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## **News from the Department of Family & Preventive Medicine**

**February 2020**

### **Just 55 Words from the Chair:**



Ted Johnson, MD, MPH

If you've been keeping track, you'll recognize the 2019-2020 academic year as a banner year for our Department. This month? Dr. Dio Kavalieratos officially joins us on March 1, 2020, adding significantly to our research capacity. Our outreach activities are tremendous going on nearby (farm-workers) and far away (Black Lion Hospital in Ethiopia).



Dio Kavalieratos, PhD

### **Welcome Dr. Dionysios "Dio" Kavalieratos!**

Dr. Kavalieratos is a health services researcher whose work focuses on models of palliative care delivery in serious chronic illness. He has expertise in qualitative and mixed methods, clinical trials, complex behavioral interventions,

implementation science, and evidence synthesis. He completed his Ph.D. in Health Policy & Management at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2013.

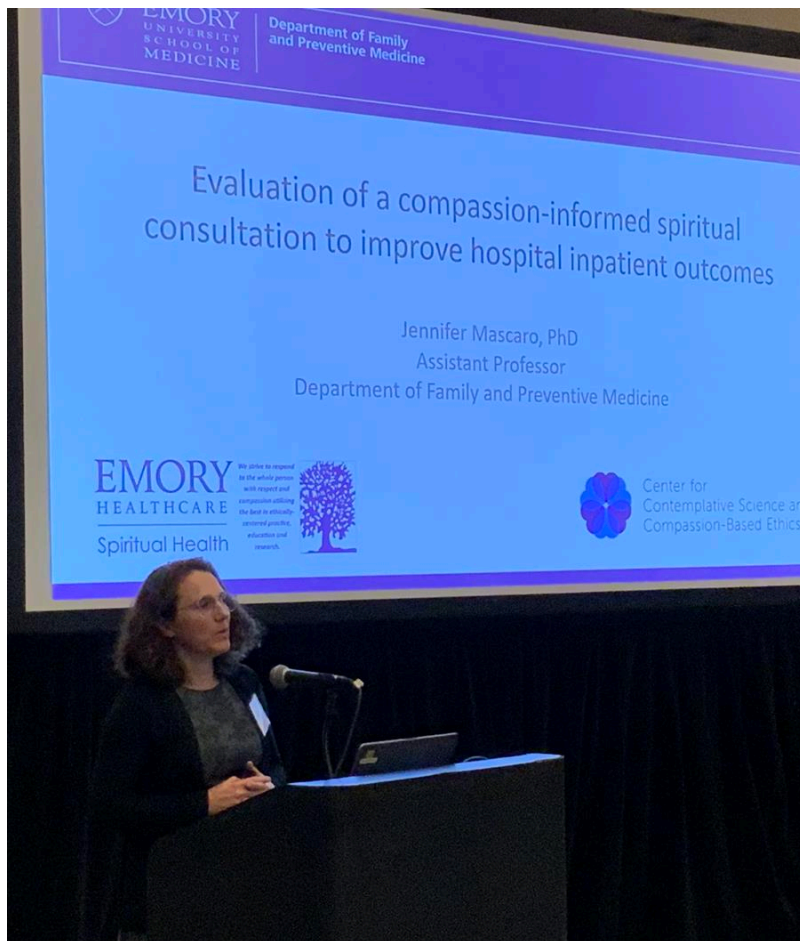
Dr. Kavalieratos received the 2019 Early Career Investigator Award from the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM), the first non-physician to ever receive this honor. Dr. Kavalieratos holds several leadership roles related to palliative care research, including Chair of the AAHPM's Scientific Subcommittee, member of the Palliative Care Research Cooperative's Scientific Review Committee, and Co-Director of Palliative Care Initiatives at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Dr. Kavalieratos' work has been supported by a variety of federal and private organizations, such as the National Palliative Care Research Center, AHRQ, NHLBI, and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. His research has appeared in journals such as JAMA, the Journal of the American College of Cardiology, the Journal of the American Heart Association, among others. Dr. Kavalieratos is an Associate Editor of the *Journal of Palliative Medicine* and of *Palliative Medicine Reports*. We are excited to welcome him to the Department and look forward to future work together!

## **Transformative Research**

### **Mascaro wins CTSA Best Oral Presentation**

**Dr. Jennifer Mascaro** was awarded Best Oral Presentation at the Southeast Regional Clinical and Translational Science Conference at

Callaway Gardens, February 27-29, 2020 for her presentation, "Evaluation of a compassion-informed spiritual consultation to improve hospital inpatient outcomes."







## Culinary Medicine Presentation at STFM



Emory M3 student Brittany Whitlock and **Dr. Emily Herndon** present preliminary results of the Culinary Medicine Elective at the Society of Teachers in Family Medicine Medical Student

Education Conference in Portland Oregon in January. The research team also included **Drs. Miranda Moore and Javier Valle**.

## Upcoming Presentations

**Dr. Jodie Guest** is giving the following presentations at the International Workshop on HIV and Hepatitis Observational Databases this month: March 26-28 in Sitges, Spain:

- Trend analysis of cause-specific mortality among HIV-positive veterans: A 35-year study from HAVACS
- Characterization of the association of time to ART initiation from HIV diagnosis and survival to fatal and non-fatal severe events: An analysis of HAVACS
- Understanding the racial disparities in antiretroviral therapy adherence among black and white HIV-Positive men who have sex with men in Atlanta, Georgia. Data from Engagement, a PRISM Health Cohort
- Racial disparities in viral suppression and durability of suppression among MSM

Dr. Guest will also present *Explaining racial disparities in viral suppression among MSM living with HIV* in March at the annual Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI). CROI brings together top basic, translational, and clinical researchers from around the world to share the latest studies, important developments, and best research methods in the ongoing battle against HIV/AIDS and related infectious diseases.

## Family Medicine Residency Program Research Symposium, March 12th

### EMORY FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

MARCH 12, 2020, 8 AM - 12 PM. EUH MIDTOWN CONFERENCE ROOM

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS BY GRADUATING FAMILY MEDICINE  
RESIDENTS AND FAMILY MEDICINE FACULTY



Keynote Speaker:  
Tabia Henry Akintobi, PhD, MPH  
Morehouse School of Medicine

Tabia Henry Akintobi, PhD, MPH is Associate Professor of Community Health and Preventive Medicine, Associate Dean of Community Engagement, and Principal Investigator and Director of the Prevention Research Center at Morehouse. She earned both an MPH and PhD in Public Health from the University of South Florida's College of Public Health. Dr. Akintobi's local, national and global clinical and translational research, training, and service initiatives address social and public health disparities and advancing health equity. She is also involved in the Atlanta Clinical and Translational Institute Community Engagement and Research Program and the Exploratory Center of Excellence on Health Disparities, where she leads community engagement key functions central to ensuring bi-directional research translation between communities and academic researchers.

## Recent Funding

**Dr. Mo Ali** was awarded a 3-year CDC grant to support the Natural Experiments for Translation in Diabetes network.

## Recent Publications

Jingkai Wei, MSPH, PhD; Karla I. Galaviz, MSc, PhD; Alysse J. Kowalski, MPH; Matthew J. Magee, MPH, PhD; J. Sonya Haw, MD; K. M. Venkat Narayan, MD, MSc, MBA; **Mohammed K. Ali, MD, MSc, MBA**. [Comparison of Cardiovascular Events Among Users of Different Classes of Antihypertension Medications: A Systematic Review and Network Meta-analysis](#). *JAMA Netw Open*. 2020;3(2):e1921618. doi:10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2019.21618. Click [here](#) to access article.

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**Ali John Zarrabi, MD**, Laura J. Morrison, MD, Barbara A. Reville, DNP, ANP, Joshua M. Hauser, MD, **Paul DeSandre, DO**, Marsha Joselow, LCSW, LICSW, Jane deLima Thomas, MD, and Gordon Wood, MD. [Museum-Based Education: A Novel Educational Approach for Hospice and Palliative Medicine Training Programs](#). *J Palliat Med*. 2020 Feb 5. doi: 10.1089/jpm.2019.0476. [Epub ahead of print]. Click [here](#) to access full article.



## Research Resources

### Boilerplate language library

Writing a grant? Emory School of Medicine has a new Boilerplate language library containing descriptions of the schools and centers within Emory. Take a look at <https://boilerplate.emory.edu>.

### SOM Research Workshops

- **How the Georgia CTSA Can Support Entrepreneurship**

Thursday, March 19, 2020 | noon - 1 p.m.

[Register](#)

- **Integrated Imaging Core — Cool New Techniques**

Thursday, April 16, 2020 | noon - 1 p.m.

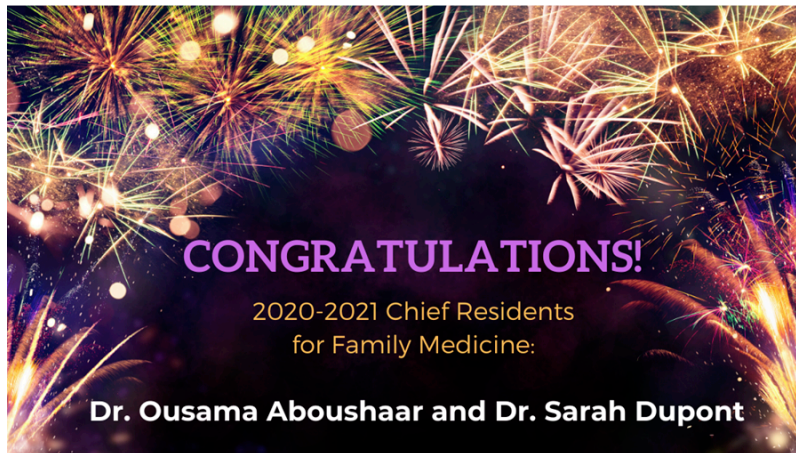
[Register](#)

If you are interested in becoming a more active participant in our department's research, please contact Vice Chair for Research, **Dr. Mo Ali** (mkali@emory.edu).

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# Educational Investments for our future



**Preceptor of the Year: Dr. Gabriel  
Onofre**



*program coordinators, managers, and clinic staff, helping each other on achieving the goal of educating on a nurturing faculty environment.*

*I thank Emory for giving me such an opportunity, to confirm, to inspire, and to keep the flaming torch of real purpose on being a Family Doc.*

*Sincerely, Gabriel Onofre*

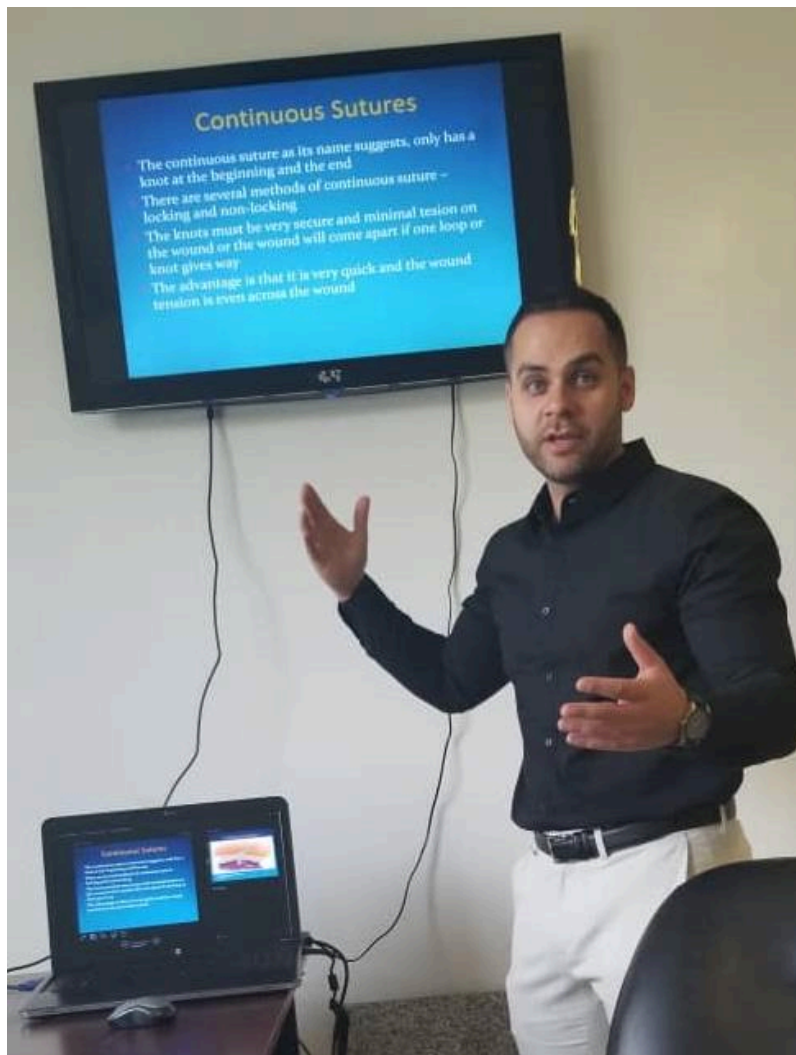
## **Updates from Ethiopia**

As part of the Emory Global Health Scholars Program, **Dr. Mali Khamissi Sobi** (PGY-3) spent a month in Ethiopia training Family Medicine providers at Addis Ababa University, Black Lion Hospital, and St. Paul's Hospital as they develop their Family Medicine residency program. He was joined by **Dr. Oguchi Nwosu** for one week.

*Below: Dr. Sobi teaching suture class*







*Below: Dr. Nwosu leading faculty development*



*Below: In Clinic with Ethiopian colleagues*



## Teaching the teachers

**Dr. Ambar Kulshreshtha** was featured on Twitter and in Emory Medicine News in coverage of the Learning to be Better Teachers conference. This conference, held annually in January, is among Emory's most popular faculty development opportunities, and consistently draws repeat participants.

*Below:* Dr. Cherie Hill (gynecology and obstetrics), **Dr. Kulshreshtha**, Dr. Lesley Miller and Dr. Kimberly Manning from General Internal Medicine.



# Being of Service

## Congratulations, Dr. Brachman!

**Dr. Laura Brachman** is the new Associate Director for the Outpatient Clinic, Emory Palliative Care Center. She begins March 1.

## Emory Farmworker Project Needs You!



We are looking for preceptors to join us for Emory Farmworker Project. Please contact **Javar White** ([javar.white@emoryedu](mailto:javar.white@emoryedu)) to volunteer.

The Emory Farmworker Project (formerly the South GA Farmworker Health Project) will be providing care the following dates/locations in June 2020:

**June 5-12 Bainbridge, GA**

**June 12-19 Valdosta, GA**



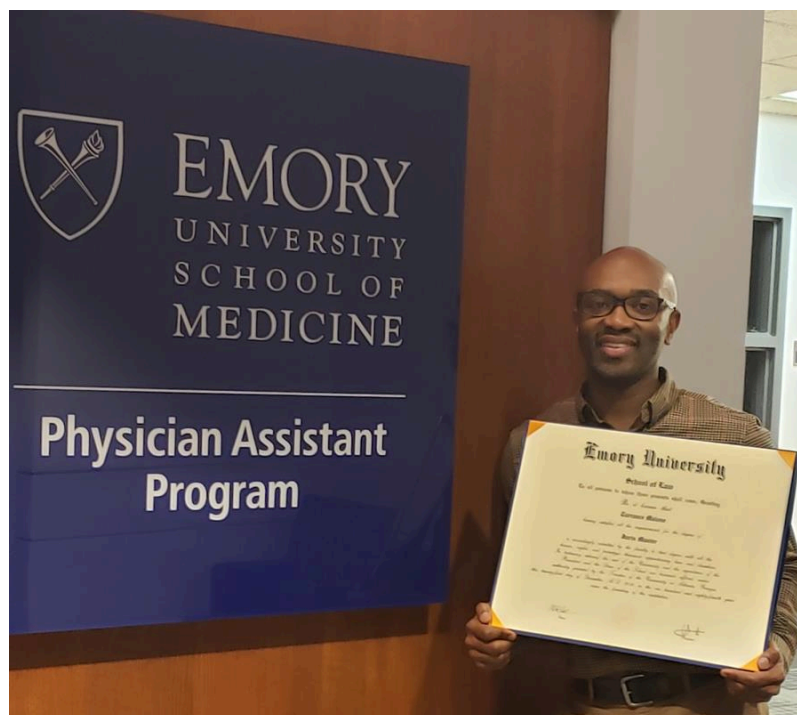
## **Evidence of our Awesomeness!**

**Porsha Clayton**, Associate Academic Coordinator for Undergraduate Medical Education, named Coordinator of the Year by the School of Medicine. Congratulations!





**Tarrance Malone**, Senior Business Manager at Emory University School of Medicine, Department of Family & Preventive Medicine-Physician Assistant Program, earned his Juris Master from the Emory University School of Law.



**Dr. Miranda Moore** has accepted a secondary appointment in the Department of Medicine, Division of General Medicine and Geriatrics.

## **Don't miss events and opportunities!**

### **Georgia Academy of Family Physicians Legislative Day at the Capitol, March 5**

Legislative Day at the Capitol

**Thursday, March 5, 2020**

The Freight Depot - New Location This Year!

65 Martin Luther King Jr Dr - Atlanta, GA

30312 and Georgia State Capitol

Hosted by Patient-Centered Coalition of Georgia  
(Georgia Academy of Family Physicians; Georgia  
OBGyn Society; Georgia Chapter of American  
Academy of Pediatrics; Georgia Osteopathic  
Medical Association; Georgia Chapter –  
American College of Physicians)

#### Agenda

8:30 am – 9:15 am

Breakfast/Legislative Priorities

9:15 am – 10:15 am

Policy

Briefing

10:15 am – Noon

Legislative Visits at the Capitol

12:15 pm – 2:00 pm

Lunch

with Legislators

[Click here to register](#)

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## **7th Annual Health Services Research Day**

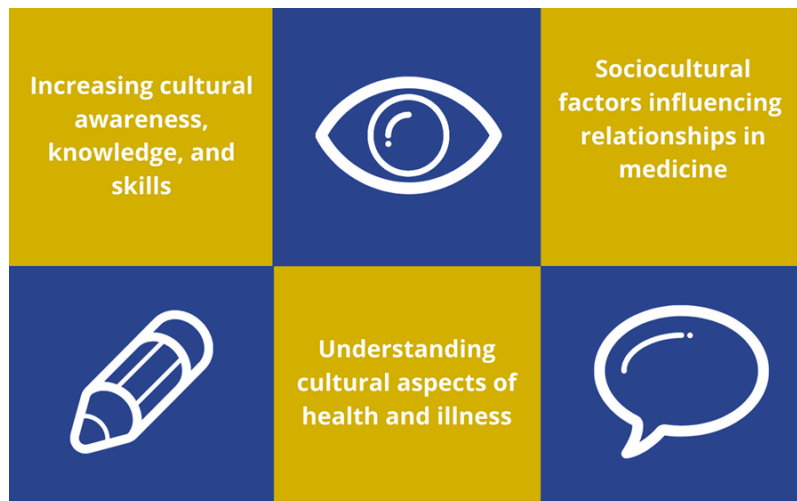
**Abstracts Due [March 13th](#).**

**Health Services Research Day is Wednesday,  
May 6 | 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

The Georgia CTSA and Emory Health Services Research Center invite you to join in for this symposium and networking opportunity where researchers will learn about ongoing quality, effectiveness, and value-based research activities across the state of Georgia.

[Learn more](#) | [Register](#) | [Submit an Abstract](#)

**Medical Education Day, March 23**



## MEDICAL EDUCATION DAY 2020

### CULTURAL HUMILITY IN HEALTHCARE

Calling all Clinicians, Educators, Scientists, Staff, & Trainees  
from EUSOM, NHWSN, and RSPH

**DATE: MARCH 23, 2020**

**PROPOSALS DUE: JANUARY 17, 2020**

FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER, VISIT: [BIT.LY/MEEDDAY2020](https://bit.ly/meededay2020)

<b>Submit Proposals for:</b> Med Talks (25 mins) & Workshop (50 mins) Presentations		NOTE: Proposals related to <i>Cultural Humility</i> are given priority - other topics will also be considered
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## 2020 Emory Quality Conference

**Poster Registration DUE March 23rd.** All poster submissions will be accepted and displayed during the event.

Please save the date for the 2020 Emory Quality Conference, which will take place **Monday, April 13, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the WHSC Auditorium and will be simulcast live to additional locations.** This year's conference will feature speaker Dr. Shivan J. Mehta, Associate Chief Innovation Officer, Penn

Medicine Center for Innovation, Perelman  
School of Medicine.

#### 2020 Emory Quality Conference Poster Submission Process

As in past years, we would like to recognize our quality accomplishments through a quality improvement poster gallery. Your participation would be greatly appreciated, as we would like to solicit such works from your teams and showcase them at the conference.

[Click here to Register a Poster](#)

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### **Georgia CTSA: School of Medicine Imagine, Innovate and Impact Education Awards**

**Deadline: Wednesday, April 1**

**Education Awards:** The Dean of the Emory School of Medicine (SOM) is soliciting proposals that highlight, promote, and disseminate innovations in medical education and training (degree programs and GME) that enhance the Emory SOM mission. The current Education Strategic Plan framework IRIS (Innovate, Re-Imagine, Inspire, Serve) is being implemented in the coming months. This round of I3 Education Awards will focus on areas of education that are supportive of the IRIS efforts. Click [here](#) for more information.

**Venture Awards:** The Dean of the Emory School of Medicine (SOM) is soliciting innovative research proposals to catalyze promising early-stage concepts with commercial potential that do not yet qualify for funding from external sources. The I 3 Venture Research Awards aim



to cultivate inventors, innovators, and entrepreneurs driven to solve medicine's challenges and create patient impact. Click [here](#) for more information.

## Save the Date: Bettye Rose Connell Lecture, April 14th, 2020



10<sup>th</sup> Annual Bettye Rose Connell Lecture

**Joseph Ouslander, MD**  
Professor of Geriatric Medicine  
Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine  
Florida Atlantic University

**"Improving Medication  
Management for Older Adults"**

Miller-Ward Alumni House  
815 Houston Mill Rd.  
April 14, 2020, 5 pm – 8 pm  
Hors d'oeuvres and drinks 5 pm  
Lecture 6 pm  
Reception following the lecture

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RSVP: <https://bit.ly/2SYoj2X>

RSVP for Bettye Rose Connell lecture

## Primary Care Consortium Grants

The **Emory Primary Care Consortium** provides grants up to \$2,500 to support any project that involves research, quality improvement, advocacy, development of clinical decision support tools, or educational activities in support of advancements in primary care (as it relates to patient safety, innovations in healthcare delivery, addressing disparities in healthcare, etc.). **The next deadline for application submission is April 15.** Awardees will be announced by May 15.

[Click here for Application information](#)

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