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## 55 Words from the Chair



Our department is grounded on a solid foundation of collegiality, trust, collaboration, and excellence in research, service, and education. Please celebrate these values as we recognize Family and Preventive Medicine faculty and staff award recipients at our upcoming quarterly all DFPM meeting Thursday, March 20 at 8 am (the invite should be on your calendar)!

# Department Announcements

**DFPM Quarterly Department Meeting:**  
**Thursday, March 20 at 8 am**

**CCPR 2025 has begun!**

Please keep an eye on your email inbox for the invitation to schedule your review.

## **New Security Resources for Zoom**

The School of Medicine has published a new resource for secure Zoom meetings. This resource can be found on the [SOM F ac Dev intranet home page](#) under the Quick Links section and by clicking [here](#). It provides guidelines for securing Zoom meetings, including configuring participant settings and utilizing registration and authorization features, as well as steps to take in the event of disruptions such as Zoom bombing.

## **We're on Bluesky and LinkedIn!**

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# Opportunities and Events

**Faculty Education, Enrichment, and  
Development (FEED) Conference**

**March 28 | 8 a.m.–noon | Zoom**

[Register today](#)

Open to all DFPM faculty. This year's theme will again focus on the exciting topic of **Artificial Intelligence (AI)**.

**Science on Spiritual Health Symposium 2025**

**WHEN:**  
Apr. 2nd 5-9:30pm  
Apr. 3rd 9:30am-5pm

**WHERE:**  
[Emory Conference Center Hotel](#)

Not local? No problem!  
Online registration is available.

**Hear from leaders in spiritual health & psychedelic medicine!**

Moderated by Emory Spiritual Health's:

Andrew Penn, NP  
University of California  
San Francisco

Boadie Dunlop, MD, MSCR  
Emory University

Gary Laderman, PhD  
Emory University

Jae Sevelius, PhD  
Columbia University

Deanna Kaplan, PhD

Roman Palitsky, PhD

Summative Response by:

Charles Raison, MD  
Emory University,  
University of Wisconsin

Registration & more info here

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**Science on Spiritual Health Symposium**

April 2-3 | Emory Conference Center Hotel or via Zoom

Join DFPM's **Dr. Jennifer Mascaro** and **Dr. Deanna Kaplan**

The Science on Spiritual Health Symposium (SOS) is an annual gathering of international leaders at the forefront of spiritual health research, practice, & innovation. It is a celebration of new scientific & clinical findings in spiritual health & psychedelic medicine that are poised to transform the medical system's approach to treating mental & physical ailments.

**15th Annual Bettye Rose Connell Memorial  
Lecture**

**April 22, Miller-Ward Alumni House**

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM | Reception

6:30 PM - 7:45 PM | Lecture

**"Dementia Care as a Public Health Priority and  
Opportunity"**

presented by [Joseph Gaugler, PhD](#)

Distinguished McKnight University Professor  
Robert L. Kane Endowed Chair in Long-Term Care and  
Aging  
University of Minnesota School of Public Health

**[Register today!](#)**

**Save the Date!**

**[Health Equity Day](#)**

**May 20 | 9 am – 2 pm, | Hybrid (Zoom and  
Grady)**

Dr. Jada Bussey-Jones will be the keynote speaker.

**Abstract deadline: March 14 at 11:59 pm**

**Celebrating our  
Successes**



## Research News



**Dr. Young-Rock Hong** has been selected by the Winship Scientific Review Council as a member of the Winship Cancer Institute Cancer Prevention and Control Program. Program investigators bring diverse expertise to meet program goals and support Winship's mission by conducting impactful research and creating public health programs that benefit the local community.



**Dr. Sarah Cross** presented "When the Policy is the Problem: How the Medicare Hospice Benefit Contributes to Inequities at the End of Life" to Case Western University's Palliative and Supportive Oncology Grand Rounds on Feb. 25 and then spent Feb. 27-28 with The Ohio State University's palliative care team through the University of Pittsburgh's Junior Faculty Visiting Professor Program.

**DFPM Well-Represented at SE CTSA**



The Southeast Regional Clinical and Translational Science Conference was held March 3-5. **Dr. Megha Shah** and **Dr. Puneet Chehal** (pictured above) attended along with two of her students who presented posters. Below, left is Justin Naidu and below, right with Dr. Shah is Natalie Connell, a discovery student who has worked with Dr. Shah during her fourth year.



## FPM Publications



## Collaborative Publications



**Dr. Deanna Kaplan**

**Dr. Jennifer Mascaro**

[A randomized controlled trial of a compassion-centered spiritual health intervention to improve hospital inpatient outcomes.](#)

[Exploring the Role of Language in Spiritual Health Consultations: Insights From an Ecological Model of Recovery on Depression and Anxiety.](#)



**Dr. Ted Johnson**

**Dr. Tina-Ann Thompson**

**Dr. Miranda Moore**

[The Shape of US States and Cancer Care Impact.](#)



**Dr. Dio Kavalieratos**

["Telehealth Allows for Flexibility and More Equity":  
Provider Perspectives on Telehealth for Outpatient  
Palliative Care for Underserved Patients.](#)



**Dr. Kim Curseen**

Individual Faculty, Staff, and  
Learner Publications





**Dr. Mo Ali**

- [Capturing the Additional Cardiovascular Benefits of SGLT2 Inhibitors and GLP-1 Receptor Agonists Beyond the Control of Traditional Risk Factors in People with Diabetes.](#)
- [Changes in diabetes care and management practices during the COVID-19 pandemic.](#)
- [Diabetes in migrant communities: a rising healthcare priority.](#)





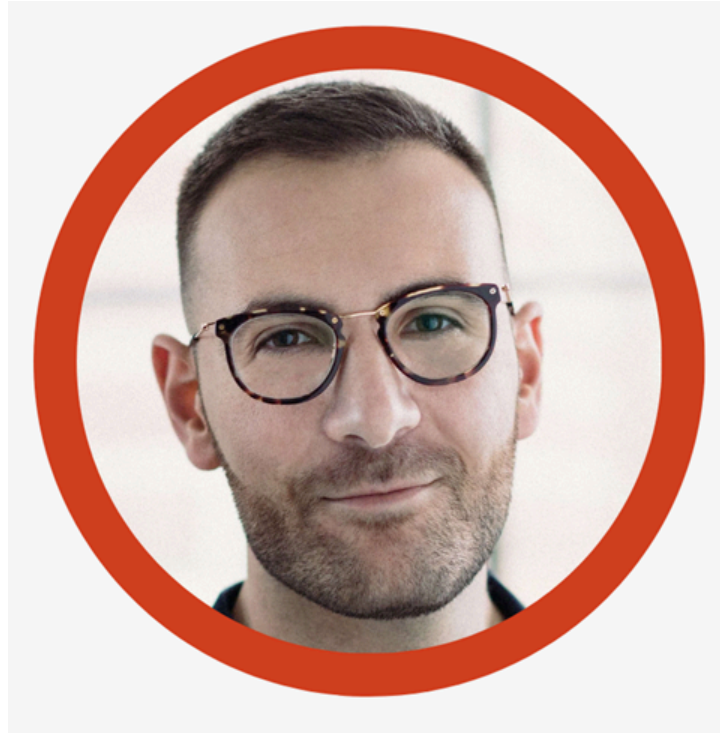
**Dr. Sarah Cross**

- [Wealth Disparities in End-of-Life Symptom Burden Among Older Adults](#)



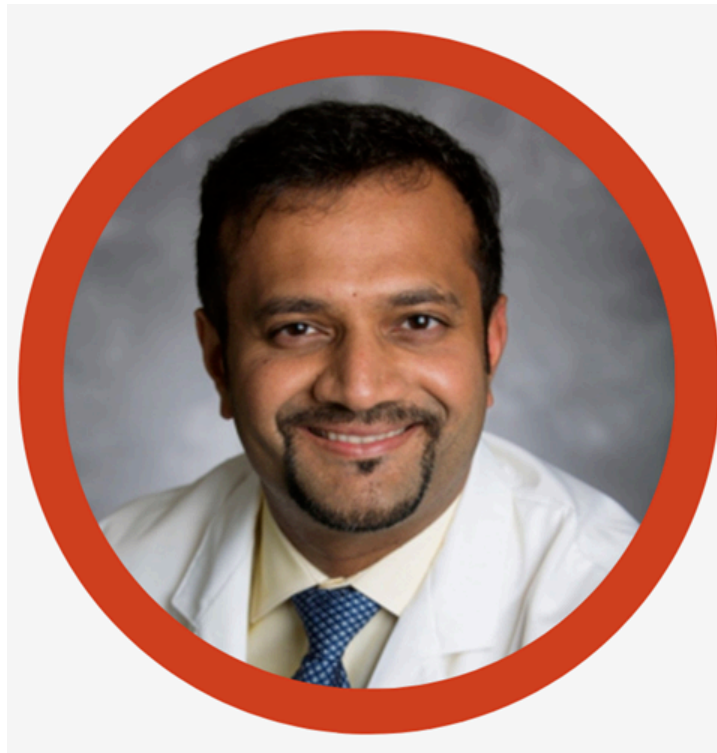
**Dr. Ted Johnson**

- [A multisite feasibility study of integrated cognitive-behavioral treatment for co-existing nocturia and chronic insomnia.](#)



**Dr. Dio Kavalieratos**

- [Interview Results From a Telehealth Hospice Intervention for Children and Young Adults With Cancer.](#)



**Dr. Ambar Kulshreshtha**

- [Proceedings of the Alzheimer's Diagnosis in Older Adults with Chronic Conditions \(ADACC\) Network Inaugural Annual Conference.](#)



**Dr. Jane Lowers**

The needs, preferences, and experiences of LGBT+ people living with dementia: A systematic review with thematic synthesis



**Dr. Sathish Thirunavukkarasu**

- High-Intensity Interval Training for Individuals With Isolated Impaired Fasting Glucose: Protocol for a Proof-of-Concept Randomized Controlled Trial



**Dr. Ali John Zarrabi**

- [Prolonged adverse effects from repeated psilocybin use in an underground psychedelic therapy training program: a case report.](#)

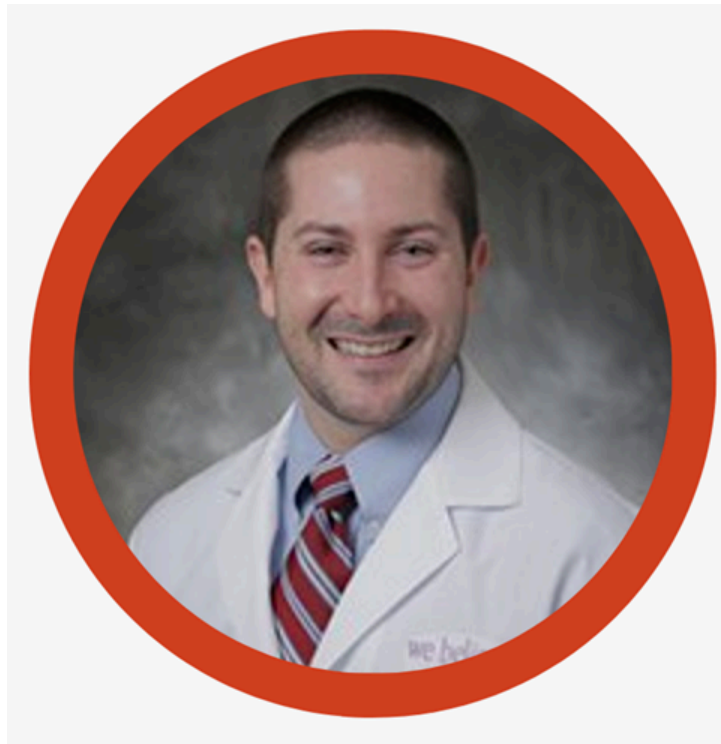
Media and Public  
Appearances



Atlanta Business Chronicle | [Atlanta leaders react to CDC layoffs, which could have 'profound long-term consequences](#) (Dr. Jodie Guest quoted)

Atlanta Business Chronicle | [Rural health care champions of the year: Jodie Guest and Dr. Michael Carr](#) ( Dr. Jodie Guest featured)

Atlanta Journal-Constitution | [Georgia Republicans advance bills encouraging vaccines](#) (Dr. Jodie Guest quoted)

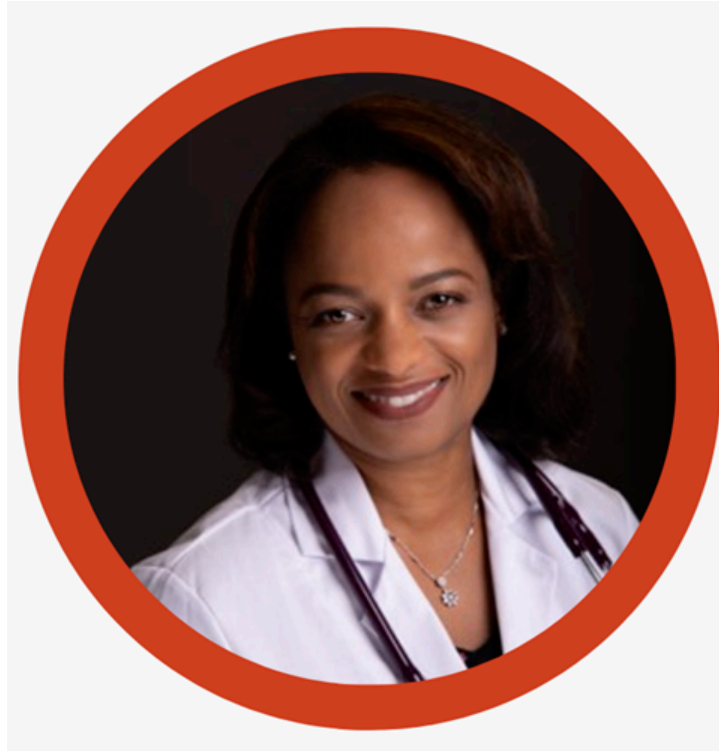


Atlanta Journal-Constitution | [3 myths about aging busted by experts](#) (Dr. Michael Kraft quoted)





STAT | [I'm a geriatrician. Improv is one of my favorite tools for working with dementia patients](#) (Dr. Ted Johnson writes)



CNN | [If you're constantly tired, these health conditions could be the reason why, experts say.](#) (Dr. Tina-Ann Thompson quoted)



Atlanta Journal-Constitution | [Edibles on DoorDash? It's now possible in Georgia](#) (Dr. Ali John Zarrabi quoted)

The Microdose | [A Bad Trip Case Study](#) (Dr. Ali John Zarrabi's case study is summarized)

### **Get Your Research in the Headlines**

Emory's Media Relations team can help amplify your research and innovation in the news.

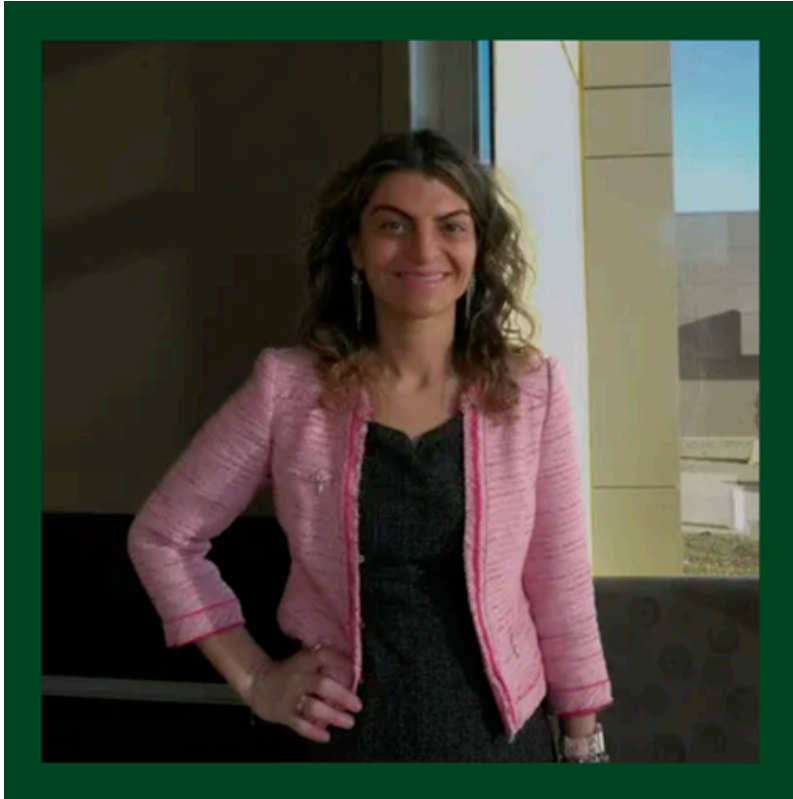
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# Education and Service Updates

## FM Residency grad Myrick treats measles in Texas



**Dr. Leila Myrick**, an Emory-trained family medicine and obstetrics physician in Seminole TX, looked back to medical texts to learn more about the disease, once thought to be nearing eradication in the United States. Now, she's treated nearly a dozen cases and counting, becoming one of the nation's only doctors with firsthand experience of how infectious, and serious, measles is. Find the full story at [USA Today](#) and [CNN](#).

## FM Residency Offers 2nd Look

The Family Medicine Residency held a "2nd Look" opportunity for medical students before Match Day. Department faculty and current residents

were on hand at Simply Thai restaurant to answer questions and give insights into the program.



FM Residency “2nd Look”



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