What's the buzz?

A self-reported addition to SOMnews *for the School of Medicine community to share their successes.*

University of Maryland School of Medicine SOMnews November 2007 Vol.9 No.3

In the News

A job well done to all who have kept us in the media spotlight!

Maureen Black, PhD

► **Maureen Black, PhD**, John A. Scholl Professor, Department of Pediatrics, was featured in an August 19 front page story in *The Baltimore Sun* on failure to thrive.

► **Claire M. Fraser-Liggett, PhD**, professor, Department of Medicine, and director, Institute for Genome Sciences, was featured in the cover story of the July 2007 issue of *Genome Technology*. The article, entitled "Inside Infectious Disease," focuses on the impact of genomics on infectious disease research and the role that Dr. Fraser-Liggett has played in the development of the field of microbial genomics.

Claire Fraser-Liggett, PhD

Camille Hammond, MD, PhD

► **Camille Hammond, MD, PhD**, program director, Patient Survivorship Health Disparities, Office of Policy & Planning, was interviewed for a feature in *Reuters Health*. Dr. Hammond discussed her research on fertility concerns among stem cell transplantation patients. Dr. Hammond was interviewed after her article on the same subject was published in the *Journal of Clinical Oncology*.

► **Majid Mohiuddin, MD**, assistant professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, was interviewed by WJZ-TV Channel 13 reporter Kellye Lynn on the topic of how cancer programs help Baltimore City women without health insurance.

► **Anthony F. Lehman, MD, MSPH**, professor and chair, Department of Psychiatry, was interviewed about the Virginia Tech massacre and related mental health issues on PBS' *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer* on August 30, 2007. Dr. Lehman also was featured in an article in the August 2007 issue of *CNS News* entitled "Horn of Plenty: The Work (and Musical Interests) of Anthony Lehman." To read the article, visit http://www.cnsnewsonline.com/index.asp and then search under the archives tab.

Publications

Hats off to those who have been published!

Louis DeTolla, DVM, PhD

► **Louis DeTolla, DVM, PhD**, associate professor, **Krishnan Kolappaswamy, DVM**, research associate, and **Steven Shipley, DVM**, assistant professor, all from the Department of Pathology, and **Laura Hungerford, DVM, PhD**, professor, Department of Epidemiology & Preventive Medicine, co-authored a manuscript entitled "Disseminated Simian Varicella Virus Infection in an Irradiated Rhesus Macaque (Macaca mulatta)" in the *Journal of Virology*, 2007, 81(1): 411-415.

► **Claire M. Fraser-Liggett, PhD,** professor, Department of Medicine, and director, Institute for Genome Sciences, co-authored a manuscript published in the July 2007 issue of *Science* entitled "Draft Genome of the Filarial Nematode Parasite Brugia malayi."

► **Evagelia C. Laiakis, PhD**, postdoctoral fellow, **Janet E. Baulch, PhD**, research associate, **William F. Morgan, PhD**, professor, all from the Department of Radiation Oncology, co-published an article entitled "Cytokine and Chemokin Responses after Exposure to Ionizing Radiation: Implications for the Astronauts" in *Advances in Space Research*, 39(6):1019-1025, 2007.

► **Giovanni M. Lasio, PhD**, assistant professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, co-published an article entitled "Statistical Reconstruction for X-Ray Computed Tomography Using Energy-Integrating Detectors" in *Physics in Medicine and Biology*, 52:2247-66, April 2007.

► **Stephen B. Liggett, MD**, professor, Departments of Medicine and Physiology, published a paper entitled "A Functional Polymorphism of the Gaq (GNAQ) Gene is Associated with Accelerated Mortality in African American Heart Failure" in the August 2007 issue of *Human Molecular Genetics*. Additionally, in the May 2007 issue of the *Journal of Clinical Investigation* he published "Crosstalk between Gi and Gq/Gs Pathways in Airway Smooth Muscle Regulates Bronchial Contractility and Relaxation." Since Dr. Liggett's move to the University of Maryland School of Medicine, where his laboratory became functional in January 2006, he has published 16 papers in the field of translational genomics of heart and lung disease.

Stephen B. Liggett, MD

► **Christopher Plowe, MD, MPH**, professor, Department of Medicine and Center for Vaccine Development, and Doris Duke Distinguished Clinical Scientist, co-authored "World Antimalarial Resistance Network (WARN) III: Molecular Markers for Drug Resistant Malaria" and three other related articles describing the creation of a global network for monitoring drug-resistant malaria in the September 6, 2007, issue of *Malaria Journal*.

Christopher Plowe, MD, MPH

James Russell, MD

► **James Russell, MD**, associate professor, Department of Neurology, co-published "Localization of the Transcriptional Coactivator PGC-1 Alpha to GABAergic Neurons during Maturation of the Rat Brain" in the *Journal of Comparative Neurology*, 2007 March, 2;502(1):1-18.

► **Jeffrey Wolf, MD**, assistant professor, Department of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, published a paper entitled "Oral Lactoferrin Results in T Cell-Dependent Tumor Inhibition of Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma In vivo" in the March 2007 issue of *Clinical Cancer Research*.

Jeffrey Wolf, MD

Grants & Contracts

Congratulations to our very productive faculty on their recent grants and contracts!

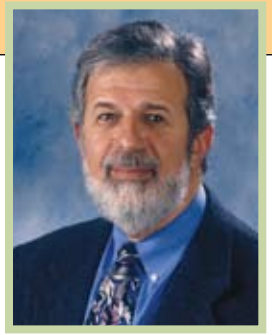
Edson X. Albuquerque, MD, PhD

► **Edson X. Albuquerque, MD, PhD**, professor and chair, Department of Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics, has received $681,707 for the second year of his National Institutes of Health U01 grant entitled "Age and Sex Effects on Nerve Agents Damage to the Brain and Antidotal Therapy." Additionally, Dr. Albuquerque was awarded $222,812 from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences for his Toxicology Training Program entitled "Training in Molecular and Mechanistic Toxicology" for the period of July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

Laure Aurelian, PhD

► **Laure Aurelian, PhD**, professor, Department of Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics, was awarded a five-year $1,856,249 grant from the National Institutes of Health for her work entitled "Apoptosis of Skin Melanoma by the New HSP H11." This research will elucidate a novel paradigm for HSP, or heat shock protein, function in cancer cell fate determination, develop a much-needed novel chemogene therapy for melanoma and identify targets for future H11-based therapies. Dr. Aurelian's laboratory's newly cloned novel heat shock protein, H11, is a promising target for chemogene therapy.

► **Louis DeTolla, VMD, PhD**, associate professor, Department of Pathology and Program in Comparative Medicine, received a one-year $58,000 Maryland Industrial Partnerships grant entitled "New Drug for Animal Medicine" to develop a long-acting analgesic delivery system for laboratory mice. It will be the first time that the Federal Drug Administration's (FDA) Center of Veterinary Medicine will evaluate a drug for mice that is tested in mice under the FDA's Good Laboratory Practices (GLP) conditions. The GLP are the rules used for preclinical trials on animals prior to clinical research in humans.



Howard Dubowitz, MB, ChB

► **Howard Dubowitz, MB, ChB**, professor, Department of Pediatrics, received a three-year $675,000 grant from the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to develop a statewide network of physicians in the area of child abuse.

► **Stephen B. Liggett, MD**, professor, Departments of Medicine and Physiology, received a five-year $1,875,000 National Institutes of Health Method to Extend Research in Time R01 grant from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute entitled "Molecular Properties of B-adrenergic Receptors in Asthma."

Kirsten E. Lyke, MD

► **Kirsten E. Lyke, MD**, assistant professor, Department of Medicine and Center for Vaccine Development, was one of 17 junior physician-scientists to receive a Clinical Scientist Development Award (CSDA) from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation. The goal of the CSDA is to help promising junior faculty successfully transition to independent clinical research careers. The award provides start-up funding for Dr. Lyke to establish her own research team and enables her to protect 75 percent of her time for clinical research. This three-year award provides $400,000 support for her project entitled "Schistosoma-mediated Resistance to Malaria." The overall objective of this research project is to examine the immunomodulatory effect that chronic infection with *Schistosoma haematobium* has upon the cell mediated immune responses elicited to acute *Plasmodium falciparum* infection and relate this to clinical interactions observed in field studies.

Braxton Mitchell, PhD

► **Braxton Mitchell, PhD**, professor, Department of Medicine, received a four-year $2,807,763 R01 grant from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute for his work entitled "Genetic Influences on Coronary Artery Calcification."

Grants & Contracts *continued*

► **Feyruz Rassool, PhD**, associate professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, is co-investigator on a five-year $520,000 R01 grant from the National Institutes of Health entitled "Mechanisms of Combined Epigenetic Therapy in Myeloid Malignancies."

► **Soren Snitker, PhD**, assistant professor, Department of Medicine, received a five-year $2,554,082 R01 grant from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases for his work entitled "Pharmacogenomics of Thiazolidinedione Response."

Marcelo Sztein, MD

► **Marcelo Sztein, MD**, professor, Department of Pediatrics and Center for Vaccine Development, received annual incremental funding for $867,215 from the National Institutes of Health for his grant entitled "Food and Waterborne Diseases-Integrated Research Network (FWD-IRN) Immunology Research Unit (IRU)." This incremental funding is part of the overall $8,044,772 total costs awarded for the period 7/14/2003 to 7/13/2010. Additionally, Dr. Sztein received a one-year $513,874 non-competing renewal from the National Institutes of Health for his work entitled "Protective Immunity by *Shigella* Vaccines in Humans." The project has been funded for approximately $2,646,900 for the period 05/01/2004 to 04/30/2009.

Correction:

Due to a submission error, an incorrect statement was printed in the Grants & Contracts section of the September 2007 issue of *What's the Buzz?* The brief on Hayley Mattison should have read as follows:

► **Hayley A. Mattison, BS**, graduate student, Department of Physiology, received a three-year $88,825 NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award for Individual Pre-Doctoral Fellowships (F31) entitled "The Role of Glutamate in the Physiological Development of Dendritic Spines."

Honors & Awards

Congratulations to the following who have received honors and awards!

► **Saranya Chumsri, MD**, oncology fellow, Department of Medicine, received a scholarship from the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) and the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) to participate in the 2007 ASCO/AACR Workshop, "Methods in Clinical Cancer Research," during July and August at the Vail Marriott Mountain Resort in Vail, Colorado. Her protocol title was "A Phase I Sequential Combination of Docetaxel followed by the Pan-aurora Kinase Inhibitor MK-0457 in Patients with Advanced Solid Malignancies."

Michael S. Donnenberg, MD

► **Michael S. Donnenberg, MD**, professor and associate chair for research in the Department of Medicine, has been elected to the American Academy of Microbiology (AAM). This is the honorific leadership group within the American Society for Microbiology. The AAM is the only group of its kind devoted entirely to microbiologists and the science of microbiology. Members of the AAM are elected through a highly selective, annual, peer-reviewed process based on their records of scientific achievement and original contributions that have advanced microbiology. The mission of the AAM is to recognize scientists for outstanding contributions to microbiology and provide microbiological expertise in the service of science and the public.

Andrew P. Goldberg, MD

► **Andrew P. Goldberg, MD**, professor, Department of Medicine, has been awarded the 2007 Joseph T. Freeman Award from the Gerontological Society of America. This lectureship award in geriatrics is given to a prominent physician in the field of aging—both in research and practice—who is a member of the Society's Health Sciences section. Dr. Goldberg received the award for his contributions to research in exercise physiology, obesity and metabolism research in aging, mentoring of young investigators and leadership in academic gerontology.

Appointments

We applaud our colleagues on their recent appointments!

► **Maureen Black, PhD,** John A. Scholl Professor, Department of Pediatrics, was elected vice chair of the Maryland State WIC Advisory Board. Better known as WIC, the program's formal name is the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children.

Ronald B. Gartenhaus, MD

► **Ronald B. Gartenhaus, MD**, associate professor, Department of Medicine and Program in Oncology, was appointed by the secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs to join the Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Scientific Merit Review Boards as a member of the subcommittee for hematology for a term ending on June 30, 2010.

► **Lindsey Grossman, MD**, professor, Department of Pediatrics, was appointed to a three-year term on the *Pediatrics in Review* editorial board, effective July 1, 2007. Selected by the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Pediatrics, members are chosen by their role in the development and success of the journal, and their commitment to serve the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Renee Ellen Fox, MD

► **Renee Ellen Fox, MD**, associate professor, Department of Pediatrics, has been selected as a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow for 2007-2010. She is one of eight mid-career health professionals chosen to spend a year in Washington, DC, beginning in September 2007. The fellows were chosen on a competitive basis from nominations submitted by academic institutions, nonprofit health care organizations and other community-based providers. Dr. Fox is the first faculty member of the School of Medicine to be selected for this fellowship. The fellows will spend a year in Washington, DC, working in a congressional office or the executive branch. During that time, they will enrich their understanding of public policy practices and the ways government health research relates to the mission of their home institutions and local communities. Afterward, the fellows will return to their communities to apply their experiences to improving health policy and management locally. The fellows also receive additional funds for up to two years so that they may continue their development as health policy leaders. The Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellowships Program is the nation's most prestigious learning experience at the nexus of health science, policy and politics.

► **Amy M. Fulton, PhD**, professor, Department of Pathology and Program in Oncology, was appointed to the editorial board of the journal *Cancer Research*.

► **Richard Lichenstein, MD**, associate professor, Department of Pediatrics, was elected to the American Academy of Pediatrics National Committee on Injury, Violence and Poison Prevention for three years. The committee investigates the causes of childhood injuries and poisonings and recommends initiatives to respond to these issues at the chapter and national level, creates guidance for pediatricians on violence prevention, studies the issues of vehicular crashes and child passenger safety for infants, children and adolescents and develops and maintains TIPP®, The Injury Prevention Program. Additionally, Dr. Lichenstein was elected to chair the Maryland State Child Fatality Review Team for three years. The Maryland State Child Fatality Review was created by the Maryland General Assembly in 1999. The purpose of the state team is to prevent child deaths in the state of Maryland. Maryland law also requires the establishment of local teams composed of multi-agency and multi-disciplinary team members.

► **Stephen B. Liggett, MD**, professor, Departments of Medicine and Physiology, was appointed co-chair of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute Lung Microbiome Initiative and led a workshop on the topic in July 2007. He was also appointed to the editorial boards of the journals *Clinical Medicine: Respiratory and Pulmonary Medicine* and *Molecular Diagnosis and Therapy*.

Steven D. Munger, PhD

► **Steven D. Munger, PhD**, associate professor, Department of Anatomy & Neurobiology, has been appointed to a four-year term as a member of the Somatosensory and Chemosensory Sciences Study Section for the National Institutes of Health Center for Scientific Review.

Events, Lectures & Workshops

Kudos to our colleagues who are experts in their fields and give their all to represent the School of Medicine!

► **Edson X. Albuquerque, MD, PhD**, professor and chair, Department of Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics, gave an oral presentation using data from his original studies entitled "Galantamine: A Novel Medical Countermeasure against Organophosphorus Poisoning" at the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) Industry Day in Washington, DC, in August. This event provides a forum for companies to demonstrate technological advances in biomedical countermeasures to man-made and naturally occurring threats, such as pandemic influenza, that will contribute to government programs such as BARDA, Project Bioshield and the U.S. Health and Human Services Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasures Enterprise Strategy for Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Threats. This research is funded by the National Institutes of Health and U.S. Department of Defense. Countervail Corporation has obtained the license for the exclusive development and commercialization rights from the university for the use of galantamine, which can protect against the effects of nerve agents that can be used as weapons of mass destruction and insecticide poisons.

Claudia R. Baquet, MD, MPH

► **Claudia R. Baquet, MD, MPH**, associate dean for Policy & Planning, and professor, Department of Medicine, has been invited by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to present her research during the NIH's Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series (WALS), which is organized by the NIH Office of the Director. The WALS is the NIH's most visible and prestigious lecture series; nomination and selection of the lecturers is extremely competitive. Dr. Baquet will present her lecture on November 14, 2007. Each lecture is broadcast live on the internet, and is made available for download afterward at http://videocast.nih.gov.

► **Maureen Black, PhD**, John A. Scholl Professor, Department of Pediatrics, was invited to address the delegation from The Knesset, the legislature of Israel. Her presentation, "Food Security: Links to Child Health and Development" was presented in Washington, DC, on September 6, 2007. Additionally, Dr. Black was invited to give the inaugural address and serve as a visiting professor at the University of North Carolina's Mead Johnson Center for Excellence in Pediatric Nutrition Seminar Series in September. She presented "Healthy Beginnings: Overweight Prevention for Infants and Toddlers."

Angela H. Brodie, PhD

► **Angela H. Brodie, PhD**, professor, Department of Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics, presented a lecture about her latest research entitled "Aromatose Inhibitors and Breast Cancer" at the annual Hormones and Cancer Gordon Conference at Colby College in New London, NH, in July 2007. The conference was sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences. **T. Sean Vasitis**, a graduate student in Dr. Brodie's lab who had received a travel award to attend this meeting, accompanied her. Sean also successfully defended his thesis, "Multi-mechanistic Inhibitors of Androgen Action for the Treatment of Prostate Cancer," on August 6, 2007.

Raymond Cross, MD, MS

Jean-Pierre Raufman, MD

► **Raymond Cross, MD, MS**, assistant professor, and **Jean-Pierre Raufman, MD**, professor, both from the Department of Medicine, will direct a Continuing Medical Education course entitled "Updates in Inflammatory Bowel Disease and Irritable Bowel Syndrome" on November 16 at the Baltimore Marriot Inner Harbor.

► **Claire M. Fraser-Liggett, PhD**, professor, Department of Medicine, and director, Institute for Genome Sciences, delivered the commencement address for the 2007 graduating class of Johns Hopkins University's Zanvyl Kreiger School of Arts and Sciences.

► **Marc C. Hochberg, MD, MPH**, professor, Department of Medicine, delivered the keynote lecture, entitled "Impact of Osteoarthritis," at the Segal North American Osteoarthritis Workshop on September 7, 2007, in Chicago. This meeting, co-sponsored by the Arthritis Foundation, the Arthritis Society of Canada, the National Institutes of Health and the Canadian Arthritis Network, brought together over 100 scientists to focus on the pathophysiology of osteoarthritis and the role of biomechanical and biochemical factors in joint and bone changes in this disease.

New Faculty

We welcome our new faculty!

► **Karen Gordes, PT, DScPT**, joined the Department of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Science in June as an assistant professor and academic coordinator of Clinical Education. Dr. Gordes graduated with a Master's degree in physical therapy in 1998 and was awarded a Doctor of Science in Physical Therapy in 2003, both from the University of Maryland. Her experience includes clinical practice and academic instruction in the area of orthopaedics. Dr. Gordes participated in the development of an interdisciplinary education program funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration.

► **Wei Guang, MD, PhD, MS**, joined the Department of Pediatrics in July as a research associate. Dr. Guang obtained his MD degree from, and completed his pediatric residency at, Xian Medical College in Xian, China. He obtained his MS degree in medical biology at Xingjang Medical College in Urumqi, China, and was awarded his PhD degree in medical genetics from Sun Yat-Sen University in Guangzhou, China. Dr. Guang plans to continue his research into congenital hypospadias.

► **Fernando Ruiz-Perez, ScD**, joined the Department of Pediatrics in July as a research associate. Dr. Ruiz-Perez received his BSc with a specialty in biochemistry and biological sciences from Autonomous University of Puebla in Puebla City, Mexico. He received both his MSc with a specialty in molecular biomedicine and his ScD from the Center of Investigation and Advanced Studies of the National Polytechnic Institute in Mexico City. Currently, Dr. Ruiz-Perez is working on his post-doctoral fellowship in the Molecular Diagnostic and Microbiology Section in the School of Medicine's Center for Vaccine Development.

► **Anca Mihaela Safta, MD**, joined the Department of Pediatrics in July as an assistant professor. Dr. Safta received her BS in biology from Wake Forest University, followed by a medical degree from Carol Davila School of Medicine and Pharmacology in Bucharest, Romania. She completed her pediatric internship and residency at the University of Illinois at Chicago and then completed her fellowship in gastroenterology/liver/transplant at Stanford University Medical Center in Palo Alto, California. Dr. Safta is board certified in general pediatrics and is board eligible in the subspecialty of pediatric gastroenterology.

New Staff

We welcome new staff!

► **Jill Rosenberg, BA**, joined the Department of Radiation Oncology as a marketing manager. Ms. Rosenberg received her BA degree from Hofstra Unversity. Her experience includes five years with the University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS) Foundation where she was responsible for cultivating relationships with individuals, corporations and other foundations in order to facilitate the success of the UMMS Foundation. In that role, Ms. Rosenberg utilized her strong interpersonal and communication skills in fostering relationships which enabled her to become a key player in the growth of our institution.

► **Margo Jones, BS**, joined the Department of Radiation Oncology as clinical research assistant. Ms. Jones comes from the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health where she worked as a research program assistant for two years. She has a Bachelor of Science from Coppin State University and she is currently working toward a Masters of Science in Human Services at the University of Baltimore.

Announcement

Anthony Lehman, MD, MSPH

► **Anthony Lehman, MD, MSPH**, professor and chair, Department of Psychiatry, will take a six-month UMB-approved sabbatical between January 1 and June 30, 2008. During Dr. Lehman's absence, **Jill Rachbeisel, MD**, associate professor, will serve as acting chair of the Department of Psychiatry. Dr. Rachbeisel completed her residency training at the University of Maryland in 1989 before joining the faculty of the University of Maryland School of Medicine. Since that time she has played many vital roles in the clinical and teaching programs of the Department of Psychiatry. Currently, she is director of the Division of Community Psychiatry, and prior to that position, was director of Adult and Geriatric Psychiatry.

Jill Rachbeisel, MD

In Memoriam

Gerard J. Barcak, PhD, MS
September 13, 1953–September 22, 2007

Gerry Barcak, PhD, MS

► **Gerry Barcak, PhD, MS**, associate professor, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, passed away Saturday, September 22, 2007, following a sixteen-month battle with prostate cancer.

Dr. Barcak began his tenure at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in 1989 in the Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology as an assistant professor. He was promoted as tenured associate professor in 1997. Dr. Barcak's research focused on bacterial genetic transformation and he made fundamental contributions in this area. Dr. Barcak is best remembered by the University of Maryland community as a widely admired and respected teacher who impacted the lives of a host of medical and graduate students. Dr. Barcak served on many committees in several capacities, including director of the Combined PhD Program in Biochemistry, member of the Graduate Governing Committee and member of the Molecular & Cell Biology Graduate Curriculum Committee. In addition, Dr. Barcak devoted countless hours implementing the core curriculum of the Graduate Program in Life Sciences (GPILS) and as a GPILS lecturer, group leader and module director. He also served on numerous dissertation committees and mentored four PhD students who are now active in academia and industry.

Dr. Barcak was also involved in teaching and mentoring medical students. He served on many medical school committees including the Year One Committee, Curriculum Coordinating Committee, Advancement Committee and the Committee on Professionalism, and he directed the Cell & Molecular Biology Course for first year medical students. He was honored for his efforts in mentoring high school students, and in 2007 received the Graduate Program in Life Sciences Teacher of the Year Award. Dr. Barcak's passion was education—a passion that he pursued with an ever-present smile and with selfless generosity. His trademark was the encouraging, friendly way in which he distilled clarity in the most complex and difficult scientific concepts.

To honor Dr. Barcak's unique contribution to the University of Maryland, Baltimore academic community, the University of Maryland School of Medicine's Department of Biochemisty & Molecular Biology has established the Gerard J. Barcak, PhD Memorial Lectureship which will be supported through donations to a fund established in the University of Maryland Foundation, Inc.

If you wish to make a contribution to the Gerard J. Barcak, PhD Memorial Lectureship, kindly make the check payable to the University of Maryland Foundation, Inc. and indicate the check is for Dr. Barcak's memorial lectureship. Checks may be sent to: Development Office, School of Medicine, 100 N. Greene Street, Suite 600, Baltimore, MD 21201.

Buzz Contacts

Many thanks to the following people who serve as your liaisons for the information you see in *What's the Buzz*? Please send information (within the realm of the categories listed above) that you would like to see in the *Buzz* to the appropriate person within your department, program, center or office.

Anatomy & Neurobiology: Carolyn Craighead
Anesthesiology: Linda Keevican
Biochemistry & Molecular Biology: Bruce Reinecke
Dermatology: Ron Goldner
Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine: Nan Knight
Emergency Medicine: Linda Kesselring
Epidemiology & Preventive Medicine: Yvonne Aro
Family & Community Medicine: Elon Burley
Institute of Human Virology: Tim McCoy
MD/PhD Program: Nancy Malson
Medical & Research Technology: Cynthia Stambach
Medicine: Molly Lutz
Microbiology & Immunology: Michaélé Witcher
Neurology: Paula Gilley
Neurosurgery: Terry Roberts
Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences: Adrian Bergin
Ophthalmology: Nancy Cook
Orthopaedics: Kathy Hebb
Otorhinolaryngology: Bryan Ambro
Pathology: Carmen Wooden
Pediatrics: Bonnie Winters
Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics: Anne Nourse
Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Science: Alyssa Menkes
Physiology: Ken Fahnestock
Psychiatry: Vee Porter-Brown
Radiation Oncology: Bill Gardiner
Surgery: Barb Smith
Program in Comparative Medicine: Deborah Sanchez
Program in Complementary Medicine: Amy Martin Burns
Program in Genetics & Genomic Medicine: Larry Sauder
Program in Minority Health & Health Disparities: Claudia Baquet
Program in Neuroscience: Tom McHugh
Program in Oncology: Stephen Long
Program in Trauma: Cynthia Rivers
Center for Health Policy & Health Services Research: Shiraz Mishra
Center for Integrative Medicine: Amy Martin Burns
Center for Mucosal Biology Research or MBRC: Pam King
Center for Research on Aging: Kara Longo
Center for Vaccine Development: Gloria Smedley
Center for Vascular & Inflammatory Diseases: Vanessa Foreman
Office of Admissions: Mickey Foxwell
Office of Development: Michelle Healy
Office of Information Services: Jim McNamee
Office of Policy & Planning: Meseret Bezuneh
Office of Faculty Affairs & Professional Development: Stacie Small
Office of Public Affairs: Heather Graham
Office of Student Affairs: Dawn Roberts

Attention all SOM Medical and Graduate Students!

Buzz Information Link for Students

A hyperlink is available on the School of Medicine Website for you to submit information to the *Buzz* to acknowledge honors, prizes, presentations, leadership positions and other noteworthy accomplishments. Go to: http://medschool.umaryland.edu/Public_Affairs/buzz.asp