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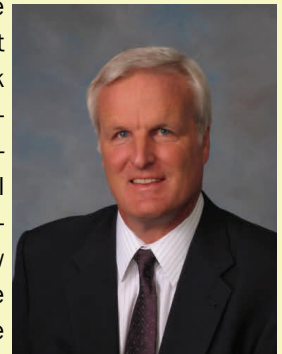
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Chairman's Corner

It has been a beautiful Spring in New Orleans this year. We have just finalized selection of our three new future resident pathologists, who will be starting in July, 2013. Please check the web page for pictures and more information on the residency program. In other updates, construction on the new academic medical center remains on track for the proposed official opening on June 16, 2015. We are meeting with supply companies to go over plans and equipment needs for our new 40,000 sq. ft. laboratory space we will soon occupy. Please check on the link to the construction camera on the right side of our Departmental homepage for live pictures of the construction site. As you consider your charitable donations this year, please consider making a donation to the Department. We will be happy to work with you in directing your donation to the area of the Department you desire. Your generosity allows for the enrichment and expansion of our programs. Please take the time to visit our webpage www.medschool.lsuhs.edu/pathology to keep abreast of the latest news in our Department.



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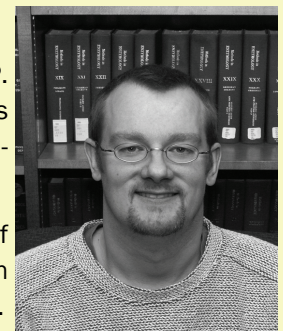
(Above): Charles Murry, MD, PhD

On March 26, 2013 the Department was honored to host Dr. Charles E. Murry, Department of Pathology - University of Washington. Dr. Murry gave a presentation entitled "Cardiogenesis from Pluripotent Human Stem Cells".

Dr. Murry currently serves as a Professor of Pathology and Bioengineering and Director for the Center for Cardiovascular Biology at the University of Washington.

On April 10, 2013 the Department hosted Dr. Christopher P. Baines. Dr. Baines gave a presentation to faculty and residents in the Department of Pathology entitled "Complement 1q Binding Protein or Why a Cardiac Guy Is Looking at Cancer".

Dr. Baines is an Associate Professor with the Department of Biomedical Sciences and Resident Investigator with the Dalton Cardiovascular Research Center with the University of Missouri.



(Above): Christopher P. Baines, Ph.D.

Residents Corner

On March 15th, the program celebrated another successful match with its three newest resident members. **Drs. Ellen Connor, Joel France and Reggie Thomasson**. Dr. Connor is currently finishing her senior year at LSU School of Medicine. Dr. France is working as an anesthesiology resident at UTMB Galveston and Dr. Thomasson is completing his final work as a senior medical student at Medical University of South Carolina – Charleston. Join us in welcoming them and make sure you stop and introduce yourself to them when they arrive to the Department the week of June the 24th.



Dr. Reggie Thomasson



Dr. Ellen Connor



Dr. Joel France

April's resident didactic month was an extraordinary success with nine visiting lecturers sharing their expertise with the residents in the morning teaching session. A big thank you to the following pathologists: **Drs. Alexander, Espinoza, Gardner, Huber, LeLeux, Marshall, Martin, Sandormirsky, and Troxclair**. Your teaching is much appreciated by all.

On Friday, April 12th the SIPS [Students Interested in the Pathology Specialties] hosted a lunch informational session with four pathology panelists: Drs. Bhalla, Duong, Kletecka and Stark. Resident Liaison, **Dr. Brad Cheek**, chaired the successful event, with approximately 20-30 interested medical students in attendance.

On April 17th, the sophomore medical students presented their autopsy case experiences with the help of the following residents: **Drs. Donthamsetty, Nuttli, Porterfield, and Yang**. This experience is a rare opportunity for medical students to participate in postmortem examination and work alongside a pathology resident over the course of several months in putting together an autopsy protocol.

The Program had a nice visit from the wife and the mother of program alum, **Dr. Seldon J. Deshotels Jr.** In his memory, his family created the Pathology Residency Support Fund, which purchased twelve new Olympus microscopes for the Pathology residents. For more information on the Fund, contact the LSU Foundation office and stay tuned to the Residency website for additional pictures.

Robin McGoey, M.D.

Residency Program Director



(Left to Right): Ms. Beverly Deshotels and Mrs. Ann Deshotels

News from our recent graduates!

Dr. Amy Collinsworth ('12) accepted a faculty position at the University of Florida – Gainesville where she is currently finishing a Liver/GI pathology fellowship year.

Dr. Kirk Bourgeois ('11) accepted a pathology position at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida. He is currently completing a fellowship year in Hematopathology at Tulane.

Dr. Jeffrey Springer ('11) is a Medical Examiner in the Louisville Medical Examiner's office and, just for fun, was featured with his family on a recent edition of HGTV's House Hunters.

Announcements & Accolades

Congratulations to **Drs. Richard Vander Heide, James Barbeau, Angie Duong and Robin McGoey** for being nominated for the Aesculapian Society Faculty Excellence in Teaching award.

Adam Perricone, (MD/PhD Student), in collaboration with **Dr. Vander Heide, Ben Bivona, and Fannie Jackson**, presented a poster entitled “Examining the Role Cytoskeletal Signaling in Cardiac Ischemic Preconditioning” at the Experimental Biology Conference in Boston.

Dr. Ritu Bhalla, presented a poster entitled “Novel RNA In situ hybridization method for the detection of ETV1, ETV4 and ETV5 in prostate cancer” at the AACR Meeting in Washington, DC.

Drs, Randall Craver and Matthew Stark presented two posters in March 2013 in Baltimore, Maryland. The first was presented at the Society for Pediatric Pathology Spring Meeting and was entitled, “Histologic Differences in Placentas of Eclamptic/Preclamptic Gestations by Birthweight, Placental Weight and Time of Onset”. The second presentation was presented at the USCAP 2013 Annual Meeting and was entitled “Infections in a Children’s Hospital Autopsy Population”.

Drs. Mike Leroy (HO-IV), Matt Safley (HO-IV), Brad Cheek (HO-III), Kelley Sherling (HO-III), and Caroline Alquist (HO-II) have all participated as recent team members at College of American Pathology national laboratory inspections.

Dr. Brad Cheek (HO-III) had a manuscript accepted for publication entitled: ‘Pathology Image of the Month: Acute Onset of Extreme Shortness of Breath’ in the Journal of the Louisiana State Medical Society.

Dr. Supriya Donthamsetty (HO-I) presented her work, in collaboration with **Dr. Caroline Alquist** and former resident **Dr. Amy Collinsworth** on post mortem blood cultures at the Southern Regional meeting of the American Federation for Medical Research on February 23, 2013. In addition, she was the recipient of the travel award grant for the meeting.

Dr. Tong Yang (HO-II) had a manuscript entitled, “Enhancing residents’ neonatal resuscitation competency through unannounced simulation-based training” published in the Medical Education Online.

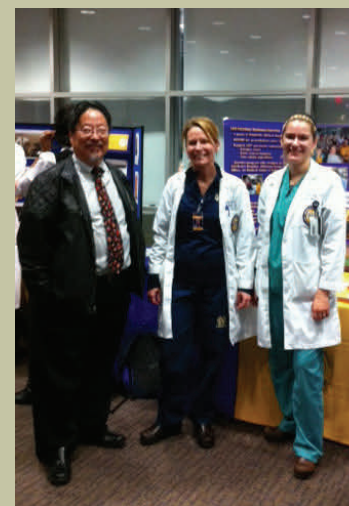
Dr. Caroline Alquist and incoming first year resident, **Dr. Ellen Connor** had an abstract accepted for poster presentation at the upcoming EQUIPS [Enhancing Quality Improvement through Patient Safety] Forum in May 2013. In addition, **Drs. Alquist and Connor** also had another abstract entitled “Autopsy Quality Assurance (AQuA) Project: Quality Improvement through the Use of the Electronic Health Record- a Baseline Evaluation” accepted for oral presentation at the upcoming TriState Pathology meeting in Mobile, Alabama

Dr. Mike Leroy had an abstract entitled “Quality Improvement in Blood Ordering Practices at Interim LSU Hospital” accepted for poster presentation at the upcoming EQUIPS [Enhancing Quality Improvement through Patient Safety] Forum in May 2013,

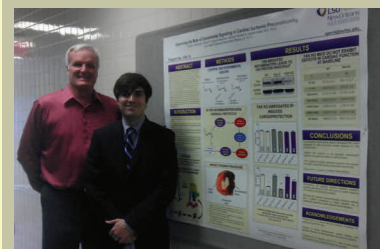
On June 27th, the Department will celebrate the graduation of its two senior residents, **Dr. Mike Leroy and Dr. Matt Safley**. Dr. Leroy will be beginning a Transfusion Medicine fellowship at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri on July 1st and Dr. Matt Safley is entering a general pathology private practice in Gulfport, Mississippi. Please join us in congratulating them and wishing them continued success.



(Above): Dr. Supriya Donthamsetty presenting her work at the Regional Meeting of the American Federation for Medical Research.



(Above, L to R): Dr. Leo Pei, Dr. Theresa Nuttli, Dr. Kelley Sherling at the 2013 LSU Residency Fair



(Above, L to R): Dr. Richard Vander Heide and Adam Perricone displaying their poster entitled: “Examining the Role Cytoskeletal Signaling in Cardiac Ischemic Preconditioning”.

Announcements & Accolades Cont'd



(Above): Robin McGoey, MD

Congratulations to Dr. Robin McGoey, who was chosen as the recipient of the of the coveted Allen A. Copping Award in Clinical Teaching at the Pre-Commencement Ceremony held on May 15, 2013. The Copping Award is the highest award given by the University and recognizes excellence in teaching and the ability to mentor students.



(Above): Fred H. Rodriguez, Jr., MD

Congratulations to Dr. Fred H. Rodriguez, Jr. , MD for being named Alumnus of the Year through the LSU Medical Alumni Association. Dr. Rodriguez will receive his award during the Scientific Session of LSU Medical Alumni Weekend on Saturday, June 8, 2013.

Faculty Publications

1. DePaolo JS, **Barbeau JM** , [Enhanced tracking of tissue for transplantation](#). JAMA. 2013 Feb 6;309(5):443-4. doi: 10.1001/jama.2012.145043.
2. **Bhalla R**, Kunju LP, Tomlins SA, Christopherson K, Cortez C, Carskadon S, Siddiqui J, Park K, Mosquera JM, Pestano GA, Rubin MA, Chinnaiyan AM, Palanisamy N. [Novel dual-color immunohistochemical methods for detecting ERG-PTEN and ERG-SPINK1 status in prostate carcinoma](#). Mod Pathol. 2013 Jan 25. doi: 10.1038/modpathol.2012.234.
3. Halverson SJ, Kunju LP, **Bhalla R**, Gadzinski AJ, Alderman M, Miller DC, Montgomery JS, Weizer AZ, Wu A, Hafez KS, Wolf JS Jr. , [Accuracy of determining small renal mass management with risk stratified biopsies: confirmation by final pathology](#). J Urol. 2013 Feb;189(2):441-6. doi: 10.1016/j.juro.2012.09.032. Epub 2012 Dec 14.
4. Sernich S, **Craver R**, Pettitt TW, Caspi J, Ascutto R. [Rapidly growing cardiac papillary fibroelastoma in a teenager with sickle cell disease](#). Echocardiography. 2013 May;30(5):616-8. doi: 10.1111/echo.12158. Epub 2013 Mar 12.

Lab Week 2013

National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week (Lab Week) is an annual celebration of the medical laboratory professionals and pathologists who play a vital role in every aspect of health care. As a key member of a health care team, the clinical laboratory science professional has played an increasingly vital role in the diagnosis and prevention of disease. There are approximately 300,000 practitioners of clinical laboratory science in the U.S.

This year's Lab Week celebration was held from April 22-26, 2013 and honored our hardworking medical laboratory professionals. Thank you again for your dedication and hard work. Keep up the good work!



(Above, L to R): Lisa Sackett, Deidre Clark, Ruby Cameron, Anthony Clay, Nancy Thorneycroft, Cathy Barrouquere and Maysoun Ziadeh.



(Above, L to R): Jennifer Connors, Nancy Thorneycroft, Chedaphne Audric, Elizabeth Bohrer and Trina Riley.