Year At A Glance
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New Residents

We are happy to welcome our new PGY-I residents!

Namrah Aijaz, M.D., King Edward Medical College, Class of 2011
Jong Kim, M.D., University of South Alabama College of Medicine, Class of 2009
Vatsal Patel, M.D., University of Texas School of Medicine at San Antonio, Class of 2012
Eva Vertes, M.D., University of Florida College of Medicine, Class of 2013

New Faculty

We would also like to welcome our new faculty members who will be joining us in July:

Dr. Wonwoo Shon, Dermatopathology
Dr. Amy Collingsworth, GI Pathology
Dr. Layla Alizadeh, Surgical Pathology
Dr. David Gonzalo, GI and Breast Pathology

“You cannot separate passion from pathology any more than you can separate a person’s spirit from his body.” -Richard Selzer in Letters to a Young Doctor
It is always interesting and exciting to see where our pathology trainees end up for fellowships. This year the majority of our fourth-year residents are staying at the University of Florida for an additional year to pursue fellowship training. Dr. Jennifer Loch is our new incoming cytopathology fellow and Dr. Ahmad Alkhasawneh is one of two incoming hematopathology fellows. Dr. Kristianna Fredenburg has also decided to stay to complete a year of fellowship training in surgical pathology. Dr. Brett Baskovich, however, will be leaving to pursue a fellowship in molecular genetic pathology at Montefiore Medical Center and Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, New York. Congratulations to all of our fourth-year residents for securing excellent fellowships and good luck!

Two roads diverged in a wood and I—
I took the one less travelled by.
And that has made all the difference.
~Robert Frost

Congratulations to Our New Chief Residents!

Dr. Mike Feely, DO, PGY-II is our new chief resident!
Dr. Katherine Phillips, MD, PGY-II will serve as co-chief.
Dr. Dixon as President of Residents as Teachers Program

Written by Carlos Diez Freire, M.D., PGY-I

“We all have room to improve.”

Residents as teachers or RasT is a program dedicated to improve the teaching skills of residents, through the use of different techniques that can be applied on a daily basis not only during our clinical training but there after in our professional career, limited not only to a class room but to our daily relations with other people; enhancing this way the educational experience that results from our interaction as residents with medical students, physicians and patients.

Dr. Dixon was one of the original committee members of the pilot program in 2009-2010 and became director of the program in 2012. The program is a result of a multi-speciality group of faculty who dedicate their time and experience to enhance our teaching skills.

This program was created in answer to requirements of the LCME that “all trainees involved in the teaching of medical students should be trained for this purpose” and counts with the support of the Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs, Timothy Flynn, M.D., the Senior Associate Dean for Educational Affairs, Joseph Fantone, M.D., and the Assistant Dean for Graduate Medical Education, Michael Mahla, M.D., and the support of residency program directors.

The program is offered in 2 different ways:

One-Day PGY 1 Residents as Teachers Workshop, that will cover topics such as using microteaching skills, setting expectations and orienting the learner, and providing feedback practice with standardized students.

Residents as Teachers Certificate Program, is a longitudinal program that will cover more in depth methodologies to improve teaching skills as residency advances and help keep up with the expectations of the different situations such as giving feedback, guiding small group discussion, handling one-on-one teaching encounters, and presenting to large groups.

Dr. Dixon believes that “medical training doesn’t really teach us how to be effective teachers. The skills that make us good doctors don’t necessarily make us good teachers, but we can learn them. These programs help us to recognize the things we do well, and to address the aspects we need practice on.” She also believes that it is more effective as teachers to “allow residents to be self-directed and goal-driven and be responsible for their learning instead of the traditional mini-lecture monologue; but her role as teacher is directed to reinforce a good performance and re-direct or instruct us when we are struggling”

As for the future of the program she envisions “To expand the longitudinal program and incorporate topics of interest. Just this year we had Dr. Marian Limacher give a talk on the tenure and promotion process, and Dr. Tammy Euliano spoke on incorporating audience response systems into lectures. I would like to increase faculty participation in the program, both as lecturers and small group facilitators.”

I as a current participant in the longitudinal program benefit daily from the methodologies learned so far and truly believe that we can always learn something new; like Dr. Dixon quotes…”We all have room to improve."
First Year Residents 2012-2013

Michael Chang was born and raised in Columbus, Georgia. He was a violin performance major at the Cleveland Institute of Music and a biology major at the University of Alabama. He conducted research at the University of Georgia on alpha dystroglycan and endopolygalacturonase before attending medical school at the Medical College of Georgia. Michael is keeping an open mind about fellowship opportunities and is currently most interested in gastrointestinal/liver pathology. He plays the fiddle in a local band, Scattered the Bruce, and occasionally plays at open mic nights at Satchel’s with Dr. Larry Fowler.

Carlos Diez-Freire was born in Michigan but grew up in Cordoba, Argentina where he attended medical school. After moving to the United States, he worked as a post-doctorate associate in the UF Department of Physiology and Functional Genomics, working in gene therapy for hypertension targeting the renin-angiotensin system. He then worked as a research assistant professor before deciding to pursue pathology residency training at UF. His interests in pathology are currently broad, encompassing both surgical pathology and clinical pathology. He enjoys riding his Harley and practicing Aikido in his spare time.

Andrea Duque grew up in Medellin, Colombia and attended medical school at the Universidad of Antioquia. She moved to the United States with her husband, Felipe Solano (current cytopathology fellow). Before starting her pathology residency training at UF, Andrea was a medical coordinator for international patients in a concierge medical group in San Antonio, Texas. Her current interests in pathology are mainly Clinical Pathology and Laboratory Administration, and her hobbies include travel, music, movies, and cooking with her family and friends. One of her favorite places to travel is Capurgana in the Choco region of Colombia.

Yanfei Huang grew up in a small town along the east coast of China and earned a combined MD/PhD degree at Nanjing University. After graduating, she moved to the United States with her husband and conducted post-doc research in renal stem cell and transplant immunology at UF and Johns Hopkins University. Her current interests in pathology are broad and include gastrointestinal and genitourinary/renal pathology, hematopathology, and molecular pathology. She is currently married to her soulmate and has a beautiful daughter named Amber. Her hobbies include reading, cooking, watching movies, and daydreaming.

Wendi O’Connor was born in Orlando, Florida and earned two undergraduate degrees: the first in anthropology at UF and the second in biology at the College of Charleston. She then went on to medical school at the Medical University of South Carolina where she became interested in both radiology and pathology. She completed residency training in Nuclear Medicine at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, but had an epiphany (likely vitamin D deficiency-induced from being trapped in a dark room) and decided to also pursue pathology training. She is currently interested in bone and soft tissue pathology, as it combines her passion for both pathology and radiographic imaging. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, playing the flute, photography, plants and herbs, and spending time with her dog.
I attended Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, LA for my BS and MS in cell and molecular biology. I then went to LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans, LA for both medical school and AP/CP residency. I am board certified in both anatomic and clinical pathology. Currently I am the GI pathology fellow. I met my husband while in college at Louisiana Tech and about two and half years ago we had a son. Needless to say, our time together is spent playing and exploring all the fun things in Gainesville.

I am from Knoxville, Tennessee and I completed a Surgical pathology residency and Cytopathology fellowship training at the University of Tennessee Medical Center, Knoxville, Tennessee. I am currently doing a Surgical Pathology fellowship here and will be working in Baptist Medical Center, Jacksonville, Florida.

I am a native Floridian who did my undergraduate, medical school, and residency at the University of South Florida in Tampa. I feel very fortunate to be doing my neuropath training with two fantastic mentors, Dr Yachnis and Dr Rivera. My husband and I have three energetic sons who constantly keep us laughing. We are baseball junkies, love anything and everything outdoors - boating, camping, hiking, and traveling.

Dr. Simmons is the current Hematopathology fellow at UF. He completed his Pathology residency training at the University of Florida. He will be moving his family to Atlanta this summer, where he will begin a new job at Northside Hospital as a hematopathologist. In his free time, Dr. Simmons enjoys biking, watching sports and spending time with his family.

Dr. Felipe Solano, originally from Colombia, completed his Pathology residency training at the University of Texas Health Science Center. He was the surgical pathology fellow last year at the University of Florida, and this year he is the Cytopathology fellow. He feels blessed to work with people who have supported him in the past, and has enjoyed his second year here. He and his wife, Andrea Duque, PGY-I, are happy to be in Florida, and they enjoy relaxing together, cooking and travelling.
John D. Pfeifer, M.D., Ph.D., is Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs in the Department of Pathology, and a Professor of Pathology and Obstetrics and Gynecology at Washington University School of Medicine. He is also Director of the Molecular Pathology Laboratory and Director of the Molecular Genetic Pathology Fellowship Program at Washington University.

A native of Atius, Oklahoma, Dr. Pfeifer received his undergraduate training in 1981 and graduate training (M.D., Ph.D.) in 1988 from the University of California, San Diego. He completed pathology residency training at Washington University in 1992 and then became a faculty there.

Dr. Pfeifer's academic interests are primarily focused on investigation of the role of molecular genetic testing in the analysis of tissue specimens, specifically on the methods and clinical settings in which molecular testing provides independent information that increases diagnostic accuracy, provides more accurate prognostic estimates, or can be used to guide therapy. Current studies are focused on the application of next generation DNA sequencing methods to analysis of patient specimens. Dr. Pfeifer authored more than 100 scientific publications. He is the author of Molecular Genetic Testing in Surgical Pathology (Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, Philadelphia, 2006) and co-author of The Washington Manual of Surgical Pathology (Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, Philadelphia, 2012)

Dr. Pfeifer started his visit to University of Florida with an unknown session with a variety of interesting and challenging cases on bone and soft tissue tumors. This section was followed by a lecture titled "Soft Tissue Tumors and their Associated Molecular Features" given to faculties, residents and fellows. At the luncheon, Dr. Pfeifer had an informal discussion with the residents and fellows regarding his daily work flow, current issues and future directions in Pathology. The day ended with a department conference on "Next Generation Sequencing in the Care of Cancer Patients". It was a wonderful day having Dr. Pfeifer visit our department.

Kevin O. Leslie, M.D., will be our special guest speaker this year for Resident Research Day. Dr. Leslie is a Professor of Pathology in the Mayo Clinic Collage of Medicine, and serves as a Consultant in the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology at the Mayo Clinic Arizona.

He will give a lecture titled "Pattern-based approach to pulmonary pathology" to the faculties, residents and fellows and a department conference on "Pathogenesis of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis" on June 7th. A keynote presentation on "Pathology of Transbronchial Biopsies" will also be given at the Research Symposium on June 8th. We greatly look forward to having Dr. Leslie visit our department.
Dr. Leslie received his medical degree from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in 1978, trained in anatomic and clinical pathology at the University of Colorado, and completed a fellowship in Surgical Pathology at Stanford University Medical Center in 1983. Dr. Leslie joined the faculty of the University of Vermont in 1986 and served as Director of Surgical Pathology (1988-1990) and Director of Anatomic and Surgical Pathology (1990-1995) during his tenure. In addition to clinical service activities, he directed the Morphology Core of the Vermont Specialized Center for Organized Research (SCOR) in occupational and environmental lung disease, with a research focus on the role of myofibroblasts and contractile proteins in experimental lung fibrosis. In 1996, he joined the faculty of the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Arizona, where he is a Consultant in the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology and holds the academic rank of Professor in the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine.

Dr. Leslie has authored more than 100 peer-reviewed publications, serves on the editorial boards for several pathology journals, and lectures worldwide on a broad range of topics in pulmonary pathology. In 2005 Dr. Leslie coauthored and co-edited (with Dr. Mark Wick) a textbook (now in its 2nd edition) entitled “Practical Pulmonary Pathology. A Diagnostic Approach”. This work was awarded “Medical Textbook of the Year” by the Royal Society of Medicine.

Maxwell L. Smith, M.D., will be our special guest speaker this year for Resident Research Day. Dr. Smith is an Assistant Professor in the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and serves as the chairman of the Anatomic Pathology Quality Improvement Committee. He also serves as a Senior Associate Consultant in the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology Consultant at the Mayo Clinic Arizona. Dr. Smith will give a lecture titled "Pattern-based approach to liver pathology" to the faculties, residents and fellows on June 7th. We greatly look forward to having Dr. Smith visit our department.

Dr. Smith received his medical degree from the University of Colorado School of Medicine in 2004, completed a residency in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology at the same institution in 2008, and became board certified in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology that same year. He went on to complete a fellowship in medical renal and genitourinary pathology at the University of Colorado in 2009.

Dr. Smith joined the faculty in the Department of Pathology at University of Colorado Denver as an Instructor in 2008. While on staff, he was responsible for general surgical pathology and all renal, heart, and liver transplant pathology. In 2009 he became the Director of Liver and Transplant Pathology at the University of Colorado Hospital and was promoted to Assistant Professor with a joint appointment in the Departments of Pathology and Medicine.

In 2011, he joined Mayo Clinic Arizona as a Senior Associate Consultant in the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology. His is currently an Assistant Professor in the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and serves as the chairman of the Anatomic Pathology Quality Improvement Committee. In 2012 he joined the pulmonary pathology-working group. Dr. Smith has lectured nationally and internationally on LEAN-based quality improvement methods and diagnostic issues in hepatic and pulmonary pathology. He has authored several peer-reviewed publications and multiple book chapters.
The Department of Pathology has long been remembered for its niche on the third floor of the hospital. Dr. Wilkinson started working at UF in 1980, hired our first cytopathology fellow in 1983, and recalls how he had an office in what is now the third floor conference room. Dr. Lamay (Class of 1986) remembers how there was just one multiheaded sign-out scope near the core lab when she was a resident. Dr. Selli (Class of 2001) recalls the GI Pathology sign-out area being in Dr. Fowler’s current office. Over the years, our department has undergone many changes, but in terms of starting anew, the biggest change is yet to happen.

During the 2013-2014 academic year, the department will move to a newly designed and constructed office and work space on the first floor of the hospital adjacent to the Founder’s Gallery. Currently home of the Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI), the new area will be 1500 square feet larger than our current space on the third floor. Dr. Reith, who is working closely with Chris Singletary, project manager for UF Facilities Planning and Construction, states that the new space will be arranged around a central sign-out area comprised of six glass-ensconced rooms, each housing a multi-headed scope and enhancements for more efficient slide delivery. Two additional sign-out rooms for Neuropathology and Dermatopathology will be located adjacent to the six core rooms. Fourteen peripheral faculty offices will encompass the sign-out area. Dermatopathology faculty will occupy two of these offices, a move which will more effectively integrate this subspecialty with the department. Gastrointestinal pathology sign-out will once again re-join the rest of the department in the new offices on the first floor. Administration and some faculty will reside on the sixth floor, and the second floor multi-headed scope will remain the venue for scope conferences.

Where will the residents be every morning from 7:30 to 8:30? We will soak up knowledge as we sip on Earl Greys and lattes in our very own conference room measuring 300 square feet, with seating for up to 30 people and a state-of-the-art projector that faithfully replicates those pink, blue, and brown hues.

Thanks to Dr. Clare-Salzler for working to secure this new space for us, and thanks to Dr. Reith for providing an insider’s vision of the design and construction of what will be the new Department of Pathology, Immunology, and Laboratory Medicine.
Announcements

Emily Dunn and Matthew Martelli were married in Kentucky on December 29, 2012.

Niels Emerson Newsom was born to Kent and Jessica Newsom on 11/17/12. He weighed 7lbs 8oz.

Grace Anne Feely was born to Mike and Char Feely on 10/10/2012.

Travis Hunter was born to parents Josh & Heather Hunter on 4/4/2013.
Jesse and Chris Kresak welcomed their 3rd son, Evan Cole Kresak, Sept 22, 2012

Lizette and her daughter Elizabeth Marie, born June 19, 2012 to Lizette and Alex Duckworth. She will be turning 1 in a couple of weeks!

Chris Carter and Sara Palmer were married on Sanibel Island on May 11th, 2013.

Catalina Moran was born to Tania Zuluaga Toro and Ryan A. Moran on 1/24/2012.

Not Pictured:
- Leona Ann Huber was born to Brett and Claire Huber 5/28/13.
We’ll Miss You!

- Dr. Zuluaga Toro will be moving to Miami in July.
- Dr. Arroyo will be moving to Tampa this summer to be closer to her mother.

Both of you are exemplary faculty members who have selflessly dedicated so much of your time to teaching. Thank you from all the residents! We wish you the best of luck in all your new endeavors. Please don’t forget to stay in touch!
The UF Pathology Residency program was featured at the 2013 USCAP conference with a video highlighting our program. The video can be viewed at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=siycGLB2BPo