Emeritus Faculty News is published intermittently. This issue covers fall 2015 and spring 2016. Its purpose is to keep emeritus faculty informed of news and changes at OHSU. Items of interest should be sent to Mary Ann Lockwood by email at lockwood@ohsu.edu.

Sources for the content in Emeritus are many including OHSU news releases, electronic newsletters and blogs, printed material, and local media reports.
OHSU and Portland State University have launched a search to appoint the founding dean of the newly established OHSU-PSU School of Public Health. The two institutions have been working together for over four years to establish the school, building on the 22-year success of the Oregon Master of Public Health program. The joint school is in the final stages of seeking accreditation from the Council on Education for Public Health.

The School of Medicine Class of 2019 has drafted an honor code. Unlike the code of conduct, which dictates professional standards, the honor code articulates the values of their class and serves as an aspirational touchstone to guide them in their medical school journey. The students are encouraged to think about what values they want to carry into their professional practice.

OHSU President Joe Robertson announced the launch of the OHSU Campus of Rural Health. Beginning with two sites, Klamath Falls and Coos Bay, the program hopes to expand into a statewide rural campus network. “There is no academic health center anywhere that is training its students in interprofessional teams in rural communities.”

The Campus of Rural Health has three objectives:

- Rely on community partnerships and practice-based research to advance the health of rural communities
- Create an interprofessional workforce competent to improve the health of rural populations
- Assure high-quality health care delivery systems in rural environments

“Our vision is to be a national leader in developing innovative approaches to optimize health of rural communities and residents in Oregon and beyond,” Robertson said.

Through the program, students from all OHSU schools and programs will be integrated into local communities, living and studying together while they work to improve health in rural areas. There will also be a small number of faculty and community members who will become ‘students’ in the program, learning skills such as point-of-care ultrasound or using tele-health technology.
Bay Area Hospital in Coos Bay, Ore., and the OHSU Knight Cancer Institute have signed a letter of intent to make the hospital the first site of the **OHSU Cancer Network**. The network will aim to provide cancer prevention practices, research, and care programs that meet the needs of patients and cancer survivors in local communities.

**Doernbecher Children's Hospital** is now home to a new pediatric interoperative MRI facility, the first of its kind on the West Coast. The facility provides real-time, high-resolution images of the brain during surgery.

OHSU hosted a site visit from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities for its Year Seven evaluation of the university. The visit resulted in the reaffirmation of OHSU's continual regional accreditation by NWCCU.

OHSU Department of Family Medicine and Benson Polytechnic High School unveiled a new student wellness center designed to improve the physical and mental health of Portland high school students. The **Benson Wellness Center**, located on the Benson campus in northeast Portland, will provide students high quality health care regardless of insurance status. Staffed by faculty and residents from the OHSU Department of Family Medicine as well as specialists from Multnomah Education Service District School Health Services, the Multnomah County Health Department, and Western Psychological and Counseling Services, the center will fulfill required adolescent health training for the physician-supervised OHSU residents, and will offer a mentorship program for Benson students interested in health care professions.

Tuality Healthcare and OHSU announced a final agreement that will integrate the organizations' clinical services in order to improve patient outcomes, increase access to care, and manage health care costs for patients. The affiliation combines Tuality's deep community roots with OHSU's role as a provider of complex and advanced specialty care. Tuality and OHSU first began working together through the Tuality/OHSU Cancer Center, which opened in 2002.

The Office of the Provost announced upcoming changes to the faculty titles. “After working with the Faculty Senate and the deans over the last eight months,” the announcement stated, “we have simplified our faculty ranks. These ranks can be applied across all schools and programs, acknowledge faculty who are part of our major affiliated institutions, and will form the basis of our ongoing efforts to create faculty recognition, support and advancement.” The new series’ will be as follows:

- **Professor Series**: Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and Professor
- **Instructional Series**: Lecturer, Instructor
- **Research Series**: Research Assistant Professor, Research Associate Professor, and Research Professor

Additionally, there is a series for community-based faculty: Clinical Assistant Professor, Clinical Associate Professor, and Clinical Professor.

Military veterans are gaining improved access to cancer trials thanks to an effort led by Knight Cancer Institute member **Charles Blanke, M.D.**, professor, Division of Hematology and Medical Oncology, School of Medicine, and chair, SWOG cancer research network. SWOG and the Hope Foundation awarded $28,000 in seed funding to each of five Veterans Affairs medical centers to help enroll veterans in trials run by SWOG and other members of the National Cancer Institute's National Clinical Trials Network. SWOG was the first in the NCI trials network to actively support VA centers and recruit veterans directly to its trials. “It is good for research and we're hoping it benefits our veterans as well,” Dr. Blank said.

The Department of Emergency Medicine celebrated 25 years as a department within the School of Medicine.
CAMPUS CHANGES

The new **Center for Radiochemistry Research** is in the final phase of construction. The new facility, adjacent to the Marquam Hill Research Courtyard, will include new labs, a cyclotron for isotope generation, and advanced imaging technology for preclinical and clinical research (including PET/MRI). The center will give OHSU the capacity to develop radioactive isotopes to address specific research questions using real-time imaging.

The Casey Eye Institute has announced plans for a new facility adjacent to its current structure on Marquam Hill. The new building will enable Casey to serve more patients with better options and accelerate medical discoveries. In recognition of a $15 million philanthropic investment from the Oregon State Elks Association, the 60,000-square-foot building will be named the **Elks Children’s Eye Clinic**. It will also house the Casey Eye Institute Reading Center, the Macular Degeneration Center, and include space for additional research and patient care. Bolstering this undertaking is a recent $5 million gift from Wyoming business leader, John S. Wold, to support the Macular Degeneration Center. These efforts are part of the recently launched Onward OHSU campaign to support key initiatives at the university. Ground breaking is expected for summer 2017.

OHSU announced plans to explore expansion of **Doernbecher Children’s Hospital**. The proposed new facility would create the first children’s hospital in the Pacific Northwest – and one of the few in the country – to offer comprehensive and aligned obstetric, neonatal, pediatric surgery, and developmental medicine services in one location, and to provide care exclusively focused on delivering the strongest possible start for expecting parents and babies. “This expansion would bring together a constellation of faculty and staff not available anywhere else in the state,” said OHSU President Joe Robertson. “Doernbecher is uniquely positioned to lead efforts to increase access statewide, thereby improving outcomes for high-risk cases.” The potential expansion could add up to 22 additional beds for Women’s and Children’s Services and make available approximately 68 beds across OHSU Hospital through new construction or repurposed space. OHSU’s leadership team, faculty, and staff have begun the pre-programming planning process. If the project proves viable, the design process could begin as early as 2017, and construction could commence as early as 2018.

The Portland Design Commission approved plans for the two new OHSU buildings on the growing South Waterfront, both designed by ZGF Architects. The project includes the **Center for Health & Healing South**, a 15-story ambulatory hospital and research building, and an 11-story patient housing (Guest House) and parking garage structure with 76 rooms available to patients receiving outpatient treatment at OHSU.
Paul Spellman, Ph.D., professor of molecular and medical genetics and a member of the OHSU Knight Cancer Institute, is among the contributors to a breakthrough discovery that revealed genomic drivers of a poorly understood form of kidney cancer — primary papillary renal cell carcinoma. Dr. Spellman, along with co-author W. Marston Linehan, M.D., National Cancer Institute, worked with physicians and investigators from 39 institutions participating in the Cancer Genome Atlas Research Network to release the findings.

According to a November article in the Portland Business Journal, a Portland-based start-up, Oregon Heart Inc., is in the very early stages of developing the world’s first Total Artificial Heart. OHSU founded the company and invested $5 million. Two of the world’s leaders in cardiovascular technology are involved in the project: Richard Wampler M.D., a pioneer in the field of implantable pumps, and Albert Starr M.D., who co-invented the first artificial heart valve, both of whom are faculty members at OHSU.

The Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Ontario Institute for Cancer Research announced they would be joining the Collaborative Cancer Cloud, a medicine analytics platform created through a partnership between the Knight Cancer Institute and Intel Corporation. This platform will allow the institutions to confidentially share patient genomic, imaging, and clinical data to accelerate potentially lifesaving discoveries.

Oregon researchers looking for early signs of dementia found that elderly people with higher computer use had bigger brains and better memories than those who used the computer less. That initial finding stems from a study of 27 people between 70 and 98 years old. All had some proficiency using a computer and agreed to have their use monitored and their brains scanned. “Not only were they dementia-free, they didn’t even have mild cognitive impairment,” according to Lisa Silbert, M.D., M.C.R., associate professor, Division of Neurology, OHSU.
Scientists at the Oregon National Primate Research Center reported that infant rhesus macaques treated with antibodies within 24 hours being exposed to SHIV, a chimeric simian virus that bears the HIV envelope protein, were completely cleared of the virus. The study, published in *Nature Medicine*, is a significant development in the HIV scientific community. SHIV-infected primates can transmit SHIV to their offspring through milk feeding, just as humans can transmit HIV from mother to child through breastfeeding and during childbirth (and only rarely during pregnancy).

“We knew that we had to treat the infant rhesus macaques quickly,” said Nancy L. Haigwood, Ph.D., primate center director and senior scientist, adjunct professor, molecular microbiology and immunology, and senior author of the paper. “But we were not convinced an antibody treatment could completely clear the virus after exposure. We were delighted to see this result.”

Research published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* by Vinay Prasad, M.D., M.P.H., assistant professor of medicine, School of Medicine, suggested “that the use of superlative language in the description of cancer drugs... the use of terms like ‘breakthrough,’ ‘game changer,’ ‘miracle,’ and ‘cure,’ among others... by journalists and researchers were found to distort the public’s understanding of cancer treatment, creating unrealistic expectations, frustration and disappointment.”

Scientists at Doernbecher Children’s Hospital have defined the first causal link between lead exposure and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder in humans. While previous studies have associated lead blood levels with ADHD, research published in *Psychological Science* is the first to confirm previous hypotheses that exposure to lead in miniscule amounts typical in the U.S., or less than 10 parts per billion, increases symptoms in some individuals with ADHD. “This research is valuable to the scientific community as it bridges genetic and environmental factors and helps to illustrate one possible route to ADHD. Further, it demonstrates the potential to ultimately prevent conditions like ADHD by understanding how genes and environmental exposures combine,” said Joel Nigg, Ph.D., principal investigator and director, ADHD and Retention Research Program, director, Division of Psychology, Doernbecher Children’s Hospital, and professor of psychiatry and behavioral neuroscience, School of Medicine.

In a paper published in *Clinical Infectious Diseases*, researchers at OHSU recommend the current adult vaccination schedule should be revisited. “We have always been told to get a tetanus shot every 10 years, but actually, there is very little data to prove or disprove this timeline,” said Mark K. Slifka, Ph.D., professor of molecular microbiology, and senior scientist, Oregon National Primate Research Center. “When we looked at the levels of immunity among 546 adults, we realized that antibody titers against tetanus and diphtheria lasted much longer than previously believed.” In this study, Slifka and colleagues looked at the magnitude and duration of immunity to tetanus and diphtheria to provide an evidence-based evaluation of the current adult vaccine schedule. Their analysis shows adults will remain protected against tetanus and diphtheria for at least 30 years without the need for further booster shots after completing the standard five-dose childhood vaccination series.
The 2017 *U.S. News and World Report* best graduate school rankings puts the OHSU School of Medicine at #2 (#4 last year) in the nation for excellence in family medical education, #4 in rural medicine education (#11 last year), and #6 in primary care education (#5 last year). Overall, the School of Medicine was ranked #31 in the nation for research-oriented medical schools, unchanged from last year. There are 141 accredited medical schools in the U.S. The OHSU physician assistant program continues to be ranked #5 in the nation.

The School of Nursing has been named 11th in the U.S. for its online master’s in nursing degree programs by *U.S. News and World Report*.

The Children’s Hospital Association awarded Doernbecher Children’s Hospital the 2015 Pediatric Quality Award for Patient Safety and Reduction of Harm. The national award is to children’s hospitals that demonstrate significant clinical or operational improvements with the potential to advance children’s health care. Doernbecher was recognized for its work to reduce radiation exposure by 50 percent for children undergoing barium swallow studies.

In the *Portland Business Journal’s* 2015 ranking of Oregon’s most admired companies, OHSU was first and Doernbecher Children’s Hospital was second in the health care category. OHSU also ranked as the fourth most admired company overall after Nike, Columbia Sportswear, and Intel.

In the *Times of Higher Education*’s annual list of the “World’s Best Small Universities,” OHSU was listed at #7, the highest among medical schools included.
The Portland Chapter of Achievement Rewards For College Scientists (ARCS) Foundation received the Outstanding Philanthropic Foundation Award from the Portland Association of Fundraising Professionals. OHSU was the first university in Oregon to receive ARCS scholar awards when the chapter was founded in 2005. As of November, ARCS Portland has funded scholar awards for 107 Ph.D. candidates in science, medicine, and engineering at OHSU, 66 at Oregon State, and two at the University of Oregon.

Thomas Dewland, M.D., assistant professor of medicine and member of the Knight Cardiovascular Institute, was one of seven people awarded a Young Author Achievement Award by the American College of Cardiology.

Jack Ferracane, Ph.D., professor and chair, restorative dentistry, School of Dentistry, was awarded the Hollenback Memorial Prize at the Academy of Operative Dentistry meeting in Chicago in February.

Five OHSU researchers were named among the most influential scientific minds of 2015 by Thomson Reuters. Included were Eric Gouaux, Ph.D., Vollum Institute; Brian Druker, M.D., OHSU Knight Cancer Institute; Michael Heinrich, M.D., professor of medicine, and cell and developmental biology; Eric Fombonne, M.D., director, Autism Research Center, OHSU Brain Institute, and professor of psychiatry; and Joan Ash, Ph.D., professor and vice chair, Department of Medical Informatics and Clinical Epidemiology. Susan Norris, M.D., M.P.H., formerly with OHSU and now with the World Health Organization, was also named.

The Dental Materials Group of the International Association of Dental Research has awarded Tom Hilton, D.M.D., M.S., alumni centennial professor, operative dentistry, School of Dentistry, with the Ryge-Mahler Award, recognizing significant contributions to clinical research in dental materials science.

The Medical Research Foundation of Oregon, an affiliate committee of the OHSU Foundation, announced its 2015 awards for scientific leadership and innovation in Oregon. The Mentor Award went to Peter Harmer, Ph.D., M.P.H., A.T.C., associate research scientist at the Oregon Research Institute, and professor, Department of Exercise Science, Willamette University. The Discovery Award went to Judith S. Eisen, Ph.D., professor of biology in the Institute of Neuroscience, University of Oregon. The Richard T. Jones New Investigator Award was presented to Michael S. Cohen, Ph.D., assistant professor of physiology and pharmacology, OHSU School of Medicine.

Carmem Pfeifer, D.D.S., Ph.D., assistant professor, restorative dentistry, School of Dentistry, won the Inventor of the Year Award from OHSU’s Technology Transfer and Business Development in recognition of her continued success in developing new biologically stable monomer systems and strength-enhancing additives for dental composites, adhesives, and cements.

Sharon Anderson, M.D., professor and chair of the Department of Medicine, received the National Kidney Foundation’s highest honor – The David Hume Award – during the 2016 Spring Clinical Meetings. The award is reserved for a distinguished scientist-clinician in the field of kidney and urologic diseases who exemplifies the high ideals of scholarship and humanism in an outstanding manner. Dr. Anderson is the second woman ever to receive this award.

Karen Deveney, M.D., professor of surgery and vice chair of education, School of Medicine, was installed as the first woman president of the Pacific Coast Surgical Association.

Marti Driessnack, Ph.D., P.N.P.-B.C., and Lissi Hansen, Ph.D., R.N., have been inducted into the Western Institute of Nursing’s Western Academy of Nurses.

OHSU has earned the Outstanding Achievement Award for Cancer Care in two consecutive surveys by the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons. Since 2012, only eight other cancer centers in the Pacific Northwest have earned the award. Among them, only the OHSU Knight Cancer Institute earned the distinction in two consecutive surveys, those completed in 2012 and 2015.
The Doernbecher Children’s Hospital operating room department recently received the Competency and Credentialing Institute’s 2016 True North Award. The award is presented to one hospital each year and recognizes organizations that use Certified Nurse Operating Room (CNOR) certification as a “true north” to guide their perioperative nursing staff to be lifelong learners, models of competent practice, and advocates for excellence and patient safety.

Susan Tolle, M.D., professor of medicine, Division of Internal Medicine and Geriatrics, and director, Center for Ethics, was honored at the 2016 National POLST Paradigm Conference with an inaugural Susan Tolle, M.D. award for Outstanding Service. The award acknowledges her steadfast dedication and long-term service to developing the National POLST Paradigm.

Each year, the Portland Business Journal gives awards to a group of 40 people under the age of 40 who have excelled in their field. Two OHSU faculty members made this year’s class: Alisha Moreland-Capuia, M.D., assistant professor of psychiatry, School of Medicine, and executive director of the Avel Gordly Center for Healing, and Brendon Rauw, M.B.A., vice president for technology transfer and business development.

Lillian Nail, Ph.D., R.N., C.N.S., F.A.A.N., senior associate dean, School of Nursing, and Frances Lee-Lin, Ph.D., associate professor, School of Nursing, were recognized in the American Journal of Nursing 2015 Book of the Year Awards. “A Guide to Oncology Symptom Management” (second edition) as the third-place winner in the Medical-Surgical category for the chapter on alopecia.

Cynthia Perry, Ph.D., F.N.P.-B.C., director, family nurse practitioner program, and associate professor, School of Nursing, was elected a 2015 Fellow of the American Heart Association.

Marti Driessnack, Ph.D., P.P.C.N.P., associate professor, School of Nursing, received the 2015 Research of the Year Award from the Association of Faculties of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners.

Ann Raish M.H.A., the OHSU Knight Cancer Institute’s vice president of oncology services, has been designated one of this year’s Women of Influence by the Portland Business Journal.

Valerie Palmer, B.Sc., instructor, Department of Neurology, has been selected by Encore.org as one of 41 Purpose Prize Fellows in recognition of her innovative social impact contributions, specifically for her interprofessional Community Health and Education Exchange elective for OHSU health profession students.

Stephanie Kerns, M.I.S., OHSU associate university librarian, was selected for the National Library of Medicine Association of Academic Health Science Librarians Leadership Fellows program.

Renee Menkens, M.S., R.N.C., clinical assistant professor, School of Nursing, was among 10 nurses recognized for their innovative approaches to improve health and health care with the Culture of Health: Breakthrough Leaders in Nursing award from the Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action, a joint initiative of the AARP, the AARP Foundation, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Five faculty members were recognized at the third annual Women in Academic Medicine award program. Deborah Lewinsohn, M.D., professor of pediatrics, received the Mentoring Award. Melissa Martenson, M.S., research associate and lab manager, neurological surgery, received Research Support Award. Robin Shaughnessy, M.D., associate professor of pediatrics, received the Clinical Service Award. Amanda Lund, Ph.D., assistant professor of cell, developmental, and cancer biology, received the Discovery Award. Leslie Kahl, M.D., professor of medicine and associate dean for strategic initiatives, received the Resiliency Award.

For the second year, a team of clinical informatics students from the biomedical informatics graduate program in the School of Medicine, has won the student design challenge of the America Medical Informatics Association.
Peter Kurre, M.D., professor of pediatrics and cell, developmental, and cancer biology, has been appointed to the Rebecca and Sada Tarshis Professor in Pediatric Hematology Oncology.

Erik Fromme, M.D., palliative care medical director, Knight Cancer Institute, and associate professor, Department of Radiation Medicine, has been named to Oregon's new Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council.

Cynthia Perry, Ph.D., F.N.P.-B.C., director, family nurse practitioner program, and associate professor, School of Nursing, was elected a 2015 Fellow of the American Heart Association, conferred by the Council on Lifestyle and Cardiometabolic Health.

The School of Nursing has welcomed Asma Taha, R.N., Ph.D., as the pediatric nurse practitioner program director.

Julianna Cartwright, Ph.D., associate professor, School of Nursing's Ashland campus, was appointed to a national task force sponsored by the National Hartford Center of Gerontological Nurse Excellence: Expert Panel on Gerontological Nurse Educator Competencies.

Devon Berry, Ph.D., has a new role in the School of Nursing as executive associate dean.

Christopher Conrady, M.S.N., N.P., instructor, pediatric hematology and oncology, was appointed by Oregon Governor Kate Brown to the Task Force on Researching the Medical and Public Health Properties of Cannabis.

Jesika Gavilanes, M.A., operations director, OHSU Simulation Center, and associate director of operations for VirtuOHSU Simulation and Surgical Training Center, has been selected to represent OHSU as co-chair on the planning committee for the Society for Simulation in Healthcare's 2017 annual meeting.

Colleen Schierholtz, director of admissions and recruitment, physician assistant program, received the first-ever Administrative Support Staff Award given by the Physician Assistant Education Association.

The OHSU School of Nursing has named Christopher S. Lee, Ph.D., R.N., F.A.H.A., F.A.A.N., associate professor, School of Nursing and Knight Cardiovascular Institute, the Carol A. Lindeman Distinguished Professor, and Kerri Winters-Stone, Ph.D., F.A.C.S.M., research professor, School of Nursing and Knight Cancer Institute, the Elnora E. Thomson Distinguished Professor.
Sanjiv Kaul, M.D., director of the OHSU Knight Cardiovascular Institute, and professor of medicine in the School of Medicine, received the American Heart Association’s highest clinical honor, the James B. Herrick Award for Outstanding Achievement in Clinical Cardiology.

Sara A. Courtneidge, Ph.D., professor, Department of Cell, Developmental, and Cancer Biology, received the 18th annual AACR Women in Cancer Research Charlotte Friend Memorial Lectureship for her contributions to the current understanding of SRC-family kinases, which control essential signaling pathways necessary for normal physiology and cancer development, and for her advocacy for women in science.

Charles R. Thomas, M.D., chair, Department of Radiation Medicine, will serve as a two-term vice president of the Society of Chairs of Academic Radiation Oncology Programs, followed by a term as president of SCAROP. He was also named a deputy editor of the *JAMA Oncology*.

The Oregon Clinical and Translational Research Institute (OCTRI), announced the Biomedical Innovation Program 2016 award recipients: Fergus Coakley, M.D., chair, Department of Diagnostic Radiology; James Dolan, M.D., M.C.R., F.A.C.S., associate professor of surgery, Division of Gastrointestinal and General Surgery; and Ted Hobbs, D.V.M., M.C.R., surgical veterinarian, OHSU and the primate center. The awards provide funding, mentoring, and project management to move their inventions to the marketplace.

Nasser Said-Al-Naief, D.D.S., is now chair of oral pathology in the School of Dentistry. Steven Beadnell, D.M.D., assistant professor, and Darlos Ugalde, D.D.S., M.D., assistant professor, have joined oral and maxillofacial surgery. Hidehiko Watanabe, D.D.S., assistant professor, Silvia Amaya Pajares, D.D.S., M.S., assistant professor, Jens Kreth, Ph.D., assistant professor, have joined restorative dentistry. Dmitri Aleksandrov, D.M.D., assistant professor, has been appointed to the Russell Street Clinic.

Greg Miller, M.D., M.B.A., has been appointed chief medical officer of the Unity Center for Behavioral Health. He will join the faculty of the Department of Psychiatry, in the School of Medicine under the direction of George Keepers, M.D., chair of the department. He will also report to Chris Farentinos, M.D., M.P.H., vice president of the Unity Center. The Unity Center, an unprecedented collaboration between OHSU, Adventist Health, Kaiser Permanente, and Legacy Health, provides an innovative patient-centered care environment for adults and adolescents experiencing a mental or behavioral health crisis.

Raymond Bergan, M.D., an internationally regarded cancer specialist known for leading breakthrough studies on how cancer cells spread and developing preventive treatments for high-risk patients, joined OHSU as head of hematology and medical oncology, and associate director of medical oncology for the Knight Cancer Institute. He also holds the DeArmond Chair of Clinical Research.

G. William Knight, D.D.S., M.D., M.S., F.A.C.D., has joined the faculty of the School of Dentistry as senior associate dean of academic affairs.

Mark Moore, B.A., B.S., has joined the Department of Comparative Medicine as the facility manager. He is certified as a laboratory animal technologist by the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science and is a certified manager of animal resources.

Tracy Glukman, D.V.M., diplomate, American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine, has joined OHSU as associate director, comparative medicine.

Julia Burchard, Ph.D., has started her work as the new bioinformatics core director.
TRANSITIONS

**John Saultz, M.D.**, chair, Department of Family Medicine, will step down at the end of this academic year, as chair of the department. He will remain in the School of Medicine faculty as professor of family medicine and continue to teach, provide patient care, and conduct research.

**Mary Stenzel-Poore, Ph.D.**, will leave her role as chair of the Department of Molecular Microbiology and Immunology, to focus full time on the expanding the role of senior associate dean for research. She has served in this dual role since 2012. **Susan Hayflick, M.D.**, will serve as interim chair of the department while a national search takes place.

**Gopal Allada, M.D.**, clinical associate professor of medicine, Department of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, has been appointed medical director of OHSU’s Physician Assistant Program in the School of Medicine.

**Patrick Brunett, M.D., F.A.C.E.P.**, will step down from his role as associate dean for graduate education in the School of Medicine on June 30.

**Dan Dorsa, Ph.D.**, is transitioning from his role as senior vice president for research beginning July 1. Dorsa has served as OHSU’s vice president for research since 2001, when he was recruited from the University of Washington. He has presided over the enormous growth of research during his tenure, guiding the institution from one that brought in $167 million in research grants in 2000 to $376 million in 2015. Highlights of only some his accomplishments include stewarding the Oregon Opportunity funds ($200 million from the State of Oregon and an additional $378 million in philanthropy), which allowed recruitment of world-class researchers to OHSU. Dorsa will serve as acting senior vice president for research through December 2016. There will be a national search to fill this role.
The March 23 Directline from OHSU President Joe Robertson, M.D., M.B.A., reported that “OHSU is building an army of torchbearers. Our shared purpose is clear: to improve the health and wellbeing of our citizens through education, research and patient care. There will always be more needs in society than we can meet, and we will always be challenged to innovate and collaborate to maximize our impact. Any opportunity to generate new resources to fulfill our mission or recruit additional torchbearers that bring new ideas and energy is a moment worth celebrating. I won’t be able to dedicate a Directline to every new recruit, but today I want to introduce you to three exceptional new OHSU torchbearers: Sadik Esener, Brian Gibbs, and Marc Freeman.

Sadik Esener, Ph.D., joins the Knight Cancer Institute to lead its new early detection research program. This recruitment is a significant milestone in implementing the vision from the Knight Cancer Challenge and addressing one of the biggest unmet needs in cancer care today – detecting lethal cancers before they take hold, when they are most treatable. Esener comes to OHSU from the University of California, San Diego, where he led the Cancer Nanotechnology Center of Excellence, exploring ways to use nano scale devices to detect and target cancerous tumors. One of his first responsibilities will be to recruit a multidisciplinary early detection team of more than 20 scientists and their research staffs.

Brian Gibbs, Ph.D., joins OHSU as vice president for equity and inclusion. Diversity is one of OHSU’s four core values, enshrined for the first time in the Code of Conduct, and embodied in goal one of our strategic plan: “Be a great organization, diverse in people and ideas.” We both want and need a culture that is equitable for all patients, students, faculty, staff, and visitors, and that promotes inclusion as well as innovation through the meeting of minds and sharing of perspectives. Gibbs comes to us from the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center, where he was associate vice chancellor for diversity and a faculty member in family and community medicine. He is a public health practitioner with more than 30 years of experience working to reduce health disparities, and will serve as faculty in the new OHSU-PSU School of Public Health.

Marc Freeman, Ph.D., joins OHSU as director of the Vollum Institute. The Vollum is a nationally recognized center of excellence focused on basic neuroscience research. With unsurpassed expertise in the workings of the synapse, Vollum scientists have been pioneers in the study of cellular signaling, neuronal development, gene regulation, and the neurobiology disease. Freeman comes to OHSU from the University of Massachusetts Medical School, where he was professor and vice chair of the Department of Neurobiology and led a lab studying glia-neuron interactions in the health and diseased brain. He is a Howard Hughes Medical Investigator and recently received the prestigious Javits Neuroscience Investigator Award from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke.”
NEW EMERITUS FOR 2016

Wolfhard Almers, Ph.D.
Senior Scientist Emeritus, Vollum

Scott A. Fields, M.D.
Professor Emeritus, Family Medicine

Linn Goldberg, M.D.
Professor Emeritus, Medicine

Arthur Hall, D.V.M.
Professor Emeritus, Comparative Medicine

Diane B. Howieson, Ph.D.
Associate Professor Emerita, Neurology

John Hunt, M.S.E.E.
Instructor Emeritus, Pediatrics

David Kabat, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Jack Kron, M.D.
Professor Emeritus, Medicine

Judith R. Logan, M.D.
Professor Emerita, Medical Informatics and Clinical Epidemiology

Donald J. Lollar, Ed.D.
Professor Emeritus, School of Public Health

Charles M. Malloy, D.M.D.
Assistant Professor Emeritus, Restorative Dentistry

David C. Parker, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus, Molecular Microbiology and Immunology

Jane L. Weissman, M.D.
Professor Emerita, Diagnostic Radiology

Brian Wong, M.D.
Professor Emeritus, Medicine

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SAVE THE DATE

EMERITUS FACULTY LUNCHEON

Tuesday, November 1, 2016
Social hour: 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Lunch: 12 to 1:30 p.m.
Official invitation to come