



Emeritus Faculty News November 2011

Ground Broken for Collaborative Life Sciences Building October 13

Governor John Kitzhaber and the presidents of OHSU, Portland State and Oregon State Universities broke ground October 13 on the OUS/OHSU Collaborative Life Sciences Building, an innovative project that will bring cutting-edge science education and research along with additional jobs to Portland's South Waterfront.

The \$295 million project is the first on this scale to combine the resources of multiple universities to offer the best possible educational opportunities to Oregon students. The building will expand much-needed life sciences, pharmacy, medical and dental education in Oregon with 500,000 square feet of instructional and research space for OHSU, PSU and OSU. The building will be the first development at the OHSU Schnitzer Campus, 20 acres of land on Portland's South Waterfront donated by the Schnitzer family in 2004 and the future home of OHSU's educational facilities.

"This construction project alone will create the equivalent of 250 full-time jobs", Governor Kitzhaber said. "This is just the beginning of the economic benefits – down the road we will realize the advantages of the highly educated workforce it will help us to produce and will firm up Oregon's place as a leader innovation, research and science."

The building will have an immediate positive impact on the Portland construction job market. About 2,500 people will work on the project site with as many as 500 on-site at one time.

When completed, the building will allow the University to increase OHSU's medical school class from 120 to 160 students, dental class from 75 to 90 students and physician assistant class sizes from 40 to 50 students.

It will allow the OSU and OHSU'S Pharmacy program to grow from 90 to 115 students and increase PSU's most popular undergraduate biology and physics lectures from 280 students each to as many as 500 students.

The Skourtes Tower, the School of Dentistry's new building ((a 70,000 square foot tower on the north side of the collaborative Life Sciences Building) a part of the project, will provide for the replacement of aging clinical and educational dental training facilities on Marquam Hill and relocation to the South Waterfront. (A special ground-breaking ceremony for the Skourtes Tower was held on October 19.) "Three significant gifts are making this new facility possible" School of Dentistry Dean **Jack Clinton, DMD**, said. "**Gene (DMD) and Bonnie Skourtes** have pledged \$10 million, **ODS Health** has committed \$5 million and **A-dec. Inc.** has pledged to provide state-of-the-art dental equipment valued at \$4.35 million."

When completed, the whole project will expand OHSU's simulation education for health professionals so that future doctors, nurses and providers are trained in medical teams and will have laboratory space for research, instruction, clinic simulations and shared instrumentation, lecture halls, classrooms, special research centers, School of Dentistry facilities, and offices for health professionals/faculty as well as retail space and a transit plaza for the new MAX line to Milwaukie.

The project is funded with state bonds through the Oregon University System (\$110 million), OHSU philanthropy (\$83 million), OHSU institutional funding (\$92 million) and TriMet funding (\$10 million). The building is expected to open in two phases in the fall of 2013 and winter 2014.

School of Nursing: Celebration of 100 Years of Education, Research and Practice

The School of Nursing, celebrating 100 years of nursing education, research and practice, invited alumni, faculty and friends of the School to two days, in April, of activities acknowledging a century of community impact. In mid-March, before the April centennial celebration, Donna Shalala, PhD, current president of the University of Miami and former U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services led a panel discussion at OHSU about the future of nursing focusing on the recent Institute of Medicine report, "The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health". She was joined on the panel by representatives from local health care providers, foundations, public health agencies, nursing programs, etc.

The April celebration featured a reception and concert by Barbara Smith Conrad, internationally known opera singer, at the Portland Art Museum and First Congregational Church. The next day, April 29, featured a full day of activities including campus tours, tram rides, reunions of alumni groups, a picnic, tours in the city, research poster presentations and student musical performances, concluding with the Dean's champagne reception.

The OHSU School of Nursing, in conjunction with its centennial, honored 10 individuals in April who helped establish Oregon as a national leader in nursing education. Those honored were **Thomas Aschenbrener**, advocate for and supporter of nursing education; **David Gilbert, PhD**, former president of Eastern Oregon University who championed the nursing PhD program; **John** and (the late) **Betty Gray**, who supported the construction of the School of Nursing building as well as professorships and scholarships; **Senator Mark Hatfield**, who led the advancement of health sciences in Oregon including roles for nurses and nursing; **Gretchen Kafoury**, political leader and advocate helped nursing by supporting advanced practice nursing and prescriptive authority for nurse practitioners; **Governor John Kitzhaber**, for helping to establish the roles and functions of nurses and promoting advanced practice nursing; **Senator Jeff Merkley**, for initiating in the U.S. Senate the nursing caucus, which promotes understanding and advocacy in all forms of health-related education; **George Passadore** for envisioning the construction of the SN building in Portland and soliciting support; **Susan Passarow**, a community activist and benefactor advancing scholarships in support of nursing education; **Donna Shalala, PhD** who contributed greatly to the future of nursing through her work on the Institute of Medicine report and to nursing leadership through the American Academy of Nursing.

Five OHSU faculty members were granted Emeritus status in 2011: They are **Janet N. Billups, JD**, General Legal Counsel Emerita and Assistant Professor Emerita, Psychiatry; **James Metcalfe, MD**, Professor Emeritus of Medicine; **Robb E. Moses, MD**, Professor Emeritus, Molecular & Medical Genetics and **Richard C. U'Ren, MD**, Professor Emeritus, Psychiatry in the School of Medicine; and **Sheila Kodadek, PhD, RN**, Professor Emerita, School of Nursing.

PARTNERSHIP WITH OMSI

OHSU joins with OMSI to present the "Body Worlds and the Brain" exhibit -- at OMSI for the next five months. It offers a new appreciation of anatomy and the work being done to understand and solve brain disorders. The OHSU Brain Institute is the presenting sponsor. Many of OHSU's leading neuroscientists will be giving tree talks every Saturday with post-doctoral students and neuroscience graduate students providing additional insight to audiences on Fridays. The exhibit is being made available to classroom teachers and students from rural and low-income communities who are often underrepresented in the medical and science professions.

FREE SCREENINGS, DIABETES, NOVEMBER 14

OHSU'S Harold Schnitzer Diabetes Health Center is sponsoring a free health fair to promote diabetes education and prevention at the Center for Health and Healing on November 14 (noon-4:30 p.m.). In addition, on November 19, the Center will be hosting the Pacific Northwest Diabetes Summit, where local and national experts will share the latest information on prevention and treat-

In June, OHSU unveiled a diversity commemorative wall in the Kohler Pavilion (9th floor). The wall chronicles significant events in OHSU's history that recognize diversity within the university's workforce and in Oregon.

Sources for the material in Emeritus Faculty News are many: including the news releases emanating from the institutional Strategic Communications office; the School of Medicine's Dean's newsletters and "Bridges"; the School of Dentistry's "Dental Bites" and "Caementum", and the School of Nursing's "Nursing Momentum" as well as reports in the local print media.

Foundation Contributions Up

In early August, OHSU President **Joe Robertson, MD, MBA**, wrote to the OHSU community, “Last year I reported that OHSU and its foundations were working together toward an ambitious goal – increasing annual private support for our institution to \$100 million a year by 2014. I was also pleased to report at that time we’d raised \$78 million, exceeding our goal. This year I have even better news. Even in an extremely challenging economic climate, we inspired \$100.5 million in philanthropic contributions in FY11, far surpassing our \$83 million goal. This gratifying vote of confidence comes from an entire community of OHSU believers – all told some 15,600 individuals, corporations and private grant-making foundations...I believe our fundraising success this year reflects the power of big ideas...some of the most sizeable contributions made to OHSU this year supported initiatives intended to literally transform what is possible: to change the paradigm for dental education, to make personalized cancer medicine a reality, to attract and support new kinds of medical students, to create and test novel therapies for eye disease, and to support the transformational work of faculty across the institution...

“Here are some giving highlights for FY11:

- We raised more than \$50 million in support of research, programs and patient care*
- We raised \$20.4 million in support of capital projects*
- We raised \$18.6 million in discretionary funds to provide support across our organization*
- We raised nearly \$7 million in support of students*
- The market value of our \$455 million endowment grew by nearly 20% this year in a challenging environment*
- 100% of our OHSU Foundation and Doernbecher Foundation Board members made gifts of support this year*
- Contributions from employees were up 65% over last year!*
- And more good news – we counted more than \$39 million toward our three-year Faculty Support Initiative (which includes gifts to support faculty related to endowed positions, research, equipment and other needs) and are on track to conclude this important effort in 2012. (After two years, total investment in the \$100 million FSI initiative stands at \$85 million).*

“This year and every year, thank you for all you do to inspire big ideas and to vigorously support vital development activities led by the OHSU Foundation and Doernbecher Foundation. And please join me in expressing particular thanks to the business and community leaders who serve on our foundation boards and who loyally advocate on behalf of OHSU in the community.”

APPOINTMENTS

The appointment of **Lawrence Furnstahl** as OHSU’s new chief financial officer was made in late December. Furnstahl came to OHSU (in late January) from a position as chief financial and strategy officer for the University of Chicago Medical Center and Biological Sciences Division. He was also vice president for financial planning for science for the University of Chicago.

After an extensive national search, **Jeanette Mladenovic, MD, MBA, MACP** was named Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs in June. She comes to OHSU from the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine where she served as senior associate dean. Dr. Mladenovic is a graduate of the University of Washington School of Medicine, completed training at Johns Hopkins and obtained her MBA from the University of Miami. In making the announcement, OHSU President **Joe Robertson, MD, MBA**, thanked **David Robinson, PhD**, for his outstanding work in serving the University as interim Provost.

Mark O’Hollaren, MD is OHSU’s new Vice President for Strategic Outreach. He will be charged with matching the full breadth of OHSU’s health care, education and research programs where the institution is uniquely able to impact the health and well being of Oregonians. Dr. O’Hollaren will report to **Joe Robertson MD, MBA**, OHSU President and to OHSU Healthcare Executive Director **Peter Rapp**.

Joe Gray, PhD, internationally known cancer and genomic researcher of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory joined OHSU’s Knight Cancer Institute and the School of Medicine in the spring. Dr. Gray will head the new Center for Spatial Systems Biomedicine and will chair the Department of Biomedical Engineering. A late-October announcement reports that Dr. Gray has been elected to the Institute of Medicine. He joins 14 other School of Medicine faculty who have been elected to the Institute of Medicine and School of Nursing’s **Michael Bleich, PhD, RN**, also a member. Coming to OHSU with Dr. Gray is **Paul Spellman, PhD** internationally regarded genome scientist of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, who is now Associate Professor of Molecular and Medical Genetics. In addition, **Marilyn Owens, PhD, MBA** has come to serve as chief operating officer of the Knight Diagnostic Laboratories.

Albert Starr, MD, best known for co-inventing and implanting the world’s first successful artificial heart valve is returning to OHSU in a new role as special adviser to

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OHSU President, Joe Robertson, MD, MBA and to **School of Medicine Dean, Mark Richardson, MD, MBA**. In this capacity, announced in July, Dr. Starr will serve as Distinguished Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine in the School of Medicine. Also, he will work with **Sanjiv Kaul, MD**, Distinguished Professor and Chief of the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine, to promote cardiovascular innovation and growth in Oregon.

Lisa Coussens, PhD, is the new chair of the Department of Cell and Development Biology in the School of Medicine, effective October 1. Also she will serve as the Director of Basic Research in the Knight Cancer Institute holding the Hildegard Lanfrom Chair in Basic Research. This chair was created as a result of a contribution from Gert Boyle and Tim and Mary Boyle to honor Gert Boyle's sister, a renowned researcher who furthered cancer research.

Susan Hayflick, MD, is now Chair of the Department of Molecular and Medical Genetics and Professor of Medical Genetics, Pediatrics and Neurology. She is also Director of the OHSU Human Genetics Initiative and Program Director for Human Genetics and Translational Technologies and Resources at the Oregon Clinical and Translational Research Institute.

Eli Schwarz, DDS, PhD, MPH is the School of Dentistry's new Chair of the Department of Community Dentistry. He came to OHSU in January after serving as Professor of Population Oral Health, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Sydney and Adjunct Professor in professional studies, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, School of Dental Medicine.

David Morton, PhD, Professor of Integrative Biosciences, is the School of Dentistry's new associate dean for research.

Steven Primack, MD, Professor and Vice Chair, Department of Diagnostic Radiology was named Interim Chair of the department, following the resignation from the position by **Frederick Keller, MD**.

Patrick Brunett, MD, FACEP, Associate Professor and Residency Director, Department of Emergency Medicine, is now Assistant Dean for Graduate Medical Education, School of Medicine. Dr. Brunett received the Council of Emergency Medicine Directors 2011 Impact Award, for outstanding contribution to the organization and advancement of the specialty.

Thomas Becker, MD, PhD, Professor and Chair, Department of Public Health, has been appointed first Charles R. and Velma E. Sharp Endowed Professor in the School of Medicine. At the family's request the first holder of this professorship will focus his efforts in an area of cancer research that includes prevention or outreach.

Leslie E. Kahl, MD, Professor, Department of Medicine, has been named Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives in the School of Medicine. Dr. Kahl joined OHSU in July from Washington University School of Medicine where she was on the faculty, serving as Associate Dean for Student Affairs, for the past 17 years.

Chip Taylor, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor, Department of Family Medicine, SM, has been appointed the new Medical Director of the Physician Assistant Program.

Mark Kemball, MA, MBA, is now OHSU's Director of Alumni Relations in the OHSU Foundation. Formerly, he was manager of communication and community relations for the School of Medicine.

Longtime Northwest communications executive **Bob Applegate** has been named Associate Director of Institutional Communications and Community Engagement at OHSU. His role is to strengthen the institution's participation and ties with civic organizations that have shared goals and its engagement with the Portland community and the state.

Juliana da Costa, DDS, Associate Professor in the School of Dentistry is the new director of the preclinical teaching program in restorative dentistry.

Leslie Garcia, MPA, has been appointed Assistant Chief Diversity Officer for the University. She is also Assistant provost for Diversity and Director of the OHSU Center for Diversity and Multicultural Affairs.

OHSU now has its own radio show, "The OHSU Effect: Inside Health & Science at OHSU" features clinicians, researchers, staff and partners talking about diseases, treatments and cures. The program airs on KXL 101.1 FM on Saturdays, 8 a.m.

MARQUAM HILL LECTURES

Thursday, November 17, 2011, “*New Windows to Your Heart: Breakthrough in Cardiovascular Imaging*” – **Jonathan Linder, MD**, Professor of Medicine and Biomedical Engineering

Thursday, February 16, 2012, “*What do Women (and Men) Want? Next-Generation Birth Control and Family Planning*” -- **Jeffrey Jensen, MD, MPH**, Director, Women’s Health Research Unit, SM

Thursday, April 19, 2012, “*Exercise and Nutrition: The Best Medicine*” -- **Kerry Kuehl, MD, DrPH**, Co-director, Human Performance Laboratory, SM.

Allison Fryer, PhD, Professor of Medicine, presented the opening lecture of the 2011-2012 series on October 17. Dr. Fryer’s topic was “*The Hunt for Biological Mechanisms in Asthma*”.

Marquam Hill Lectures are held in the OHSU Auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m. The talks are free but reservations are suggested, either online or by telephone, 503-494-0768.

ARCS Members Support Graduate Students

A small group of forward thinking Oregon women is quietly investing in academically outstanding young people working to complete doctoral degrees in science, engineering or medical research at OHSU and at Oregon State University. In just seven years, the group, ARCS Foundation of Portland, has provided financial support for 90 Oregon men and women in the amount of \$1.4 million. ARCS (Achievement Rewards for College Scientists) Foundation Portland is one of 17 ARCS Foundation Inc. chapters nationwide. Together, they have awarded more than \$79 million to 52 schools. The Portland Chapter was incorporated in 2004 and presented the first 11 scholar awards in 2006.

OHSU and OSU scholars receive \$18,000 over three years from ARCS Portland. Each chapter member contributes \$500 a year toward the scholar award fund, and additional funds are collected through donations from individuals, foundations and corporations. All money donated goes directly to the scholars. Only American universities whose departments are ranked in the top 100 nationwide are eligible to receive ARCS Foundation scholar awards.

GIFTS

A \$2 million gift from **Shirley and Herb Semler, MD’53, MS**, has established the Shirley and Herbert Semler Cardiovascular Institute for Education and Prevention to promote optimal cardiovascular health through education, prevention and cutting-edge research that will benefit Oregonians. The new institute will be led by **Sanjiv Kaul, MD**, Professor, Department of Medicine, and Head, Division of Cardiovascular Medicine. Dr. Semler serves an advisory capacity for the Institute.

In August, an anonymous donor committed an additional \$5 million to an original commitment of \$5 million to establish a School of Medicine scholarship fund for medical students with the potential to strengthen Oregon’s healthcare workforce.

OHSU’s drive to expand cancer research received a \$5 million boost this fall from well-known and generous Oregonian **John Gray**. His gift, dedicated to melanoma research, creates an endowed professor position and funds research and clinical care at the Knight Cancer Institute.

On September 15 OHSU announced the pledge from **Bob and Charlee Moore** of \$25 million to form a partnership with OHSU to confront one of the biggest contributors to the rise of chronic disease: poor nutrition. The gift will establish the Bob and Charlee Moore Institute for Nutrition and Wellness in the School of Medicine.

In January the School of Dentistry announced its largest gift – to that date – a \$5.1 million gift from emeritus professor **Wilbur Van Zile, DDS** for resident and student scholarships. *See also mention of School of Dentistry gifts on page 1.*

2011 Faculty Senate Awards

The 2011 Faculty Senate Awards were presented to the following OHSU Faculty members: Outstanding Leadership, **Denice Stewart, DDS, MHSA**, School of Dentistry; Outstanding Teaching, **Harleen Singh, PharmD**, College of Pharmacy; Outstanding Collaboration, **Lissi Hansen, PhD, RN, and Dena Hassouneh, PhD, ANP, PMHNP**, School of Nursing; Outstanding Research, **David Ellison, MD**, School of Medicine; and Outstanding Service, **Charles Allen, PhD**, Affiliated Units.

2011 Graduations: 979 Receive Diplomas, Certificates from OHSU

Nine hundred and seventy nine graduates from OHSU received their degrees in four separate graduation ceremonies in June. **The School of Dentistry** ceremony on June 17 recognized 73 students with Doctor of Dental Medicine degrees and 17 with Advanced Specialty degrees. **The School of Medicine** awarded 19 Associate degrees, 45 Bachelor's degrees; 75 Graduate certificates; 110 Master's degrees, 5 Combined (MD-PhD, MD-MPH) degrees; 99 Doctor of Medicine degrees and 48 PhD degrees on June 6. **The School of Nursing** commencement was also held on June 6 and 298 students were recognized with Bachelor's degrees, 97 received Master's degrees; 8 students received Doctor of Nursing Practice degrees and 1 PhD was awarded.

(Special note: The first-ever class of students from the OHSU School of Nursing's satellite campus in Monmouth graduated alongside nursing students from the Portland campus on June 6. In order to help fill Oregon's nursing workforce shortage, OHSU School of Nursing now has campuses in Ashland, Klamath Falls, LaGrande and Monmouth.)

Ninety three students in the **Oregon State University/OHSU College of Pharmacy** received their degrees on June 10 in Corvallis.

NEWSMAKERS

Frederick S. Keller, MD, Professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology, stepped down as Chair of the Department of Diagnostic Radiology, SM, January 1. Dr. Keller has been chair since 1992. He continues as Director of the Dotter Interventional Institute and to practice interventional radiology, teach and conduct research.

In November 2010, **Ritu Sahni, MD, MPH**, Associate Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine was elected president-elect of the National Association of EMS Physicians.

Charles Keller, MD, FAAP, is now the Sada and Rebecca Tarshis Professor in Pediatric Hematology Oncology. The appointment was made in December, 2010 by SM **Dean Mark Richardson, MD, MBA**. Dr. Keller joined the OHSU faculty in 2010 as Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics.

William Hersch, MD, Professor and Chair, Department of Medical Informatics and Clinical Epidemiology, was named one of the top 25 clinical informaticists of 2010 by *Modern Healthcare* Magazine. He was the only full-time educator among the 25 awardees.

Thomas Becker, MD, Professor and Chair, Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, is the first Oregonian to be elected as a fellow into the American College of Epidemiology. In 2007 Dr. Becker was recognized as the year's outstanding teacher of public health in the nation by the Association of Prevention Teaching and Research and won the Medical Research Foundation Mentor Award, also in 2007.

In late 2010 the Medical Research Foundation of Oregon announced the recipients of its 2010 awards for scientific leadership and innovation in Oregon. **Christine Tanner, PhD, RN, FAAN**, A.B. Youmans-Spaulling Distinguished Professor, School of Nursing, received a Mentor Award for her leadership in nursing education. **Richard Goodman, MD, PhD**, director and senior scientist, Voluum Institute, earned a Mentor Award for helping the Institute become one of the premier biomedical research institutes in the country through his support and mentorship of faculty. **Shoukhrat M. Mitalipov, PhD**, codirector of the Assisted Reproductive Technologies and Embryonic Stem Cell Core at the Primate Center, received the Discovery Award for his pioneering contribution to the field of gene therapy research. **Kevin Winthrop, MD, MPH**, assistant professor of infectious diseases, ophthalmology and public health and preventive medicine, was presented the Richard T. Jones Award for his nationally recognized research.

John A. Benson, Jr., MD, Professor and Dean Emeritus, School of Medicine, was recognized with the 2010 Abraham Flexner Award for Distinguished Service to Medical Education by the Association of American Medical Colleges. Dr. Benson, (who shared the award with Harry Kimball, MD, past president of the American Board of Internal Medicine), was president of the ABIM between 1975 and 1991 and was recognized for "extraordinary contributions to the board certification process, medical education and academic medicine."

Brian Druker, MD, Professor and Director of the Knight Cancer Institute received the Stanley J. Korsmeyer Award in April from the American Society for Clinical Investigation for his work to advance the study and treatment of cancer. Dr. Druker shares the award with Charles L. Sawyers, MD, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

Mark Richardson, MD, MBA, Dean, School of Medicine, was awarded the American Laryngological Association's Gabriel Tucker Award for 2011 in recognition for his significant contributions to the field of pediatric laryngology and to the Association.

John (Jay) Nutt, MD, Professor, Department of Neurology, received the American Academy of Neurology's Movement Disorders Research Award in April. Dr. Nutt is the Co-Founder and Director of the Parkinson Center of Oregon and Movement Disorders Program and Co-Director of the Portland VAMC Parkinson's Disease Research, Education and Clinical Center and received the award for his innovative research in movement disorders.

The University of Chicago honored **Alfred Lewy, MD, PhD**, Phillips Professor of Psychiatry, with its Professional Achievement Award in recognition of his lifelong behavioral and pharmacological research. The award was announced in April.

Jim Calvert, MD, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, founding residency director of the Cascades East Family Medicine Residency Program was named Oregon Family Doctor of the Year for 2011 in April.

In March the International Epidemiological Association announced that **David Barker, MD, PhD**, Professor of Medicine and Senior Scientist, Heart Research Center, had been selected to receive the 2011 Richard Doll Prize in Epidemiology in recognition of his powerful epidemiological studies showing how common degrees of maternal nutrition change the course of human development.

Five School of Medicine faculty members were honored in May, with presentations of recent research results at National Veterans Affairs Research Week, Portland. Presentations were given by **James Henry, PhD**, Research Career Scientist at the VAMC and Research Professor in the Department of Otolaryngology/Head & Neck Surgery; **Suzanne Watnick, MD**, VAMC Staff Physician and Associate Professor, Department of Medicine; **Joseph Quinn, MD**, Staff Neurologist, VAMC, and Associate Professor, Department of Neurology; **Michael Riscoe, PhD**, Research Chemist, VAMC, and Professor of Molecular Microbiology & Immunology; and **Kristine Wiren, PhD**, Research Career Scientist, Professor of Behavioral Neuroscience, Medicine and Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine.

Paul Leung, MD, Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, and **R. Dale Walker, MD**, Professor of Psychiatry, were honored at the May American Psychiatric Association

meeting. Dr. Leung received the Ku-Po Soo award recognizing significant contributions toward understanding the impact and import of Asian cultural heritage and **Dr. Walker's** Special Presidential Commendation was for his lifelong role as an advocate for the mental health needs of the American Indian community. In addition, the late **Tana Grady-Weliky, MD**, was recognized with a posthumous Special Presidential Commendation in recognition of her outstanding contributions to American psychiatry.

The Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology honored **James T. Rosenbaum, MD**, Professor, Department of Ophthalmology, with the Friedenwald Award in May for his exceptional scientific research as applied to ophthalmology.

Charles Hoffman, MD, Affiliate Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, was named the Oregon Medical Association's 2011 Doctor Citizen of the Year in May.

Charles Thomas, MD, Professor and Chair, Department of Radiation Medicine, received the 2011 School of Medicine Dean's Award in April. **Dean Mark Richardson, MD, MBA**, said in making the presentation that Dr. Thomas "not only is an excellent physician, but he demonstrates a strong commitment to education and research, faculty advancement, outreach and support for diversity initiatives."

The Society of Interventional Radiology Foundation established the Frederick S. Keller, MD Philanthropist of the Year Award at its annual meeting in Chicago in March. This honor was awarded **Frederick Keller, MD**, Director of the Dotter Interventional Institute and Professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology, in appreciation for his visionary guidance and unwavering leadership of the Society's development efforts.

Nicole Deiorio, MD, Associate Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, was named one of the 2011 American College of Emergency Physicians National Faculty Teaching Award recipients.

Donald E. Girard, MD, Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education and Continuing Medical Education, School of Medicine, has been invited to serve as an expert advisor to the Bipartisan Policy Center, a prominent Washington, DC think tank. He will lend his expertise to the BPC's Health Professional Workforce Initiative Expert Advisory Panel.

R. Dale Walker, MD, Professor, Department of Psychia-

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try, was presented with a White Buffalo Blanket at the American Indian Physicians meeting. The ceremony is an acknowledgement of his tireless efforts at helping Native Communities, mentoring new Native American Physicians and his work with the One Sky Center. Dr. Walker has been named Native American Physician of the year three times.

Brian Druker, MD, Professor and Director, Knight Cancer Institute, and Janet Rowley, MD, of the University of Chicago Medical Center shared the Ernest Beutler Lecture and Prize given by the American Society of Hematology. The two-part award recognizes major translational advances related to a single topic – one who has enabled advances in basic science and the other for achievements in clinical science or translational research.

The Society for Vascular Surgery has elected **Gregory Landry, MD**, Associate Professor, Department of Surgery, SM, as a Distinguished Fellow in June.

John C. Moorhead, MD, Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, SM, has been elected as President-Elect of the American Board of Emergency Medicine.

School of Medicine Dean **Mark Richardson, MD, MBA** has accepted membership in the Blue Ridge Academic Health Group – an organization that takes a societal view of health and health care needs to identify recommendations for academic health centers to help create greater value for society.

Robert Steiner, MD, Professor, Department of Pediatrics and Molecular and Medical Genetics, has been named Deputy Editor for the *Journal Genetics in Medicine* beginning in January 2012.

Julie Ann Smith, DDS, MD, assistant professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery, SD, received a Faculty Educator Development Award from the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons on September 15. Dr. Smith was one of four nationally to receive the award and the only faculty recipient from the Pacific Northwest.

Larry Sherman, PhD., Senior Scientist in the Division of Neuroscience and Professor, Department of Cellular and Development Biology, was named as one of 12 Oregonians “changing the world” by *Portland Monthly* magazine in October.

On January 1, Dental School Dean **Jack Clinton, DMD** became president of the USA Section of the International College of Dentists for 2011.

John Mitchell, PhD, Associate Professor of Biomaterials and Biosciences, SD, has been awarded the Burton C. Borgelt/SCADA Faculty Advisor Award from the International Association of student Clinicians-American Dental Association. One award is presented annually by the SCADA Board of Governors to the faculty advisor who has “distinguished himself in service to his school.”

David Dilts, PhD, MBA, Professor, Division of Management and Director of Clinical Research for the Knight Cancer Institute, received a 2011 NIH Merit Award November 3 for achievements warranting special recognition.

Patty Carney, PhD, MSN, Professor, Department of Family Medicine, has received one of four Bishop Fellowship Awards for 2011-2012. The fellowship was inaugurated in 2000 to prepare senior family medicine faculty to assume positions of greater responsibility in academic medicine and health care leadership.

Jim Anderson, MD, Associate Professor, Diagnostic Radiology, has been appointed to a six-year term on the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medicine’s Residency Review Committee for Diagnostic Radiology.

THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE’S CONTINUING Medical Education program has received a 6-year accreditation (to 2017) with commendation from the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education. “Key indicators of a program’s performance are how it improves patient outcomes, as well as how it changes a physician’s behavior”, **Donald Girard, MD**, Associate Dean of Graduate Medical Education and Continuing Medical Education said. On the coattails of this achievement, OHSU’s CME has been selected (as one of 12) to participate in a national program called Aligning Education for Quality. Led by the Association of American Medical Colleges the objective is to work with innovative CME institutions to develop and evaluate methods for enhancing the effectiveness of physician education by incorporating advanced techniques for teaching and quality improvement content into their programs.

The League of American Bicyclists has named OHSU a Gold Level Bike-Friendly Business. OHSU is the largest organization to have ever won a gold or higher designation and is the only university in Oregon to achieve a gold ranking.

OHSU Employees Respond to Need

OHSU employees were highly commended by institutional officials for their extraordinary cooperation when Sam Jackson Park Road was closed for construction for eight weeks beginning in July. The goal to preserve patient access by reducing the volume of traffic to Marquam Hill by 6,000 trips a day was achieved with employees telecommuting, working from offices at OHSU Foundation or other locations, scheduling meetings in the community, car-pooling, riding bikes, walking, taking public transportation, etc.

In his August 2 “Directline”, OHSU President Joe Robertson, MD, MBA, wrote “Sam Jackson Park Road re-opened after eight weeks of construction to ensure that OHSU’s primary access route will be safe and reliable for years to come. The real story isn’t about the road opening, however. It’s about how an entire community of people, nearly 14,000 strong, pulled together to make sure our patients would continue to have easy access to the care they can get only at OHSU... Thank you, OHSU, for managing this summer’s changes with grace and good humor—and for discovering even small opportunities in the midst of the challenges we faced together.”

Obituaries

Marsha Heims, RN, EdD, June 6, 2010
 Laurel G. Case, MD, October 25, 2010
 James L. Mack, MD, October 30, 2010
 Jack Vernon, PhD, November 11, 2010
 Thomas V. Foster Jr., MD, November 24, 2010
 Robert C. Kimbrough, III, MD, November 24, 2010
 Jeffrey Glenn Miller, MD, December 5, 2010
 Guy W. Gorrell, MD, December 13, 2010
 Robert W. Blakeley, PhD, December 14, 2010
 Linda K. Birenbaum, RN, PhD, December 16, 2010
 George A. Porter, MD, February 2, 2011
 Mary B. Meikle, PhD, February 5, 2011
 Mary M. Kennedy, Fac. & Real Estate, March 4, 2011
 Richard H. Olmscheid, MD, March 31, 2011
 Gamil N. Takla, MD, April 25, 2011
 John E. Tuhy, MD, May 1, 2011
 L. Eric Liberman, MD, May 1, 2011
 Emmett B. Keeffe, MD, August 8, 2011
 Douglas L. Buck, DDS, August 25, 2011
 Franklin D.R. Piacentini, DMD, August 16, 2011
 Robert W. Loehning, MD, PhD, September 25, 2011

U.S. News Ranks OHSU Programs

In March *U.S. News and World Report* released its annual survey of “America’s Best Graduate Schools 2012 Edition”. The OHSU Family Medicine program was ranked second in the nation, 3rd in primary care training, 5th in rural medicine training and 6th in physician assistant training. The School of Nursing ranked 1st in nursing midwifery, 4th in geriatric nurse practitioner; 6th in family nurse practitioner and 7th in master’s in nursing. Also in March, *U.S. News* ranked OHSU Hospital No. 1 among Portland Metro-area hospitals in its first-ever Best Hospitals metro area rankings. The new metro-area rankings recognize 622 hospitals in or near major cities with a record of high performance in key medical specialties. OHSU Hospital is the only hospital in Oregon to be nationally ranked in *U.S. News* Best Hospitals and is recognized as “high performing” in the following medical specialties: cancer, diabetes and endocrinology, ear, nose and throat, gastroenterology, geriatrics, gynecology, heart and heart surgery, kidney disorders, ophthalmology, orthopaedics, pulmonary, and urology. In a survey released in May, Doernbecher Hospital was listed as “one of the best children’s hospitals in the country” by *U.S. News and World Report* in areas of cancer, cardiology and heart surgery, diabetes and endocrinology, neonatology, nephrology, neurology and neurosurgery, pulmonology and urology.

BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AGREEMENTS UP

OHSU’s Technology Transfer and Business Development team completed a record number of industry-sponsored research agreements -- 118 -- during fiscal 2011. These agreements provided more than \$12 million in awards for scientists, the highest amount recorded by the university’s research community. In the past five years, industry-sponsored research has resulted in more than \$44 million in awards from more than 475 completed agreements. “The increase in industry collaborations paralleled the expansion of our business development efforts,” **Tim Stout, MD, PhD, MBA**, OHSU Vice President for Technology Transfer and Business Development, said. “These efforts, led by **Abhijit Banerjee, PhD, MBA**, have engaged our research community in active partnerships with industry and, through the research consortium program, our business development team has indentified and matched internal expertise, optimizing cooperative researches for potential business partners.”

Book on OHSU Art Collection Published

The Marquam Hill Art Committee, a subcommittee of the Marquam Hill Steering Committee, a volunteer group with a goal enhancing communication between OHSU and the greater community since 1985, has published a four-color book, "Art on the Hill" highlighting OHSU's stellar art collection. The book includes plates of 116 pieces from the nearly 900 art works in the OHSU collection. "At Oregon Health & Science University we recognize the importance of art to the process of healing. Our remarkable collection, assembled by the volunteer Marquam Hill Art Committee over the last quarter of a century, evokes the extraordinary spirit at work here," **Joe Robertson, MD, MBA**, OHSU President, said about the book. For purchase information, [OHSU Foundation: Art on the Hill](#).

UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP ANNOUNCED

In October, OHSU and FEI Co. announced a unique partnership to create the OHSU/FEI Living Laboratory for Cell Biology that will provide researchers with several state-of-the-art electron microscopes to advance the understanding and treatment of complex diseases such as cancer and AIDS. The new laboratory will be equipped with a variety of high-performance equipment from FEI and with these instruments from FEI, the Living Lab will have some of the most powerful imaging equipment available in any life sciences research in the Northwest. The lab will be run by **Joe Gray, PhD**, new faculty member (see also Appointments).

A report in July in *The Oregonian* described how OHSU Hospital strives for nonsurgical births even for some breech situations and for women who have had cesareans. The hospital began the practice "eight months ago," the article said, "becoming one of a handful nationwide to allow such deliveries. With roughly one in three births at OHSU ending with a cesarean, the hospital's obstetricians and midwives have implemented a handful of practices they hope lead to fewer surgical births. Nationally, more women than ever are headed into the operating room for delivery. The most effective way to lower the overall cesarean section rate is tacking the reasons women get them and encouraging a robust program of Vaginal Birth After Cesarean (VBAC)," **Leonardo Pereira, MD, MCR**, OHSU's Chief of Maternal-Fetal Health said.

Healthy Aging Alliance Formed

On October 27, OHSU hosted a Healthy Aging Conference, kicking off an increased focus on healthy aging. Thanks to new therapies and disease prevention measures, Americans are living longer than ever and the population is rapidly aging. OHSU physicians and researchers are joining forces to prepare for this aging population "bubble." They are forming the OHSU Health Aging Alliance to help ensure that the aging population receives the best care possible. \

The alliance is being formed to prevent and deal with common health issues that will plague seniors in coming years. "OHSU is highly regarded for its expertise in aging," **Elizabeth Eckstrom, MD, MPH**, Associate Professor of Medicine, said. "We must now align these strengths to plan for the future increasing in aging patients and the jump in diseases related to aging."

OHSU's current research and clinical efforts to assist those with aging related diseases include: The Layton Aging & Alzheimer's Disease Center; The Oregon Center for Aging and Technology; The Oregon Stroke Center; the Parkinson's Center of Oregon and the Multiple Sclerosis Center. Research at the Primate Center focuses on development of therapies for age-associative cognitive decline, impaired immunity and other disorders of the elderly. The Vollum Institute generates new knowledge about the workings of the brain on a cellular level and how those functions change over time. The Oregon Geriatric Education Center offers evidence-based prevention strategies to health care workers throughout the state.

"In the current age of health care reform, we must make changes to the delivery system," OHSU's chief medical officer, **Charles Kilo, MD, MPH**, said. "However, we must also make sure that our services and research are aligned to impact the needs of our patients in the future. These efforts will do just that.

The School of Dentistry Research Day in April featured the work of 40 students who had posters on display and included 13 projects presented during the Table Clinic at the Oregon Dental Conference. "All of what we are seeing has been accomplished because students sought the opportunity to become engaged in research...I'm convinced that the way we are going about student research - doing it because we want to do it not because we have to is what making it successful," **Dean Jack Clinton, DMD**, said.

Behavioral Neuroscience Celebrates 50 Years

The Department of Behavioral Neuroscience, SM, celebrated its 50th anniversary in May. OHSU **President Joe Robertson, MD, MBA** commented on the camaraderie within the group, in part due to the leadership of Department founder **Joe Matarazzo, PhD**. Dr. Matarazzo spoke about the founding of the department in 1961, at first a free standing division within the Department of Psychiatry, which later became the Department of Medical Psychology, the first in a medical school in the country. **Dan Dorsa, PhD**, Vice President for Research and Senior Associate Dean for Research, SM, commended the department for its impact on the research portfolio at OHSU, which approximated \$14 million in 2010 funding.

New Health Systems Research Center

A new health systems research center has been established in the School of Medicine. The Center for Health Systems Effectiveness (CHSE) will be led by **John McConnell, PhD**, Associate Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine. Over 60 OHSU researchers helped refine the vision of **Eric Orwoll, MD**, Professor, Department of Medicine, for a health systems research center. “OHSU is rich in health services researchers who are dispersed across various departments and schools,” Dr. Orwoll, Director, Oregon Clinical & Translational Research Institute and Associate Dean for Clinical Science, said. “If we leverage those strengths and bring together researchers not only at OHSU, but those working at other Oregon universities and research entities, we can bring tremendous benefit to Oregon’s health systems challenges.”

Research at CHSE is driven by a systems perspective, which recognizes that focal changes in clinical practice, care delivery and funding reverberate across the health system. CHSE undertakes research to achieve the triple aim of improving population health, improving patient experience and reducing per capita costs of care. For OHSU clinicians and researchers, this represents collaboration, inter-professional practice and the pursuit of innovative models of research, evaluation, implementation and organizational change. A commitment to the objective evaluation of health system transformation efforts – often exemplified in data-driven analysis – is central to CHSE’s mission.

Telemedicine Offers Array of Support

OHSU Telemedicine, introduced in 2005, is the oldest and most comprehensive telehealth program in the region. It offers an array of specialty and subspecialty services, from tele-psychiatry to the state’s first neonatal telemedicine consultations as well as comprehensive telestroke and neurosurgery services.

Each hospital in OHSU’s Telemedicine Network is equipped with a mobile videoconferencing unit that is moved to the patient’s bedside when the doctor at the local hospital decides a consultation is needed. An OHSU physician connects to the mobile unit with a special laptop computer or one of the OHSU telemedicine workstations. The doctor in Portland can then examine the patient, monitor vital signs, read X-rays or CT scans, consult with the local physician and answer a family’s questions with the secure two-way audio/video connection. “A lot of these patients can be cared for safely in their community, **Miles Ellenby, MD**, Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, a pediatric intensivist and medical director of the OHSU Telemedicine Network. “It’s just a matter of improving the comfort level on both ends of the call.”

On October 24 a group of senior faculty research leaders gathered to discuss the Research Roadmap. The Collaborative Research Leadership Group – about 50 research leaders from across OHSU and representing all School of Medicine departments, centers, institutes and other units—gathered to celebrate and discuss a five-year strategic plan for the School of Medicine research mission. This is the result of a year of planning and reflects the insights, knowledge and innovation of the SM faculty. It is a balanced and long-term framework designed to facilitate the organization and administration of research, and to help guide resource allocation, according to SM Dean **Mark Richardson, MD, MBA**.

PRESCRIPTION MEDS DROP-OFF

The Oregon Poison Center at OHSU offered a free prescription drop-off on October 29 for Northwest residents to discard unwanted medications. The Poison Center’s concern is that unwanted or expired medications in the home can result in disaster from accidental ingestions to addictions. Co-sponsoring this event were the OHSU Public Safety unit, OHSU Pharmacy and the Poison Center. All collected prescription drugs were safely disposed of by the federal Drug Enforcement Agency.

Incoming SM Student Applicant Interviews Revised

Exceptional academic ability will always be essential for physicians who must be skilled at processing and integrating large amounts of information. These academic skills tend to correlate well with grades and test scores. But faced with two applicants who are both exceptional academically, how does a medical school determine which one to accept? For decades the OHSU School of Medicine (and most medical schools) has relied, in large part, on two interviews, information, references, essays and descriptions of life experience. Improving this process is at the heart of the groundbreaking new “multiple mini interview” model that the School of Medicine has introduced.

MMI testing works by placing applicants in seven to nine stations. At each station, an applicant may be presented with a standardized scenario or questions that require the applicant to discuss a health related issue with an interviewer or rater; interact with a standardized confederate in a scenario while a rater observes; interact with another applicant to complete a structured task; or answer a traditional interview question. Each station measures different attributes, such as responsibility, ethical and moral judgment, communication skills, management skills, problem solving, self awareness, teamwork and conflict resolution. At each station, a rater observes the response and completes a formatted scorecard for each applicant. These are then tallied over all the stations. The interview day also includes a traditional one-on-one interview in a

A May article in *The Oregonian* focused on the role of nurse practitioners in the health care delivery system. Diane Solomon, a graduate of OHSU’s psychiatric nurse practitioner program and a future doctoral degree candidate in the School of Nursing, described the role of “advanced practice” nurses who are likely to be key in areas of medicine with too few doctors. “Nursing is absolutely critical to help fill the void,” **Michael Bleich, PhD, RN, FAAN**, School of Nursing, said.

The Oregon National Primate Research Center, OHSU, has received another clean bill of health from the US Department of Agriculture. Approximately twice a year, a USDA animal care expert conducts an unannounced, thorough inspection of the Primate Center to ensure the facility is in compliance with the Animal Welfare Act. The latest report, received in August, indicated “no non-compliant items identified”.

NEWS NOTES

One hundred and three OHSU physicians were featured in the “Top Doctors 2011” *Portland Monthly* guide. OHSU physicians appear in all but 10 of the 59 specialties and eight specialties list only OHSU physicians. Counting the physicians who are alumni, 53 percent of the 292 physicians listed have some affiliation with OHSU.

Doernbecher Children’s Hospital has been named a Batten Disease Center of Excellence by North America’s largest support and research organization for children diagnosed with the rare neurological disorder, neuronal ceroid lipofuscinosis. Doernbecher is now one of four centers nationwide recognized by the Batten Disease Support and Research Association.

In mid-October over 100 OHSU researchers were recognized and celebrated the 2011 Technology Innovation Awards. This year the group celebrated a record of 118 industry-sponsored research agreements worth \$12 million. The purpose of this annual ceremony is to recognize the value of commercialization with the ultimate goal of bridging the gap between promising research and public benefit.

In February, medical, dental, nursing, pharmacy and physician assistant students provided free health screenings to the uninsured under the guidance of OHSU faculty, during the annual Health Screen Square at O’Bryant Square. Portland State pre-health students and representatives from a number of community clinics and professional organizations were on hand to schedule follow-up appointments and referrals to addiction, mental health and domestic violence services and resources for homeless youth were available.

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