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Emeritus Faculty News is published every spring and fall. 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](mailto:lockwood@ohsu.edu).

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# NEWS BRIEFS

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On Aug. 11, the largest-ever incoming class of School of Medicine students took part in the White Coat Ceremony, symbolizing the beginning of each student's journey to becoming a physician. Of the 160 students matriculating this fall, 85 percent are Oregonians. Women comprise more than 54 percent of the class. Nearly 38 percent of entering students report having come from a racial or ethnic background other than Caucasian. Approximately 22 percent of students come from a rural background. Three students have completed military service. "Start right now with the end in mind, what does success look like for you?" said **Tracy Bumsted, M.D., M.P.H.**, associate professor of pediatrics and associate dean for undergraduate medical education, School of Medicine, to the students. **George Mejicano, M.D., M.S.**, professor of medicine and senior associate dean for education, School of Medicine, added: "It is a combination of an insatiable curiosity wedded to a systematic process that best captures the spirit of inquiry known as science. Use your skill and knowledge to embrace that process no matter what you do in life and use your voice to advocate for that curiosity and systematic process so that your collective talent serves society." **Rajesh**

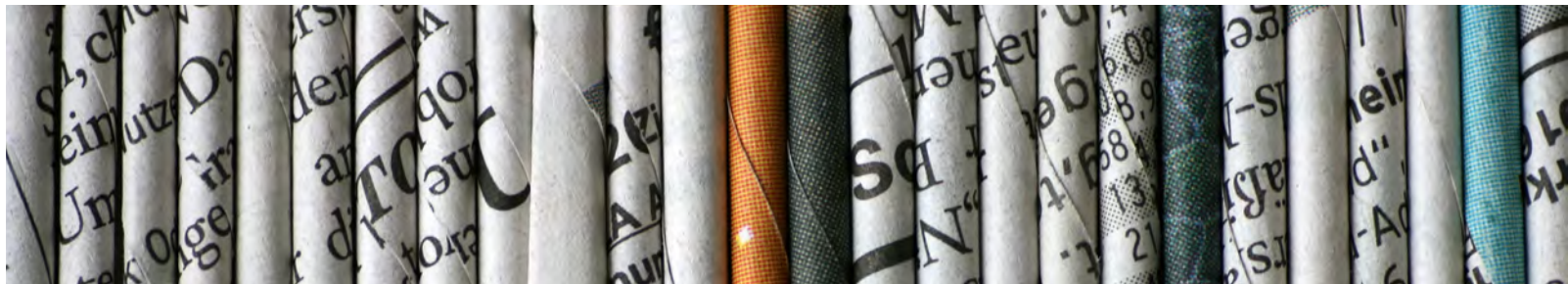
**S. Mangrulkar, M.D.**, associate dean for Medical Student Education, University of Michigan, and presenter of this year's J.S. Reinschmidt, M.D., Lecture during the White Coat Ceremony, said: "How we work to reduce the distance between us and our patients, in our quest for a shared understanding, and in those moments of vulnerability. This is what reveals our humanism... that connection is the cement in the foundation of each relationship we have with our patients, and that is the true symbol of the white coat."

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The OHSU School of Medicine is revising its Ph.D. education programs to better prepare aspiring scientists for a changing career landscape. A committee of graduate faculty, students and postdocs has proposed a new approach that features a number of enhancements: a flexible, individualized curriculum, teams of mentors to meet student needs and "just-in-time" courses to fulfill evolving student research and skill requirements.

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**Shoukhrat Mitalipov, Ph.D.**, professor and director, Center for Embryonic Cell and Gene Therapy at OHSU, will give the Breaking News Lecture "Gene correction in human gametes and embryos for the prevention of heritable diseases?" at the annual Translational Reproductive Biology and Clinical Reproductive Endocrinology Conference of the Foundation for Reproductive Medicine in November in New York City. Mitalipov published, to worldwide attention in the media, a paper in *Nature* that described the first successful therapeutic genetic edition of human embryos afflicted by a single gene mutation that causes an inherited form of



cardiomyopathy. Following the publication, **Daniel Dorsa, Ph.D.**, senior vice president for research at OHSU, wrote in an opinion piece in the *Oregonian*: “Mitalipov and his colleagues have successfully removed a lethal genetic defect in human embryos using the gene-editing tool known as CRISPR. This breakthrough is profound. It is the initial confirmation that a life-threatening genetic defect can, in theory, be erased. The new technique targets mutation in nuclear DNA that causes hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, a common genetic heart disease that can cause sudden cardiac death and heart failures. This new method repairs the mutation and prevents it from being inherited by succeeding generations. Beyond this specific use, the research has proved essential in validating the legitimacy of continued exploration of gene-editing tools in the human embryo.”

Earlier this year writer William Graves released *Transformed – How Oregon’s Public Health University Won Independence and Healed Itself*, an account of how former OHSU President Dr. Peter Kohler turned OHSU into a semi-independent public corporation and saved it from closing. Kohler hoped that OHSU’s transformation could serve as a model for the public universities and academic health centers struggling with declining state support and revenue. Quotes from a variety of OHSU faculty members appear in the book.

Frank Doernbecher’s great nephews donated a piano to Doernbecher’s Children’s Hospital that once belonged to Frank and has been in their family since 1895. Volunteers will use the piano in the

Doernbecher lobby to share music with patients, families, employees and visitors.

The OHSU-PSU School of Public Health has been notified of its status as an officially accredited institution. The Council on Education for Public Health’s determination follows the school’s submission of a self-study report last August and a site visit by external peer reviewers last September.

The School of Dentistry and OHSU Foundation announced in the fall that the Our Moment is Here campaign had been successfully concluded through a combination of outright gifts, pledges and deferred commitments. The campaign – which secured unprecedented support from donors in Oregon and 35 other states – was driven by gifts from 741 individual and corporate donors. Alumni accounted for almost two-thirds of the donors. The campaign coincided with a number of similar dental school campaigns across the country, but none were as ambitious as Our Moment is Here. “We are truly delighted at the campaign’s success, not only financially but as a demonstration of the excellence of the faculty, the work that takes place here and the foundation it provides as we work to improve the health of all Oregonians.” said **Phillip Marucha, D.M.D., Ph.D.**, dean of the School of Dentistry.

OHSU Healthcare created a new division, Hospital Dental Services, in August, 2017 to manage the oral health needs of hospital patients. Former 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 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 led by **Sean Benson, D.D.S.**, who has recently assumed the position of clinical service chief as well as associate dean of dental services in the School of Dentistry. Benson is an assistant professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and joined OHSU in 2012 after practicing privately in Baker City, Ore.

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The Health Resources and Services Administration, part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the primary federal agency for improving access to health care services for people who are uninsured, isolated or medically vulnerable, has awarded a 3-year, \$1.5 million grant to the State of Oregon to support a pilot program to improve access to dental care in rural areas of the state. The grant will expand on current work by the School of Dentistry's Department of Community Dentistry in collaboration with Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division and others to support School of Dentistry's senior dental student community-based rotation program in rural areas.

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The Knight Cancer Institute has reached a milestone with its Community Partnership Program, which now funds projects impacting Oregonians in every county across the state. "Reaching the important

milestone of providing funding to address cancer across the entire state is incredibly gratifying," said **Kerri Winters-Stone, Ph.D.**, co-director of the Knight Cancer Institute Community Partnership Program. "We're proud to see the program addressing a wide variety of cancer-related concerns, and now, to people across the entire state." Since October 2014, the program has helped communities conduct cancer-related projects targeting a diverse range of cancer types and demographics. The Community Partnership Program offers multiple tiers of funding to support local organizations in identifying and developing tools to address a local cancer-related need.

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OHSU recently worked with Portland Art Museum conservators to image a 17th century painting by French artist Gabriel Revel. OHSU provided X-ray and mammography scans, which enabled the conservators to make informed decisions during restoration and helped determine the painting's final presentation. This is the second time OHSU has imaged a painting for the museum. In 2010, radiology staff used similar technology to help analyze a Van Gogh. OHSU also has worked with other community partners throughout the years to image zoo animals, fossils and ancient artifacts.

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The Knight Cancer Institute announced that internationally renowned bioengineering and technology expert **Mike Heller, Ph.D.**, will join the institute's Cancer Early Detection Advanced Research Center, or CEDAR, to lead its technology efforts. A proven leader with more than 53 issued patents, Heller comes to OHSU from the





University of California San Diego, where he established a laboratory centered in the university's bioengineering and nanoengineering departments. "Early detection is one of the biggest cancer challenges," said Heller. "There's an enormous amount of work going on in cancer—research, therapeutics and diagnostics — but not many people are focusing on early detection research. This is what drew me to OHSU. It's the right approach, the right team, the right time — and there's excitement here that I haven't seen anywhere else."

Portland's three largest public colleges are teaming up with the City of Portland to build a new \$100 million education and health center in the heart of Portland State University's downtown campus. The historic project will turn a parking lot at Southwest Fourth Avenue and Montgomery Street into a new home for the OHSU-PSU School of Public Health (Portland's first school of public health), PSU's Graduate School of Education, Portland Community College's dental programs and a city bureau. The building — expected to open in September 2020 — marks the first time all three campuses and the city will share one space. At 200,000 square feet and up to nine stories tall, it will be one the biggest academic buildings on PSU's main campus and will bring low-cost mental health services, a community dental clinic, city offices and ground-floor retail and restaurants to a newly revitalized area of south downtown. "The City of Portland is proud to be a partner in the first-ever capital collaboration between Portland State University, OHSU and

Portland Community College," said Mayor Ted Wheeler. "This is the first time our city's three public institutions of higher education have been together in one building, and it will improve our system of higher education."

A diverse new generation of health care professionals, educators and researchers graduated from OHSU this spring. Ceremonies for the schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing and the OHSU-PSU School of Public Health were held Sunday, June 4, at the Oregon Convention Center. Carolyn Clancy, M.D., Deputy Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Affairs, delivered the commencement address. Ceremonies for the Oregon State University/OHSU College of Pharmacy and the OHSU School of Nursing campuses outside of Portland took place June 15-17.

- The School of Dentistry awarded degrees to 89 graduates this year.
- The School of Medicine awarded 519 degrees to 508 graduates, with some graduates receiving combined degrees.
- The School of Nursing awarded 453 degrees and certificates.
- The OHSU-PSU School of Public Health awarded 101 degrees.
- The OSU/OHSU College of Pharmacy awarded degrees to 73 graduates.



## **Directline:** MY CHANGING ROLE

**Joseph E. Robertson, Jr., M.D., M.B.A.**  
OHSU PRESIDENT

I write today to share difficult news: I am planning to retire. Though I am still fully capable of discharging the duties of OHSU President, for my future welfare and that of my family, I have decided to move on to the next stage in my life.

This decision has not been made lightly. I understand just how pivotal a moment this is for OHSU and for the future of health care in Oregon, and it pains me to leave. I hope to stay on to help the OHSU Board of Directors plan for the selection of the next OHSU President and facilitate the leadership transition. While my retirement will become effective at the end of this month, I have volunteered to work with no salary for my role as President through the end of the academic year in June 2018. The Board will consider this option at its meeting on Oct. 26, and will move quickly to launch a national search.

In the meantime, I just want to say thank you. My career at OHSU, which began nearly 40 years ago in 1979 as an ophthalmology resident, has been enormously fulfilling and gratifying. Through what has often felt like a series of happy accidents I happened to become OHSU President, but in a lot of ways I feel exactly as I did as a young physician just starting my career. When I drive to work in the morning, I still feel the same excitement and

gratitude and devotion to OHSU's people and mission today as I did when I first became a faculty member in 1985.

It's been a privilege to lead this extraordinary organization for the last 11 plus years, a period in which we've had a good deal of success. I want to be clear, though: I don't claim credit. All of our success is the result of our people and the collective effort, collaborative spirit and commitment of the OHSU community. Success at OHSU is shared success.

OHSU's future is as bright as ever. No leadership transition can dampen our prospects. Our mission is clear. Our strategic plan is successful. Our core values remain unchanged. Our people are the best and brightest and most committed I've ever had the privilege to know.

I hope to play a small part in our continued success going forward, and anticipate returning to a part-time position in the Department of Ophthalmology. I assure you I am committed to OHSU and will remain so well after I walk out of my Baird Hall office for the last time.

As always, thank you for everything you do for OHSU and for Oregon.



## APPOINTMENTS

President Joe Robertson has appointed interim provost **Elena Andresen, Ph.D., F.A.C.E.**, as executive vice president and provost. She had previously served as interim dean of the OHSU-PSU School of Public Health from 2014 to 2016, leading the successful effort to secure accreditation and paving the way for the arrival of David Bangsberg as the school's founding dean. Prior to 2014, Andresen was a professor and researcher in public health. Andresen trained as an epidemiologist and co-trained in health services research. Her research has been primarily in the areas of outcomes of chronic disease, disability and in aging. This work has particular focus on assessing measures of patient-centered outcomes and

health-related quality of life measures. Currently she serves as the director of the Oregon Office on Disability and Health. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Washington in 1991. Before coming to OHSU in 2011, Andresen served on faculty at the University of Rochester, Saint Louis University, and, most recently, the University of Florida, where she was the founding chair of the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the newly accredited College of Public Health and Health Professions. In an announcement to leaders, Robertson congratulated Andresen and discussed how the provost's role moving forward will be focused more sharply on the education mission than it has been in the past.



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President Joe Robertson has appointed **Sharon Anderson, M.D.**, as dean of the School of Medicine, effective July 5. Anderson will also serve as executive vice president of OHSU. Since March 2015, she has served as chair of the Department of Medicine, after serving as interim chair for nearly two years. She previously served as chief of medical service at VA Portland Health Care System, where she maintains a staff appointment. Anderson received her B.A. from the University of Maryland and her M.D. from Louisiana State University Medical Center. After internal medicine residency training here at OHSU, she completed her clinical fellowship in nephrology at Beth Israel Hospital and her research fellowship at Brigham and Women's Hospital, an affiliate of Harvard Medical School. After several years on faculty there, she joined the faculty at OHSU and the VA Portland Health Care System in 1991.

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**Nasser Said-Al-Naief, D.D.S., M.S.**, has joined the School of Dentistry as the chair of oral pathology. Said-Al-Naief received his D.D.S. from Marquette University School of Dentistry, and his M.S. in oral biology and his certificate in oral pathology from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

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**Constance Tucker, Ph.D.**, joined OHSU in May as vice provost of educational improvement and innovation. Tucker comes from Virginia Commonwealth University where she held the position of associate dean for faculty development in the VCU School of Medicine. She provided leadership and support for the instructional and professional development of the VCU School of Medicine faculty teaching in pre-clinical, clinical and graduate education.

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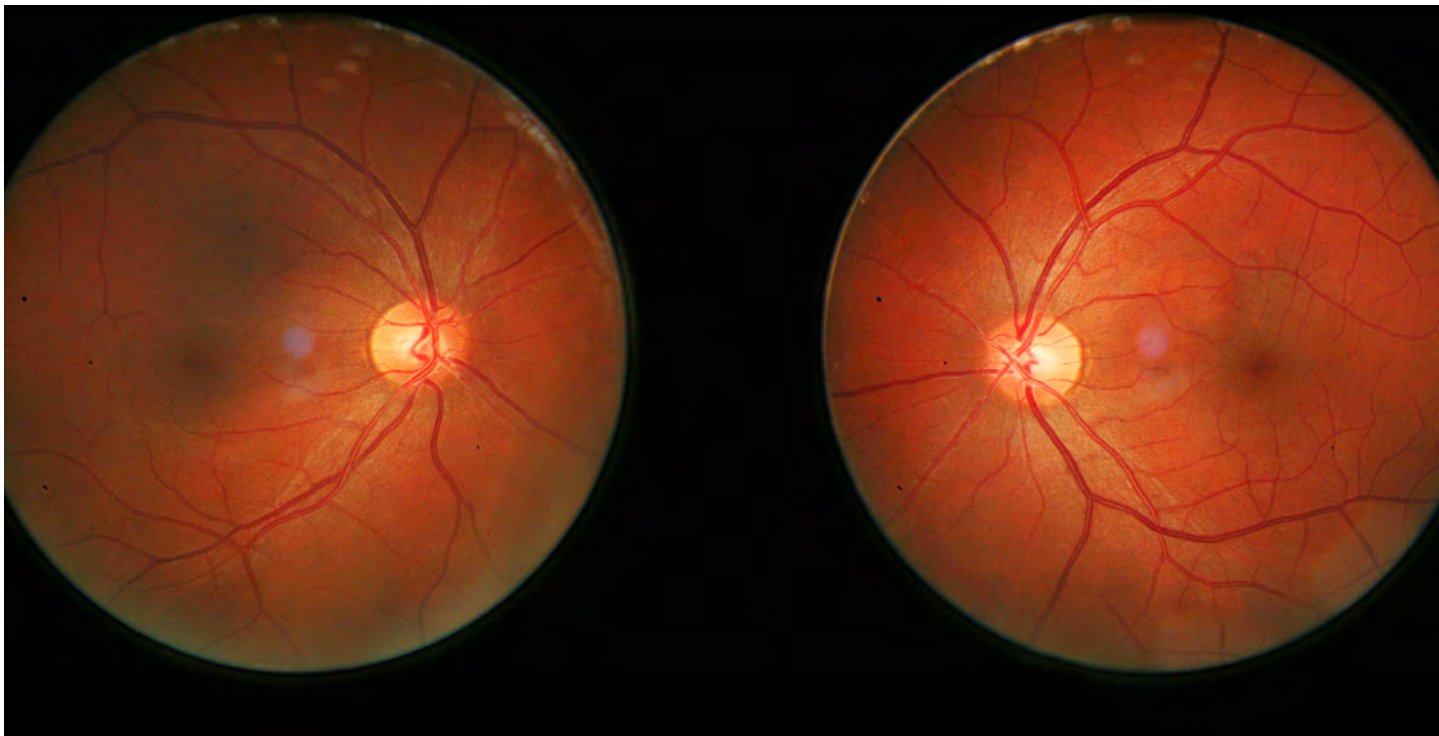
**Maria I. Rodriguez, M.D., M.P.H.**, assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology, has been appointed by Governor Kate Brown to Oregon's Medicaid Advisory Committee.

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**Mary Stenzel-Poore, Ph.D.**, is transitioning from her School of Medicine post to become the first chief of research operations in the Knight Cancer Institute. Stenzel-Poore will take charge of strategic development of cancer research programs and the operations and management of the cancer research enterprise. She'll also oversee strategic research partnerships and recruitment of Knight Cancer Institute scientists and leaders.

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**Alejandro Aballay, Ph.D.**, has been named the new chair of the Department of Molecular Microbiology and Immunology, School of Medicine. Aballay comes to OHSU from Duke University Medical Center where he is a professor of molecular genetics and microbiology and director of the Center for Host-Microbial Interactions. His multidisciplinary research program concerns the study of neural circuits involved in the control of stress responses and innate immunity. His team also studies the effects of inflammation on the nervous system.



## RESEARCH REPORTS

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**Kerri Winters-Stone, Ph.D.**, research professor, School of Nursing, lead author of a study about female cancer survivors experiencing neuropathy long after treatment, was recently published in the *Journal of Clinical Oncology*.

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A team led by **Arthur A. Vandenbark, Ph.D.**, used a mouse model of MS to evaluate potencies of a genetic therapy, called pMHC class II constructs, on the progressive form of this MS model. Vandenbark and his team have previously shown that these pMHC class II constructs may prevent or reverse clinical signs of neuro-inflammatory diseases, including the mouse model of MS. The research, published May 6 in the *Journal of Neuroinflammation*, demonstrated that treating the mouse model of chronic MS with these constructs significantly reversed the clinical

severity of the disease. The treatment also reduced continued loss of myelin and the associated axonal damage in the central nervous system.

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In the July 2017 *Disability and Health Journal*, a team led by **Willi Horner-Johnson, Ph.D.**, published two first-of-their-kind studies: an analysis of live birth, miscarriage and abortion in a national sample of women with and without disabilities, and a time-trend analysis of births and cesarean deliveries for women with physical, sensory or intellectual disabilities. These studies are part of a larger pregnancy and disability project led by Horner-Johnson, an associate professor in the OHSU-PSU School of Public Health and in OHSU's Institute on Development and Disability. The study on live birth, miscarriage and abortion among U.S. women with and without disabilities demonstrated that there is a good likelihood that women with disabilities will deliver successfully. Rates of live births and miscarriages (84 percent and 14 percent, respectively) for women with disabilities were similar to those for women without disabilities when adjusting for factors such as maternal age, marital status, and health status.





In this photo taken July 6, 2017, from left, Ron Young, Gahlana Easterly and Sharon Steen reminisce as they take a mile-long walk through North Portland, Ore. streets that once were full of black-owned homes and businesses. Researchers are studying whether jogging memories where they were made can help African-American seniors stay sharp and slow early memory loss. (AP Photos/Gillian Flaccus)

A study led by **Raina Croff, Ph.D.**, aims to determine whether walking groups that tour nostalgic areas can help older African-Americans avoid memory loss. “There’s something different that happens as you walk through the space and talk about memories,” Croff told the *Associated Press*.

OHSU scientists have published a paper that provides new information on retinal development and visual system abnormalities present in dystroglycanopathy, a form of muscular dystrophy that results from defective function of the protein dystroglycan. Patients with severe forms of dystroglycanopathy frequently experience visual system problems in addition to other neurodevelopmental abnormalities. There is some understanding of dystroglycan’s influence on brain development, but its role in regulating retinal development has remained poorly understood. A team led by **Kevin Wright, Ph.D.**, assistant professor at the Vollum Institute, has published findings in the *Journal of Neuroscience* that provide new insight into the mechanisms of dystroglycan function in the retina using a fruit fly model of dystroglycanopathy.



Eric Stecker, M.D., M.P.H. talks with Portland, Ore. resident Diane Volk-Reeves. (OHSU/Kristyna Wentz-Graff)

A study co-led by **Eric Stecker, M.D., M.P.H.**, finds that, after the Affordable Care Act expanded insurance coverage, the rate of sudden cardiac arrest occurring outside hospital settings dropped by 17 percent among people aged 45 to 64 in Multnomah County. The findings were reported by *Forbes*, *Kaiser Health News*, *HealthDay* and *Reuters Health* syndicated articles picked up by news outlets around the country including *HuffPost*, *MedPage Today*, *The Oregonian*, *OPB Radio* and *The Portland Business Journal*.

A technique used to manage non-compressible wounds in battlefields and trauma settings is now being adapted to treat severe postpartum hemorrhage. The adaption, which could successfully manage what is the leading cause of maternal death in the developing world, was reported in *BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth* by a team led by **Maria I. Rodriguez, M.D., M.P.H.**, assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology, School of Medicine.

A new study led by **Halina Offner, Ph.D.**, demonstrated mechanisms that account for the fact that women have less severe strokes than men, and also explained why immune modulating therapies, like splenectomy, protect male animals but not female animals. Published in *Cellular Immunology*, the research is an important step in developing effective treatments for women and men.



## AWARDS AND HONORS

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**Joshua Walker, M.D., Ph.D.**, ABR Holman Research Pathway Resident in the Department of Radiation Medicine, has been selected to receive a 2017 Young Investigator Award from the Conquer Cancer Foundation of the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

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**Thomas J. Hilton, D.M.D., M.S.**, was honored with the 2017 Award of Excellence from the Academy of Operative Dentistry.

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**Michael Harris, Ph.D.**, professor of pediatrics, School of Medicine, was selected for the American Diabetes Association's 2017 Richard R. Rubin Award. The award recognizes a behavioral researcher who has made outstanding, innovative contributions to the study and understanding of the behavioral aspects of diabetes in diverse populations.

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**David Mansoor, M.D.**, associate professor of psychiatry, School of Medicine, and **Craig Williams, Pharm.D.**, affiliate associate professor of family medicine, School of Medicine, were both awarded the Continuing Medical Education Distinguished Lecturer Award during the School of Medicine Alumni Scientific Sessions in May. The award is given annually to two faculty members by the School of Medicine's Division of Continuing Professional Development and recognizes outstanding service to continuing medical education.

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OHSU Hospital ranked No.1 in Oregon and the Portland metro area for the sixth consecutive year according to *U.S. News Best Hospitals 2016, 2017*. This report came out in August. Seven adult specialties at OHSU also rank among top 50 in the country. Cancer (#36), Cardiology and Heart Surgery (#36 – newly ranked), Diabetes and Endocrinology (#35 – newly ranked), Ear, Nose and Throat (#17- tie), Geriatrics (#36 – two-way “high performing”), Nephrology (#37 – newly ranked), Urology (#24 – newly ranked). Other OHSU specialties designated high performing by *U.S. News* include Gastroenterology, Neurology and Neurosurgery, Ophthalmology and Orthopedics.



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In March, *U.S. News & World Report* released the 2018 edition of Best Graduate Schools, and OHSU was ranked at the top in several programs. Family Medicine and Rural Medicine ranked second while the Primary Care, Nursing Midwifery and Physician Assistant programs were among the top five.

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**Claudio Mello Ph.D.**, was one of 10 recipients of an award from the National Science Foundation to expand his study of the genetic makeup of zebra finches, which could shed light on how humans acquire speech and language:

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**Vinay Prasad, M.D., M.P.H.**, is not afraid to point out when things don't work. "When you look at the balance of benefit and harm, some therapies provide no net benefit," says Prasad, assistant professor of medicine (hematology and medical oncology) in the School of Medicine, member of the Knight Cancer Institute and senior scholar in the Center for Ethics in Health Care. Prasad has landed a \$2 million grant to go after this problem. The funding, awarded by the Laura and John Arnold Foundation, will support an effort to uncover treatments and tests that are contradicted by reliable evidence. The 3-year project calls for sharing the findings via a public website and developing teaching modules that can be incorporated into medical school or residency curricula. The goal is to help reduce the use of low-value care and prevent unnecessary medical spending.

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The 2017 School of Medicine Alumni Award winners are: **Sreyram Kuy, M.D. '05 M.H.S.**, Early Career Achievement Award; **Harry Chen, M.D. '79 R '83**, Charles Preuss Distinguished Alumnus Award; **Robert Seeger M.D. '66, M.S. '66**, Richard T. Jones Distinguished Alumnus Scientist Award; **John Thompson, M.D. '59** and **Betty Thompson, M.D. '59**, Esther Pohl Lovejoy Leadership Award.

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

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**Damien Fair, P.A.-C., Ph.D.**, associate professor in psychiatry and behavioral neuroscience, School of Medicine, and associate scientist, OHSU Advanced Imaging Research Center, has been awarded the 2017 Young Investigator Award from the FLUX Society. FLUX works to advance the understanding of human brain development by serving as a forum for professional and student scientists, physicians and educators.

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Four faculty research teams have been awarded School of Nursing Innovations '17 grants.

Angie Docherty, Rana Najjar, Sheryl Combs and Rachel Woolley: *Postpartum Depression in the First Year: An Analysis of Women Using Medicaid*

Kathie Lasater, Ann Nielsen, Kathy Holloway (NZ), Brenda McGrath (NZ), Michelle Kelly (AU) and Samuel Lapkin (AU): *How Do Students' Backgrounds Impact Their Clinical Judgment Development (Noticing and Interpreting)?*

Christopher Lee, James Mudd, Jill Gelow, Beth Habecker, and Quin Denfeld: *Strategic Inquiry into Systemic Pro-inflammation and Hyper-Volumetric Stress in Heart Failure.*

Cindy Perry: *Follow-up to the Mujeres Fuertes, Corazones Saludables/Strong Women Health Hearts Program*

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*Becker's Hospital Review* named **Lawrence Furnstahl** to its 2017 list of 150 Hospital and Health System CFOs to know.

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Congratulations to **Nicole Deiorio, M.D.**, and **Craig Newgard, M.D., M.P.H.**, who were both honored with prestigious awards at the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine's 2017 annual meeting. Deiorio was the recipient of the Hal Jayne Excellence in Education Award for her outstanding contributions to emergency medicine through the teaching of others and the improvement of pedagogy. Newgard received the Excellence in Research Award, which recognized his outstanding contributions to emergency medicine through the creation and sharing of new knowledge. The two awards are complimentary to one another and represent the main pillars of the society.

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**Mary Kelley, Ph.D.**, research associate professor of ophthalmology, School of Medicine, was recently awarded the prestigious Lewis Rudin Glaucoma Prize of the New York Academy of Medicine. The award is presented annually for the most outstanding scholarly article on glaucoma published in a peer-reviewed journal during the previous year.

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The American College of Nurse-Midwives recently announced the appointment of **Sally Hersh, D.N.P., C.N.M.**, to serve as the representative on the American Academy of Family Physicians' Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics Advisory Committee.

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OHSU has been included in the recently released *Becker's Hospital Review* 2017 list of "100 Great Hospitals in America." The *Becker's Hospital Review* editorial team selected hospitals for inclusion based on analysis of several ranking and award agencies, including *U.S. News & World Report's* 2016-17 Honor Roll and specialty rankings, CMS star ratings, Leapfrog grades, Truven Health Analytics top hospitals, Most Wired hospitals and Magnet accreditation.

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Nominated by their peers and honored by virtue of their professional accomplishments, and community and civic involvement, **Zach Harris, M.B.A., F.A.C.H.E.**, and **Andrew Watson, Ph.D., C.L.P.**, have been named to the *Portland Business Journal's* 2017 "Forty under 40" class.

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**Trevor McGill, Ph.D.**, research assistant professor of ophthalmology, School of Medicine, was among five scientists recently recognized by the BrightFocus Foundation. McGill, whose research on retinal degeneration and stem cell and gene therapy is conducted at Casey Eye Institute, was awarded the Carolyn K. McGillvray Award for Macular Degeneration Research.

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Two drug discovery projects have been named recipients of the 2017 Biomedical Innovation Program Awards. The awards program is a collaboration of the Oregon Clinical and Translational Research Institute, OHSU Technology Transfer and Business Development and the Knight Cancer Institute. The awards provide funds, project management and mentorship to facilitate the development of innovative technologies and accelerate their translation to the marketplace. This track of funding supports drug discovery platforms and early-stage therapeutic technology projects. **Monika Davare, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of pediatrics in the School of Medicine's Division of Hematology and Oncology, received an award to develop a 'hit to lead' compound as a therapeutic agent to treat Ewing's sarcoma and subsets of hematological malignancies. Professor **Beth Habecker, Ph.D.**, and associate professor **Michael Cohen, Ph.D.**, both from the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology, were awarded funding to develop novel compositions targeting protein tyrosine phosphatase sigma for nerve regeneration.



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Each year outstanding faculty are recognized for their contributions in the areas of leadership, teaching, research, collaboration and service through the Faculty Senate Awards. The 2017 winners are: Affiliated Units and Institutes Teaching Award: **Tanya Peterson, Ph.D.**; School of Dentistry Excellence Award: **Carmen Pfeifer, D.D.S., Ph.D.**; School of Medicine Service Award: **Karen Eden, Ph.D.**; School of Nursing Research Award: **Christopher Lee, Ph.D.**; College of Pharmacy: **Gary DeLanders, Ph.D.**

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The National Cancer Institute has awarded a research team at the Knight Cancer Institute \$9.2 million over five years to serve as a Research Center in the NCI's Cancer Systems Biology Consortium, or CSBC. The Knight Cancer Institute's project aims to develop strategies for improving treatment-resistant triple negative breast cancer, an aggressive form of breast cancer that lacks key receptors known to fuel most breast cancers: estrogen receptors, progesterone receptors and human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2). **Joe Gray, Ph.D.**, director of the OHSU Center for Spatial Systems Biomedicine and associate director for biophysical oncology at the Knight Cancer Institute, will lead the investigative team as a principal investigator.

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**Carmen Pfeifer, D.D.S., Ph.D.**, assistant professor of Restorative Dentistry, School of Dentistry, won the Inventor of the Year Award, presented by Technology Transfer and Business Development in recognition of her continued success in the development of innovative polymeric materials for restorative dentistry.

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**Brian Johnstone, Ph.D.**, adjunct assistant professor, Department of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation, School of Medicine, has been awarded the Marshall R. Urist M.D. Award by the

Orthopedic Research Society. The award honors an investigator who has established themselves as a cutting-edge research in tissue regeneration research, particularly as it relates to the musculoskeletal system.

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**David Ellison, M.D.**, director, Oregon Clinical and Translational Research Institute, associate vice president of clinical and translational research, and professor of medicine, Physiology and Pharmacology, chaired the Kidney Precision Medicine Project study section of the National Institutes of Diabetes and Digestive Kidney Diseases in Bethesda. This program will find a single coordinating center, along with recruitment and tissue interrogation centers, to unravel the pathogenesis of acute kidney injury and chronic kidney disease.

# TRANSITIONS

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**Charles “Chuck” Kilo, M.D.**, stepped down as chief medical officer of OHSU Healthcare in June in order to focus on his entrepreneurial pursuits. Kilo left the university after a seven-year tenure. **Michael Bonazzola, M.D.**, chief medical officer for the OHSU Practice Plan, will serve as interim chief medical officer for OHSU Healthcare while the university conducts a search. Kilo pioneered the adoption and development of a number of health care quality improvement initiatives, including Medical Affairs and Infection Prevention and Control. He also introduced Lean manufacturing principles to OHSU. “Dr. Kilo was truly dedicated to supporting all aspects of OHSU’s academic health center mission,” John Hunter, M.D., dean of the School of Medicine, said in a statement. “We are grateful for his dedicated service and work in launching many performance improvement initiatives that will benefit the organization for years to come.”

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Senior Vice President and General Counsel **Janet Billups, J.D.**, retired in May this year. **Alice Cuprill-Comas, J.D.**, will serve as Interim General Counsel. Billups came to OHSU in 1987 as an Oregon Department of Justice lawyer designated to work on OHSU issues. She was hired directly by OHSU in 1992 and designed the legal framework for OHSU’s public corporation statute that was enacted into law in 1995. In an announcement to senior leaders, President Joe Robertson thanked Janet for her long and distinguished service and for her role as the legal architect of OHSU’s public corporation statute.

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**Dan Dorsa, Ph.D.**, senior vice president for Research, retired at the end of October. Dr. Dorsa has served as OHSU’s research leader since 2002, when he was recruited from the University of Washington. Dan has presided over the enormous growth of research during his tenure, guiding the institution from \$221 million in grant funding that year to \$410 million this year, the first time OHSU has crossed the \$400 million threshold. Highlights of his accomplishments include guiding the Oregon Opportunity implementation, which allowed recruitment of world-class researchers and helped build the platform that led to significant additional research expansion. He has also been responsible for modernizing the infrastructure of OHSU research, overseeing projects such as the Hildegard Lamfrom Biomedical Research Building and the Collaborative Life Sciences Building, acquiring sophisticated instrumentation, and restructuring OHSU core resources. He reshaped OHSU research administration and has been a leader in working with other institutions and companies to transform the ecosystem for startups in Oregon. Dr. Dorsa will continue to serve part-time after his retirement, focused on external research partnerships. **Peter Barr-Gillespie, Ph.D.**, currently serves as interim senior vice president for Research. Dr. Barr-Gillespie received his B.A. in Chemistry from Reed College in 1981 and his Ph.D. in Pharmacology in 1988 from the University of Washington. In 1999, after stints at UCSF, UT Southwestern Medical Center, and Johns Hopkins, Peter came to OHSU, where he is now Professor of Otolaryngology and Senior Scientist in the Vollum Institute. Dr. Barr-Gillespie has been Associate Vice President for Basic Research since 2014. He will continue to maintain his full research program.





## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Thanks to David Nardone for helping locate retired OHSU Emeritus Faculty members. Given space requirements, several members can be included in each edition of the publication.

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**Grover C. Bagby, M.D., M.A.C.P.**, Professor Emeritus, Department of Medicine, Medical and Molecular Genetics.

“Since closing my laboratory in 2015, I have continued to serve as a reviewer of investigator-initiated and career development awards for the NIH and American Society of Hematology. I remain an active member of the Fanconi Anemia Research Fund’s Scientific Advisory Board and continue to mentor three OHSU junior faculty members. I continue to analyze data from past studies focusing on hematopoiesis, particularly clonal evolution and mechanism bone marrow failure. I attend weekly CME conferences sponsored by the Center for Hematologic Malignancies of the Knight Cancer Institute and am currently preparing the Chapter on Aplastic Anemia for the 2019 Cecil Textbook of Medicine. I spend more time in the garden than in the past and enjoy bicycling and fly fishing. Most of all, I am profoundly grateful to the many leaders and colleagues at OHSU and the VA Portland Health Care System for the opportunities I have been given.”

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**Sonia Buist, M.D.**, Professor Emeritus.

In the spring published her third Mt. Hood hiking guide: *The Best Hikes and Walks On and Around*

*Mt. Hood*. She makes a special point of including information about hikes and walks that work for people with limited mobility. Some time ago Buist took Fran Storrs, who had difficulty walking a distance, to Bald Mountain to see the view of Mt. Hood.

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**Leon Speroff, M.D.**, Professor Emeritus of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

“I became professor emeritus when I retired in 2006. In thinking about what to do, I was reminded of what I always told students, residents and children: Articulate your passion and then follow it. Fortunately I have found a new passion when I started playing senior softball at age 71. Since 2010, every summer I have played in three softball leagues, three doubleheaders every week. In October 2016, I played in the World Senior Games in St. George, Utah. There were nine teams in our division of players who were 80 and older. We won the gold medal. Meanwhile, I continue to write, publishing the 8th edition of my textbook, *Clinical Gynecologic Endocrinology and Infertility*, and have written *The Story of the Deschutes River Railroad War*, *A Good Man — A Biography of Gregory Pincus*, and two softball books, *Slow-Pitch Summer* and *Slow-Pitch Therapy*.”



## A SINGULAR ART PIECE FOR A SINGULAR OHSU LEADER

**A**n OHSU leader whose legacy endures in the hearts of all who knew him is now permanently memorialized in a singular, six-foot-tall form of stainless steel on the Marquam Hill Campus. Just days after the one-year anniversary of his untimely death, leaders and community members gathered to dedicate a sculpture by Northwest artist Bruce West in the research courtyard to Dean Emeritus Mark A. Richardson (1949–2016).

President Joe Robertson, School of Medicine Dean Sharon Anderson and OHSU Art Committee member Ellen McClure, spoke during a commemoration ceremony held with members of the Richardson family, friends and colleagues on Sept. 6. The art piece was donated to OHSU by West around the time of Richardson's accident in August 2016.

"One of the joys for me amid the tears and sadness of Mark's passing was hearing all of the personal stories about him," said President Robertson. "It's been my unique privilege to get to know him all over again through the eyes of others."

The location of the sculpture – directly visible from the dean's office on the fourth floor of Mackenzie Hall – is significant. As Anderson shared in her remarks, Richardson enjoyed the sounds of campus life that drifted up from the courtyard to his open office window on warm days. President Robertson noted that "future deans will look down on the sculpture and be inspired by Mark's memory, as we all are."

Placed centrally in the recently-remodeled research courtyard, the art stands in a



well-trafficked area adjacent to Richard Jones Hall, the Vollum Institute, the new Center for Radiochemistry Research, Mackenzie Hall (one of the oldest buildings on the Marquam Hill Campus) and its café. It's the venue for many campus events. Elegant and eminently solid, the sculpture is a touch of permanence in the ever-changing landscape of scientific discovery, health care innovation and health professions training.

"It is fitting that this memorial stands amid a space where scientists, clinicians, students and staff across missions gather – to have lunch and decompress a little but also to brainstorm, mentor and sort out challenges," said Anderson, who spoke about being appointed as one of three women department chairs during Richardson's 10-year tenure. "Mark was keenly interested in the insights and perspectives of his chairs. He was a collaborator and a relationship builder. And he was deeply passionate about all of our missions."

McClure, former chair and long-time member of the OHSU Art Committee, told the story of how the sculpture came to its new home. West made a donation to OHSU in 2016 from his private art collection of 30 pieces of sculpture, joining other pieces already installed throughout the campus. The Art Committee, a subcommittee of the Marquam Hill Steering Committee, showed it to President Robertson and suggested that one piece in particular seemed suitable for a memorial to Richardson.

"The sculpture is in this courtyard, in view of the dean's office, and where people gather to talk, eat, play music. It's right in the thick of things. We think Dr. Richardson would like it that way," said McClure. The Mark A. Richardson Deanship Endowment was established to help advance the highest priorities for the School of Medicine's future. Contributions can be made online via the OHSU Foundation.



## IN MEMORIAM

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**John Belknap, Ph.D.**

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**Daniel L. Dennis, M.D.**

APRIL 15, 2017

**Debra Eisert, Ph.D.**

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