Emeritus

A NEWSLETTER FOR OHSU EMERITUS FACULTY
Emeritus Faculty News is published intermittently. This issue covers the fall 2016 and spring 2017. Its purpose is to keep emeritus faculty informed about growth and other changes at OHSU. Items of interest should be sent to Mary Ann Lockwood by email at lockwood@ohsu.edu.

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NEWS BRIEFS

The Medical Research Foundation recognized two OHSU scientists at its 2016 awards dinner: Steven Back, M.D., Ph.D., director, Pediatric Brain Injury Research Laboratory, Doernbecher Children’s Hospital, and Richard L. Stouffer, Ph.D., senior scientist and former chief of the Division of Reproductive and Developmental Sciences, and professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Physiology and Pharmacology. Dr. Stouffer is also the primate center director of the NIH-sponsored and newly named National Center for Translational Research on Reproduction and Infertility.

Patricia Flatley Brennan, R.N., Ph.D., director of the National Library of Medicine, visited OHSU in the fall to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the BICC. She outlined her vision for the third century of the National Library of Medicine.

Phillip Marucha, D.M.D., Ph.D., dean of the OHSU School of Dentistry, announced that “we have successfully completed the capital campaign for our new home. I would like to express my sincere thanks to each and every one of the 741 corporate and individual donors who have made this magnificent building possible.”

OHSU Healthcare has created a new division, Hospital Dental Services, which will manage the oral health needs of hospital patients. OHSU Chief Medical Officer Charles Kilo, M.D., M.P.H., and School of Dentistry Dean Phillip Marucha, D.M.D, Ph.D., jointly announced the new division, which will operate three clinic areas: Pediatric Dentistry in Doernbecher Children’s Hospital, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in Hatfield Research Center and the newly reinstated General Practice Residency in the Hatfield Research Center. The General Practice Residency will concentrate on adults, with a special focus on medically complex and special needs patients. The new division is headed by Sean Benson, D.D.S., who recently assumed the position of clinical service chief as well as associate dean of dental services in the School of Dentistry.

At OHSU, Interprofessional Education (IPE) has become a university-wide initiative that aims to drive an educational revolution producing team-based, patient-centered care that includes all specialties. The School of Dentistry has taken this initiative to heart, incorporating IPE into many programs, the most visible being very active student rotations at OHSU’s rural health campuses. OHSU’s IPE curriculum will include electives and multiprofessional courses as well as experiences in the interprofessional simulation center. Further advanced curriculum will focus on clinical practice and interprofessional collaboration. IPE is helping to reinforce the link between oral health and systemic health while overcoming some of dentistry’s separation from medical care.
The old School of Dentistry facility on the OHSU campus will soon be dismantled. The building came into service in 1956, uniting the state's dental school with OHSU’s School of Nursing and School of Medicine. Today the building is in the midst of a two-year demolition project. Over the next few months, the interior work will be completed and the more dramatic structural demolition will take place. The institutional long-term master plan slates the majority of the old school’s footprint for much-needed hospital clinical space, but in the near future, construction will begin at the east end of the parcel for the new Elks Children's Eye Clinic, with groundbreaking tentatively scheduled for 2017.

In January, Governor Kate Brown visited the OHSU Cascades East Family Medicine Residency Program in Klamath Falls to emphasize the importance of the Oregon Health Plan.

In late November, the OHSU Department of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine, the School of Medicine and the OHSU-PSU School of Public Health hosted Brian Williams, M.D., F.A.C.S., associate professor of surgery, UT Southwestern Medical Center and trauma surgeon at Parkland Memorial Hospital, to contribute to a growing campus dialogue about race, encouraged by students and faculty. Dr. Williams was on duty when police officers, shot after a peaceful Black Lives Matter protest July 7, came into his emergency department. The event catalyzed his need to speak publically about racism at a crucial moment in history. Hundreds of students, faculty and staff packed campus auditoriums three days in a row to listen as Dr. Williams shared his experiences since boyhood that shaped his frame of mind on the night of the mass casualty in Dallas. It was a night that – after 47 years of deflecting race-based micro-aggressions, exceeding expectations to achieve every trapping of success and working feverishly to save mortally injured police officers – left him against the wall in a deserted hospital hallway, head in hands, crying, a night that led him to speak up during a news conference four days later because he could no longer stay silent. “The root of all of this is that there is a lack of open and honest discussions about racism in this country,” Dr. Williams said. “It is not enough to be a good person if you are silent in the face of social injustice.”

The Portland Business Journal ranked OHSU as the most admired health care company in Oregon and the third most admired overall. Doernbecher Children's Hospital and the Knight Cancer Institute came in third and ninth, respectively, in the health care category. OHSU inched up a spot from last year's ranking and is grouped with other top local companies, including Nike and Columbia Sportswear.
The U.S. Department of Defense has awarded a contract to the University of Pittsburgh in collaboration with OHSU and University of Colorado that could lead to $90 million in research over the next decade to improve trauma care for both civilians and military personnel. The first $10.8 million project aims to create a nationwide network of trauma systems and centers capable of conducting detailed research to improve injury care. “This unique collaboration has the potential to make historic changes in how trauma patients are managed in both military and civilian settings,” said Martin A. Schreiber, M.D., principal investigator, professor of surgery, and chief, Trauma, Critical Care and Acute Care Surgery Division at OHSU.

197 physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants from OHSU made it onto Portland Monthly magazine’s top Doctors & Nurses 2017 list. This year was the first time in the list’s 13-year history for physician assistants to be included.

Last year, OHSU launched a new university-wide initiative to better support the diverse health needs of rural Oregonians. The OHSU Campus for Rural Health, with academic headquarters in Klamath Falls, is comprised of distributed learning sites around the state where OHSU medical, dental, nursing, pharmacy and physician assistant students live and learn together. Students gain valuable interprofessional experiences in rural clinical settings while immersing themselves in local health issues by participating in a longitudinal community-based project. The current sites are Klamath Falls and Coos Bay. OHSU is exploring possibilities for a new site elsewhere in the state. “Studies show that exposing more students to rural areas will directly affect how many people go into rural practice”, said Joyce Hollander-Rodriguez, M.D., regional associate dean at the Klamath Falls site.

OHSU, Adventist Health, Legacy Health and Kaiser Permanente came together to celebrate the opening of the Unity Center for Behavioral Health. The unprecedented partnership consolidates existing behavioral health units of the partner organizations and adds a new psychiatric emergency treatment center.
THE MARK RICHARDSON INTERPROFESSIONAL SIMULATION CENTER

On Feb. 7, family members, colleagues and friends of the late Mark Richardson, M.D., M.Sc.B., M.B.A., met for a dedication ceremony honoring the former School of Medicine leader. The Mark Richardson Interprofessional Simulation Center at the Collaborative Life Sciences Building (CLSB) is now a permanent fixture in one of Oregon’s most distinct education research buildings and one that recognizes Dr. Richardson’s commitment to transforming medical education at OHSU. “The CLSB and the Simulation Center were built under Mark’s leadership, and they embody his belief in the aspirations and abilities of young men and women who desire to be doctors,” said John Hunter, M.D., F.A.C.S., interim dean, School of Medicine.

The ceremony was opened by OHSU President Joe Robertson, M.D., M.B.A., who called simulation the cornerstone of education. “We will remember Mark every time we enter the center,” he said.

“Mark understood that having the specialized space and equipment to practice the skills and art of medicine is essential to learning one of humankind’s most important professions.”

Suzy Funkhouser, M.D., student in the class of 2017, called Dr. Richardson a “tireless advocate for students.” Ms. Funkhouser told stories of working with him during her career as a lobbyist for OHSU and later, as a medical student.

The 20,000-square-foot simulation center is a state-of-the-art facility that supports a full range of simulation education, training and research events. Health professions students from a number of OHSU programs, as well as health care professionals from around the nation, utilize it for unique and cross-disciplinary training.
With the tragic passing of Mark Richardson and the retirement of Jenny Mladenovic, OHSU is currently experiencing a leadership transition. I have full confidence in John Hunter, the Interim Dean of the School of Medicine, and Elena Andresen, the Interim Provost — as well as Tim Goldfarb, the Interim CEO of OHSU Healthcare. I also have confidence in each of you. I know that transitions can lead to uncertainty but I want everybody at OHSU to know that you are empowered to keep doing the work you’ve been doing. We will not curtail any initiatives begun under Drs. Richardson or Mladenovic. We are grateful for the enormous contributions made by Mark and Jenny and will continue to invest in initiatives they launched.

You should also know that for some time now my executive team and I have been gathering and reviewing information about best organizational practices among our peer academic health centers. As OHSU grows and increases in complexity, and as external scrutiny and regulation increase, we need to be certain that we are optimally organized to meet challenges and advance our mission in a changing world. Mark and Jenny were both involved in this process and made significant contributions to the conversation. In the end, we collectively embraced a few steps we could take to improve OHSU’s effectiveness and thereby advance our mission: 1) free mission leaders up to lead the missions; 2) better integrate within each mission and across missions; and 3) adjust administrative portfolios to optimize efficiency and effectiveness.

We have already begun the process of recruiting the permanent Dean for the School of Medicine. We aim to recruit a Dean who will have significant standing across research, education, clinical practice, physician alignment and community integration. The next Dean will also be a leader who can make clinical faculty the epicenter of the expanding health system created through OHSU Partners while fostering the continued growth of School of Medicine education and research programs.

To promote research alignment, we will create a Chief Scientific Officer (CSO) position. Discussions have begun with the Research Strategic Advisory Council, the Basic Science Council and other members of the scientific community on campus to flesh out the role and the characteristics we want...
in our next leader. I expect to continue to refine the position over the next few months and begin a national search as we move to the final phases of the recruitment of our next Dean.

Moving forward, as the education enterprise continues to grow in terms of students, programs and campuses — including the Campus for Rural Health — we will focus the Provost’s position more sharply on the education mission. Similar to the CSO, I am seeking faculty input both as to the particulars of the role as well as the qualities we will seek in the recruitment process. The national search will likewise be launched as we get to the final phase of our Dean recruitment.

At its heart, OHSU is a mission-driven organization. Our mission drives everything we do: the programs and services we offer, our partnership strategy, our need to be the gold standard of institutional integrity — even how we organize ourselves administratively. I believe these changes will help us advance our mission. Rest assured we will continue to communicate about leadership recruitments in this time of transition.

In the meantime, thank you for everything you do for OHSU.

What is a Provost?

At a recent Faculty Forum attendees asked about the role of the provost at OHSU. Since the institution is currently searching for a new provost we thought we’d include a description of the provost’s duties at OHSU as a refresher.

The provost is typically the chief academic officer of a university, but the details of this role vary depending on the institution. The current interim Provost is Elena Andresen, Ph.D. and David Robinson, Ph.D. is executive vice provost. At OHSU, the provost oversees academic components that are beyond the scope of individual schools; for example, accreditation, program approval and ongoing review, and oversight of faculty and student policies. The provost is also responsible for student services such as the registrar, financial aid, student access, student life, and institution-wide services such as the OHSU Library, the teaching and learning center, educational communications, and immigration services. At OHSU, the provost also oversees the schools of public health, nursing, dentistry, and pharmacy, as well as initiatives such as interprofessional education and the campus for rural health.
OHSU responds

The presidential election has brought a lot of uncertainty to the nation and to OHSU’s community. While we normally only include one Directline in each issue of Emeritus, we felt it was important to include excerpts from a few that directly address OHSU’s commitment to Respect for All.

Response to the election

This week’s presidential election has caused a sense of vulnerability and concern about the future. The heated and, too often, hateful rhetoric that punctuated the campaign season has made the results of this election feel very personal for many.

We are a community of people dedicated to healing — and sometimes that includes healing each other. We need to learn from this experience and help each other and our community to engage in healing and healthy dialogue. Part of the healing process must involve taking positive action.

The results of this week’s election have also left many of us thinking about the future of health care in our nation and the impact on our mission of improving the health of all Oregonians. I can assure you that we will continue to work with state and federal leaders to advocate for the quadruple aim and for access to health care for all.

There may be changes to public policy that impact the work we do. As these proposals are detailed in the coming weeks, we will have additional discussions about what this means for our institution. In the meantime, let’s continue the important work that we are doing today.

In this time of change and disruption, I encourage each of you to take time for yourself, your family and find strength in how we serve and care for one another.

Holiday message

I believe that the vast majority of Americans still support fairness and equality, and I believe these fundamental values will prevail. In this moment, complacency is not an option — but neither is despair. OHSU is committed to an inclusive culture that is safe and creates a respectful and healthy environment for all. We do this for those we serve, and for ourselves, as well as to demonstrate the power of hope and perseverance for individuals and communities fearful of whether tolerance has a place in the current political climate. Providing a beacon of hope and valuing one another across our differences is more important than ever.

OHSU’s discoveries, patient care and teaching are offered for the benefit of all. OHSU is a safe, respectful and welcoming place for people of all ages, cultures, abilities, ethnicities, genders, national origins, races, colors, religions, sexual orientations and ideas. Discrimination has no place at OHSU and will not be tolerated. These principles are embedded in the OHSU culture, but we must redouble our commitment and raise our voice so that others may hear. All are welcome at OHSU.

Recently, for example, we have had a rise in the number of reports of patients requesting to opt away from a specific provider based on race, ethnicity or creed. I want to be very clear: we will not honor such patient requests. I am committed to the fundamental principle of equity and non-discrimination. Our job is to care and cure and not to judge. We will treat all regardless of bias or bigotry, but we will not let them impose their values upon us. We must rise above.
Response to travel ban

Restrictions on travel and immigration are creating a climate of fear that is toxic even for those not directly impacted. All of us in academia have international friends, family members, colleagues or collaborators who may be affected, or who may feel they are next. We value all, regardless of race, ethnicity and/or nationality. We also value a free exchange of ideas, made stronger by the inclusion of diverse perspectives representing many cultures and creeds. OHSU is aligned with the Association of American Universities in supporting immigration policies that “prevent entry by those who wish to harm us, while maintaining the flow of talent that has contributed so much to our nation.”

At its heart, OHSU is a people organization. We are a group of diverse, talented and committed individuals working towards a common mission. To further our work, we recruit from every corner of the globe. We seek the best minds to wrestle with the toughest problems and we do so for the benefit of humanity. In our efforts to end cancer, stop HIV, beat heart disease, transform brain health, end blindness and treat kids and families, we cannot afford to ignore the contributions of any individual, no matter where he or she is from, no matter the color of their skin or what religion they practice. We recruit on a global scale. We partner on a global scale. We compete on a global scale, and we serve on a global scale.

Please be assured that OHSU will continue to monitor this situation closely and take appropriate action to protect faculty, staff, students, trainees and visitors. In the meantime, please know that while we are duty bound to follow the law, OHSU will not facilitate or cooperate with immigration enforcement activities. We will not share with the federal government confidential student, patient or employee information related to immigration status. The OHSU Department of Public Safety will not act on behalf of the federal government to enforce immigration laws.

Convocation 2017

Sunday, June 4, 2017 | 1p.m.
OREGON CONVENTION CENTER

The speaker for the all-OHSU convocation will be Carolyn Clancy, M.D., Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Organizational Excellence, Veterans Health Administration. Dr. Clancy oversees the agency’s performance, quality, safety, risk management, systems engineering, auditing, oversight, ethics and accreditation programs. Additionally, she serves in a direct consultative capacity to the Under Secretary for Health, serving as a national subject matter expert in her directorate. Dr. Clancy, a general internist and health services researcher, is a graduate of Boston College and the University of Massachusetts Medical School. She holds an academic appointment at George Washington University School of Medicine; serves as Senior Associate Editor, Health Services Research and is a member of the Institute of Medicine.
A breakthrough study by OHSU scientists demonstrates, for the first time, a mechanism that prevents the formation of new neurons in old brains. The discovery provides a new path for investigation that may lead to the prevention—and potentially the reversal—of age-related dementia by promoting the formation of neurons and preventing their decline. The production of neurons drops dramatically during aging, and the brain slows down. New reports continue to emerge that suggest—but do not prove—that strong social networks, learning a language, healthy diets, and exercise may slow the brain’s decline. These all contribute to overall health, but no cure has been found for age-related cognitive decline or the decreasing production of neurons. The new study, published Jan. 31 online in the Journal of Biological Chemistry, was led by Larry Sherman, Ph.D., a senior scientist in the Division of Neuroscience at the Oregon National Primate Research Center. The lead author of the study, staff scientist Weiping Su, Ph.D., has worked with Sherman on previous research on neurodegenerative disorders.

Cosmic radiation during deep space travel could alter the cognitive function and behavior of astronauts on an extended mission — such as a trip to Mars. Exposure to this radiation may be unavoidable for astronauts on any future mission to Mars. Results of a study led by Jacob Raber, Ph.D., professor of behavioral neuroscience in the School of Medicine, recently published in the journal BMC Genomics suggest that long-term exposure to cosmic radiation, particularly to Iron-56 ions, could cause symptoms ranging from memory problems to impaired judgment. Moreover, these effects could be long-lasting and perhaps without resolve. Better understanding the underlying mechanisms could help scientists find ways to monitor and protect astronauts from cosmic radiation in future deep-space missions and lead to the development of potential treatment options.

No treatments exist for children born with mitochondrial diseases, but a series of discoveries in the OHSU Center for Embryonic Cell and Gene Therapy is making progress on a technique that prevents transmission of these often-fatal genetic diseases, which are passed on from mothers to their children. The latest findings were published Nov. 30 in the journal Nature. OHSU scientist Shoukhrat Mitalipov, Ph.D., led a team that successfully prevented transmission of genetic defects in mitochondrial DNA in the cells of monkeys in 2009 and in human cells in
2012. Mitochondrial mutations cause a range of diseases, many of which affect organs with high-energy demands such as the heart, muscle and brain. Currently, the U.S. government forbids clinical trials of mitochondrial replacement therapy. Britain has authorized such studies. The first baby treated with mitochondrial replacement therapy was born in Mexico in 2016.

The anti-inflammatory and anti-platelet properties of aspirin have made it the subject of intensive investigation for over a century. More recently, aspirin use has been correlated with reduced long-term risk of some cancers, particularly colorectal cancer. The reasons remain unknown, as does the degree to which the effect comes from direct inhibition of cancer cells and how much is due to inhibition of platelet activation and function. A study recently completed by a team of OHSU researchers and published in the *American Journal of Physiology-Cell Physiology* suggests the benefit of aspirin may be due to its effect on platelets rather than acting directly on tumor cells. In a series of experiments with cultured cells, a team led by Owen McCarty, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Biomedical Engineering in the School of Medicine, showed that inhibition of platelets with low doses of aspirin cuts the signaling link between platelets and some cancer cells, which in turn knocks back cancer growth. It is not yet known whether the cascade of effects observed in cell cultures works the same way in people.
In most of the human body, the lymphatic system clears away waste and toxins. The brain, however, has no lymphatic vessels. Its waste, including plaques associated with Alzheimer’s disease, is cleaned instead by cerebrospinal fluid recirculating through brain tissue. Over the course of five years, research in the lab of Jeffrey Iliff, Ph.D., has defined this brain-wide paravascular pathway, called the glymphatic system. Iliff’s team has found that this recirculation is modulated by sleep and also that, as the brain ages, this waste-clearing process is impaired. Their work continues to investigate what causes the glymphatic system to slow. In research findings published Nov. 28 in the journal *JAMA Neurology*, Iliff demonstrates the possible role of aquaporin-4, a membrane protein in the brain and key component of the glymphatic system. The study suggests that future research focusing on aquaporin-4 might find it to be a useful target for potentially preventing and treating Alzheimer’s disease.

In 2001 the U.S. Food and Drug Administration granted priority review for imatinib mesylate, sold under the name Gleevec®, as an oral therapy for patients with chronic myeloid leukemia, or CML. *The New England Journal of Medicine* published results from a nearly 11-year follow-up study, which showed an estimated overall survival rate of 83.3 percent. According to the National Cancer Institute, prior to Gleevec’s 2001 FDA approval, fewer than 1 in 3 CML patients survived five years past diagnosis. Brian Druker, M.D., who led the original clinical development of Gleevec, co-authored the study. The worldwide study enrolled 1,106 participants at 177 cancer centers in more than 16 countries. “The long-term success of this treatment confirms the remarkable success we’ve seen since the very first Gleevec trials,” said Druker, director of the OHSU Knight Cancer Institute, a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator and JELD-WEN Chair of Leukemia Research in the School of Medicine. “This study reinforces the notion that we can create effective and non-toxic therapies.” The discovery of Gleevec ushered in the era of personalized cancer medicine, proving it was possible to shut down cells that enable cancer to grow without harming healthy ones.

A research team at OHSU is likely to help develop a vaccine against the Zika virus, which has seen outbreaks in South America and Southeast Asia and also has turned up in Florida and Texas. The study was conducted on male and female rhesus macaque monkeys last year at OHSU’s primate center in Beaverton. Scientists followed the virus as it spread from the bloodstream to other tissues. They found it attacked the central nervous system, reproductive and urinary tracts, muscles, joints and lymph nodes. But what surprised them the most, said Dan Streblow, Ph.D., of OHSU’s Vaccine and Gene Therapy Institute, is that the virus persisted in tissue for at least five weeks, the length of the study for each animal. Zika usually causes mild symptoms in adults but can shrink the brain of a fetus, causing microcephaly. In severe cases, the children can end up with a lifelong host of problems, including seizures, developmental delays and hearing and vision loss. “We’re really interested in understanding how the virus causes disease in humans,” Streblow said. The study, published in the journal *PLOS Pathogens*, is likely to affect the vaccine research underway because scientists have focused on clearing the virus from the bloodstream. Now, they’ll have to ensure that the virus doesn’t take hold in the central nervous system or other tissues, said principle author of the study, Alec Hirsch, Ph.D.
AWARDS AND HONORS

Somnath Saha, M.D., M.P.H., staff physician at the VA Portland Health Care System and professor of medicine, School of Medicine, was selected by the Association of American Medical Colleges for the Hebert W. Nickens Award. He was honored for contributions to promoting justice in medical education and health care equity in the U.S.

Sancy Leachman, M.D., Ph.D., director of the melanoma research program in the Knight Cancer Institute, has been appointed the inaugural recipient of the John D. Gray Endowed Chair in Melanoma.

OHSU graduate students received nine of the 27 first-year scholar awards from Achievement Rewards for College Scientists.

David Huang, M.D. Ph.D., Peterson Professor of Ophthalmology, professor of biomedical engineering and director of the Center for Ophthalmic Optics and Lasers, has received the 2017 Fritz J. and Dolores H. Russ Prize for his co-invention optical coherence tomography. The $500,000 National Academy of Engineering Prize recognizes an outstanding bioengineering achievement that improves the human condition.

Seiko Izumi, Ph.D., R.N., assistant professor, School of Nursing was named a fellow in Palliative Care Nursing by the Hospice and Palliative Nursing Association.

The Department of Comparative Medicine and OHSU has been awarded full accreditation from AAALAC (Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care), along with a commendation for providing and maintaining an excellent program of laboratory animal care and use. OHSU was one of the first universities to receive accreditation when the program was started more than 50 years ago.
Mary Heinricher, Ph.D., associate dean of basic research and professor of neurological surgery, School of Medicine, received the Javits Neuroscience Investigator Award from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. The Javits Award is presented to investigators who have made exceptional achievements in the field of neurological science. The prestigious award, which provides funding up to $2.3 million over 7 years will support her ongoing work to trace out brain circuitry linking light to increase pain in order to determine how and why it can be activated to produce abnormal pain.

Rose Milano, D.N.P., A.C.N.P., assistant professor, Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program, School of Nursing, has been appointed to the Society of Trauma Nursing Journal of Trauma editorial board, and Society of Critical Care Medicine.

Three OHSU faculty members were recognized in the 2017 Biomedical Innovation Program. This year’s awardees include two investigators from the Casey Eye Institute: David Huang, M.D., Ph.D., and David Simons, M.D., Ph.D. The third recipient is David Sheridan, M.D., Department of Emergency Medicine.

Jeffrey Kirsch, M.D., professor and chair of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine, School of Medicine, has been elected to a three-year term as a member of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education Board of Directors.

Professor Emeritus Neil Buist, M.D., Ch.B., LL.D., was awarded a gold medal by the University of St. Andrews for his MD thesis in 2014.

For the fifth year in a row, the School of Medicine received a Top 10 Award from the American Academy of Family Physicians for exemplary success in addressing the critical need for primary care physicians in the U.S.

Four OHSU School of Medicine graduates were recognized with highest honors by the School of Medicine Alumni Association at the 2016 Alumni Awards: John Tongue, M.D., Susan Tolle, M.D., Robert Steiner, Ph.D., and Adam Wright Ph.D.

The OHSU Knight Cancer Institute has been awarded Comprehensive Cancer Center status, the highest distinction given by the National Cancer Institute.

The Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research presented the 2016 Protégé Award to Christopher S. Lee, Ph.D., R.N., F.A.H.A., F.A.A.N., F.H.F.A., Carol A. Lindeman Distinguished Professor and associate professor in the School of Nursing and a leading nurse scientist in integrative biobehavioral research in cardiovascular disease.

Robert Ofaly, M.D., associate professor of orthopedics and rehabilitation, School of Medicine, has been elected secretary of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Board of Councilors in addition to serving as president of the Oregon Medical Association.

Two faculty members in the School of Nursing, MinKyoung Song, Ph.D., R.N.P.-B.C. and Darcy Mize, Ed.D., M.S.N., R.N. were named the 2016 recipients of the annual Faculty Hartford Award for Research and Practice.
Heidi D. Nelson, M.D., M.P.H., M.A.C.P., research professor, vice chair of medical informatics and clinical epidemiology and medicine, and director, scholarly projects in the School of Medicine, has been awarded mastership in the American College of Physicians, the national organization of internists.

James Rosenbaum, M.D., professor of ophthalmology and medicine and head, Division of Arthritis and Rheumatic Diseases, School of Medicine, was named a 2016 Master by the American College of Rheumatology. This distinction is given by the American College of Rheumatology to ACR members age 65 or older who have made outstanding contributions to the field of rheumatology through scholarly achievement and/or service to their patients, students, and profession.

In February, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing announced that OHSU School of Nursing Dean and Vice President of Nursing Affairs Susan Bakewell-Sachs, Ph.D., had been re-elected to AACN Board of Directors.

In October, Frederick “Fritz” Fraunfelder, M.D., retired chair of the Department of Ophthalmology, received the School of Medicine Dean’s Award, recognizing an individual who has shown commitment to the School of Medicine through volunteerism, teaching and/or philanthropic support.

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Emeritus Faculty Luncheon

with David Bangsberg, M.D., M.P.H.
DEAN, SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2017
SOCIAL HOUR: 11 A.M. TO NOON
LUNCH: NOON TO 1:30 P.M.

Official invitation to come
**TRANSITIONS**

*John Hunter, M.D., F.A.C.S.*, has accepted the newly created position of chief clinical officer at OHSU. He will continue to serve interim dean of the School of Medicine until a new dean is on board, according to an announcement in February from OHSU President Joe Robertson. “As we have expanded our health care enterprise to include new partners, the work of integrating our clinical programs is paramount to success in achieving the aims of the affiliation. This will be the key focus of the role. Making this appointment now is important both in terms of initiating important clinical integration efforts, and in informing the candidates during the remainder of the School of Medicine dean selection progress.” The position will have a dual report to Dr. Robertson and to the School of Medicine dean. *Anthony Masciotra, M.B.A., C.P.A.*, chief executive officer of the OHSU Practice Plan and senior associate dean for clinical practice in the School of Medicine, will report to the chief clinical officer.

*Connie Seeley* was named senior vice president, chief administrative officer and chief of staff for OHSU in February. She is taking on responsibility for Campus Development (campus planning and real estate, design and construction), Campus Safety (affirmative action and equal opportunity, emergency management, public safety and Title IX), Campus Services (Facilities and Transportation, Logistics March Wellness) and Human Resources. She will also retain responsibility for Government Relations, Marketing and Communications, OHSU Board relations and the other responsibilities of President Robertson’s chief of staff. As a part of this change, the Integrity Department and Internal Audit and Advisory Services will now report to General Counsel *Janet Billups*.

The OHSU Foundation announced *Rebecca Auman* as the interim president, taking over the position of former president Keith Todd, who resigned in December.

*David Barnard, Ph.D., J.D.*, Miles J. Edwards Chair in Professionalism and Comfort Care, Center for Ethics in Health Care, retired from OHSU in March.

*Laurie Litowinsky*, long-time employee in the Mac Hall Café, retired in December. She worked at OHSU for 50 years.
APPOINTMENTS

Barbara Burkart, M.B.A., M.A., has been selected as director of strategic partnerships in the School of Medicine. As director, she will lead efforts to identify and realize opportunities for faculty in the School of Medicine to form partnerships with industry, national laboratories, and other academic institutions. She comes to OHSU with 15 years experience in the analysis, development and maintenance of strategic and tactical partnerships between health care providers and multiple levels of for-profit and nonprofit organizations.

Marjorie Grafe, M.D., Ph.D., professor of pathology, has been named interim chair of the Department of Pathology in the School of Medicine. She holds a joint appointment in the Department of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine and has served in a number of leadership positions at OHSU, including medical director of the neuropathology section and vice chair of education in the Department of Pathology.

New faculty in the School of Dentistry include: Karan Repogle, D.D.S., M.S., associate professor, Graduate Endodontics Program; Suher Baker, D.M.D, B.D.S., M.S., chair and program director, Pediatric Dentistry; Franci Stavropoulos, D.D.S., predoctoral program director, oral and maxillofacial surgery; Tobi Jones, D.M.S., assistant professor in Restorative Dentistry; and the following assistant professors: Demian Woyciehowsky, D.M.D., Robert Bruechert, D.M.D., Fernanda Gwinner, D.D.S., Ph.D., Philip Mann, M.D., D.D.S., and Joshua Kucharski, D.M.D.

Steve Kinder, M.P.A., assistant professor, has been appointed head of the Division of Management in the School of Medicine. In addition to serving as new division head, he will continue teaching strategy, leadership, and operations in the OHSU-PSU School of Public Health and the OHSU Master of Science in Healthcare Management programs.

OHSU has appointed Mitch Wasden, Ed.D., as chief executive officer of OHSU Healthcare and executive vice president of OHSU.
Maggie Jameson, M.A., has been selected director of research strategy and operations in the School of Medicine. She is responsible for strategic and operational management of the school's research mission, providing senior-level counsel and support to the associate dean team.

After a national search, Carsten Schultz, Ph.D., is the new chair of the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology, School of Medicine. Dr. Schultz comes from the European Molecular Biology Laboratory Heidelberg and is a world-renowned chemical biologist. He succeeds Beth Habecker, Ph.D.

Dana Braner, M.D., F.A.A.P., F.C.C.M., is now the chair of the Department of Pediatrics. For the last 25 years Dr. Braner has been caring for critically ill infants and children. For the last 14 years he has served as the chief of the Division of Pediatric Critical Care Medicine and medical director of Doernbecher Children Hospital’s Pediatric Intensive Care Unit.

Nels Carlson, M.D., associate professor, Department of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation is now assistant dean for continuing professional development in the School of Medicine.

Jackie Wirz, Ph.D., has joined the School of Medicine dean’s office leadership team as assistant dean for student affairs in the Graduate Studies Program. She will focus on student advocacy and student progress. She continues her role as assistant professor in the OHSU Library and director of the School of Medicine’s Career and Professional Development Center.

Jennifer DeVoe, M.D.R., ’04, M.C.R. ’10, D. Phil., is now chair of the Department of Family Medicine. She succeeds John Saultz, M.D., who stepped down in June after 17 years as leader of the department.