Emeritus Faculty News is published intermittently. This issue covers the fall 2016. 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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Adventist Health, OHSU and OHSU Partners have signed a non-binding letter of intent to pursue an affiliation with the goal of reaching a final agreement by the end of the year. This affiliation would integrate Adventist Health’s Portland-area clinical enterprise with OHSU’s clinical enterprise under the direction of OHSU Partners. OHSU Partners is a management company that oversees and directs the clinical programs and services of OHSU Healthcare, Salem Health, and Tuality Healthcare as an integrated system. “Our approach is attractive because it retains each organization’s strengths while improving our collective ability to improve outcomes and value for patients,” said OHSU President Dr. Joe Robertson. “Adventist Health is known for its commitment to total patient wellness and would add great value to our growing system.”

This year’s incoming class in the School of Medicine is the largest and most diverse ever. Of the 153 future physicians who participated in the August 12 White Coat Ceremony:

- 84 percent are Oregonians
- 61 percent are female
- 30 percent have come from a racial or ethnic background other than Caucasian
- 24 percent come from a rural background
- 5 students have completed military service

U.S. News and World Report released its 2016-2017 hospital rankings, and OHSU was ranked as the best hospital in Oregon and ranked nationally for seven adult specialties. Additionally, Doernbecher Children’s Hospital has been named among the best children’s hospitals for the 7th consecutive year.

The National Institute of General Medical Sciences has awarded the OHSU M.D./Ph.D. training program a highly competitive Medical Scientist Training Program grant. The $1 million award will support the OHSU M.D./Ph.D. training program in its mission to train outstanding physician-scientists with the breadth and depth of knowledge to become leaders in medicine and transdisciplinary biomedical research. “This award is recognition of the excellence of the OHSU M.D./Ph.D. program and its place among a select group of medical schools offering MSTP-funded programs,” said George Mejicano, M.D., senior associate dean for education, School of Medicine. The training program is directed by David Jacoby, M.D., professor of medicine.

This summer, the School of Dentistry sponsored two research interns from the Summer Equity Program in the OHSU Center for Diversity and Inclusion. Deziree Roberts, a senior at PSU, assisted Dr. Richie Kohli, B.D.S., and Tram Bui, a senior at the University of Portland, worked with Dr. Agnieszka Balkowiec, Ph.D.

Hundreds of students from Oregon and Southwest Washington participated in the 25th annual Kids Making Miracles candlelight procession to commemorate a successful fundraising year for Doernbecher Children’s Hospital. Student representatives from area schools, including Tillamook High School, the first to reach a giving milestone of $1 million, joined together to “rekindle” the Doernbecher eternal flame, which symbolizes hope for hospital patients and families.
Gary and Christine Rood have donated $12 million to OHSU to help provide temporary lodging for patients and family members who must travel long distances for specialized care at OHSU’s Portland-area hospitals and clinics. The new five-story patient and family guest house, now under construction on OHSU’s South Waterfront campus, will be named in the Roods’ honor. When complete, the guest house will host up to 3,000 patients, families and caregivers annually from communities across Oregon and around the nation. Gary spent 20 years as a hospital administrator, including a lengthy service at OHSU in the 1960s and 70s.

This June, 1,252 degrees were awarded to OHSU students during the summer commencement ceremonies. Ceremonies for the School of Medicine, School of Dentistry, School of Nursing and OHSU-PSU School of Public Health were held at the Oregon Convention Center. Sanjay Gupta, M.D., well-known neurosurgeon and CNN health reporter, delivered the commencement address. Ceremonies for Oregon State/OHSU College of Pharmacy and the School of Nursing campuses outside of Portland were held at their respective locations.

OHSU has broken ground for the new Knight Cancer Institute research building north of the Collaborative Life Sciences Building. The building will house up to 600 researchers and administrators dedicated to cancer research and is slated to be complete in July 2018.

The Unity Center for Behavioral Health, a partnership between OHSU, Kaiser Permanente Northwest, Legacy Health and Adventist Portland Medical Center, is slated to open its doors in early January. The center will replace the OHSU behavioral health unit and take in its patients. In preparation for the unit’s closure, the OHSU-Unity Transition Committee has been providing guidance on the future overall care for OHSU’s medical patients with cognitive comorbidity as well as providing consultations and training for staff.

Francis S. Collins, M.D., Ph.D., director, National Institutes of Health, gave this year’s Mark O. Hatfield Lecture on October 24. He talked about research developments at the NIH such as the Precision Medicine Initiative and the Cancer Moonshot.

The OHSU community was invited, by the Knight Cardiovascular Institute, to the grand opening of the Center for Radiochemistry Research on September 20 which will provide OHSU scientists with a new suite of powerful imaging tools and expertise, including new labs, a cyclotron for isotope generation, and advanced imaging technology for preclinical and clinical research. OHSU President Joe Robertson, M.D., M.B.A., Sanjiv Kaul, M.D., chief executive officer, Knight Cardiovascular Institute and Jeanne Link, Ph.D., director, Center for Radiochemistry Research spoke at the event.
One hundred sixty nursing schools in the U.S. hosted White Coat Ceremonies this year. It was the first time the OHSU School of Nursing was part of the celebration, made possible with a grant from the Arnold P. Gold Foundation to support the Gold-American Association of Colleges of Nursing White Coat Ceremony for Nursing. The ceremony and student oath serve as an important rite of passage into the health care profession for the students. A total of 285 undergraduate nursing students at each of the four OHSU campuses participated in the ceremony during September.

The September 7, 2016, issue of the Portland Tribune, focused on an unusual program that pairs School of Nursing students with Gresham Fire and Emergency Services. Student ride-alongs with the fire department started as a way to learn about the Rockwood neighborhood in Gresham. After several groups of nursing students completed 10-week population health clinical rotations with Gresham Fire and Emergency Services, they found they were onto something bigger, something that could potentially save lives, dollars and free up firefighters for high-priority incidents. “The students recognized that a significant number of calls were for things that weren’t true emergencies,” said Captain Jay Cross, head of the fire department’s EMS program. “When people call 911, it’s often because they’ve waited too long to get care for a chronic condition or they have no primary care physician or believe that by calling 911, they’ll go to the emergency room and be seen by a physician faster than they make an appointment.”

The students proposed a pilot project, Gresham CARES (Community Assistance Response) whereby the fire department gives nursing students a referral for a home visit.

“The student will phone the person and say, ‘The fire department was at your house on such a date and recognized that you have more needs than they could address. We’re nursing students and wondered whether we can make a home visit,’” Instructor Sherry Archer, R.N., M.S.N. explained.

One of the pilot project’s goals is to track interventions and the future use of both primary care and EMS by individuals the students work with to measure outcomes. The vision for the future is to incorporate more interprofessional disciplines, such as pharmacy, social work and mental health practitioners, according to Archer, who says the project lays the foundation for other schools to jump in.
OHSU is a community of people dedicated to healing others and advancing the frontiers of scientific knowledge. Many of us choose to work at OHSU because it offers the opportunity to protect the most vulnerable in our society and improve the world around us. Those values often impel us to take on challenges that might seem impossible.

Today, our country is in the middle of an epidemic of gun violence. For those of us committed to service, each incident is mind numbing, leaving us weary from the cumulative weight of our grief. It is worth remembering that a community of people dedicated to healing must sometimes turn its attention to healing each other. Let’s take the time to support and care for one another when tragedy strikes.

Part of the healing process must involve taking positive action. This is not an issue that OHSU can solve alone, but there are things we can do to contribute to broader solutions. I’m proud to report that OHSU has joined with a number of peer organizations to call on Congress to lift the ban on CDC funding of research into gun violence. OHSU is uniquely positioned, particularly within Oregon, as a research university and public health leader, to evaluate the type of data necessary to inform a public policy discussion on gun violence.

Even more important, we can work in our own community. All of us at OHSU are torchbearers. We take on the biggest threats to human health, casting light into the darkest parts of our universe, inspiring hope. One of the ways we do this is by becoming a more inclusive community that can respond to violence and racism with compassion, humility and intelligence. This means not only acknowledging that violence is a preventable public health issue. It means understanding that violence can be a reflection of greater structural problems in society — and that the threat of trauma from violence affects all of us — students, faculty, staff, and patients. We cannot fulfill our mission unless we understand this. It must be a part of our culture of integrity as much as data protection is.

Earlier this year, we welcomed Dr. Brian Gibbs into our community as our vice president for equity and inclusion. He is also a faculty member in the OHSU-PSU School of Public Health and has a deep research background in violence prevention among adolescents and young adults in urban settings. I am asking him to lead all of us in a series of institutional conversations to help us ensure that our OHSU community can bring together diverse perspectives to address violence as a public health issue — and that OHSU can act as a convener to bring together others in the communities we serve. We will let you know how to participate in the near future.

In the meantime, thanks for everything you do for OHSU.
RESEARCH REPORTS

In July, a new study led by Markus Grompe, M.D., primary investigator, director of the Oregon Stem Cell Center and the Pape Family Pediatric Research Institute at OHSU, determined the existence of at least four separate subtypes of human insulin producing beta cells that may be important in the understanding and treatment of diabetes. The findings were published online in the journal *Nature Communications*.

Restoring tumor-specific immunity is a treatment strategy that works well in melanoma and lung cancer patients. A new study out of the Knight Cancer Institute is reviving hope that the approach also may help men with life-threatening prostate cancer. The study was published July 13 in the journal *Oncotarget*. The research team led by Julie N. Graff, M.D., medical oncologist, says the data provides, for the first time, evidence for meaningful clinical activity for PD-1 blockade in men with metastatic prostate cancer that is resistant to androgen deprivation.

Members of the Eric Gouaux laboratory, Yan Zhao, Ph.D., and Shanshuang Chen, Ph.D., in the Vollum Institute published the findings of their research, *Architecture of fully occupied GluA2 AMPA receptor – TARP complex elucidated by cryo-EM* in the July 1 edition of *Nature*.

With $42 million in funding from the National Institutes of Health, scientists from Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and OHSU will lead a five-year research initiative to advance efforts to cure and prevent HIV/AIDS. Dan Barouch, M.D., Ph.D., director of the Center for Virology and Vaccine Research at BIDMC, and Louis Picker, M.D., assistant director, OHSU Vaccine and Gene Therapy Institute, will lead a consortium of researchers from across the country exploring the mechanisms behind promising new HIV vaccine candidates and potential cure strategies.

The American Parkinson Disease Association awarded $1.6 million toward research for the 2016-2017 funding cycle. Three OHSU researchers are among the recipients of this year’s awards. Vivek Unni, M.D., Ph.D., assistant professor of neurology in the Parkinson Center of Oregon and Jungers Center for Neurosciences Research at OHSU, is the recipient of the George C. Cotzias Fellowship. The fellowship award will support Unni’s research using new imaging approaches to examine the molecular mechanisms of Lewy body pathology-associated death in mouse models of Parkinson’s disease. Ian Martin, Ph.D., assistant professor of neurology in the Jungers Center for Neurosciences Research with membership in the Parkinson Center of Oregon, received one of seven of the association’s research grants. The funding will support his research defining key pathogenic mechanisms underlying neurodegeneration in Parkinson’s disease. Vinita Ganesh Chittoor, Ph.D., a postdoctoral researcher in the Martin lab, was one of only three postdoctoral fellowship award recipients. Chittoor works on evaluating the influence of diet on LRRK2-mediated toxicity in Parkinson’s disease. (Mutations in LRRK2, an enzyme encoded by the PARK8 gene, are a proven cause of PD.)
AWARDS AND HONORS

Jane Shull, administrative assistant, Casey Eye Institute, was the recipient of the 2016 President’s Award and honored at a special ceremony. She was recognized for going above and beyond the responsibilities in her job description, arranging special lift transportation for an elderly patient and her wheelchair-bound son when their pre-arranged ride service failed to pick them up and left the two stranded at the clinic.

Antoinette Foster, a Ph.D. student in the Vollum Institute and School of Medicine neuroscience graduate program, is one of 34 students across the country to receive a Howard Hughes Medical Institute 2016 Gilliam Fellowship in Advanced Study.

Richard Weleber, M.D., professor of ophthalmology, has been recognized with the Foundation Fighting Blindness Llura Ligget Gund Award. The award recognizes retinal scientists who have consistently made the greatest contributions to retinal degenerative disease research. Dr. Weleber has led groundbreaking work for more than four decades, including leadership of clinical trials for emerging retinal disease therapies and innovations in retina imaging and functional evaluation.

The Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology published a special anniversary edition in their journal, Investigative Ophthalmology & Visual Science, with more than 70 articles to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the invention of Optical Coherence Tomography technology, co-invented by OHSU Casey Eye Institute’s David Huang, M.D., Ph.D., while he was a Ph.D. student at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. Huang is a Peterson ophthalmology professorship and professor of ophthalmology in the OHSU Casey Eye Institute.

The OHSU Knight Cancer Institute has named 10 clinical research scholars for the coming fiscal year, giving these physician-scientists the opportunity to advance discoveries with the greatest potential to improve cancer therapy, early diagnosis, or prevention. Scholars receive a $25,000 salary supplement for one year, allowing them to reserve time to pursue promising research ideas.

Four OHSU faculty members have been appointed to work on the Cancer Moonshot initiative led by U.S. Vice President Joe Biden, which aims to accelerate progress in cancer prevention, diagnosis and treatment. The four OHSU scientists will join other experts organized in seven working groups to make recommendations for major opportunities that could lead to significant breakthroughs in cancer research. OHSU faculty selected are:

- Sadik Esener, Ph.D., Wendt Family Endowed Chair in Early Cancer Detection and director, Knight Cancer Institute Center for Early Detection Research
- Joe Gray, Ph.D., Gordon Moore Endowed Chair in the Department of Biomedical Engineering, associate director for biophysical oncology, Knight Cancer Institute, and director, Center for Spatial Systems Biomedicine
- Melissa Haendel, Ph.D., associate professor, OHSU Library and Department of Medical Informatics and Clinical Epidemiology and director of the ontology development group in the OHSU Library.
- Shannon McWeeney, Ph.D., professor and head, Division of Bioinformatics and Computational Biology in the Department of Medical Informatics and Clinical Epidemiology, and director, Knight Cancer Institute Biodiv Lab, and director, OCTRI Translational Bioinformatics.

Charles R. Thomas, Jr., M.D., professor and chair, Department of Radiation Medicine, and a member of the Knight Cancer Institute, has been named Doctor-Citizen of the Year by the Oregon Medical Association.
In May, OHSU’s Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Lawrence Furnstahl, was named Portland Business Journal’s nonprofit CFO of the Year.

In the spring, the OHSU School of Medicine Alumni Association and the School of Dentistry Alumni Association, in separate ceremonies, recognized outstanding OHSU graduates. The School of Dentistry awarded Jill M. Price, D.M.D., ’92, with the John C. Petersen Alumna Award; David Hamm, D.M.D., ’52, Legacy Faculty Award (posthumous); Eugene O. Kelley, D.M.D., ’59, Legacy Faculty Award and Mark Kemball, director of Alumni Relations, President’s Award. The School of Medicine Alumni Association Recognized John Tongue, M.D., R ’74, with the Charles Preuss Distinguished Alumnus Award; Susan Tolle, M.D., ’77, Esther Pohl Lovejoy Leadership Award; Robert A. Steiner, Ph.D., ’76, Richard Jones Distinguished Alumnus Scientist Award, and Adam Wright, Ph.D., ’07, Early Career Achievement Award.

Each year, outstanding faculty are recognized for their contributions in areas of leadership, teaching, research, collaboration and service through the Faculty Senate Awards. This year’s Faculty Senate Awards winners are:

- Affiliated Units and Institutes Service Award: Jeri Finn, M.S., R.D., L.D.
- School of Dentistry Leadership Award: Phyllis Beemsterboer, M.D., Ed.D., F.A.C.D.
- School of Medicine Research Award: David Huang, M.D., Ph.D.
- School of Nursing, Collaboration Award: Joanne Noone, Ph.D., R.N.

Becker’s Hospital Review named President Joe Robertson to its 2016 list of Physician Leaders of Hospitals and Health Systems. According to Becker’s, the presidents and CEOs listed demonstrated outstanding leadership and clinical expertise throughout their careers, leading initiatives to improve their individual organizations and the health care of the communities they serve.

Peggy Wros, Ph.D., senior associate dean of student affairs, School of Nursing, was recently awarded the Nurse Faculty Loan Program grant funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration, Bureau of Health Workforce, Division of Nursing and Public Health.

The OHSU Professional Board recognized clinicians who make outstanding contributions to OHSU through their work in the patient care mission. Awards were given to Sarah Green, M.D., James Heilman, M.D., Stephanie Nonas, M.D., Mary Tanski, M.D. and Atif Zaman, M.D., M.P.H. The OHSU Professional Staff is the organizational home of all licensed independent practitioners who provide care within the OHSU health system.

Danielle Robinson, a Ph.D. candidate in neuroscience graduate program, has been awarded the 2016 Mozilla Fellowship for Science. She is one of four fellows selected worldwide and chosen for their demonstrated commitment to open scientific communication and data sharing within their communities.

Frederick “Fritz” Fraunfelder, M.D., a distinguished faculty member for 38 years and one of the founders of the Casey Eye Institute 25 years ago has been honored with the OHSU School of Medicine Dean’s Award. Among the school’s highest honors, this award is given to an individual who has shown commitment to the School of Medicine through volunteerism, teaching and/or philanthropic support. Prior to his death Dean Richardson named Dr. Fraunfelder this year’s recipient.

Eric Orwoll, M.D., professor of medicine, School of Medicine, is the 2016 recipient of the Frederic C. Bartter Award, given on behalf of the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research. He was recognized for outstanding clinical investigation in disorders of bone and mineral metabolism.
**APPOINTMENTS**

**David Bangsberg, M.D., M.P.H.**, has been named founding dean of the new OHSU-PSU School of Public Health. Dr. Bangsberg received his M.D. from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and M.P.H. from the University of California, Berkeley. A Portland native, he returns after serving as director of Global Health at Massachusetts General Hospital, the largest teaching hospital of the Harvard Medical School. Under his leadership, the MGH Global Health has transformed from a single program to an institution-wide global health initiative that now includes programs in medical technology innovation, global disaster response, cancer care, obstetrics/gynecology, radiology, pathology, infectious diseases and community health. Dr. Bangsberg is internationally known for his work on social, economic and structural barriers to HIV/AIDS care in sub-Saharan Africa. “My first college lecture was at PSU, and my first research job was at OHSU. I studied in the PSU and OHSU libraries as a teenager in order to better imagine what it would be like to be a member of these universities,” said Dr. Bangsberg. “It’s an incredible honor to return home to leverage the talent of the OHSU-PSU School of Public Health to address the most critical public health challenges identified by students, public health experts and implementers, civic and business leaders and the public themselves.”

**Richard Bergen, M.D.**, internationally regarded cancer researcher, recently joined OHSU as head of hematology and medical oncology in the School of Medicine and as associate director of medical oncology for the Knight Cancer Institute. He is also a practicing clinician who sees patients at OHSU and the VA Portland Health Care System.

**Yoon-Jae Cho, M.D., ’98, and his wife Krysta Schlis, M.D., ’01, have returned to OHSU from Stanford University. Dr. Cho was recently appointed the inaugural holder of the Ericksen Family Endowed Professorship for Research. He is now also head of the Division of Pediatric Neurology in the Department of Pediatrics at Doernbecher Children’s Hospital. Dr. Schlis is an assistant professor in the Department of Pediatric Hematology-Oncology.**

**Jennifer DeVoe, M.D., M.C.R., D. Phil.**, has been appointed chair of the Department of Family Medicine in the School of Medicine, effective July 1. She succeeds **John Saultz, M.D.**, who stepped down June 30 after 17 years as leader of the department.

**Glenn Forister, Ph.D., P.A.-C.**, has been selected as the new director of the Physician Assistant Program at OHSU. This program is currently ranked 5th in the nation by U.S. News & World Report. He replaces **Ted Ruback, M.D., P.A.**, founding director of the Physician Assistant Program, who came to OHSU in 1994. Dr. Ruback will enjoy a sabbatical this fall and will return to OHSU in a new position.

**Erin Hoover Barnett** has been named director of communications and senior communications advisor in the School of Medicine dean’s office. She has worked for Portland Public Schools since 2008 and as a reporter for 17 years at The Oregonian, distinguishing herself in health and medical reporting.
Tim Goldfarb, M.H.S.A., who managed OHSU’s clinical enterprises from 1987-2001, returned to OHSU in August as the interim chief executive officer of OHSU Healthcare. Cynthia Grueber, M.N.S.A., who has served as both interim CEO and chief operating office for OHSU Healthcare since January 2016, will continue to lead several initiatives while resuming COO responsibilities.

Jerry J. Joboin, M.D, Ph.D., clinical associate professor, has been promoted to vice chair of clinical affairs in the School of Medicine’s Department of Radiation Medicine. He is also medical director of the OHSU Knight-Legacy Health Cancer Collaborative.

Scott Johnson, M.B.A., is the new chief financial officer for OHSU Partners. Most recently he served as chief financial officer for St. Luke’s Hospital near St. Louis.

Bita Moghaddam, Ph.D., has been appointed chair of the Department of Behavioral Neuroscience, effective January 1, 2017. She succeeds Dr. Robert Hitzemann, Ph.D., who is stepping down after 16 years as department leader. Dr. Moghaddam comes to OHSU from the University of Pittsburgh where she currently serves as professor of neuroscience psychiatry and pharmacology. She was drawn to OHSU because of its collaborative faculty and resources such as the Primate Center and Advanced Imaging Research Center. Dr. Moghaddam received a Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of Kansas and completed postdoctoral training in pharmacology at Yale University.

Eneida Nemecek, B.S., M.D., M.S., M.B.A., associate professor, Department of Pediatrics, has been appointed as the inaugural holder of the Nancy Jaggar Blount Professorship in Pediatric Oncology. The endowed faculty position was established in 2015 by William K. Blount in honor of his late wife, Nancy Jaggar Blount.

Carsten Schultz, Ph.D., senior scientist, Cell Biology and Biophysics Unit, the European Molecular Biology Laboratory-Heidelberg, has been appointed chair of physiology and pharmacology, succeeding Beth Habecker, Ph.D. who will continue as a faculty member of the department.

Sarah Shannon, Ph.D., R.N., has joined the School of Nursing as the senior associate dean for academic affairs. She serves as the chief academic officer with responsibility for the development, implementation and evaluation of outstanding programs of teaching and learning.

Curt Stilp, M.S., P.A.-C., has been named director of the Oregon Area Health Education Center. He will be responsible for the overall leadership and oversight of the AHEC program at OHSU working collaboratively with the executive directors of the regional AHEC site as well as local and national governing and advisory boards.

Asma Taha, Ph.D., has joined the faculty of the School of Nursing as Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Program Director. She recently received the Barbara Larson Humanitarian Award from the Society of Pediatric Nurses.

Katherine Wild, Ph.D., associate professor of neurology, School of Medicine, has been named a fellow of The Gerontological Society of America.

Jackie Wirz, Ph.D. ’10, has joined the School of Medicine Dean’s office leadership team as assistant dean for student affairs in the graduate studies program. She joins Allison Fryer, Ph.D., associate dean for graduate studies, on the graduate studies leadership team.
Executive Vice President and Provost Jeanette Mladenovic, M.D., M.B.A., M.A.C.P. has announced her decision to retire at the end of the year, citing the increasing challenges of her distributed family. Elena Andresen, Ph.D. will serve as Interim Provost, effective immediately. Dr. Mladenovic came to OHSU in the fall of 2011 from the University of Miami. In a message to all faculty, President Robertson thanked Dr. Mladenovic for her service and highlighted some of her accomplishments, including the opening of the Collaborative Life Sciences building and move to an interprofessional model of education, the establishment of the joint School of Public Health with Portland State University, development of the Campus for Rural Health, and the expanded reach of OHSU Global.

Lucia Carbone, Ph.D., assistant professor, Behavioral Neuroscience, School of Medicine, and assistant scientist, Division of Neuroscience, Primate Center, has joined the Knight Cardiovascular Institute as director of epigenetics. She will focus on providing epigenetics expertise to support research teams across the institute.

Aditi Martin, Ph.D., is now associate director of strategic partnerships in the School of Medicine.

Bree Mitchell, Ph.D., has been named associate director for OHSU Knight Cancer Institute’s Center for Early Detection. Dr. Mitchell joined OHSU in 2015 as associate director of strategic partnerships.

Two of OHSU’s intensive care units have recently seen transitions in their leadership: Stephanie Nonas, M.D., assistant professor, Department of Medicine, School of Medicine, will assume the role of medical director of the intensive medical care unit, formerly held by Dan Hagg, M.D. David Zonies, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.S., F.C.C.M., assistant professor, Department of Surgery, School of Medicine, will be the medical director of the trauma and surgical intensive care unit, formerly led by Jennifer Watters M.D.
Mark Williams, OHSU vice president for campus development and administration, is now overseeing the design and construction of the Knight Cancer Institute’s new research building, succeeding Chief Operating Officer Steve Stadum, who left OHSU in June.

Tim Burdick, M.D., M.S., chief clinical research informatics office, left OHSU in late July to become associate medical director, Informatics-Primary Care Service Line at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Clinics in New Hampshire. In the interim, Rob Schuff, M.S., director, clinical research informatics at OCTRI will serve as director of OCTRI’s bioinformatics program.

Kathryn Flegel, M.D., assistant professor, Department of Psychiatry, has accepted a position of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Medical Director at Unity Center for Behavioral Health. She retains her faculty appointment at OHSU.

Dan Herzig, M.D., associate professor of surgery, School of Medicine, has been elected to a two-year term on the Faculty Practice Plan Board of Directors replacing Stephanie Halvorson, M.D., clinical associate professor of medicine.

Cheryl Maslen, Ph.D., professor of medicine, Division of Cardiovascular Medicine, is stepping down this fall, after eight years in the role of director of the Graduate Program in Molecular and Cellular Bioscience. She will create and lead a new educational program for students on the PMCB training grant.

Vice President and Chief Integrity Officer Jennifer Ruocco, Ph.D. transitioned into a new role as director of radiation oncology and administrator of the Department of Radiation Medicine.

John Hunter, M.D., F.A.C.S., F.R.C.S., professor and chair, Department of Surgery, was appointed by President Joe Robertson to serve as interim dean of the School of Medicine, effective Oct. 1. President Robertson has been serving as acting dean since Dean Mark Richardson’s tragic accident Aug. 13. Dr. Hunter also began his term as vice chair of the American Board of Surgery in July.

Virginia Tilden, Ph.D., R.N., F.A.A.N., has been named senior associate dean for research in the School of Nursing following an 18-month interim post in this position. Under her past leadership at OHSU, where she served as associate dean for research from 1991 to 2003, the school rose to No. 8 in the country among schools of nursing with NIH research funding and to other national prominence as signified by multiple funded T32 and P20 programs.

Dana Braner, M.D., F.A.A.P., F.C.C.M., has been appointed chair of the department of pediatrics, School of Medicine, a role he has held on an interim basis since 2015. For the past 14 years, he has served as the chief of the Division of Pediatric Critical Care Medicine and medical director of Doernbecher’s Pediatric Intensive Care Unit.

President Joe Robertson has announced the appointment of a search committee to select a permanent dean for the School of Medicine. The committee is composed of 15 researchers, physicians, and a School of Medicine house officer, and will be led by George Keepers, M.D., chair, psychiatry.
Oregon Health & Science University has experienced a foundational loss with the death of OHSU Executive Vice President and School of Medicine Dean Mark Richardson Sept. 2 from injuries suffered during a steep fall while completing a home repair Aug. 13. He was 66.

Dean Richardson, M.D., M.Sc.B., M.B.A., an otolaryngologist, was the 14th dean of the OHSU School of Medicine, serving since July 2007. He led the school and the university with distinction, guiding the faculty and staff through a period of unprecedented growth and unparalleled achievement across all of the university’s missions, including education, research, health care and service.

“Mark was a devoted clinician, an inspiring and accomplished leader, a warm, caring and engaging person and a dear, dear friend,” said Joe Robertson, M.D., M.B.A., president of OHSU. “The intensity of this loss is felt not only because of Mark’s leadership, but because of his genuine interest in, knowledge of and concern for every enterprise of the school and the students, faculty and staff at all levels.”

Dr. Richardson graduated from the Medical University of South Carolina and trained in Florida, South Carolina, Ohio and the United Kingdom. He is an internationally known specialist in pediatric otolaryngology and was consistently listed among the Best Doctors in America. He had a distinguished
faculty career in Seattle and Baltimore before coming to OHSU to lead the Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery in 2001. He was named interim dean in 2006 and dean a year later.

Dr. Richardson and his wife, Ellen Richardson, established a scholarship with the Portland, Oregon chapter of Achievement Rewards for College Scientists Foundation, of which Mrs. Richardson is a founding member. The foundation invests in academically outstanding young people working to complete doctoral degrees in science, engineering or medical research at OHSU, Oregon State University and University of Oregon.

Accolades for Dr. Richardson’s contributions and impact came from all corners of the university following the Labor Day weekend, starting Tuesday morning at the monthly meeting of the Faculty Practice Plan Board of Directors of which Dr. Richardson was president and chair.

“In addition to being an outstanding dean, Mark was a brilliant clinician,” said Nathan Selden, M.D., Ph.D., F.A.C.S., F.A.A.P., chair of neurological surgery, at the meeting. “I had the privilege of working with him in the operating room and the clinic. He was as wonderful a clinician as he was a leader, bringing warmth and wisdom to patients and colleagues alike. He will be deeply missed.”

Joey Peizner, an OHSU Food and Nutrition caterer who has been providing the coffee at meetings of university leaders for 23 years stood outside the meeting room Tuesday morning in tears.

“Dr. Richardson brought great value and leadership to OHSU in his work with the faculty and the medical students,” Peizner said. “He also greeted me and brought cheer into my life every time I saw him. He acknowledged people no matter their position at OHSU. He made us all feel part of the team.”

Suzy Funkhouser, a fourth-year medical student at OHSU and former government relations staffer for the university, described Dr. Richardson as a mentor.

“He believed in me even when I doubted myself and always inspired me to do my best,” she said. “He was kind, generous, brilliant and always available to help. Simply put, his integrity and character were the heart of the School of Medicine.”

Dr. Richardson is survived by his wife; two daughters, Abby and Caroline; their husbands; four grandchildren, and brother Pete Richardson and his wife.

A campus memorial was held September 30 to celebrate Dr. Richardson’s remarkable life and his far-reaching contributions to the school, the institution and mission he so dearly loved. More than 400 friends, colleagues, staff members, students and other guests filled the OHSU Auditorium for the ceremony.

The OHSU Foundation and the Richardson family have set up the Mark A. Richardson Deanship Endowment. Contributions can be made online or directed to the OHSU Foundation, 1121 S.W. Salmon Street, suite 200, Portland, Oregon 97205.

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**In Memoriam**

- John Isom, M.D., October 10, 2015
- Jerry D. Giesy, M.D., November 14, 2015
- Garfield deBardelaben, M.D., December 7, 2015
- Cecil Keith Claycomb, Ph.D., December 25, 2015
- James Metcalfe, M.D., January 8, 2016
- Joseph Rosch, M.D., January 17, 2016
- Frederick A. J. Kingery, M.D., February 13, 2016
- Takeshi Yoshida, February 28, 2016
- Terence H. Cochran, M.D., March 19, 2016
- Willard Daniel Rowland, M.D., March 29, 2016
- Nelson “Sam” Robinson Niles, April 28, 2016
- Tyra T. Hutchens, M.D., August 28, 2016
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