and we are extremely fortunate that she's a member of the Maryland family. It is a pleasure to introduce Ms. Carolyn Frenkil.

Dr. Selvin Passen elevates the term "Multi-tasking" to a whole new level. He regularly has seven or eight balls in the air at once, enjoying every minute of the challenge, if that's really what it is. Spend just a few minutes with him and you recognize the depth of his capacity. Perhaps most impressive, approach him with a complicated problem. He'll string together two or three quick questions that break the issue down into basic elements, and the solution quickly emerges; it's so simple that you're embarrassed you couldn't figure it out yourself. This is the leadership we've enjoyed for years.

Selvin's most precious resource is his time, and yet when called upon, he makes us feel as though we're the only ones who matter. Simply put, we wouldn't be the organization we are today without him. Dr. Selvin Passen.

Complimentary books....no need for those taking him to dinner