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GWUMC Announces New Deans

Veteran Physician Scott Blends Academia and Practice Lawyer Katz Leaves Yale, Returns to Nation's Capital

James Scott, MD, FACEP, signed on last month as interim dean of the School of Medicine and Health Sciences (SMHS). He has assumed all the academic and administrative responsibilities of dean, a position previously held by John F. Williams, MD, EdD, MPH, GW's provost and vice president for Health Affairs.



James Scott, MD, FACEP

The appointment as interim dean is the latest in a string of leadership posts Dr. Scott has held since coming to GW in 1986. He had been serving as associate dean of SMHS since 2000, and he previously served as residency director, assistant dean for Graduate Medical Education and assistant dean for Student Affairs

in SMHS. He was appointed professor of Emergency Medicine in 1998. Since coming to GW, Dr. Scott has received the Golden Apple award for outstanding teach-

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Ruth Katz, JD, MPH, is on board as the new dean of the Medical Center's School of Public Health and Health Services (SPHHS). A former associate dean for administration at the Yale School of Medicine, Dean Katz will also be teaching at GW as SPHHS' Walter G. Ross Professor of Health Policy. Before joining Yale University, she served for more than a decade as counsel to the Subcommittee on Health and Environment of the Committee on Energy and Commerce in the U.S. House of Representatives.



Ruth Katz, JD, MPH

Katz also spent time as director of Public Health Programs at the Henry J. Kaiser

Family Foundation, one of the nation's largest foundations dedicated to health policy research. And she was counsel to the Advisory Committee on Tobacco Policy and Public Health and policy analyst for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Select Panel for the Promotion of Child Health. She holds an MPH from Harvard Uni-

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GW to Train DC Residents in Emergency Preparedness

GWUMC has been selected by the District of Columbia's Commission on National and Community Service to provide FEMA-developed Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training for District residents. CERT is a component of Citizen Corps, President Bush's community-based initiative to engage citizens in homeland security and com-

munity and family preparedness through public education and outreach, training opportunities, and volunteer service.

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The sessions, conducted by The Ronald Reagan Institute of Emergency Medicine (RRIEM) and coordinated through GW's Center for

Emergency Preparedness (CEP), will train more than 620 District residents in emergency preparedness and response. GW Medical Center will also teach 20 additional residents to become emergency preparedness and response trainers themselves, in a train-the-trainer program. "Our goal is to have the best prepared citizenry in the

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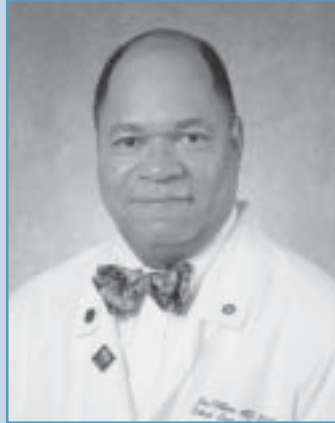
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Provost Perspective ... *New Leaders, New Year, New Relationships*

What a difference a year makes. This time last year, we were ready to open the doors of our brand new hospital. Just thinking about all the logistics that went into closing the old facility and opening the new one is a dizzying reminiscence.

But, it is incumbent upon us to remember that all the planning paid off in a tremendous outpouring of support from our community. The new GW Hospital has operated at capacity since it opened and continues to provide leadership for our city at a time when other hospitals are struggling to survive. The fact that the transition from old hospital to new went smoothly is no accident. It is a reflection of years of planning and careful thought as to the mission and core principles of our academic health center.



Now we are employing the same forethought and care in concentrating on the changes that will move us forward on the academic side. As our new students arrive and our current students begin a new semester, they will be greeted by new deans of both schools. In this issue, you will read about their visions for the School of Medicine and Health Sciences and the School of Public Health and Health Services. I have every faith in the leadership of Interim Dean Dr. Jim Scott (SMHS) and Dean Ruth Katz (SPHHS). What will not change under their leadership is our commitment to the personalized attention and mentoring each student receives as a part of his or her education at GW. They will also continue our policy of having our students get involved in our community from

the beginning of their academic careers at GW. Our community-based health programs set us apart from other academic health centers in that they give our students a rich opportunity to learn, teach and serve. As an academic health center, being involved in our communities and providing services and care will continue to be one of our most important missions.

This fall you will hear more about our Cancer Institute and our Homeland Security initiatives. We feel very fortunate that we are now attracting the kind of talent that will help us become a leader in these areas. Our Center for Emergency Preparedness is now staffed with Dr. Christina Catlett, formerly of John's Hopkins, as medical director and Frank Cilluffo, a veteran of the Bush administration, heading up GW's Homeland Security effort. They bring real-world experience as we launch our Response to Emergencies and Disasters Institute (READI) in Loudoun County and other training initiatives. We will also be hosting a landmark conference on Racial Disparities in Breast Cancer that will bring the best minds to one location to examine the central theme of our Cancer Institute—why certain cancers are adversely impacting our urban population.

As I reflect on what we were doing a year ago, I realize that our new beginnings will ensure our future and will enable us to impart the best in education, research and clinical care to all of our constituents. Our success continues to hinge on setting goals that we can reach together that benefit the longevity of our Medical Center and our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "SKIP".

John F. Williams, MD, EdD, MPH
Provost and Vice President for Health Affairs

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GW Launches READI Training Center to Confront Terrorism Challenges

This summer marked the official opening of the Response to Emergencies and Disasters Institute, or READI, on GW's Virginia campus. The grand opening featured a crowd of VIPs from all sectors of emergency preparedness, emphasizing the collaborative nature of the project which was financed by a \$5 million earmark in the FY 03 federal budget. On hand was Virginia Congressman Frank Wolf (R-VA) who championed the project that brings GW, George Mason and Shenandoah universities together to train the region's first responders.

"Congress identified a need to provide emergency preparedness and response training to a wide audience of first responders," said Congressman Wolf. "READI is a fine example of this and has the potential to become a model for similar programs across the country."

Hours before the official opening, fire trucks from Loudoun County Fire and Rescue extended their ladders to hang a READI banner. The READI suite at



Firefighters raise the READI banner at the Center's launching ceremony.

Building 2 on the Virginia Campus was dressed up with pictures chronicling GW's involvement in emergency preparedness before and after the events of 9-11. In addition to first responder representatives from communities in Virginia, DC and Maryland, speakers at the grand opening included HHS Assistant Secretary for Public Health Emergency Preparedness Jerome Hauer, National Capital Region Coordination for Emergency Response Director Michael Byrne, George Mason University President

Alan Merten, Shenandoah President James Davis and GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg.

"READI is the latest instance of GW's commitment of energy and resources to help make our country a safer place to live," said President Trachtenberg. "This Institute will operationalize the concept of homeland security by bringing advanced training to the individuals who need it most: first responders and those on the frontlines who risk their lives to protect others."

After the speeches, guests mingled and got a tour of the new training suite. The first actual READI training class had taken place the week before and speakers were given a framed picture of the inaugural class members, who spent a week learning about weapons of mass destruction and unified command.

READI will focus on providing emergency responders with a thorough understanding of emergency preparedness, while developing and demonstrating "best practices" for emergency personnel nationwide. Curricula will be designed for working emergency and health professionals, with training components lasting a week or less. Class time will be augmented with demonstrations and practice scenarios, including mock responses to nuclear, biological, radiological or conventional terrorist attacks.

GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, left, notes the support from federal leaders in the effort to set the stage for READI as a regional model for "best practices" among first responders. Pictured with President Trachtenberg, from left, are Rep. Frank Wolf (R-VA), HHS Assistant Secretary Jerome Hauer, National Capital Region Coordination for Emergency Response Director Michael Byrne and Associate Dean Keith Holtermann.



CEP Medical Director Named

The Center for Emergency Preparedness (CEP) has appointed Dr. Christina Catlett as its founding medical director. Dr. Catlett comes to GW from Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, where she served as deputy director in the Office of Critical Event Preparedness and Response. Dr. Catlett was also an assistant professor of Emergency Medicine at Hopkins.



Dr. Christina Catlett

"We are pleased to have someone with Dr. Catlett's credentials and drive join our team," said Provost and VPHA Dr. John F. Williams. "The combination of her dedication to emergency preparedness and her innovation in the field make her a welcome addition to our Center and its mission."

Dr. Catlett has a long history in disaster preparedness and response, particularly as it relates to terrorism. Indeed, several years before the September 11 attacks, Dr. Catlett was already writing articles about bioterrorism and undergoing training sessions sponsored by the State of Maryland, the U.S. Army and other organizations on preparedness for bioterrorist, chemical, nuclear and radiologic attacks. In the past two years, she has been an investigator or principle investigator for nearly \$700,000 in funded research into bioterrorism and emergency preparedness. In addition, she helped draft Johns Hopkins Hospital's official disaster plans for these threats.

Christina Catlett received her BA in 1991 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and her MD from UNC's School of Medicine in 1995. She immediately joined Hopkins as a resident and remained there until accepting her new position at GW.



Richard Southby, PhD

Southby Appointed Executive Dean

Richard Southby, PhD, has been appointed executive dean and distinguished professor of Global Health. In this new role, Dr. Southby will represent the University for international activities associated with both the School of Medicine and Health Sciences (SMHS) and the School of Public Health and Health Services (SPHHS).

Dr. Southby assumes his new duties after spending two years as SPHHS' interim dean. He has been a faculty member since 1979.

District Training

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country," said DC Commission on National and Community Service Executive Director Deborah Gist, in a letter to GW Provost and Vice President for Health Affairs Dr. John F. Williams. "We look forward to working with you and your team to help strengthen our communities and prepare the citizens in our nation's capital."

"This is an opportunity to bring real world training to District citizens so they can act during an unfolding emergency," said Daniel Kaniewski, CEP executive director. "All major emergencies require an immediate response. And there is no greater response than a trained citizenry."

The CERT program helps train people to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their communities. When emergencies occur, CERT members can give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, and organize spontaneous volunteer efforts at a disaster site. CERT members can also help with non-emergency projects that help improve the safety of the community. GW will team up with community organizations, senior citizen centers and similar groups to provide program participants with an accessible location for training within their neighborhoods.

September Conference Targets Breast Cancer's Racial Disparities

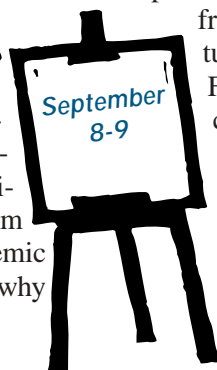
The GW Cancer Institute will host a special national conference on *Breast Cancer Aggressiveness and Racial Disparity* on September 8 and 9.

Members of the Institute will join federal lawmakers, government health officials and experts from GW and other academic institutions to probe why

breast cancer seems to be more aggressive in minority populations. Scheduled speakers include officials from the National Institutes of Health, Seattle's Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center, Baylor College of Medicine, the University of Michigan and other institutions.

The conference will address the role of

aggressive tumor behavior in survival disparity. It will consider the clinical implications of aggressive behavior, laboratory markers of aggressiveness, histological manifestations of tumor aggressive behavior; and molecular mechanisms responsible for tumor aggressiveness. Information on the conference is available at 202-994-2449 or online at www.GWCancerInstitute.org.



Compliance Update

The National Institutes of Health announces an Education and Outreach Seminar

Fostering a Culture of Compliance

Wednesday, August 27, 2003

8:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Marvin Center Grand Ballroom

Third Floor

800 21st Street, NW

The seminar features presentations on the NIH proactive compliance program, the administrative and science partnership, administration for faculty and principal investigators, and research contracts.

Other discussions will focus on at-risk topics for the biomedical research community, including financial conflict of interest, issues related to administering and overseeing clinical research, extramural intellectual property issues and financial management of sponsored projects. Seminar materials will be provided.

Pre-registration is required for the free seminar and must be completed by **August 20, 2003**. Register by e-mail at gwu@masimax.com or fax information to: 301-926-3156.

Provide the following information:

- (1) Name
- (2) Organization
- (3) Title
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PA Program Hosts ‘Founding Father’

GW’s new enrollees in the Physician Assistant (PA) program received a rare opportunity this summer—a visit from the founder of the PA profession, Dr. Eugene Stead Jr. The 95-year-old physician captivated the packed room of budding PAs and visitors from neighboring universities with his candid and humor-filled philosophy on learning and healthcare.

“The world belongs to the young,” Dr. Stead proffered, “and my recommendation is to take it. PA students are free to learn anything they want to learn.” Dr. Stead suggested that the PA students had unique opportunities within their profession, given their freedom and varied responsibilities. He also took a few moments to review his observations of the brain’s “forgetting curve” and the benefits of recent technology “in the learning retrieval process.”

Dr. Stead initiated the first PA program in 1965 at Duke University—he served as chair of the Department of Medicine at Duke for 20 years.



Dr. Eugene Stead, right, enjoyed exchanging conversation with new GW PA students and faculty. Above, from right, he engages Program Director Dr. Jeffrey Heinrich and students Leigh Fields and Emily Mannie in a brief Q & A.

GW welcomed 57 new PA students with an average GPA of 3.5 and an average of 20 months of prior medical experience. The new students represent more than 30 states, and 11 of the 57 are enrolled in the combined PA/MPH three-year program.

“The PA profession is an extension of one of Dr. Stead’s fundamental beliefs,” says Dr. Jeffrey Heinrich, program director. “There is no

hierarchy of knowledge, so long as one learns to define what they do and do not know.”

GW’s PA program is ranked among the top in the nation. Recently the faculty attended the Annual Conference for Physician Assistants, where many also served in leadership roles. James Cawley, MPH, PA-C, is president of the Association of Physician Assistant Programs; Howard Straker, MPH, PA-C, is currently president of the DC Academy of Physician Assistants and presented at the conference, as did Susan LeLacheur. LeLacheur also is CME chair for the Physician Assistant AIDS Network. Twenty-five students also attended the conference and a team participated successfully in the first round of the Challenge Bowl.

Also this summer, GW hosted 300 people from across the U.S. for a PA review course.



GW welcomed 129 new residents during the summer—73 were interns. Residents came from 46 different medical schools within the U.S. and abroad. On hand to offer greetings were GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, Provost and VPHA Dr. John Williams, Hospital CEO Dan McLean and Interim SMHS Dean Dr. James Scott.



Katz Ready to Face Challenges, Advance SPHHS Growth

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versity and a law degree from Emory University. She is also a magna cum laude graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. Dean Katz took a break from moving into her Ross Hall office to sit down for a conversation with **Progress**.

Your overall thoughts on joining SPHHS?

It's a privilege and an honor to be here. What has struck me more than anything else in my many months of visiting the School and meeting with the faculty, staff and students is the enormous amount of enthusiasm that people have for the School, and I credit Founding Dean Richard Riegelman and Interim Dean Richard Southby for this. There is tremendous enthusiasm for the programs and for the potential that the School has to solidify its reputation as one of the very best schools of public health in the country. And I'm delighted to be coming here to be part of that effort.

Have you had time yet to think about priorities?

It's obviously still early. But in general, and in no particular order, I certainly want to continue to strengthen our academic programs. I want to build the School's research

portfolio; and in that capacity I want to work closely with our friends and counterparts at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, the MFA and GW Hospital. We also have a very strong student body; I want to make it even stronger, and this includes building up some of our doctoral programs.

How about SPHHS' location in the nation's capital?

This is absolutely an asset for us. What we have that no other school of public health has is our location in the nation's capital, in downtown Washington, DC. That affords our students the opportunity to have direct access to government agencies, foundations, corporations, all types of organizations that are involved in healthcare and public health in one way or an-

other. And we're talking both domestically and internationally. I want to take full advantage of all that our location in Washington, DC has to offer.

You're coming to GW from Yale, in New Haven, Connecticut. But before that you spent time in Washington working on health policy for a Congressional subcommittee.

Yes, and in that capacity we worked on virtually every domestic health program you can name.

Now you're back in Washington, this time in an academic job.

It's a very different role. But having had the experience in working on Capitol Hill, I see how important data and scientific research can be in

driving policy decisions. And, having come from that background, I see SPHHS' value in providing this kind of research to lawmakers. University-based work is seen as objective, fair and nonpartisan. And it provides members of Congress with the information that they need in order to make the tough decisions that they have to make.

Any other thoughts on joining GW?

Among the reasons I took this job is the fact that I think it's going to be an awful lot of fun. There's not a time I've visited or a meeting I've had here since last December when I haven't walked away thinking, "This is going to be a blast." It's going to be hard work, and there are challenges ahead, which I welcome; but I want to have fun too, and I think that's what we're going to do.

Watch for the summer/fall issue of *GW Medicine & Health* magazine set to be distributed in late-August.

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Scott to Continue SMHS Strides, Build on Technological Advances

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ing 10 times. And, in 1998, Dr. Scott received a National Teaching Award from the American College of Emergency Physicians.

Dr. Scott sat down with *Progress* after completing his first month as interim dean.

Let's talk about some of your priorities.

Sure. On a school level, a big part of it is to continue the momentum that we have, to take advantage of the strides we've made in the last couple of years and then to keep going. This not only involves the strides we've made in research and in curriculum, but also in terms of collaborations with our academic and research partners around the city, including The Institute for Genomic Research, Children's National Medical Center, the Holland Lab of the American Red Cross and the NIH.

Students and their curricula are obviously a huge priority for you.

That's right. And from a student standpoint, the thrust has to be on creating as individualized an educational experience as possible. Certainly there is a core body of knowl-

edge that all students have to know and we want to continue to stay on the cutting edge of that and make sure our students are prepared in every way. However, we also have an opportunity here, because of all the resources that are around us, to create a very individualized educational experience. For instance, a student should be able to come here and say, "I'm coming to GW, and part of what I want to do is be involved in research at the NIH, or work in community outreach in underserved populations, or pursue an international medicine experience or pursue an MPH." We are perfectly set up to help make this happen, not just for our medical students, but also for our PA (physician assistant) students, our nurse practitioner students and all of the students who come here.

How about faculty?

I'm very excited about working with the faculty. One

example could be a more formalized and structured faculty development program for our basic science faculty and our clinical faculty.

I think we have done a great job of reinvigorating basic science research here, and we should be very proud of that. Our next task is to do the same thing with clinical research. The financial pressures of running a school, the clinical pressure of seeing more and more patients: these aren't going away. We can be the leader and show others how to do it successfully. We can strategically invest time, people and energies. I'm very excited about this.

We've seen the clinical and surgical simulation programs on the sixth floor of the hospital develop as a technology-intensive component of medical education at GW in the past year. What other roles do you see for technology here?

You think of a student who has class notes, slides, pictures

and textbooks. The classic model is that, at the end of the day, you sit down at a desk, you collect all those materials and you try to organize all these materials into something from which to study. We should be able to better package our technology in ways that make it easier to use—so that when you walk out of the classroom, on a laptop computer, you have your notes, the pictures from the slides, the PowerPoint presentation and textbook paragraphs integrated right into all of this, without having to spend all this time pulling together these resources. They would be sitting together, electronically, all in the same place. When you've got the body of knowledge that we're trying to teach in a limited time period, I think there are creative ways to use technology to make this easier for students to do.

You've long been a fixture in the ER. Will we still see you in scrubs from time to time?

My plan is still to work one day a week in the ER. Even if it's a Saturday, I want to keep that ability, those skills, that connection that I get with the residents and the students when I work with them. I will also continue to teach my major courses.

Interim Dean Dr. James Scott took time from his new duties to work with and teach students enrolled in GW's summer camp program.



Bullying, School Violence Link Noted

In the minds of many, school has always been viewed as a safe haven for children. In recent years, however, that view has been challenged with an increase in the incidence of bullying and school violence. This alarming trend has put the emotional and physical well being of grade-school students at heightened risk.

Earlier in the summer, SPHHS' Institute for Mental Health Initiatives (IMHI), the Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and Mediascope hosted a conference on breaking the cycle of bullying and school violence. Education and mental health experts and members of the entertainment industry showcased their research and shared their contributions to the important effort of putting an end to bullying and school violence.

Statistics presented by panelists were telling—one in four children who were bullies at age eight had a criminal conviction by age 30. Moreover, bullying was identified as a factor in two-thirds of the 37 school shootings reviewed by the U.S. Secret Service.

How do children cope? Researchers on the panel said resilience was the best tool, and offered strategies for how parents can help cultivate resilience in the children.

During the afternoon session, panelists focused on the power of the media. They noted that the average individual spends nine years of his or her life watching television.

Instead of focusing solely on the portrayal of violence in schools by the media, education and mental health industries are increasingly tapping into the media to shape the messages that reach youth to positively influence their behavior. All of the panelists, including Chris and Jeff Olsen, producers/writers on WB's hit series "7th Heaven," emphasized that they relied on research on bullying and violence prevention in incorporating positive messages into their scripts. In addition to bullying, the panel expressed efforts to present issues with which society is grappling in a timely and meaningful way. The panelists also concurred that, in the continuing fight against bullying and school violence, conversations between the education and mental health fields and the entertainment industry must continue.

Information on this conference or about IMHI is available at www.imhi.org.

The Women's Board of the GW Hospital and "The Committee"—Partners of the GW Medical Center recently awarded a \$7,000 grant to Dr. Joao Ascensao for use toward an incubator in the GW/MFA Bone Marrow and Stem Cell Laboratory. Pictured above, from left, are Committee Chair Linda Goldstein, Dr. Ascensao and Board President Sandra Butcher. Not pictured is Orfa Giordano, who spearheaded the effort.



Dr. Anthony Caputy, center, instructs participants in the spinal surgical procedure performed in GWUMC's Anatomy Laboratory.

Surgeons Hone Their Skills

GWUMC's Department of Neurological Surgery and the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology hosted a course for more than 50 neurological and orthopaedic surgeons from across the United States and Canada. Anthony J. Caputy, MD, FACS, professor and chair of Neurological Surgery, hosted the meeting that was sponsored by Spinal Concepts, an Austin, Texas-based leader in minimally invasive spine instrumentation. Raymond J. Walsh, PhD, professor and chair of the Department of Anatomy and Cell

Biology, organized the meeting at GW.

The course was designed to instruct the participants in the latest techniques in minimally invasive lumbar surgery. Lectures were given in Ross Hall with follow-up practical applications on cadavers in the Anatomy Laboratory. The imaging technology necessary to perform this type of surgery was provided for the course by GE/OEC, whose latest designs provide real-time imaging as well as advanced color modeling capability. The PathFinder instrumentation used in the course allows lumbar spine fusions to be instrumented through two access incisions, about 3 cm in length, on each side of the spine's midline. In this surgical technique, the exposure is obtained by the use of graduated tissue dilators, thereby eliminating the need for a much larger midline incision and the inherent larger dissection of the ligaments and the muscles that is usually associated with this type of surgery. Shorter hospital stays, and reduced pain and recovery time are the principle advantages of the procedure.



CREATING A NEW TRADITION IN RESEARCH

Exploring the Link Between Nicotine and SIDS

Fetal nicotine exposure, from expectant mothers who either smoke or breathe secondhand smoke, has long been known to be a risk factor in Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, or SIDS. Now researchers at GW Medical Center are trying to figure out why.

A team led by Associate Professor of Pharmacology Dr. David Mendelowitz is conducting NIH-funded lab-based animal research to probe whether fetal nicotine exposure can lead to problems in an infant's ability to coordinate breathing and heart rate, and whether these exaggerated cardiorespira-



Dr. David Mendelowitz

tory interactions can, in turn, make infants more vulnerable to SIDS.

All humans have so-called nicotinic receptors. But re-

search by Dr. Mendelowitz and his team suggests that when these receptors are stimulated by tobacco exposure in vitro, infants may later exhibit exaggerated cardiorespiratory interactions. So when breathing is interrupted, by a blanket or contact with a crib mattress, for instance, heart rate could dip to a dangerously slow pace.

"A normal infant may have a bit of a gasp and the heart rate may slow a bit, and then they recover just fine," said Dr. Mendelowitz. "In a SIDS victim with a history of prenatal nicotine exposure, that gasp may be prolonged, the slowing of the heart may be

prolonged, and that may spiral downward into a longer gasp and a slower heart rate. And this may impede the infant's ability to re-awaken."

Dr. Mendelowitz stresses that nobody can pinpoint the cause of SIDS, that prenatal nicotine exposure is just one factor, and that his lab's research is ongoing. Preliminary findings may be published as early as this fall.



GW Hospital Opens Women's Heart Program to Battle Killer Disease

With heart disease as the #1 killer of women, GW Hospital has opened the Women's Heart Program. Vernell DeWitty, RN, MBA, administrative director of the Program, notes "267,000 women annually die from heart attacks—six times the number of women who die from breast cancer. Yet, most women will have an annual screening mammogram and not a heart risk screening. The prevalence of heart disease would suggest that women take an active role in minimizing their risk for heart disease. It can be prevented!"

GW Hospital's Women's Heart Program is the only comprehensive program in the DC area and one of 21 in the nation solely dedicated to prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular dis-

ease. "Most persons still think of heart disease as a man's disease. Yet, in talking with women about heart disease, invariably, they are able to recall a friend, relative or acquaintance that unexpectedly experience a heart attack." And, the facts bear out the concern, says DeWitty. "Since 1984, the number of deaths among women from cardiovascular disease has exceeded the mortality rates among men."

"If we are to reverse this gender imbalance, women must be armed with information about lifestyle modification, access to proper diagnosis, as well as life saving treatments," says Dr. Susan Bennett, clinical director of the Program "The GW Women's Heart Program covers all the bases, providing risk assessment and screenings, prevention strategies, support and educational

programs, as well as advanced care and research."

DeWitty says the screenings only consume 30-45 minutes. A complete history is taken from the women regarding lifestyle habits that impact on cardiovascular disease, a complete lipid panel and glucose, height and weight to determine body mass index, waist circumference and blood pressure and pulse. The woman takes away a complete report of her findings with what is normal or low-risk, and recommendations for a plan of action to change her risk factors. "Screening is a checkpoint," says DeWitty. "Many of the indicators of

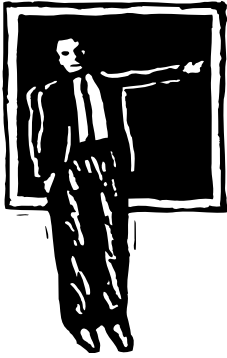


On hand for the ribbon cutting of the GW Hospital Women's Heart Program were, from left, CEO Dan McLean, Dr. Susan Bennett, Vernell DeWitty, Dr. Jannet Lewis, Dr. Lara Oboler and Dr. Judith Hsia.

high risk are silent. The only way to know is to get a measurement of your numbers and to know your numbers, learn your risk factors and know the warning signs and be aware of what action needs to be taken."

Risk factors include high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, physical inactivity, overweight and obesity

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT CORNER



Note: The Faculty Development Corner is a regular Progress item. It features useful tips, book reviews and guest columns focusing on trends and issues in academic medicine.

"Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?"—Mary Oliver, *The Summer Day*

A proactive, goal-guided approach to career development has never been more critical to career success and satisfaction. But medical and scientific education programs offer little or no help in building career management skills.

Ideally, professionals have an enduring relationship with a supportive senior role model who fosters their development—otherwise known as a mentor. A mentor assists in acculturation to the profession, to academic life and to the institution; shares insights into the unwritten rules of advancement; provides constructive feedback; and facilitates introductions to key people. These days, however, many faculty never achieve such a one-to-one relationship. And bosses are seldom the most reliable source of career advice; for instance, a physician's goal of cutting back clinical hours to edit a book series may directly conflict with her department head's imperative to increase clinical productivity.

Thus, all professionals must accept responsibility for obtaining and managing the ca-

Building a Personal Mosaic of Mentors and Coaches

reer advice. They need to pursue a variety of targeted developmental relationships with senior persons inside and outside their department. They also need to pursue relationships outside healthcare to stay in touch with the "big picture" of trends affecting their field. Local peers—and at other organizations—can provide significant support, sources of collaboration and knowledge.

Such a "mosaic" of facilitative partnerships, supportive advocates, challenging advisors and critical feedback-givers becomes the heart of your network. Fundamental to academic career development, networking is indeed work (especially for introverts), requiring regular attention to connecting with individuals and building relationships. E-mail has become an essential tool in this regard, but speaking and seeing each other remain essential to important personal exchanges. Following are some suggestions if you are an introvert or lack "mentor receptors" (i.e., if this process doesn't come naturally)—in addition to your main professional societies, chose a small professional organization and become active; present at least a poster at every national meeting; socialize with colleagues whenever you get the chance, even when it feels like work, and discuss your work with enthusiasm; whenever possible, acknowledge the contributions of others—not only is this the right thing to do, but it also strengthens alliances.

Also, consider that the clearer your life and career goals, and the more accurate your assessment of your strengths and skill gaps, the more effectively you can expand your mosaic and net-

work. A key aspect of this assessment is your fit within in your department. If you're currently experiencing "vocational joylessness" (that is, checking yourself at the door and unable to bring all of your strengths to the table), a lack of alignment may be the problem. No amount of mentoring can solve misalignment, but your network can be especially useful when you're re-negotiating responsibilities or scouting new opportunities.

When considering a career change or if you are facing a significant increase in responsibilities, you might consider engaging the services of an executive or career coach; in a nutshell, such professionals offer targeted mentoring for a fee. Coaches assist individuals to envision goals (perhaps higher than the individual would attempt alone) and build the skills necessary to achieve them. Few of these skill areas are covered during medical or graduate school—for instance, powerful oral and written communications, delegating, negotiating, managing time, deciphering organizational politics and influencing others, and improved self-care and balance. Good coaches are also "connectors," that is, excellent networkers who link clients to new information, people and resources. They usually accelerate learning and serve as a sounding board for reality testing—assets in a rapidly changing environment.

In conclusion, whether or not your department chair is in your corner and takes mentoring seriously, it's wise to explore all promising avenues to garner career guidance and to build a personal mosaic of mentors. When a particular challenge or signifi-

cant transition looms, a coach may be an economical way to fully capitalize on your large investment in your education and career.

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August Faculty Appointments

~Full-time Faculty~

Epidemiology and Biostatistics
Manya Magnus, PhD, MA, assistant professor
Health Care Sciences

Christine Pintz, MSN, assistant professor
Medicine

Imad Abdulrahim Tabbara, MD, professor
Pathology

Minling Lui, MD, PhD, assistant professor

Sana O. Tabbara, MD, professor
Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
Michael D. Barnett, MD, instructor

Susan Gani, MD, instructor
Surgery

Subodh Arora, MS, MBBS, associate professor
Farid Gharagozloo, MD, professor

Tricia A. Kelly, MD, instructor

Gregory Dean Trachiotis, MD, associate professor

Jonathan M. Weiswasser, MD, instructor

~Part-time Faculty~

Emergency Medicine

Rodney Biglow, MD, clinical instructor

Michael Kevin Doney, MD, MS, adjunct instructor

Thomas William Yeich, MD, adjunct instructor

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GOING GLOBAL



This column is a regular feature of *Progress*, detailing efforts at GW Medical Center to reach beyond U.S. borders to share our medical and healthcare expertise throughout the world.

Global Health Internships Offer Worldwide Healthcare Experiences

GW's Department of Global Health continues to experience growth through the internship program. James E. Banta, MD, MPH, FACPM, interim chair, program director and a professor in the Department of Global Health, reported that the program is averaging about 15 students per semester who are keenly interested in an internship.

The Global Health internship blends theory and practical experience. Many students have had little or no work experience, while

others have had several years. The internship helps those who need work experience in their respective disciplines in public health. It is a three-month long program and students earn three credit hours.

The internship is coordinated between the Department of Global Health and the intern site. The purpose is to help the students deal with the reality of public health in the workplace on the job, and to assess the administrative operation of public health practice. Interns meet with the program direc-

tor as a group four times during the semester to discuss problems, progress and managerial lessons learned.

Some of the places where interns have traveled include: Geneva, Switzerland; Thailand; Zambia; Kenya; Brazil; Martinique; Ecuador; Costa Rica; and India.

During the fall semester, the department will have another opportunity to send students to Kosovo and Iraq. These student interns will be supervised by American non-governmental organiza-

tions (NGO). The cadre of both public and private organizations that is willing to work with students to achieve their goals complements the internship experience at GW. Students also may opt to intern with U.S. public health service agencies such as the Indian Health Service.

For more information about the internship program, visit <http://www.gwu.edu/~cih/interns.htm> or call Dr. Banta at 202-416-0096 or Jimmy Kamau at 202-416-0425.

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Health Services Management and Leadership

Cornelius P. McKelvey, MHS, MSPH, adjunct associate professor

Medicine

Linda Jane Assatourians, MD, assistant clinical professor

Frederick Russell

Rickles, MD, clinical professor; secondary appointment: clinical professor, Pediatrics

Microbiology and Tropical Medicine

Alexander C. Loukas, PhD, assistant research professor

Ophthalmology

Sam Edward Mansour, MD, MS, associate clinical professor

Pathology

Dana Price Ahle, lecturer
Estela A. Day, adjunct instructor

Rita F. Malati, adjunct instructor

Cynthia M. White, MA, adjunct assistant professor
Pediatrics

Dietrich A. Stephan, PhD, adjunct assistant professor; secondary appointment: adjunct assistant professor, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Prevention and Community Health

Mary A. Garza, PhD, MPH, adjunct assistant professor

Kyu Bak Rhee, MD, MPP, adjunct assistant professor

Radiology

Bradley J. Casolo, MD, adjunct instructor

Hospital Women's Heart Program Begun

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and diabetes. "Few women realize the dangers of heart disease and how it can affect them. The warning signs can often be completely different for men and women," says Dr. Judith Hsia, director of scientific research.

Classic warning signs

- Squeezing chest pain or pressure, tightness in chest or recurring chest discomfort
- Shortness of breath
- Sweating
- Pain spreading to shoulders, neck or arms

Warning signs more likely in women

- Indigestion or gas-like pain
- Dizziness, nausea or vomiting
- Unexplained weakness, fatigue
- Discomfort or pain between the shoulder blades
- Sense of impending doom

GW's Hospital Women's Heart Program will offer a 10 percent discount on screenings for any employee of the university or Medical Faculty Associates. More information is available online at www.gwhospital.com or call 202-715-5400.



Representatives from the McAllen Medical Center in Texas visited GW Hospital to study different management of the neonatal ICU, respiratory support and the use of central line management. From left are: Susan Pelliciotti, RN, director of Nursing of the GW NICU; Darlene Funk, RN, Director of Nursing of the McAllen Medical Center NICU; Dr. Hany Aly, director of Neonatology, GW; Rosemary Gaede, RN, chief nurse executive, McAllen Medical Center; and Anne Duncan, RN, clinical supervisor of the GW NICU.

Awards and Recognition

The American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene has chosen **Peter Hotez, MD, PhD**, as the recipient of the 2003 Bailey K. Ashford Medal for "Distinguished Work in the Field of Tropical Medicine." This award will be bestowed at the annual meeting in Philadelphia in December. Dr. Hotez is chair of GW's Department of Microbiology and Tropical Medicine.

Dr. D. Joanne Lynn, clinical professor of Medicine, was recently awarded the American Medical Women's Association's Elizabeth Blackwell Award, which honors a woman physician who has made outstanding contributions to the cause of women in medicine. Dr. Lynn received this very prestigious award for her achievements in improving end-of-life care. St. Joseph's Manor, a large, non-profit community for older adults in Connecticut, also honored Dr. Lynn for her vision and sensitivity to the needs of the elderly.

Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge recently announced the appointment of **John F. Williams, MD, EdD, MPH**, provost and vice president for Health Affairs, and **Paul Maniscalco, MBA, DrBA(c), EMT/P**, adjunct assistant professor, SMHS, and past president of the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians, to serve on the Emergency Response Senior Advisory Committee to the Homeland Security Advisory Council.



Round of Applause

Academia

Chinua Akukwe, MD, MPH, adjunct associate professor, Department of Global Health and of Prevention and Community Health, had his article titled, "Africa, NEPAD and G-8," included as a book chapter in the 10th Edition of *Global Studies: Africa*, published in May 2003 by McGraw-Hill/Dushkin publishers. Dr. Akukwe also made a presentation on "HIV/AIDS in Africa: Children Infected and Affected by the Epidemic," at the U.S. Congressional Human Rights Caucus Seminar on HIV/AIDS in Africa on Capitol Hill.

Joao Ascensao, MD, PhD, recently attended the 32nd Annual Meeting of the International Society for Experimental Hematology where he presented the results of his study on the development of Human Natural Killer cells and chaired a session on Experimental Stem Cell Transplantation. Dr. Ascensao was also recently invited to join the Myeloma Core Committee of the Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group, a national organization that coordinates clinical trials and research in cancer.

Dr. Raymond Barnhill, chair, Dermatology, was an invited speaker for the recent WHO Melanoma Programme meeting in Greece. In addition, Dr. Barnhill and **Dr. Claire Lugassy**, associate research

professor, presented their research work at this meeting.

Dr. Janice Blanchard received a \$365,400 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for a minority faculty development program. This grant is one of 12 awarded each year to junior minority faculty in a wide variety of research areas to encourage faculty development among minority scholars. Dr. Blanchard's research will study the effect of safety net funding on access to care. The program also provides formal mentorship training; **Dr. Robert Shesser**, chair, Department of Emergency Medicine, will serve as one of Dr. Blanchard's mentors.

Dr. Maria Elena Bottazzi, Department of Microbiology and Tropical Medicine, was named as special assistant to the chair for administration.

Michael Bukrinsky, MD, PhD, professor and vice chair, Department of Microbiology and Tropical Medicine, chaired a session on HIV Molecular Pathogenesis for the AIDS meeting in Paris.

Mary Corcoran, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, research professor, Department of Health Care Sciences, has been named as the editor of the *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*, the primary scholarly journal of the American Occupational Therapy Association. This is

a five-year commitment that began July 1, 2003.

Dr. Stanley Greenspan, clinical professor, Department of Psychiatry, wrote a commentary that appeared in the July/August issue of *Child Development*.

Dr. Tee L. Guidotti, chair, Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, has had an academic award named after him at the University of Alberta, Canada, where he taught for many years. The "Tee L. Guidotti Award for Academic Excellence in Occupational Health Studies" is given each year to the resident or graduate student who achieves most highly in the field.

Dr. Guidotti also recently presented the final results of a follow-up study, conducted for Health Canada, on the consequences of organochlorine exposure following an explosion in a toxic waste incinerator in 1996. The presentation was made to an audience of tribal elders, chiefs and other local residents (mostly Cree) in the northern Alberta, Canada community of Slave Lake.

In addition, Dr. Guidotti assisted the Australasian Faculty of Occupational Medicine in producing the first guidebook for Australia written on occupational cancer. This guidebook will be used to establish the basis for evaluating workers' compensation claims and monitoring programs.

Peter Hotez, MD, PhD, professor and chair, Department of Microbiology and Tropical Medicine, will give a plenary talk this month for the 75th Anniversary of the

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Gorgas Memorial Laboratory in Panama.

Paul Maniscalco, MBA, DrBA(c), EMT/P, adjunct assistant professor, SMHS, and executive council member and past president, National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians, provided written testimony for the U.S. House of Representatives Committee of the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security for a hearing on "Hometown Heroes Survivors Benefits of 2003."

Christina Puchalski, MD, FACP, director, George Washington Institute for Spirituality and Health (GWISH), co-wrote a chapter with Reverend Carlos Sandoval, MD. The chapter was titled "Spiritual Care," and was published in the booklet *A Clinical Guide to Supportive and Palliative Care for HIV/AIDS*.

Sara Rosenbaum, JD, chair, Department of Health Policy, and researchers at the Center for Health Services Research and Policy recently completed a comprehensive study of state laws regulating immunization coverage. The report, titled, *The Epidemiology of U.S. Immunization Law: Mandated Coverage of Immunizations Under State Health Insurance Laws* is available online at www.gwhealthpolicy.org.

SPHHS' Department of Health Policy will mark the coming presidential election year by launching a special yearlong series on national health reform. Health Policy

Round of Applause

Professor Jeanne Lambrew will lead the program in collaboration with the School of Public Policy and Public Administration

GW hosted the National Caucus of Basic Biomedical Science chairs this summer. During their meeting they met with President Bush's science adviser Rachel Levinson, OSTP, as well as members of the U.S. Senate and House. Among key issues discussed, members again stressed the need for the NIH budget to grow by 8-10 percent annually to sustain health research.

In the News

The June 23 launch ceremony for the new **Response to Emergencies and Disasters Institute (READI)** at GW's Virginia Campus drew coverage from WJLA Channel 7 TV, *The Washington Post*, WTOP and WAMU Radio, the Metro News Network and several Loudoun County news outlets. READI was also the subject of a recent AP Newswire article.

The **Institute for Mental Health Initiatives' (IMHI)** conference on bullying held at the Marvin Center on Thursday, July 10 was covered by a reporter from the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. In addition, on July 13, IMHI Director Suzanne Stutman was interviewed by WTOP Radio

about bullying and school violence prevention.

The GW Washington Forum radio program featured **Daniel Kaniewski**, executive director of the Center for Emergency Preparedness, and **Dr. Keith Holtermann**, associate dean for health sciences, who discussed homeland security.

Chinua Akukwe, MD, MPH, adjunct associate professor, Department of Global Health and of Prevention and Community Health, was chosen to pay a special tribute to President Yoweri Museveni of Uganda for his outstanding work in dramatically reducing HIV/AIDS prevalence rates in Uganda. The tribute was made at a luncheon event organized by the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers Association of America in June 2003.

Dr. Neal Barnard, adjunct professor of Medicine, was featured in a *Miami Herald* column about nutrition. He also discussed nutrition and obesity on the GW Washington Forum radio program. Dr. Barnard was also quoted in *Dayton Daily News* regarding his new book, *Breaking the Food Seduction: The Hidden Reasons Behind Food Cravings and Seven Steps to End Them Naturally*. He was quoted in the *Kitchener-Waterloo Record*

(Waterloo, Canada) and *The Plain Dealer* (Cleveland) and he was a guest on WTOP radio discussing the same topic. He also was the subject of Dave Barry's syndicated humor column that appeared in newspapers across the country.

Dr. Brian Biles, professor of Health Policy, was quoted in the *Congress Daily/A.M.* regarding the government's changes in the Medicare program. He was also quoted in the *Wall Street Journal* on the same topic.

Vice President Dick Cheney's July visit to GW Medical Center for a checkup drew dozens of reporters and photographers, including CNN, AP, Fox, and the ABC, CBS and NBC national news networks.

Phyllis Borzi, JD, MA, DHP, research professor, Health Policy, was featured in the July 2003 *Grantee Spotlight* for AcademyHealth regarding her work addressing ERISA health plans, insurance for homecare workers and work examining the current trends in cost and care management techniques used in the employment-based marketplace. It is available online at www.hcfo.net.

Dr. Doreen DiPasquale, assistant professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, was quoted in a Business Wire article titled "High-Volume Compression and Encryption of DICOM Images."

Dr. Adriane Fugh-Berman, associate clinical professor of Medicine and assistant clinical professor of Medicine, was quoted by Reuters Health E-Line discussing the effectiveness of

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herbal supplements claiming to increase bust size.

Dr. Tee L. Guidotti, chair, Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, was interviewed and demonstrated the use of a “glove box” on Fox 5 TV News in a story regarding the anthrax investigation.

Dr. Donald Henson, with GW’s Cancer Institute, wrote an article about the classification of precancers for the online journal *BMC Medical Informatics and Decision Making*.

Dr. Keith Holtermann, associate dean for Health Sciences and assistant professor of Emergency Medicine, was quoted in the New Orleans, *LA Times-Picayune* discussing the steps hospitals need to take to prepare for terrorist attacks. In addition, in March and again in April, Dr. Holtermann was interviewed on “*Foro Interamericano*” regarding the war in Iraq and weapons of mass destruction. This current affairs program is produced entirely in Spanish and is broadcast live via satellite to more than 300 stations and affiliates in Latin America. This program is part of WORLDNET Television programming, the U.S. Government’s International Broadcasting Bureau.

Dr. Eliot Hirshman, chair and Thelma Hunt Professor of Psychology, was quoted in *Clinical Trials Week* on research results that found “decision processing is a factor that affects hormonal influence on memory.” The same article ran in *Women’s Health Weekly*.

Dr. John Lachin, professor of Epidemiology and Bio-

statistics, was quoted in *Diabetes Week* discussing the results of a recent study of his own diabetes.

Dr. Julia Lear, associate research professor of Health Services Management and Leadership, was a guest on NPR’s “Weekend Edition Sunday.” The show discussed the public health system and the dental profession’s failing to aid low-income children.

Daniel McLean, chief executive officer of The George Washington University Hospital, was quoted in *The Washington Post* in a story about the possible closing of Greater Southeast Community Hospital.

Dr. Larry H. Pastor, assistant clinical professor of Psychiatry and Human Behavior, had a letter to the editor published in the Health Section of *The Washington Post*, where he clarified statistics in a *Post* article about detecting autism in children.

Dr. Jerrold Post, professor of Psychiatry, Political Psychology and International Affairs and director of GW’s Political Psychology Program, was quoted in *Business Week* in an article discussing whether businesses should hire ex-hackers.

GWISH Director **Dr. Christina Puchalski** recently published articles regarding spiritual and religious variables in palliative medicine

in *Palliative and Support Care Journal* and the *Journal of Palliative Medicine*.

Sara Rosenbaum, JD, chair, Department of Health Policy and director, Center for Health Services Research and Policy, was quoted in *U.S. News and World Report*, in an article discussing senior citizens traveling to Maine to

fill drug prescriptions. She was also quoted in *The New York Times* and *The San Diego Union-Tribune* discussing the government’s changes in the Medicare program.

Dr. James Simon, clinical professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and medical director of the Women’s Health Research Center in Laurel, Md., was quoted in *Health & Medicine Week* about older women who participate in medical studies.

Dr. Laura Tosi, associate professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, was quoted in *The Washington Post* about hormone therapy. The article also ran in Newsbytes Network.

Round of Applause

Conference Targets Prostate Cancer



GW recently hosted the national meeting of the Cooperative Prostate Cancer Coordinating Committee. GW is the site of the Mid-Atlantic Prostate Cancer Bank—collecting tissues representing the disease and clinical data. Meeting participants included, Ashok Patel, University of Pittsburgh; Kathy Meade, community representative; Michael Becich, University of Pittsburgh; Jules Berman, NIH; Jonathan Melamed, New York University; Xianglian Kong, New York University; Roger Aamodt, NIH; Sylvia Silver, GWUMC; Lindsay Stanton, New York University; Andre Kajdacsy-Balla, Medical College of Wisconsin; Maarten Bosland, New York University; Marie Fidella-Lambert, Howard University Hospital; Jan Marc Orenstein, GWUMC; John Bayerl, GWUMC; Winnie Ricker, IMS; Michele Bisceglia, University of Pittsburgh; Kevin Dobbin, NIH; Sherrill Long, IMS; Judith Horn, GWUMC; and Farrell Hartigan, GWUMC.

Teen Summit Links Students to Healthcare Careers

More than 200 DC-area teenagers converged on Ross Hall this summer for the Second Annual Teen Health Summit. The DC Area Health Education Center (AHEC) and the GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences jointly sponsor the Summit.

The day's experiences allow young people to learn about healthcare career options from those who live it,



Dr. Gloria Wilder-Brathwaite talks with students prior to her keynote address on the how to make things better for themselves and others. Below left, students work with EMS volunteers and try their hands at emergency medicine.



teach it and examine it, each and every day. College counselors and representatives from local universities and DC's Tuition Assistance Program were on hand to provide advice and answer questions about admissions and financial aid. Faculty from GW, Catholic, Georgetown and Howard Universities collaborated on

the project, as did other healthcare providers. In addition to discussions from those in the field, students received first aid training and Heart Saver Certification.

"Our students left the conference with a sense of hope that their desire to work in the healthcare field was an achievable goal," said Ligia

Artiles, director of the Latin American Youth Center's Health Education division. She noted that the Summit was particularly helpful to students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

All students attending the Summit were affiliated with organized summer enrichment programs. "AHEC will continue to work with students who attended the Summit throughout the year to facilitate their entry into health professional training programs," said Lisa Alexander, EdD, MPH, PA-C, director of the DC AHEC. Dr. Alexander said 70 percent of the students had a high or very high interest in pursuing healthcare careers. "We owe a debt of gratitude to everyone for their help and look forward to doing it again next year." Visit <http://dcahec.gwumc.edu> for more information on DC AHEC.



(More summer learning photos in the next Progress.)

Summertime and the Learning is ...

Throughout the summer, GW sponsors summer programs to provide young people with enrichment opportunities on a variety of topics. One of the highlights this summer was the simulation technology available on the sixth floor of the new GW Hospital. At left, Dr. James Michelson talks with young people from the Summer Scholars program; below right, he and "Harvey," a training mannequin, work with Latin American Youth Center students on detecting heart rate variances.





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October 16-19, 2003

Information on Colonials Weekend activities at <http://gwumcalumni.org>,
mcddar@gwumc.edu or 202-994-7511.

Thursday, October 16

- School of Public Health and Health Services (SPHHS) Program—*Leadership and Careers in Healthcare*. Keynote address and breakout sessions. SPHHS Networking Reception. SPHHS Program continues on Friday.

Friday, October 17, 2003

- SMHS Society of Distinguished Teachers and Society of Distinguished Research "Get Acquainted Breakfast"

SARS IN REVIEW

Dr. Gary Simon glances at a PowerPoint slide during his recent Grand Rounds presentation, *SARS and Other Maladies* at GW Hospital.



"SARS appears to have been transmitted from animals to humans," he said. "This would make SARS just the latest example of something that has been going on for thousands of years."

- School of Medicine and Health Sciences' Convocation
- GW Medical Center Interactive Afternoon
- MD Class Reunions
- Whoopi Goldberg live at the Smith Center, 9:30 p.m., go to gwired@gwu.edu/tickets or contact Ticketmaster at 202-994-7411.

Saturday, October 18, 2003

- GW Medical Center *Between the Gates* BBQ lunch and interactive activities
- Colonial Lectures Series: *Cancer Research and Treatment: A Window on the Future* and *Bioterrorism: What Healthcare Professionals are Learning about It and What Everyone Should Know*
- Beach Boys in concert at the Smith Center (one show only – 8 pm); go to gwired@gwu.edu/tickets or contact Ticketmaster at 202-994-7411.

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