

Emeritus

Newsletter for OHSU Emeritus Faculty

Fall 2014

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Emeritus Faculty News (10/14) is published intermittently. This issue covers the period of July thru October 2014. Its purpose is to keep emeritus faculty informed about changes at OHSU. Items of interest should be sent to Mary Ann Lockwood by e-mail (lockwood@ohsu.edu)

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Sources for the material in **Emeritus** are many: including 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.

Welcome New Emeritus Faculty

Nancy A. Press, Ph.D.

Professor Emerita
School of Nursing

Donald D. Sauser, M.D.

Professor Emeritus
Diagnostic Radiology

Muriel P. Shaul, Ph.D., R.N.

Associate Professor Emerita
School of Nursing

Mark L. Silen, M.D.

Professor Emeritus
Surgery

M. Susan Smith, Ph.D.

Professor Emerita

ONPRC and Physiology &
Pharmacology

**Christine A. Tanner, Ph.D., R.N.,
F.A.A.N.**

Professor Emerita
School of Nursing

Grover C. Bagby, Jr., M.D.

Professor Emeritus
Medicine

Emil J. Bardana, Jr., M.D.

Professor Emeritus
Medicine

David C. Dawson, M.D.

Professor Emeritus

Physiology and Pharmacology

Patricia L. Kramer, Ph.D.

Professor Emeritus
Neurology

Alvin R. Solomon, M.D.

Professor Emeritus
Dermatology

Michael A. Wall, M.D.

Professor Emeritus
Pediatrics

Clifton R. White, Jr., M.D.

Professor Emeritus
Dermatology

Marquam Hill Lectures

October 16 – Bonnie Nagel, Ph.D., "The Adolescent Brain"

November 20 – Keri Winters-Stone, Ph.D., "Exercise to Prevent and Manage Chronic Disease and Its Effects on Cancer Survivors"

February 19 – Louis Picker, M.D., "The Search for an HIV/AIDS Vaccine"

April 16 – Sanjiv Kaul, M.D., "The Magic of Microbubbles"

May 21 – Sancy Leachman, M.D., Ph.D., "Declaring War on Melanoma"

All lectures (with the exception of February) will be held 7-8 p.m. in the OHSU Auditorium with complimentary parking in the Auditorium lot. Dr. Picker's lecture will be at 7 p.m. at the CLSB, 2730 Moody Avenue, School of Dentistry auditorium with complimentary parking in the Schnitzer lot, 2650 S.W. Moody Avenue.

Upcoming Events

Sun, Oct 19, 2014 - Harvest Hustle 5K/1K

7:30am – 12pm

Location: SW Naito Parkway, World Trade Center Outdoor Plaza, 121 SW Salmon St, Portland, OR 97204

Wed, Oct 22, 2014 - Night for Networking

6 – 9pm

Location: Oregon Health & Science University, Collaborative Life Sciences Building, Ross Island Bridge, Portland, OR 97239

Sat, Oct 25, 2014 - Light the Night Walk

5 – 8pm

Location: Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd. Portland, OR 97232

Sat, Nov 1, 2014 - PurpleStride Portland 2014

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7:30 – 10:30am

Location: World Trade Center, 121 SW Salmon St,
Portland, OR 97204

**Fri, Nov 14, 2014 - 7th Annual HHH Foundation
Notes of Hope Concert**

8 – 10pm

Location: Alberta Rose Theatre, 3000 NE Alberta St,
Portland, OR 97211

Mon, May 4, 2015 - OHSU Research Week 2015

Monday, May 4 – Friday, May 8

Location: Old Library, 3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Rd,
Portland, OR 97239

Fri, Jun 5, 2015 - Convocation/Hooding Ceremonies

9am – 5pm

Location: Oregon Convention Center

Emeritus Today!

Sixty years ago (1954) when this institution was named University of Oregon Medical School, the editor of the monthly publication for staff and students, "What's Going On?" added a column to each issue, "Our Peripatetic Faculty" listing members' trips to conferences, meetings, speaking engagements, etc. Though it would be almost impossible to keep up with faculty travels/activities now, it is possible to keep up with the activities of Emeritus Faculty who are "retired".

As a result of a request from an Emeritus Faculty member, it has been decided to add a column to **EMERITUS** publication that will include notes about what you are doing.

Philip Parsley, MD. - "We, my wife and I, are living now at Terwilliger Plaza right below OHSU...in walking distane or an easy drive."

Dr. Shirley Hanson - Retired as professor emerita from the School of Nursing in 2003. She continued a private pralice as a nurse practitioner in psychiatric mental nursing and as a therapist in marriage and family therapy. She moved to Spokane in 2007 where she keeps busy still practicing, teaching and writing textbooks.

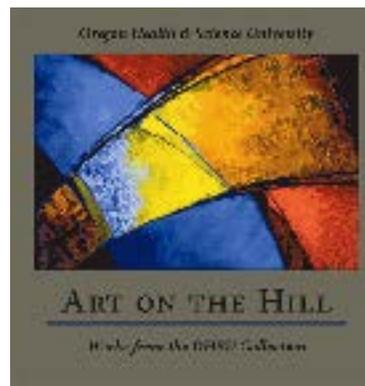
We want to hear from you! Please email **Mary Ann Lockwood** at lockwood@ohsu.edu. Your updates will be published in the upcoming Emertius Newsletter .

Art on the Hill

A brand new website was established in September for those interested in the remarkable OHSU art collection.

To view a sampling from the collection of about 900 pieces of original art go to www.ohsu.edu/art

Should you wish to purchase a copy of the book, Art On the Hill, there is a link on the first page of the piece, or you can contact the OHSU Foundation, 503-228-1730.



ARCS



About 11 years ago six Portland women, led by **Susan Swindells**, approached OHSU President **Peter Kohler, M.D.**

and Provost **Lesley Hallick, Ph.D.**, about the establishment of a Portland Chapter of Achievement Rewards for College Scientists (ARCS) – a national organization of women who support outstanding students in U.S. universities whose departments are ranked in the top 100 in the U.S.

Dr. Kohler and Dr. Hallick enthusiastically endorsed the proposal and engaged the encouragement and help from faculty members **Dan Dorsa, Ph.D.**, Chris Cunningham, Ph.D. and others. From the starting six, membership in the Portland ARCS chapter has grown to 102 members and 28 associate members. In the past 10 years, the Portland ARCS chapter has funded 98 OHSU graduate students for a total of \$1,577,250. A faculty group selects OHSU ARCS scholars each year. The Portland Chapter also supports students at Oregon State University.

CLSB Grand Opening

The opening of the Collaborative Life Sciences Building on June 26 drew a large group of faculty, staff, donors and friends of OHSU, Portland State University, and Oregon State University. Speakers included OHSU President, **Joe Robertson, M.D., M.B.A.**, as well as President **Wim Wiewel**, President of Portland State University, **Ed Ray**, President of Oregon State and donors and students.

Dr. Robertson said *"The CLSB looks and feels futuristic as much as for the forward-thinking functionality as for the space-age design. It will bring together, under one roof programs from OHSU and our partnersand will serve as a platform for inter-professional education and cutting-edge research and research collaborations.... It is likewise a collaboration with government: with the state legislature, which provided funding; with TriMet, which is building a light rail stop at the CLSB; and with the City, which through the Marquam Hill Plan in 2002 made possible our development at the South*



Waterfront, including the Center for Health and Healing, the Tram, the CLSB, and future growth related to the Knight Challenge".

Salem Health Affiliation

In July, a message from **Jeanette Mladenovic, M.D., M.B.A., M.A.C.P.**, OHSU Provost; Dean of the School of Medicine **Mark Richardson, M.D.**; and **Peter Rapp, M.H.A.**, Executive Vice President and Executive Director, OHSU Healthcare, sent a message to the campus community...*"As you may know, OHSU is exploring a potential affiliation with Salem Health.*

Earlier this year Salem Health conducted a RFP process and selected OHSU for discussions of a possible affiliation....As President Robertson recently outlined in his (July 29) Directline, one of OHSU's priorities is exploring how we can collaborate with other health organizations to continue to thrive in a changing health care landscape. OHSU's approach is to create value in communities through collaboration, not control. In this way, we create strength across Oregon. We feel this strategy is good for patients and good for the future of OHSU."

Science & Research News

Leaders from OHSU and Intel spoke at the ribbon cutting ceremony for OHSU's new Data Center West, in September, which started operating on OHSU's West Campus. Data Center West (affectionately called Data Dome, (because of the facility's design) boosts the cutting edge technology and huge computing power needed for OHSU researchers and scientists to gather and analyze enormous amounts of biomedical data to help them better understand and cure disease. Intel and OHSU have a multi-year research and engineering collaboration that includes technology at Data Center West.

Louis Picker, M.D., Professor of Pathology and Molecular Microbiology and Immunology and Head, Division of Pathology and Immunology, and colleagues at OHSU's Vaccine and Gene Therapy Institute, have received a \$25 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to advance work on a vaccine candidate that may someday prevent or cure HIV infection. Dr. Picker's work focuses on a possible vaccine that shows promise not only in preventing HIV from establishing infection in exposed, uninfected individuals, but also holds the hope of eliminating the virus from people who are already infected.

A team led by an OHSU researcher, **Lucia Carbone, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Behavioral Neuroscience and Assistant Scientist, Neuroscience, Primate Center, has sequenced and annotated the genome of the only ape whose DNA has yet to be sequenced – the gibbon, an endangered small ape that inhabits the tropical forest of Southeast Asia. The team's

work was published in the September 11 issue of Nature.

The international Cochrane Collaboration -- the world's leading organization for conducting systematic reviews on what works in health care -- announced in August that its new West Coast Branch of the U.S. Cochrane Center will be at OHSU. The branch will work in concert with the Cochrane Collaboration's primary U.S. center at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. The branch will be led by **Mark Helfand, M.D., M.S., M.P.H.**, Professor of Medicine and Medical Informatics and Clinical Epidemiology and a staff physician at the Portland VA Medical Center. The Cochrane has 14 centers and 22 branches throughout the world including Johns Hopkins, and now OHSU. All follow the mission of The Cochrane: to improve health care by promoting evidence-based decision-making and by producing accurate and up-to-date reviews of medical evidence.

Researchers from the Vollum Institute have given science a new and unprecedented 3-D view of one of the most important receptors in the brain. Researchers in the laboratory of **Eric Gouaux, Ph.D.**, Senior Scientist at the Vollum Institute and a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator, reported their work in the June 22 online issue of Nature. The unprecedented view gives scientists new insight into how the receptor -- called the NMDA receptor -- is structured. Importantly, the new detailed view gives vital clues to developing drugs to combat neurological diseases and conditions. Using X-ray crystallography, Dr. Gouaux and his team created a 3-D model of the NMDA receptor.

OHSU is one of 10 trauma centers in North America to study whether people who sustain a traumatic brain injury have better outcomes when given an FDA-approved drug called Tranexamic Acid before they reach the hospital. Principal investigator, for the study is **Susan Rowell, M.D., M.C.R.**, Assistant Professor of Surgery.

Susan Rowell, MD.MCR., Associate Professor of Surgery, School of Medicine and her team are part of an NIH-funded traumatic brain injury study.

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Health Care Reform

Since the passage four years ago of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the U.S. health care system continues to undergo significant change.

Oregon is largely seen as a trailblazing state in implementing health care reform. Oregon's model for Medicaid transformation -- administered by the Oregon Health Authority and organized around Coordinated Care Organizations, is underway and if successful, could inform the transformation in other states.

OHSU is the nexus for analyzing the unprecedented changes taking place in Oregon in the Center for Health Systems Effectiveness. The Center is taking the lead on evaluating Oregon's CCOs as well as aspects of the Affordable Care Act. This type of analysis is essential to ensuring that health care reform lives up to its promise.

By 2021 U.S. health spending is expected to be nearly 20 per cent of the gross domestic product, making solutions to "bend the cost curve" a concern for public and private entities. In 2012, **John McConnell, Ph.D.**, director of the OHSU Center and Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, received a \$2.26 million grant from the HIB and \$2.26 million gift from Phil and Barbara Silver to help support OHSU's long-term capacity to analyze health reform efforts.

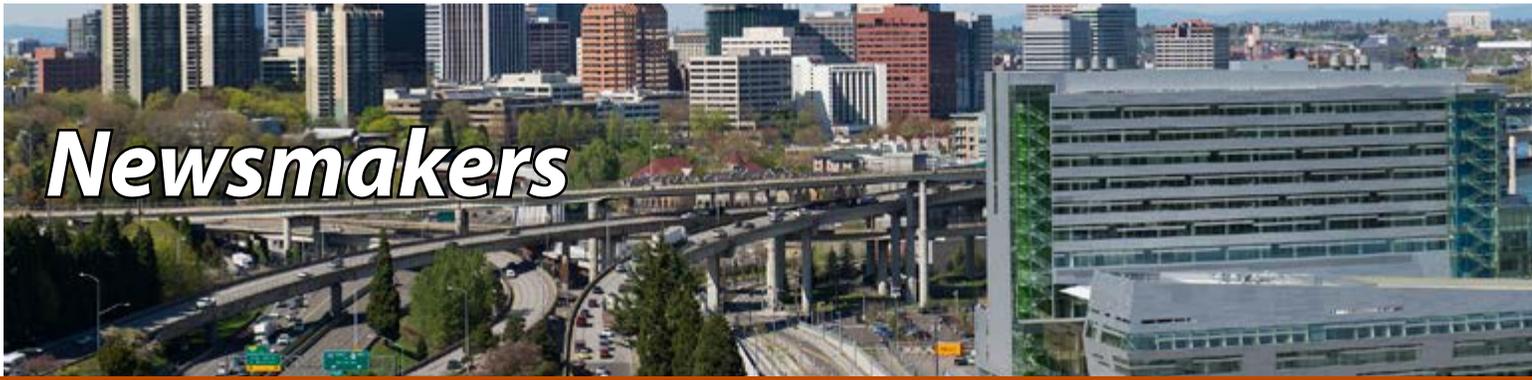


In Memoriam:

Edward J. Keenan, Ph.D., August, 2014.

William Fletcher, M.D., July, 2014

Walter N. Johnson, D.M.D., August, 2014



Newsmakers

Kathie Lasater, ED., RN, ANEF, Associate Professor and **Christopher Lee, Ph.D., RN, FAHA**, Associate Professor, School of Nursing, have been selected among the 168 nurse leaders inducted as fellows of the American Academy of Nursing during the Academy's 2014 Transforming Health, Driving Policy Conference. Also, Dr. Lee will be honored with the 2014 Heart Failure Society of America Nursing Leadership Award.

Shoukhrat Mitalipov, Ph.D., Senior Scientist/ Geneticist at the Oregon National Primate Research Center, was the focus of the cover story of the September 17 issue of *Willamette Week* for the development of the "spindle transfer" technique for transplanting the nucleus of a human egg, a discovery which could potentially cure fatal diseases in a baby before it even an embryo. In addition, Dr. Mitalipov's work on Somatic Cell Nuclear Transfer was published online in the July 2 issue of *Nature*. He is the first to successfully use SCNT to create human embryonic stem cells.

School of Dentistry Dean **Phillip Marucha, D.M.D., Ph.D.**, spoke at a national conference, sponsored by OHSU, for journalists who cover rural health issues in June. He spoke about the costs associated with poor oral health.

Sonja Connor, M.S., R.D., L.D., president of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Associate Professor of Medicine in the School of Medicine, shared the latest science on nutrition and eye health, including how healthy eating may prevent or slow macular degeneration, to the Macular Degeneration and Low Vision Expo in September at an OHSU/Casey Institute sponsored conference in Portland.

John Holland, M.D., Associate Professor of Radiation Medicine and Program Director, Radiation Oncology Residency, Program was among 57 educators honored

by the Association of Residents in Radiation Oncology with the 2014 Educator of the Year Award.

Peter Rotwein, M.D., is stepping down from his role as Chair, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at OHSU to take on a new position at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

A new kind of art exhibit now decorates the halls of the Gateway Gallery at Washington Dulles International Airport. "*Life Magnified*" features colorful micrographs of cells, tissues, microorganisms and molecular landscapes. Among the images from a pool of more than 600 is a micrograph of a melanoma cell from husband and wife research team **James Galbraith, Ph.D.** and **Cathy Galbraith, Ph.D.**, both Associate Professors, OHSU Center for Spatial Systems and Discovery Engine Investigators, with the OHSU Knight Cancer Institute.

Laurie King, Ph.D., P.T., Assistant Professor, Department of Neurology, and **Jim Chesnutt, M.D.**, Medical Director of the Sports Medicine Program and the Concussion Program, Department of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation, were featured in a recent issue of the *Portland Tribune* on concussion in high school athletes.

Kate Keller, Ph.D., Research Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology, received the Research to Prevent Blindness Sybil B. Harrington Special Scholar Award, as an outstanding young scientist,

Ryan Palmer, Ed.D. Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, was named one of two recipients of the 2014 Carnegie Project of the Education Doctorate



Dissertation in Practice Award.

Grover Bagby, M.D., Professor of Medicine and Molecular and Medical Genetics and founding director of OHSU's Knight Cancer Institute, is one of two recipients of the American Society of Hematology Mentor Award, and will be recognized at the Society's December meeting.

Charles Kilo, M.D., M.P.H., Vice President and Chief Medical Officer for OHSU Healthcare and Vice President, and **Suzanne Watnick, M.D.**, Associate Professor of Medicine have each been appointed to serve on American Board of Internal Medicine specialty boards. Dr. Kilo will serve on the medicine board and Dr. Watnick on the nephrology board. In addition, Dr. Kilo has been appointed to the Veterans Health Administration Advisory Committee for the Engineering Resource Centers.

Dennis Crawford, Ph.D., M.D., Associate Professor and Director of Sports Medicine & Cartilage Reconstruction at OHSU, has been named one of the top 28 sports knee surgeons in North America by Orthopedics This Week.

The Moore Institute has received a \$420,000 award from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to host an international summit on the Nutrition of Adolescents and Young Girls in May 2015. The goal is to form lasting connections with those who oversee nutrition programs in less-developed countries and to close the gap between scientific information and application of sound principles in programs for undernourished populations.

Kent Thornburg, Ph.D., Professor of Medicine is Director, Center for Developmental Health, Knight Cardiovascular Institute and Director, Bob & Charlee Moore, Institution for Nutrition and Wellness.

Karen Lyons, Ph.D., Associate Professor, School of Nursing, is one of 61 professionals selected to become a fellow of the Gerontological Society of America. She will be recognized at the Society's annual meeting in November.

Cynthia Perry, Ph.D., FNP-BC, Associate Professor of Nursing and Director, Family Nurse Practitioner Program, was recently named as one of the 25 Top Nurse Practitioner Program Professors.

The Department of Medicine's Division of Nephrology and Hypertension was recently designated an American Society of Hypertension Comprehensive Hypertension Center. OHSU is the first such center in the west and the eighth center recognized nationally.

Corey Nagel, Ph.D., M.P.H., R.N., Assistant Professor, School of Nursing with a joint appointment in the Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, School of Medicine, is one of five Claire M. Fagin Fellows named by the National Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing this summer.

Joshua Squiers, Ph.D., Assistant Professor and Director, AGANCP Program in the School of Nursing has been accepted as a Fellow of the American College of Critical Care Medicine.

The Oregon Clinical & Translational Research Institute (OCTRI) in July announced the recipients of its 2014 Biomedical Innovation Program awards. Recipients are **Peter Kurre, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Cell Biology; **Chris Madden, Ph.D.**, Research Professor, Neurological Surgery with **Kim Burchiel, M.D.** and **Shaun Morrison, Ph.D.**; **Linda Musil, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology; and **Helané Wahbeh, N.D.**,

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Assistant Professor of Neurology.

Jay Nelson, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Molecular Microbiology and Immunology, and Director, Vaccine & Gene Therapy Institute, has been awarded a \$10 million contract from the NIAD to find new adjuvants for vaccines. Only three adjuvants are in use now in the U.S.

Jennifer Devoe, M.D., D.Phil, Associate Professor of Family Medicine, has been elected vice president of the North American Primary Care Research Group Board of Directors and will begin her term in November.

In an October announcement, **Dan Dorsa, Ph.D.**, OHSU Senior Vice President for Research, reported that **Eric Orwoll, M.D.**, will step down from his role as principal investigator of OCTRI and director of OCTRI as of December 1. Dr. Orwoll's successor will be **David Ellison, M.D.**, currently Professor of Medicine and Head, Division of Nephrology.

Jeffrey Tyner, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Cell and Developmental Biology, School of Medicine and a

member of the Knight Cancer Institute, is one of two recipients of the 2nd Annual Martin and Rose Wachtel Cancer Research Award from the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Jeffrey Kaye, M.D., Layton Endowed Professor of Neurology and Biomedical Engineering is now President of the Alzheimer's Association and International Society to Advance Alzheimer's Research and Treatment.

School of Nursing Dean, **Susan Bakewell-Sachs, Ph.D., R.N., P.N.P., FAAN**, is among the new class of seasoned academic nursing leaders to graduate as AACN Wharton Fellows.

Peter Barr-Gillespie, PhD, and Kateri Spinelli, PhD, are among 12 winners of the 2014 Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology annual BioArt Competition. Their submission, showing the sensory hair cells of a chick, was captured by scanning electron microscopy

July's Surprise

It wasn't until August that the OHSU faculty and staff and the general public learned that **Gert Boyle**, long time chairwoman of Columbia Sportswear, was the donor of \$100 million to the Knight Cancer Challenge. Mrs. Boyle, 90 years old, has a special relationship with **Dr. Brian Druker**, head of the Cancer Institute. Her late sister, **Hildegard Lamfrom, Ph.D.**, a highly--recognized scientist, was one of Dr. Druker's mentors. Also, Gert and **Tim Boyle** have established the Hildegard Lamfrom Endowed Chair in Basic Science in association with the Knight Cancer Institute. This delightful advertisement featuring both Mrs. Boyle and Dr. Druker has been and will be seen widely throughout the fall.



A Giving Opportunity

Every day the people of Oregon Health & Science University strive toward a profoundly ambitious goal - to improve human health and well being. They collaborate in a circle of connection that is the hallmark of an academic health center.

At the center of the circle are the patients who often become involved with OHSU in dramatic and urgent ways; surrounding them are the clinical experts working to restore or improve health; surrounding them are the research scientists whose discoveries are pioneering better treatments for human disease; and surrounding them are the donors and friends whose support is advancing what's possible and enhancing its meaning.

Without the committed supporters who encircle OHSU, Oregon's only academic health center could neither change so many lives nor change the world.

Perhaps you have already completed your estate plans and have included a gift to OHSU? Now you can make those provisions count in meeting Phil and Penny Knight's challenge to raise \$500 million in two years by completing a Revocable Gift Notification form.

A Revocable Gift Notification is a simple form in which you share the provisions of your estate plans with OHSU Foundation. It is not a pledge nor is it a binding obligation. It is simply a signed informational document.

In accordance with CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education) standards and with the approval of Phil and Penny Knight, the Foundation will count your generous plan toward the Knight goal.

For more information please call the OHSU Foundation and ask them to provide you information on the Revocable Gift Notification form.

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General News

In the August edition of "Dental Bites" School of Dentistry Dean, **Phillip Marucha, D.M.D., Ph.D.**, commenting on the opening of Skourtes Tower, said *"The faculty and staff are excited to be here, and the students and residents who have been on campus also have given the facility rave reviews."*

There's a large crane outside the 10th floor of Doernbecher Hospital. The crane is expected to be in place through December 2015, at which time OHSU will have a new Interpretive MRI facility. This instrument will allow surgeons to image patients' brains while performing surgery. Doernbecher will be the first children's hospital in the Pacific Northwest to offer iMRI for patients with neurological conditions. Department of Cell and Developmental and Cancer Biology.

In June, the OHSU Board of Directors voted to authorize the arming of OHSU's police officers, beginning in September. After mass shootings at other universities, OHSU, and other academic institutions across the country, began reviewing its critical incident readiness. OHSU President **Joe Robertson, M.D., M.B.A.** announced the decision to the campus community through "Directline" in June.

In June the School of Medicine received word from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education that the school is in compliance with accreditation standards.

OHSU formed four new bioscience startup companies in the 2013-2014 fiscal year and brought in more industry-sponsored research funding during the year than ever before. OHSU also completed more licensing agreements with private companies than ever before and signed a record 196 "non-disclosure" agreements with private companies – a measurement that shows OHSU and private industry have begun discussions about research discoveries that could turn into devices, drugs or startup companies in the future.

We are working hard, and doing better every year at moving research discoveries toward the private market – ultimately turning them into companies and products that may someday improve people's health in the U.S. and throughout the world," **Andrew R.O. Watson, Ph.D., C.L.P.**, Director of Technology

Transfer, OHSU's Technology Transfer and Business Development Office.

A study released in September shows that the number of uninsured Oregonians fell by 63 per cent from June 30, 2013 to June, 2014. Conducted by researchers and OHSU and the Oregon Health Authority, in consultation with the State Health Access Data Assistance Center at the University of Minnesota, the study's key objective was to estimate the number of uninsured individuals in Oregon as a result of policy changes associated with the Affordable Care Act. *"The first glance at Oregon's uninsured rates shows that a significant number of Oregonians have benefited from expansions in access to health insurance," Peter Graven, Ph.D.,* Health Economist with the Center for Health Systems Effectiveness at OHSU and lead author of the study. *"Our study found that 95 per cent of Oregonians now have health insurance coverage."*

In a partnership formed through the new Collaborative Life Sciences Building (CLSB), OHSU's **David Ellison, M.D.,** Professor of Medicine, along with **Dr. Jeffrey Singer,** Portland State University, lead a group that has been studying causes of human hypertension. In a paper published in September in the *Journal of Clinical Investigation* the group identified a novel and unexpected mechanism for this hypertensive disease.

Appointments

School of Dentistry

Anna Forsyth, D.D.S., M.S.D.,
Assistant Professor of Pediatric Dentistry

Shawneen Gonzalez, D.D.S., M.S.,
Director of Radiology

Nicole Kimmes, D.D.S.,
Assistant Dean for Faculty Development and Technology

David Lambert, D.D.S.,
Assistant Professor in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Justin Merritt, Ph.D.,
Associate Professor, Restorative Dentistry

William Moore, D.M.D.,
Assistant Professor of Pediatric Dentistry, School of Dentistry

Joseph V. Califano, D.D.S., Ph.D.,
Professor of Periodontology

Mary Pat Califano, B.S.N., M.B.A.,
Instructor in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Katherine Long, M.S., M.B.A.,
Graduate Education Program Manager

Amit Punj, D.M.D., B.D.S.,
Assistant Professor of Restorative Dentistry

Craig Robbins, D.M.D.,
Assistant Professor of Restorative Dentistry

Ying Wu, D.D.S., M.S.D., Ph.D.,
Assistant Professor of Pathology and Radiology

Students

The **School of Dentistry** welcomed 75 new students this fall, the first class to begin dental education in the Skourtes Tower. Fifty-one members of the Class of 2018 are from Oregon, eight from WICHE sites and 16 out-of-state. The average age is 25 with 49 males and 26 females and an overall grade point average of 3.61.

The **School of Medicine** welcomed 139 new medical students, in the 127th class, this fall: 66 female students and 73 males; 124 with baccalaureate degrees, 11 with master's degrees and 4 with doctorates.

The mean age of the incoming group is 26. **Cynthia Morris, Ph.D., MPH,** Assistant Dean for Admissions in the School of Medicine, Professor of Medicine, Public Health & Preventive Medicine and Professor and Vice Chair Department of Medical Informatics and Clinical Epidemiology commented in September: *"We're seeing more applications than ever. Nationally applications to medical reached an all-time high last year with about 48,000 individuals. At OHSU we saw about 5,800 applications which was our largest number to date... we interviewed 525 applicants in order to select the very best."*

On August 9, the OHSU **Physician Assistant Program** graduated its 18th class – made up of 37 graduates. At the time of graduation, 63 percent of the class had secured a position working as a PA and 87.5 percent

will be working in Oregon. Of those employed at graduation 64 percent will be working in primary care.

A new program was inaugurated this fall by the School of Medicine for medical students interested in practice in rural areas. Oregon FIRST (Family Medicine Integrated Rural Student Training) is an individualized fourth-year medical school curriculum. The first two students have begun their year in Klamath Falls.

“Improving health care access in rural communities is a vitally important issue. While solutions to the problem must be multi-faceted and community-based, one strategy is to increase the number of physicians who elect to practice in a rural setting,” **George Mejicano, M.D.**, senior associate dean for education, said. If the students feel the program is successful and they feel they are prepared for post-graduate training, it is possible that they could remain in the rural location for a residency in family medicine.

The School of Medicine’s Family Medicine Interest Group is one of 18 medical schools named by The American Academy of Family Physicians as a 2014 Program of Excellence Award Winner.

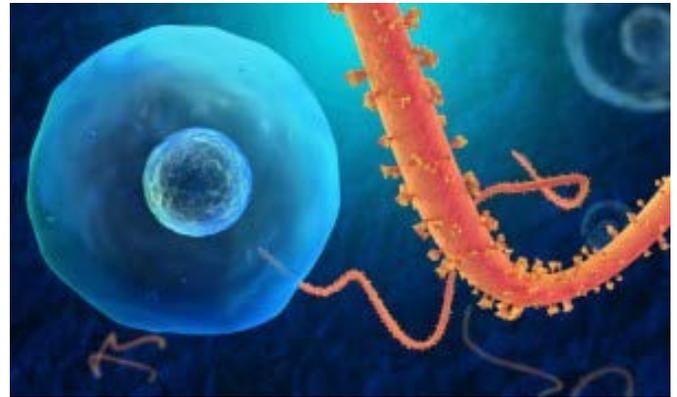
Third Annual World Congress Ultrasound in Medical Education

This year OHSU hosted the Third Annual World Congress on Ultrasound in Medical Education (WCUME). For the first time featured on the West Coast; medical professionals from across the country and around the world traveled to Portland to experience and learn about one of the most powerful diagnostic technologies and its impact on the future of patient care. The WCUME included thought



provoking plenary and session presentations, workshops, poster sessions, as well as a Ultrasound World Cup that paired OHSU medical students with world leaders in ultrasound in a sono-competition.

OHSU/Ebola



In early October, an extensive piece concerning OHSU and the Ebola epidemic was issued by **John Townes, MD**, Associate Professor of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases and Medical Director, Infectious Prevention and Control, OHSU and VA Medical Center.

“Portland area hospitals, Emergency Services, and county health departments are working together to be as prepared as possible to safely care for any patient with suspected or confirmed Ebola in the Portland regions. The OHSU Infection Prevention and Control Department ran a tabletop Ebola virus drill earlier this month, where several Ebola virus patients scenarios were discussed from how an Ebola patient would be isolated to the cleaning and disinfections of contaminated items.”

While the chance of seeing a patient infected with Ebola is low, OHSU would be able to house and treat any patient with suspected or confirmed Ebola hemorrhagic fever (Ebola HF).

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