

**INVESTITURE CEREMONY TO AWARD DR. PHILIP A. MACKOWIAK  
THE FRENKIL-PASSEN ENDOWED HISTORY OF MEDICINE SCHOLAR  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2013**

**REMARKS FOR DR. REECE**

**Dean Reece:** Thank you, Larry, for your kind introduction. Good afternoon and welcome to this wonderful ceremony.

Today, we are assembled here to honor Dr. Philip Mackowiak on the occasion of his Investiture as the Carolyn Frenkil and Selvin Passen History of Medicine Scholar, and to recognize the generosity of Carolyn Frenkil and Dr. Selvin Passen for the creation of this first-of-its-kind endowed scholarship at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

I'd like to start my remarks with a warm welcome to the friends and family of Dr. Mackowiak who are here with us today.

Thank you for coming to this very special ceremony.

I would like to share a few comments with you about endowments, as well as the School of Medicine.

According to data available from the Association of American Medical Colleges, the University of Maryland School of Medicine ranks **7<sup>th</sup> among 76 public US medical schools and 20<sup>th</sup> among all 140 US public and private medical schools.**

Our faculty members are critical to maintaining our standing in the top tier of medical schools nationwide. Endowments, including the Frenkil-Passen Scholarship, provide our outstanding faculty members with critical resources needed to sustain and expand our rich history, continue our promising research, help launch innovative clinical initiatives, and educate and train future physicians.



Please allow me to delve into Dr. Mackowiak's passion, history, for a brief lesson.

The first endowed faculty positions were **established more 500 years ago** with the creation of the **Lady Margaret chairs** in divinity at **Oxford and Cambridge Universities**. These endowed faculty positions and chairs have continued to reward exceptional scholars uninterrupted to the present time.

The original endowed chairs were sponsored by **Lady Margaret**, countess of Richmond, and **grandmother of Henry VIII** in 1502.

Subsequently, private individuals began making financial contributions to establish other endowed professorships and chairs such as the **Lucasian Chair of mathematics, which Sir Isaac Newton held beginning in 1669. Professor Stephen Hawking, the world renowned physicist and recipient of the 2010 US Medal of Freedom, was another prominent holder of this endowed chair.** Therefore Dr. Philip Mackowiak will be in great company.

The honor associated with appointment to an endowed position has remained unchanged **for the last 500 years and is recognized as one of the highest tributes that an institution can bestow upon its most distinguished faculty.** In the world of academia, endowed scholars, chairs, and professorships are a coveted and universally recognized accolade, an honor bestowed upon the best and brightest of our faculty. Dr. Mackowiak is certainly one of our best and brightest.

The University of Maryland School of Medicine is fortunate to have nearly 60 endowed chairs & professorships in various stages of completion, and about half are fully funded and held by faculty members. Today, Dr. Mackowiak joins this distinguished group as the School of Medicine's first endowed history of medicine scholar.

I would like ask all faculty here today with endowed professorships and chairs to stand and be recognized.



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Today, I am delighted on several levels.

I am delighted that this endowed scholar has been established; I am delighted that this celebration is in collaboration with the Medical Alumni Association, and I am most excited that this scholarship is being bestowed on Dr. Mackowiak.

As vice-chairman of the Department of Medicine and Chief of the Medical Care Clinical Center of the VA Maryland Health Care System, Dr. Mackowiak has established himself as an excellent clinician and our residential expert on the diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment of fever. He has published over 150 peer-reviewed articles, editorials, and book chapters.

As most of you know, for almost two decades Dr. Mackowiak has hosted an internationally acclaimed series of historical Clinicopathological Conferences here at the School of Medicine. And no matter how warm it has been in Davidge Hall, these conferences have become standing room only, and “must-attend” events for students, faculty, alumni, and medical historians across the country. They have also given rise to twenty-one peer-reviewed articles and two books.

This form of medical history is a part of Dr. Mackowiak’s “other” passion. Every school needs an academic historical scholar in residence, and for the School of Medicine, Phil Mackowiak is perfect for this role. Dr. Mackowiak understands the critical importance of studying and understanding medical history. He was both a protégé and friend of the legendary and longtime chairman of the Department of Medicine here at the University of Maryland, Dr. Theodore E. Woodward, who also possessed that type of passion for medical history.



This endowed scholar position will allow Dr. Mackowiak to document our wonderful history here at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, which might include our rich and distinguished history of:

- Medical breakthroughs, both clinical and research based
- Lectureships
- Seminar Series

All of these elements create the strong learning environment here at the School of Medicine. Dr. Mackowiak will also look for unique and easier ways to make that information more readily available for students, alumni, and faculty.

**Dr. Mackowiak – congratulations on your many accomplishments and on this very special time of celebration in your honor.**

**APPLAUSE**

At this time, I would like to invite Larry Pitrof back to the podium to introduce our next speakers. Thank you.