



Departmental News

Department of Pediatrics ~ LSUHC New Orleans

KUDOS CORNER

Congratulations to **Bonnie Desselle, MD** who was recently awarded the Docere Fellowship in Health Professions Education from the Academy for the Advancement of Educational Scholarship at LSUHSC. This 24-month faculty development program is an opportunity for Dr. Desselle to expand the educational curriculum of the pediatric residency program. Her focus will be the incorporation of a critical thinking curriculum into the current didactic sessions. Upon completion she will be granted the AAMC Medical Educational Research Certificate for participating in a series of workshops facilitated by the nations' leaders in medical education.

Diego Aviles, MD and the Pediatric Nephrology Fellowship Program received some great news recently. The ACGME's accreditation date was changed to July 1, 2008, moving up from the original date of July 1, 2009. **Caroline Straatmann, MD**, the program's first house officer, will begin her fellowship on January 1, 2009.

INVITED SPEAKER



Dr. Ann Tilton (center)

Ann Tilton, MD, was the guest speaker at the 4th Annual Matthew Siravo Memorial Lectureship at Hasbro Children's Hospital in Providence, Rhode Island. Dr. Tilton provided a passionate and powerful presentation on the effects of Hurricane Katrina on the healthcare system in New Orleans to neurology students and physicians attending the lecture.

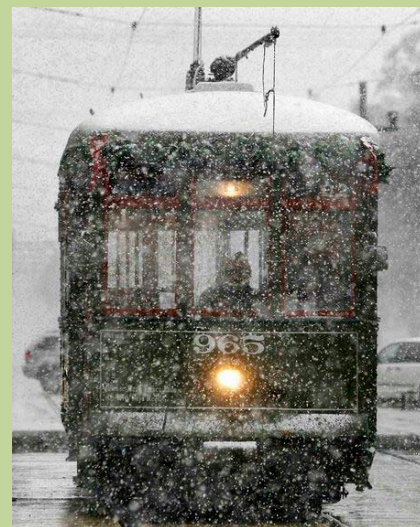
FOND FAREWELL



A fond farewell to **Vicki Salloum-Holley** who retired on December 1st after 5 years of service with the department. Vicki started out as the assistant to Emergency Medicine, working with Dr. Mangat and her staff. She moved to the administrative office as an Editorial Consultant after Katrina. Vicki will pursue her dream of becoming a fiction writer in her retirement. Best of luck, Vicki!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

The LSU Holiday break this year is
December 24 – January 1, 2009.
Happy Holidays to you and your family!





NEW HIRES

Back in September, the Ambulatory Division welcomed **Melissa Nass, MD, MPH** as an assistant professor, clinical. Dr. Nass, a National Health Service Corps Scholarship Recipient in 2001, finished her residency at Brown University Medical Center this past summer. Her area of interest is community health sciences, specifically maternal and child health. She will be stationed at the Tiger Care and School-based Health Clinics. Dr. Nass and her husband also welcomed a baby boy named William a few months ago.

Kathryn Beatty, MD, FAAP joined the Division of Emergency Medicine in October as a clinical assistant professor. Her main location is Bogalusa Medical Center. Back in 2005, Dr. Beatty was a faculty member at Tulane but moved to Georgia after Hurricane Katrina. Despite starting a now thriving solo pediatric practice in rural Georgia, Dr. Beatty and her family were eager to return to the city they love and be a part of the rebuilding process. Her professional interests include pediatric asthma, ADHD, adolescent medicine, obesity, and pediatric resident education. Welcome aboard, Dr. Beatty!

The Cardiology Division welcomed two new faculty members recently. **Tracy Alderson, MD** joined the Cardiology Division in November as a clinical assistant professor. She is working part-time with the department, splitting her time between Children's Hospital and Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi. She completed her fellowship in 2007 at Emory University and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.



Christian Lilje, MD

Christian Lilje, MD, associate professor of clinical pediatrics, joins us from Germany where he was the director of the outpatient clinic and non-invasive imaging center at the University Heart Center's Department of Pediatric Cardiology in Hamburg, Germany. Dr. Lilje is familiar with the city, having completed a Pediatric Cardiology Fellowship at Tulane University Hospital for Children back in 2004. His research interests include non-compaction cardiomyopathy, advanced-noninvasive cardiac imaging, perinatal cardiology, neonatal/pediatric cardiac intensive care, and clinical ethics consultation. Dr. Lilje was a 1988-89 Fulbright Fellow in Biomedical Ethics at Georgetown University School of Medicine.

A warm welcome to **Kristen Chighizola** who took the reigns as the new Fellowship Coordinator in October. Kristen is a native of New Orleans and comes to the department after working as the Quality Control Coordinator for Athletic Facilities at LSU in Baton Rouge. Welcome, Kristen!

REMINDER:

Please send your submissions for the next issue of the newsletter to Kelly Allerton. You can reach Kelly by telephone (896-9800), fax (896-2720), or email (kslumb@lsuhsc.edu).

HAPPY NEW YEAR