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Department of Family
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News from Family & Preventive Medicine

December 2021

Each year's closing teases us with visions of "good-bye, COVID-19." Yet we are still not done.

Amidst these challenging circumstances, I encourage all of you to pause and celebrate what has been an amazing year of dedication, persistence, and accomplishments for our faculty and staff.

Here's to a restful finish to 2021.

Ted Johnson, MD, MPH



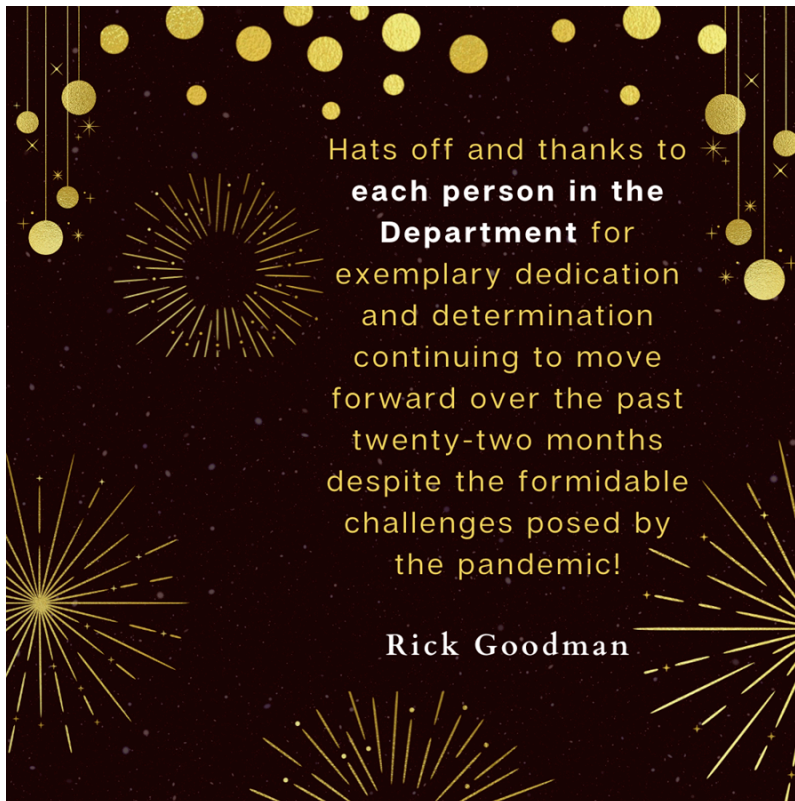
Happy Holidays!

Best wishes for a cozy winter break
and a happy and healthy 2022!



I'd like to thank **our faculty and staff** for a great 2021! As we continue to emerge from Covid-19, thank you for your continued efforts to our patients and our mission. We are poised for a year of growth in 2022 as we continue to expand our research and clinic care. I'm so appreciative of our Department and our various Divisions & Programs who work extremely hard every day to make Family & Preventive Medicine a destination workplace.

Luke Anderson



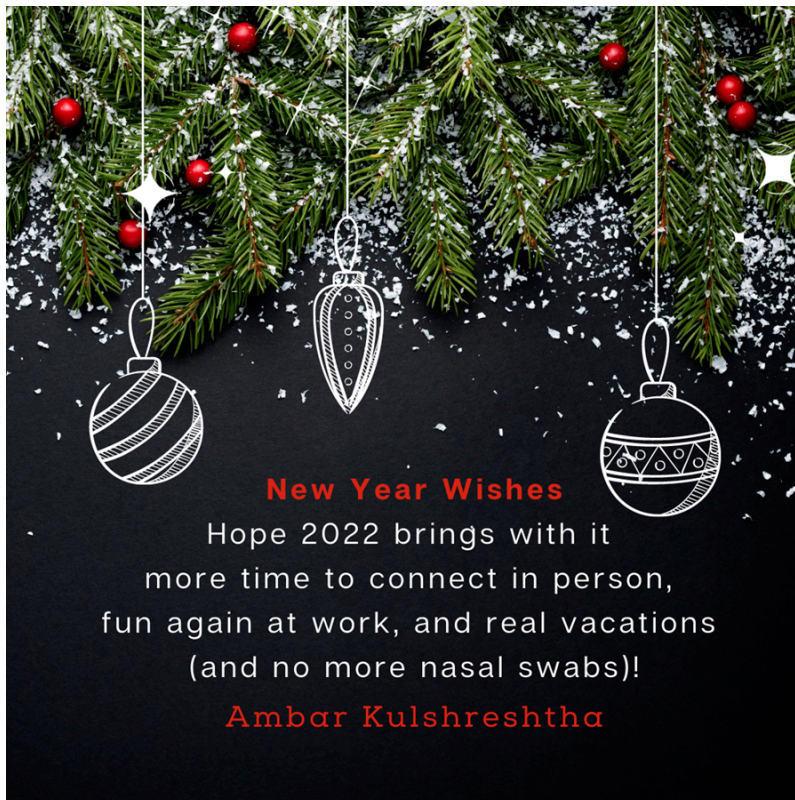


(2) the coolest
Chair on the
planet



and (3) the best
team to ever
play the game!

Pat Woodard





Dear PA Program Team,

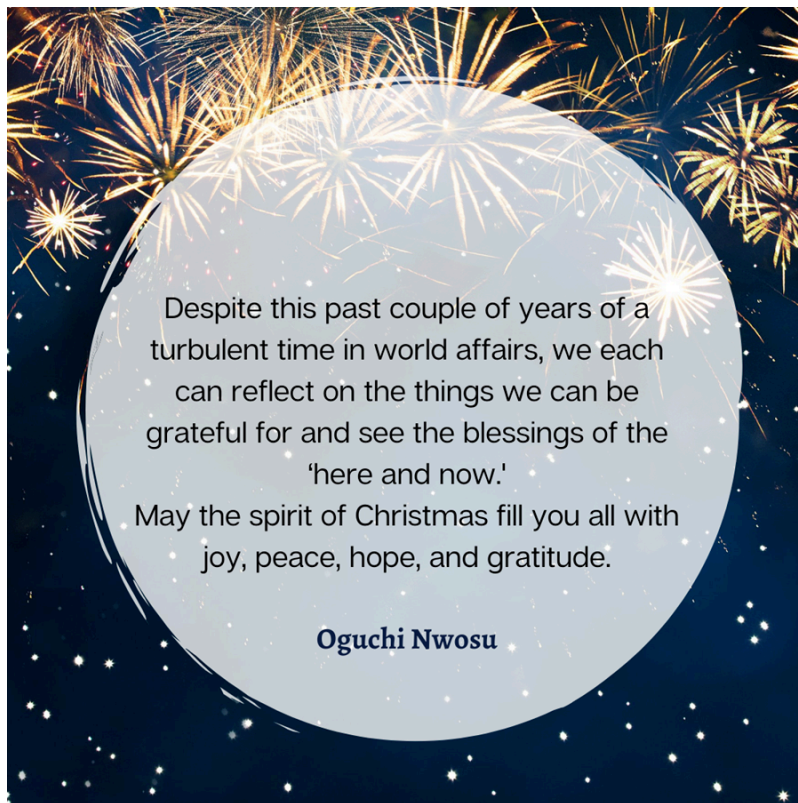
As I reflect on this year, I am in awe of our accomplishments and resilience as we faced many challenges. I thank each of you personally for your contributions, including the countless extra hours you have invested in our program and the students we serve. I appreciate how you have cared for each other and me during these difficult times.

We started this year as Zoom-masters and further adapted with virtual, in-person, and hybrid experiences. We wished several of our long-time colleagues well as they transitioned into retirement and other adventures and welcomed new faculty and staff who quickly contributed their energy and expertise. We will shortly graduate our program's 50th class. What an amazing achievement, building on decades of excellence, dedication, creativity, and hard work!

I wish you all peace and joy as you celebrate the holidays and take a well-deserved break.

Happy Holidays,

Maha Lund



Despite this past couple of years of a turbulent time in world affairs, we each can reflect on the things we can be grateful for and see the blessings of the 'here and now.'

May the spirit of Christmas fill you all with joy, peace, hope, and gratitude.

Oguchi Nwosu



Dear EFMRP, Department Colleague and Friends,

As we conclude another challenging year, I want to thank everyone for their dedication and hard work.

I am very proud of all your work this past year.

Despite the difficult times, our Department and Divisions continue to thrive. I encourage everyone to use the Holiday Season to reflect on their achievements and accomplishments and dream about upcoming challenges. Please continue to take care of yourself and your families.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!!

José Villalón-Gómez

Wellness Corner

“You give but little when you give of
your possessions.
It is when you give of yourself that
you truly give.”
— Kahlil Gibran



Did you know that people who regularly volunteer have a lower mortality risk than their non-volunteering peers, even after controlling for other behavioral and health factors? For example, see [here](#) and [here](#). Interestingly, time-giving behaviors (i.e. caregiving, volunteering, giving support) are often found to be more beneficial to our health than giving money.

Here is a list of virtual volunteer opportunities:
<https://service.unitedwayatlanta.org/>

The holidays can be
tough



Emory FSAP has [a lengthy list of community resources](#) on mental health, addiction, and domestic and sexual violence:

Check out [Resiliency Hacks](#), a podcast series sharing feasible and actionable ways to practice resilience in your everyday life. Hosted by Tim Cunningham, Vice President of Practice and Innovation, Emory Healthcare.

Transformative Research

News & Events



Dr. Dio Kavalieratos



Dr. Jane Lowery



Dr. Sarah Cross



Dr. Leslie Johnson

- Ethan Dubin, a Rollins HPM masters student, working with **Dr. Dio Kavalieratos** and **Dr. Jane Lowers** on the InSPIRe:CF clinical trial was a finalist for the junior investigator award at the 2021 North American Cystic Fibrosis Conference. Ethan presented results from a nationwide survey of people living with CF, caregivers, and CF clinicians regarding pain management; his research identified consistent underrecognition of pain, as well as patients reporting experiences with treatment-related stigma from clinicians.
- **Dr. Jane Lowers** presented her research on adults aging without caregivers to the Georgia Alzheimer's Association as an invited researcher.

- **Sarah Cross, PhD, LMSW, MPH**, a postdoctoral research fellow in the division of Palliative Medicine, has been accepted into the highly competitive 2022 Harvard Medical School Workshop on Research Methods in Supportive Oncology. Dr. Cross and Dr. Ali John Zarrabi will be attending this virtual workshop starting the evening of Sunday, January 23, through Friday, January 28, 2022.
- **Dr. Leslie Johnson** was selected to participate in the 2021 Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases (GACD) Implementation Science Training School hosted virtually from 11/29-12/10. This competitive program is a one-of-a-kind opportunity for early- and mid-career researchers to build their knowledge, skills, and confidence in the fields of implementation science and non-communicable diseases in low- and middle-income countries

Recent Awards

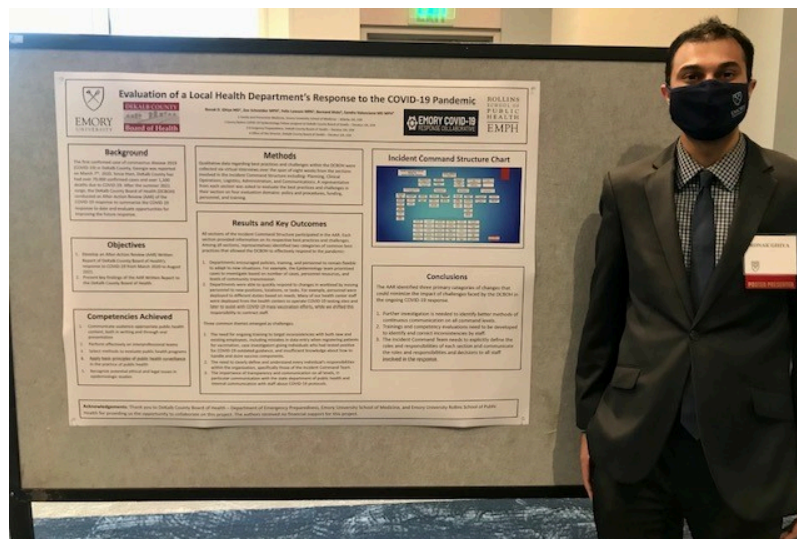


Dr. Ambar Kulshreshtha will serve as the mentor for a project newly funded by the Primary Care Consortium. Family Medicine Resident **Dr. Emma Cronk** will work with Dr. Kulshreshtha and Dr. Neeru Jayanthi on the project "A standardized telemedicine Educational Module for Conducting Self-Administered Musculoskeletal Examination." We look forward to hearing more about this project as it develops.

Recent and Upcoming Presentations

Dr. Ambar Kulshreshtha and team presented "**A comparison of Patient Satisfaction in Outpatient Telemedicine vs In-Person Clinic visits**" at the Emory Department of Medicine Annual Research Meeting. Dr. Kulshreshtha also presented "**Statins for secondary prevention following 2013 ACC/AHA Guidelines: Results from National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey**" with a team at the American Heart Association, Annual Meeting in Boston.

Dr. Ronak Ghiya (*pictured below*), Preventive Medicine Resident, presented "**Evaluation of a Local Health Department's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic**" at the Emory University COVID-19 Response Symposium in November.



**Palliative Medicine Research
Team Celebrates 2021**

The Palliative Medicine research team held a holiday social to celebrate all of their good work this year. *Pictured below*, from left to right: Gabriel Thorne, Michelle Delk, **Dr. Dio Kavalieratos**, Ethan Dubin, Erica Browne, **Dr. Jane Lowers**.



Highlighted Opportunities:

[Emory Venture Navigator](#) serves Emory researchers interested in bringing inventions and discoveries to market – either through a licensing agreement or by starting a company. The site gathers resources inside and outside Emory in three stages of the entrepreneurial journey:

- [Learn](#) – if you're seeking baseline information about commercialization
- [Start](#) – if you're planning to launch a company around your invention
- [Scale](#) – if you've started a company and want to learn how to grow it

Events

Dec. 13, 2021. 12:00-1:00 pm. K Club: NIH updates to OS pages and biosketches. You can **register** [here](#) if interested

Dec. 17, 2021. 12:30-1:30 pm. DFPM Monthly Research Meeting:
Dr. Sara Turbow Work in Progress.
Zoom [link](#)

Jan. 21, 2022, 12:30-1:30 pm. DFPM Monthly Research Meeting:
DOM RAS Director, Lindsay Grasser, will review the process for requesting OS pages and NIH updates to OS pages and biosketches.
Zoom [link](#)

Featured Researcher: Jennifer Mascaro, PhD



What is your professional background?

I was a pre-professional studies (i.e. pre-med) and anthropology major at Notre Dame, broadly interested in animal social behavior and social cognition. I went to graduate school at

Emory to do neuroimaging research on chimpanzees in order to explore the social cognition of our closest living relatives. However, I quickly realized how little we know about human social cognition, and so I shifted

to studying human empathy and compassion. I was particularly interested in studying meditation approaches that are traditionally practiced to increase compassion, as I had a long-time personal interest in meditation. My dissertation research used functional neuroimaging to examine changes in brain function and social cognition when healthy adults learned and practiced compassion meditation. During my doctoral training, I spent a year in India as a NIMH-funded Fogarty Scholar.

I did a postdoctoral fellowship in the Hubert Department of Global Health studying the neural, hormonal, and genetic influences on paternal compassion and caregiving. With the health implications underlying all of this research on social connection and compassion, my research took on more and more of a focus on health and well-being. I spent 6-weeks in Australia as the Health and Behavior International Collaborative Award Recipient for the Society of Behavioral Medicine. I finished my postdoctoral fellowship within the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine before joining the faculty. Since joining DFPM, my research focus has been on integrative mind-body interventions for social and psychological well-being.

In what division do you work and who is your mentor?

I am in the Division of Preventive Medicine and I have tons of mentors: George Grant and Charles Raison in Spiritual Health and Ned Waller and Viraj Master in oncology are my main mentors.

Briefly describe your research. Why is it important?

The evidence base for integrative mind-body interventions is growing, and as a result, we know more about whether and how meditation interventions are (and aren't) effective. At the same time, researchers are uncovering a multitude of barriers to access. Not surprisingly, meditation interventions in modern western healthcare have historically been an exclusive approach, only available to a slim few.

This lack of access is particularly problematic in oncology, where there is a critical need for interventions to improve quality of life during and after cancer treatment. Cancer treatments are improving at the same time that the worldwide incidence of cancer is increasing, leaving many millions of cancer survivors looking to integrate mind-body programs into their treatment plans to reduce the symptom burden associated with treatment and to mitigate the stress and distress that often accompanies the lifetime of surveillance following treatment.

My research focus is on identifying and evaluating novel points of entry for meditation in the healthcare system, with the goal of implementing effective, feasible, and acceptable meditation programs for patient and provider psychosocial well-being.

What do you like most about Emory?

I love Emory's commitment to sustainability. I feel inspired and proud that the university is such a leader in green architecture and infrastructure, and I love our access to local organic produce through the Oxford teaching farm. I feel optimistic that this commitment is so infused into the education of learners and future leaders.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I love being outside as much as possible, playing sports with my kids, hiking with my family and 3 dogs, and gardening, and caring for our chickens.

What is a fun fact about you?

When I was in kindergarten, I choked on my peanut butter sandwich at lunch. My teacher saved me with the Heimlich maneuver, and we were on the front page of the local newspaper together. Only a fun fact in retrospect.

Recent Publications

Collaborative department publications

Family Medicine resident **Dr. Nikhila Gandrakota** and Family Medicine faculty **Dr. Miranda Moore** and **Dr. Megha Shah** published [Trends in Diet Counseling Among Stroke Versus Non-Stroke Patients: Evidence from the NAMCS, 2011-2016](#). (*J Stroke Cerebrovasc Dis*. 2021 Nov 26;31(2):106223. doi: 10.1016/j.jstrokecerebrovasdis.2021.106223).

Dr. Jennifer Mascaro (Preventive Medicine) and **Dr. Miranda Moore** (Family

Medicine) have an article accepted and in press at *International Journal of Disease Reversal and Prevention*: Rationale and design of the Emory Healthy Kitchen Collaborative.

Family Medicine faculty **Dr. Mo Ali** and **Dr. Megha Shah** published [Effect of a multicomponent intervention on achievement and improvements in quality-of-care indices among people with Type 2 diabetes in South Asia: the CARRS trial](#). (*Diabet Med*. 2020 Nov;37(11):1825-1831. doi: 10.1111/dme.14124).

Faculty publications

Dr. Mo Ali:

- [Hypoglycemic and Hyperglycemic Crises Among U.S. Adults With Diabetes and End-stage Kidney Disease: Population-Based Study, 2013-2017](#). (*Diabetes Care*. 2021 Nov 5;dc211579. doi: 10.2337/dc21-1579)
- [Interpreting global trends in type 2 diabetes complications and mortality](#). (*Diabetologia*. 2021 Nov 27. doi: 10.1007/s00125-021-05585-2)
- [Spouse's Diabetes Status and Incidence of Depression and Anxiety: An 18-Year Prospective Study](#). (*Diabetes Care*. 2021 Jun;44(6):1264-1272. doi: 10.2337/dc20-2652).

Dr. Jodie Guest:

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Perceptions, Intentions, and Uptake: A Prospective College-based](#)

[Cohort Study. \(JMIR Public Health Surveill.](#)

2021 Nov 19. DOI: 10.2196/33739).

- [Constructing a web-based health directory for adolescent men who have sex with men: Strategies for development and resource verification. \(J Community Psychol.](#) 2021 Oct 29. doi: 10.1002/jcop.22738).

Dr. Dio Kavalieratos:

- [Use of Theoretical Frameworks in the Development and Testing of Palliative Care Interventions. \(J Pain Symptom Manage.](#) 2021 Oct 29:S0885-3924(21)00601-1. doi: 10.1016/j.jpainsymman.2021.10.011).
- [Associations between Reason for Inpatient Palliative Care Consultation, Timing, and Cost Savings. \(J Palliat Med.](#) 2021 Sep;24(10):1525-1538. doi: 10.1089/jpm.2020.0636).

Dr. Ambar Kulshreshtha:

[Associations of Telemedicine vs. In-Person Ambulatory Care Visits on Cancellations and 30-Day Follow-up Hospitalizations and Emergency Department Visits. \(Preventive Medicine Reports.](#) 2021 Dec; 24).
doi.org/10.1016/j.pmedr.2021.101629

Dr. Jimi Malik:

[The development of a nomogram to determine the frequency of elevated risk for non-medical opioid use in cancer patients. \(Palliat Support Care.](#) 2021 Feb;19(1):3-10. doi: 10.1017/S1478951520000322).

Dr. Jennifer Mascaro:

- [Compassion Meditation Training for Hospital Chaplain Residents: A Pilot Study.](#) (*J Health Care Chaplain.* 2021 Oct-Dec;27(4):191-206. doi: 10.1080/08854726.2020.1723189)
- [Incivility Is Associated with Burnout and Reduced Compassion Satisfaction: A Mixed-Method Study to Identify Causes of Burnout among Oncology Clinical Research Coordinators.](#) (*Int J Environ Res Public Health.* 2021 Nov 12;18(22):11855. doi: 10.3390/ijerph182211855)
- [Randomized, wait-list-controlled pilot study of app-delivered mindfulness for patients reporting chronic pain.](#) (*Pain Rep.* 2021 Apr 2;6(1):e924. doi: 10.1097/PR9.0000000000000924)
- [The prevalence, grouping, and distribution of stressors and their association with anxiety among hospitalized patients.](#) (*PLOS One.* 2021 Dec 6. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0260921)

Dr. Miranda Moore:

- [Framing Benefits in Decision Aids: Effects of Varying Contextualizing Statements on Decisions About Sacubitril-Valsartan for Heart Failure.](#) (*MDM Policy Pract.* 2021 Oct 18;6(2):23814683211041623. doi: 10.1177/23814683211041623).
- [The Alter Program: A Nurse-Led, Dementia-Friendly Program for African American Faith Communities and Families Living With Dementia.](#) *Nursing Administration Quarterly.* 2022 Jan-Mar;46(1):72-80. doi: 10.1097/NAQ.0000000000000506

Dr. Tammie Quest:

[Interim Analysis of Attrition Rates in Palliative Care Study on Dignity Therapy.](#) (*Am J Hosp Palliat Care*. 2021 Dec;38(12):1503-1508. doi: 10.1177/1049909121994309).

Dr. Tisha Titus:

[Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Prevention Among Youth: A Community Guide Systematic Review.](#) (*American Journal of Preventive Medicine*. epub 10 Nov 2021. doi.org/10.1016/j.amepre.2021.06.021).

Dr. Jose Villalon-Gomez:

[How to meet the challenges of managing patients with IBS.](#) (*J Fam Pract*. 2021;70(9):431-441. doi:10.12788/jfp.0299).

Residents and Fellows:

Palliative Fellow **Dr. Lauren Sigler** has published [Effects of an Oncology Nurse-Led, Primary Palliative Care Intervention \(CONNECT\) on Illness Expectations Among Patients with Advanced Cancer.](#) (*JCO Oncology Practice*. epub 12 Nov 2021. DOI: 10.1200/OP.21.00573).

**Educational
Investments for our**

future

PA Program 50th Graduation

Join the PA Program as they celebrate the Class of 2021 - the 50th Class of physician assistants to complete Emory's PA Program! You can attend in person on December 17 on the Emory College Quad or watch later (the ceremony will be recorded and a link will be available on the PA Program website soon). Congratulations to the historic PA Class of 2021 and the whole PA Program Team!




**Kathelen and Dan Amos Medical
Student Loan Forgiveness
Program: Increasing Primary
Care in Georgia**

Spring Cycle now open

The inaugural recipients of the Kathelen and Dan Amos Medical Student Loan Forgiveness Program will be announced on December 15. Meanwhile, please help spread the word to current Emory MD students who are interested in a career in primary care (family medicine, general medicine, pediatrics, or geriatrics) and recent Emory MD graduates who are training in one of the above disciplines - the application cycle for the spring awards is now open. Eligibility determination is December 1, 2021 - January 24, 2022 and full applications are due January 31, 2022. More information available on the [department website](#).

The Kathelen and Dan Amos Medical Student Loan Forgiveness Program





Supports Emory SOM medical students and Emory SOM graduates who pledge to practice primary care in Georgia

Spring 2022 Application Cycle Open Now

Eligibility determination:
Dec. 1, 2021 - Jan. 24, 2022

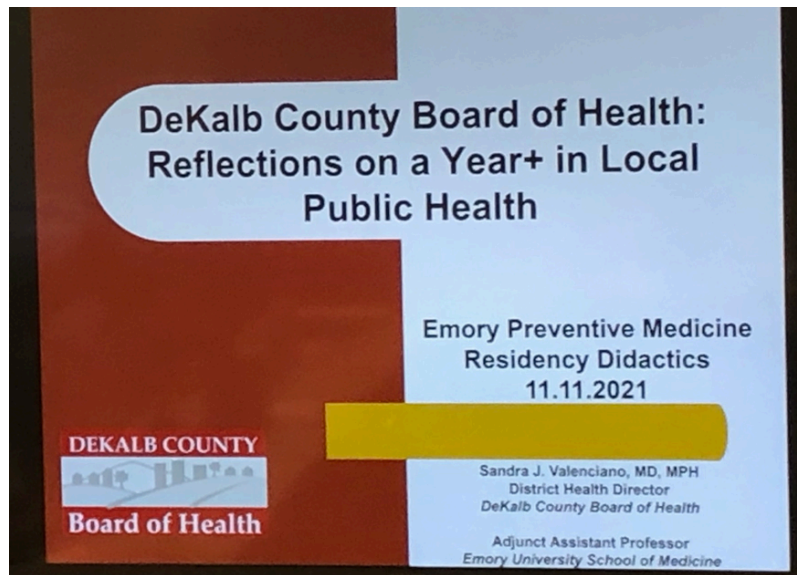
Applications due:
January 31, 2022





**PMR Alum and DeKalb
CEO/District Health Director
Valenciano lectures to PM
Residents**

Dr. Sandra Valenciano, a 2020 graduate of and current adjunct assistant professor in the Preventive Medicine Residency Program, recently lectured to current PM residents on the challenges of the past year leading a large county health department. This was a great opportunity for the PM residents to see how their training prepares them to step into leadership roles in the challenging U.S. public health landscape. Dr. Valenciano is *pictured below* with the PM residents, and **Dr. Sara Turbow, Dr. Javier Valle, and Dr. Rick Goodman.**



**Dr. Nwosu brings his "A" Game
to clinical education**

Dr. Oguchi Nwosu's celebratory Atlanta Braves attire (*photo below*) was captured by one of the Family Medicine residents. The playoffs and World Series may have brought some added excitement to October for Atlanta residents and baseball fans, but our faculty are world champion educators and clinicians every day!



PM Residency Celebrates Semester's End

The Preventive Medicine Residency celebrated the winter holidays with a socially-distanced party at Ladybird. **Dr. Sarah Dupont** shared pictures of the celebration below.



Being of Service

**Quest Receives National DEI
Award from
American Academy of Hospice
and Palliative Medicine**



Dr. Tammie Quest has been named the 2022 recipient of the Richard Payne Outstanding Achievement in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award from the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine. This award is presented annually to an individual who demonstrates strong, lasting, personal and professional commitment to improving care for diverse, vulnerable and underrepresented patient populations.

The award will be presented in February at the AAHPM annual meeting.

Dr. Quest is the Montgomery Chair in Palliative Medicine and Director of the Emory Palliative Care Center for the Woodruff Health Sciences Center. She is Professor in the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine and the Department of Emergency Medicine and is the Chief of Palliative Medicine in the Department of Family Medicine and Preventive Medicine. She is the Past President of the American Academy of Hospice and serves as an Associate Editor for the Journal of Pain and Symptom Management.

**Mitchell selected as Emory
Midtown Site Director for Emory
Palliative Care Center**



Dr. Julie Mitchell has been selected as the EUHM Site Director effective January 3, 2022.

Dr. Mitchell joined the Emory Midtown team in May 2018. She completed her Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship at University of Virginia in 2017 and joined the faculty at Wake Forest School of Medicine from 2017-2018 before coming to Emory in May 2018. At Emory, she has served as the Assistant Program Director for the Hospice & Palliative Medicine Fellowship

since 2019 and is part of the 2021-2022 cohort of the Woodruff Health Educators Academy Teaching Fellowship. She is also currently

participating in the 2021-2022 cohort of the New Clinical Leaders Course at Emory Healthcare. Recognition and awards include Emory School of Medicine Educator Appreciation Day Recognition (2019) and Emory School of Medicine Doctor's Day Recognition (2021).

In addition to her leadership role with the fellowship, Dr. Mitchell serves on both the Hospice Shared Governance Committee and the Executive Mortality Oversight Committee at EUHM. She served as Interim Site Director for the EUHM Palliative Medicine Service in April 2020.

Dr. Mitchell has been author/co-author on several important works in our field to include: 1) Dying on Hospice in the Midst of an Opioid Crisis: What Should We Do Now? *American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Care*. 2019 Apr; 36(4): 273-281; 2) Screening for Opioid Misuse in the Non-hospitalized Seriously Ill Patient. *Journal of Palliative Medicine*. 2019 Sept; 22(9): 1115-1119 and 3) Feasibility and Acceptability of Inpatient Palliative Care E-Family Meetings During COVID-19 Pandemic. *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management*. 2020 Sept; 60(3): e28-e32.

As Dr. Mitchell assumes leadership at Emory Midtown, Dr. Quest and the Division of Palliative Medicine want to thank and herald **Dr. Joanne Kuntz** for her outstanding, unwavering and passionate leadership of the Emory Midtown Palliative and Supportive Care service since 2016 when she started in the role as a Quality Leader and moved into the role as Site Director in 2018. Over the last 3 years, Dr. Kuntz has worked tirelessly with her team on excellence in patient care and support of the broader Emory

Midtown community with teaching and scholarship through some of the most trying times in the history of medicine and healthcare. Dr. Kuntz has led and served on a number of committees and initiatives at Emory Midtown that have undeniably made it a better place. While Dr. Kuntz will be missed in the leadership role at Emory Midtown, her work at Emory is far from done, and the Division of Palliative Medicine and the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine are enormously grateful that she will remain with us to share her talents and gifts in so many areas.

News from the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council

DEPT. DEI SURVEY REMINDER:
Response Needed by DEC 13

Click [HERE](#) to fill out the survey

We ask that you complete the following brief survey, for the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine on the climate of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in our department. These questions have been specifically created by our DEI council members with the goal to assess our current climate as a department and focus our department's DEI initiatives and programming. Results will be confidential and aggregated with the sole purpose of internal use only. The survey is multiple choice and should take 5 minutes or less of your time.

We recognize that you may have completed similar surveys or questions in the past and appreciate your willingness to provide feedback in this survey specific to our department. **Your participation is crucial** to understanding the needs of our department.

We commit to sharing our findings with department leadership and using them to tailor our DEI interventions to best suit our department's needs.

Meet the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine DEI Council



***Antonio Graham, DO
Vice Chair, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion
Dept. of Family & Preventive Medicine***

Our Department values the strength that comes from diversity in our faculty and staff. The promotion and fostering of diversity will lead to better patient care, impactful research, innovative education, and retention of talented faculty and staff. Applying DEI through discrete and measurable actions leads to real change and outcomes that move our department closer to our ideals.

The department, with inclusive representation through its Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Council, will strive to utilize platforms such as faculty/staff development, mentorship, education, scholarship, research, quality improvement, advocacy, and equitable patient care to achieve these goals through the promotion of social justice. Respecting diversity within ourselves and our patients with respect to, but not limited to, age, race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, religion, socioeconomic status and points of view is a core value of our department.



Dr. Kimberly Curseen



Dr. Susan Kunihiro



Dr. Ambar Kulshreshtha



Dr. Chinonye Nnaji



Dr. Lynn O'Neill



Dr. José Villalón-Gómez



Ms. Khaliya Ward



Ms. Patricia Woodard



Dr. Ali John Zarrabi

DEI Council Spotlights:

Each month, the FPM DEI Council will spotlight a different staff member of the department. This month, the council spotlights **Ms. Porsha Clayton, MSM**, Associate Academic Coordinator, Undergraduate Medical Education and Student Programs.



Porsha Clayton, MSM
Associate Academic Coordinator

1. *What do you like to do in your spare time, outside of work?*

In my spare time, I love to bake and decorate cakes! I've been baking and decorating since I was in high school, but stopped in college. The start of the pandemic provided me additional time to rebuild my craft and I have been enjoying it ever since.

2. *Birthdate:* November 18

3. *Home town (please tell us a few interesting items about your birthplace):* My hometown is Columbus, GA.

My father and grandfather were military so naturally that's how my parents met. I do have some distinct memories of growing up on military bases in Georgia and enjoyed helping my dad train German Shepherds to sniff out bombs and other hazardous materials. We moved to Marietta for most of my childhood so I consider that my home.

4. A fun fact about yourself.

I am a quarter Korean. My grandmother is Korean and I very much enjoy that part of my culture. My family and I enjoy celebrating two heritages in our household. It's my goal to learn to speak the language and travel to Seoul.

News from the Faculty Development Committee

Spring 2022 Public Scholars Institute Open to Applications

Hone your skills and expertise in public discourse about your scholarship. **Application deadline: December 15, 2021. [Apply here.](#)**

In Spring 2022, the Center for Faculty Development and Excellence and the Emory College Office of Communications will offer the **Emory Public Scholars Institute**, a four-session curriculum for faculty interested in engaging more deeply with various forms of traditional and new media and public audiences to heighten the profile and influence of their research and scholarship. The curriculum will be activity-oriented and participatory, with workshops focused on helping participants hone their expertise in each topic area.

All faculty are invited to apply to participate in the institute. Space is available for at least three faculty from each school who have the potential and interest to contribute meaningfully to public discourses, and who would welcome and benefit from a structured program of guidance and support.

The institute's four sessions:

1. Fri Jan 21, 11 am – 1:30 pm: Communicating with a General Audience:

- Explore best practices for persuasive communication that makes messages memorable for non-specialist readers/audiences.
- Develop/practice delivery of a three-minute elevator pitch about your work

2. Fri Feb 18, 11 am – 1:30 pm: Your Online Identity and Finding Your Comfort Zone in Social Media:

- Online and social media strategies to extend the reach of research and scholarship
- Counteracting misinformation and managing online hostility

3. *Fri Mar 18, 11 am - 1:30 pm: Media Training (or, How to Become an "Expert"):*

- Strategies for working effectively with mainstream media outlets and with print/digital reporters
- Mock interviews - videotaped for feedback on everything from the length of answers to posture to verbal and nonverbal tics

4. *Fri Apr 22, 11 am - 1:30 pm: Workshop with [Dad's Garage Theater](#):*

- Using improvisational theater techniques
- Engaging non-expert audiences with research and ideas in live settings

The first three institute sessions will be led by teams of experienced Emory faculty and skilled communications professionals, while the fourth session will be led by theater professionals from Dad's Garage. The first three sessions will be offered in a hybrid format – both online and in-person (box lunches will be provided for in-person participants). **The fourth session will be offered in person only.** If pandemic conditions necessitate, however, we will pivot to an online-only format for all four sessions.

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SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CLINICAL & TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE CONFERENCE

Register Now!

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March 3 – 4, 2022



Join us at Callaway Resort and Gardens as we bring together researchers from across the region to present the best new health-related preclinical, clinical, implementation, and population- based research and build collaborative relationships.

DAY ONE | Noon – 6:45 p.m.

- Featured talks
- Concurrent breakout sessions focused on rural health, COVID-19, health services delivery, health equity, development of therapeutics, and community engagement
- Networking and poster sessions showcasing clinical and translational science advances across the region
- Trainee career development panel

DAY TWO | 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

- Concurrent breakout sessions
- Dynamic keynote speaker
- Networking and poster sessions
- Special interest sessions
- Awards ceremony

Conference Registration

Registration is \$75 per person (\$35 for trainees).
Fee includes attendance at scientific sessions and all breaks and meals.

Hotel Accommodations

Callaway Resort and Gardens

17617 U.S. Highway 27
Pine Mountain, GA 31822
(844) 296-2769 or online

**Room rate \$165/night plus taxes and fees for Lodge and Spa.
Multi-room cottages also available for \$295/night plus taxes and fees. Contact Callaway Resort and Gardens directly for accommodations. Please reference the SE Regional Clinical and Translational conference or group code 2167760 for the discounted rate.



Keynote Speaker

Joni L. Rutter, Ph.D.
Acting Director
National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences
National Institutes of Health

Testimonials from past conferences

"I made several new connections with researchers across the Southeast that I can now contact to share ideas."

"I enjoyed engaging with other researchers to share ideas, solutions/challenges"

Thanks so much to everyone who sends
in good news, photos, and
announcements for the department
newsletter. I'm looking forward to sharing
lots more of your good news in 2022!

Leigh Partington



Got news? Please send your
announcements and photos to
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