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AN OHSU DERMATOLOGY  
RESIDENCY PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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## *A word from the PD*

Happy Summer! I hope you are all starting to enjoy the feeling of summer as we bring another academic year to a close. It's been a busy year—you'll read in these pages the updates in our program and department, the accomplishments of our residents, the results of our recent Match, and some of our coming plans for the next academic year.



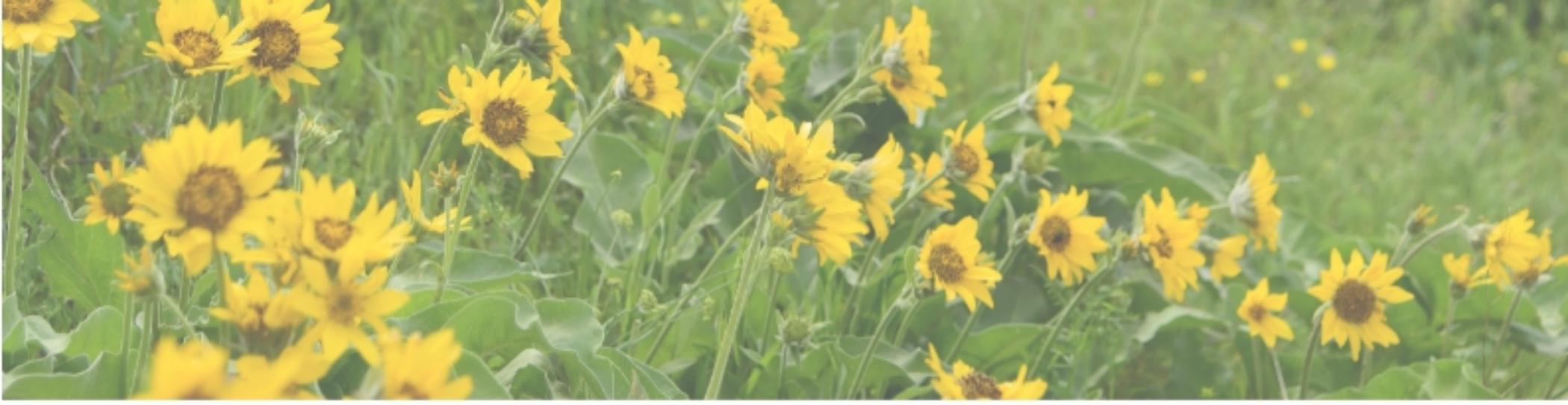
Some things I want to highlight for you: our department now has an instagram account, with our residency program being a key featured component—come follow us @ohsudermatology! Also, this coming application cycle, I am looking for candidates to apply to our new pediatric dermatology focused residency track: for those medical students interested in a career in pediatric dermatology, this PGY-2 through PGY-4 residency slot has dedicated training and mentorship in peds derm, including a three-year conti clinics in peds derm and a research project in peds derm. Spread the word!

Lastly, I am excited to continue to work with our new Interim Chair, Dr. Alex Ortega Loayza, on our education mission in the department. A word from him to follow!

- Julie Dhossche, M.D.



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## *A word from the Chair*



Since stepping into the role of Interim Chair, I have made it a priority to continue supporting Julie Dhossche and our dedicated education team to ensure that our residents receive the mentorship and guidance they need—especially during times of change and transition. OHSU

Dermatology has a long-standing commitment to offering diverse and meaningful opportunities that support each resident's professional growth, with an emphasis on hands-on experience across all subspecialties. As Sir William Osler wisely said, "Medicine is learned by the bedside and not in the classroom. Let not your conceptions of disease come from words heard in the lecture room or read from the book. See, and then reason and compare and control. But see first." I am deeply proud of all our residents. Those graduating this year will carry the OHSU legacy forward into their future practices, while those joining us will be welcomed into a culture grounded in excellence, compassion, discovery, and integrity.

- Alex Ortega Loayza, M.D., M.C.R.

# 2025 Resident Graduation

Friday, June 13, 2025

Honoring Drs. Yomna Amer, Milie Fang, Erika Koh, Spandana Maddukuri, Jennifer Strunck

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# Announcements

## Match Day Results (Class of 2029)

We're delighted to share the results of our match for our residency class of 2029 that will begin July 1, 2026!

**Beita Badiei, M.D.**

University of Maryland

**Michael Esson, M.D.**

Medical College of Wisconsin

**Sara Khattab, M.D.**

Boston University

**Karen Lee, M.D.**

University of Miami

**Shirley Parraga, M.D.**

East Carolina University



## Welcoming the Class of 2028



**Gina Calco**  
OHSU  
Academic Medical  
Dermatology  
Track



**Ghida EL Banna**  
Stanford University



**Erin McClure**  
Univ of South Florida



**Sarah Mullen**  
Univ of Nebraska



**Sue Qin**  
Univ of Rochester

We're excited to have the Class of 2028 begin their residency training program in a few short weeks! This includes Drs. Gina Bash (Calco), Erin McClure, Ghida EL Banna, Sarah Mullen, and Sue Qin.



# Announcements (cont.)

## Chief Resident Transition

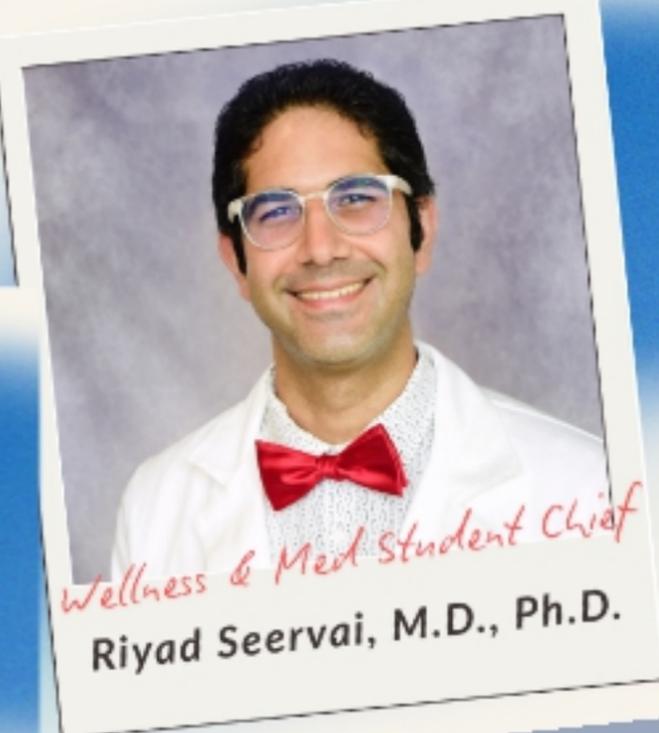
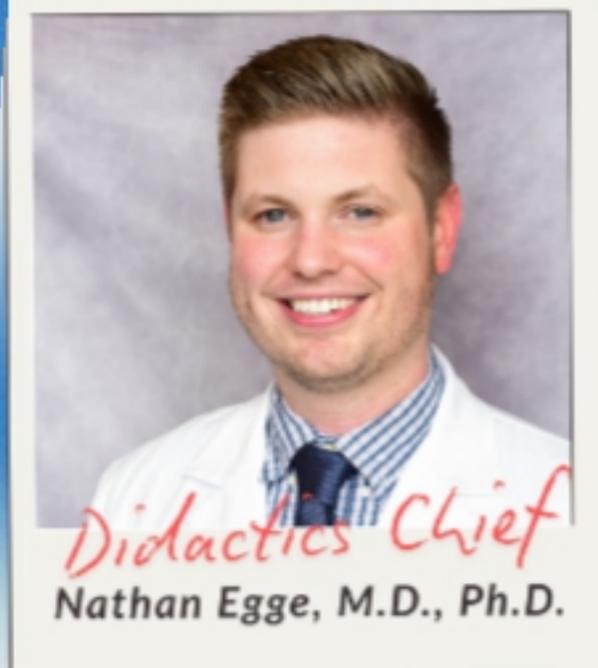
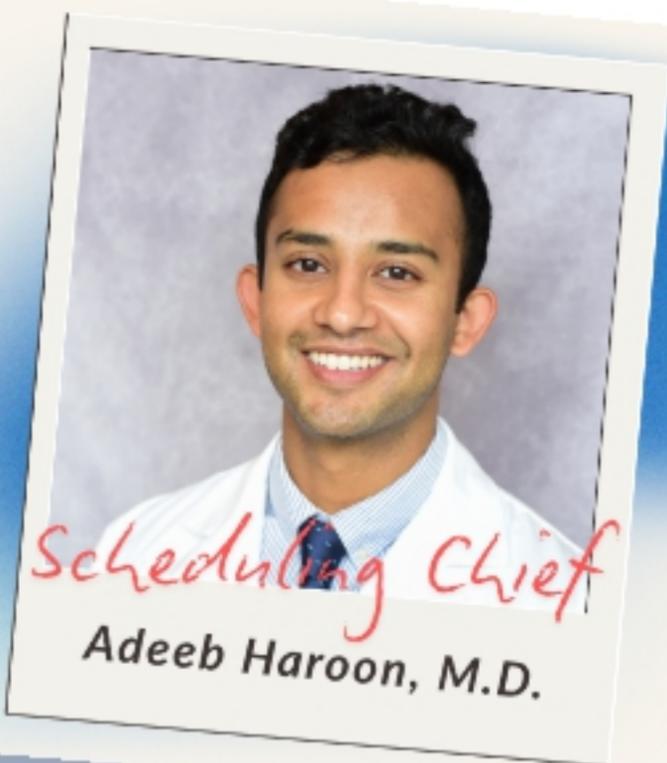
A huge congratulations and thank you to our outgoing chiefs for their dedication to our program! Drs. Jenn Strunck, Span Maddukuri and Milie Fang. We appreciate all of you and your professionalism, organization, and leadership!

We're very happy to announce our new chief residents for this year:

Dr. Adeeb Haroon, scheduling chief

Dr. Nathan Egge, didactics chief

Dr. Riyad Seervai, medical student and wellness chief





# Education Adventures

Dr. Riyad Seervai presenting at the Resident Quality Improvement Symposium at the 2025 AAD Annual Meeting.



Dr. Milie Fang with Dr. Mark Lebwohl, professor of dermatology at Mt. Sinai and former AAD president

## Alumni Reunion at the AAD Annual Meeting (Orlando, FL 2025)



From left to right: Drs. Stephanie Mengden Koon, Anna Bar, Sancy Leachman, Span Maddukuri, Yomna Amer, Dare Ajayi, Jennifer Strunck, Erin Grinich, Jina Chung, Erika Koh, Jamie Schlarbaum, Milie Fang



## Research Corner

Our residents are busy bees—here are some of their more recent publications.

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### Additional Research News

**Dr. Riyad Seervai** received a Mentorship in Dermatopathology award from the American Society of Dermatopathology (ASDP) to pursue scholarly work in oncodermatology with mentors at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston

He received the American Academy of Dermatology's Resident Quality Improvement Award for work on the OHSU standby patient program

He also received the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology's Healthcare Provider (HCP) scholarship to attend the 2025 annual congress in Paris, France.

**Drs. Riyad Seervai** and **Elijah Horesh** received resident travel scholarships from the Oregon Dermatology society to attend the 2024 annual American Society of Dermatopathology meeting in Chicago, IL (RS) and the 2025 Maui Derm meeting in Maui, HI (EH).

# Wellness

Our program aims to create a supportive environment for our residents with attention to preventing burn-out and promoting well-being, in the years of physician training, which can be some of the more stressful and challenging times.

## Winter 2024 Social: Enjoying Zoolights at the PDX Zoo



Left to right: Drs. Nelson, Smith, Horesh, Maddukuri, Amer, Seervai, Strunck and Fang

## Winter 2025 Social: Group dinner at Punch Bowl Social

Clockwise from left: Drs. Smith, Maddukuri, Koh, Horesh, Haroon, Strunck, Fang, and Seervai





# Wellness (Cont.)

## Annual Resident Appreciation Party



Left to right: Sarah Wilkinson (& daughter), Ashley Hoff (& son), Jake Smith, Span Maddukuri, Julie Dhossche (& daughter), Milie Fang, Jesse Keller, Jake Nelson, Victoria Orfaly, Claudia Lee, Shannon Throckmorton

### 2024 Derm Resident Holiday Card

"Howdy Holidays" in honor of Dr. Leachman





## Alumni Focus

*"Where are you now?" and  
"Favorite memories?"*

### Ross Brockman, D.O.

I'm a full-time pediatric dermatologist with a large private practice group that combines Dermatology and Ophthalmology, based in the Tacoma, WA area. When I'm not seeing children in clinic or performing laser procedures, I continue to enjoy teaching and mentoring, with medical students joining me regularly and frequent invitations to give didactics for local Pediatric and Family Medicine residency programs. Outside of work, I live in Tacoma with my husband, Ryan, and our 4-year-old golden retriever, Tilly.



We try to keep life adventurous with frequent travel—both near and far—whenever we can.

There are so many favorite moments from residency that still make me smile—training a year behind Julie Dhossche and picking her brain during path, watching Nicole Fett explain complex diagnoses in a way my grandma could understand, and learning to pronounce "methylothiazolinone" thanks to Kathy Schwarzenberger's Southern accent. I wouldn't have Tilly if Kathy hadn't shown me photos of her neighbor's dog! Frank Parker's Rice Krispie treats, Eric Simpson challenging me in the best ways, and every wild Sunriver ODS party with my co-residents made the hard work more than worth it. The people and the culture at OHSU made it an incredible place to learn and grow—I'm endlessly grateful.



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### Mariah Johnson, M.D.

After residency and spending one year on faculty at OHSU, I went to UCSF for a Mohs surgery fellowship. Then, I joined some other wonderful OHSU-grads at Bend Dermatology in Bend, OR. We've been in Bend for almost 5 years, and life continues to get sweeter. We now have two children, Forrest (almost 3) and Solveig (6 months). OHSU truly set me on a life-changing trajectory, in which I'm forever grateful.

I loved having attendings that were not only extraordinarily knowledgeable in their fields, but also exceptionally kind, approachable, (and often very funny). To this day, I still feel comfortable reaching out to them about challenging cases. I'll never forget the thrill of hearing attendings arguing over morphology, Nicole Fett reciting an article from years prior, or Anna Bar telling me to go "stitch it up" or "do the skin graft," despite staring back at her with the eyes of a baby first year. The fond memories are abundant and priceless.



# "Things I Learned"

The residents were asked to submit a pearl from a recent conference, didactics session, morphology, or clinic. Here's what they report!

- Adeeb Haroon: Topical ruxolitinib can be used to treat NLD. A small case series/trial showed 58% improvement of NL score using ruxolitinib 1.5% cream BID

- Shannon Throckmorton: From one of Dr. Aguh's talk during AAD: metformin has been shown to be an antifibrotic in preclinical studies and that it can be utilized in CCCA.

- Jennifer Strunck: Evoked scale sign: when you quickly stretch tinea versicolor it elicits a white patch of scale overlying the affected area

- Milie Fang: Periorificial dermatitis can appear in the vulvar area and be mistaken for genital warts in children.

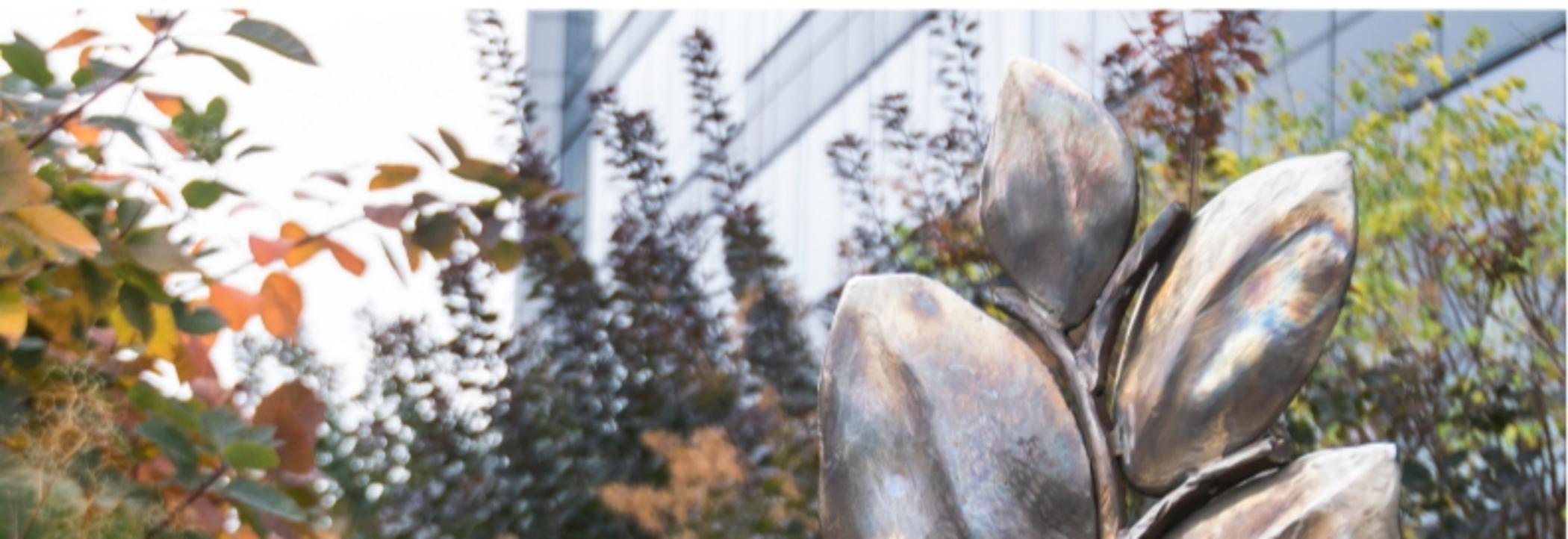
- Jake Nelson: Phototherapy can lower folic acid levels, so women of childbearing age undergoing phototherapy should be recommended to take folic acid to reduce risk of neural tube defects in unplanned pregnancy.

# "Clinical Pearl"

In this section we want to highlight one pearl from a faculty member! Thank you, Dr. Nicole Fett for these words of wisdom:

**Clinical Pearl: Pyoderma gangrenosum and systemic sclerosis can co-occur. In this situation you need to be cautious with systemic steroid use (doses greater than 20 mg daily is associated with the development of renal crisis in patients with SSc) and should consider reaching for treatments known to help both conditions (mycophenolate mofetil and IVIG).**

**If the patient has pulmonary artery hypertension, close collaboration with their pulmonologist is important. The edema from the PAH can be a driver of pathergy and poor wound healing. Daily weights with a lasix sliding scale is helpful in managing edema. My patient is not healing with IVIG and mycophenolate and edema control alone, so we have recently added in rituximab, which has fairly good data on treatment of SSc skin disease (and ILD), and fair data on use for PG and PAH in association with SSc.**





# Upcoming Talks

Mark your calendars! We have some excellent external speakers lined up in our didactics curriculum

If you're interested in attending (in-person or virtual) email Sarah Wilkinson at [wilkisar@ohsu.edu](mailto:wilkisar@ohsu.edu).



July 30th, 2025

## **Dr. Hadar Lev-Tov**

Associate Professor at the Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Surgery  
Director, Wound Healing Fellowship  
Director, Miami HS Center  
University of Miami

Dr. Lev-Tov is the director of the wound healing fellowship at the University of Miami, and the Director of the Miami HS Center. He serves as the President for the HS Foundation board of directors, is the founding program chair for the Integrative Dermatology Symposium, cohost of the popular "Learnskin podcast", founding Deputy Editor of the Journal of Integrative Dermatology, and is the cofounder of the dermatology-focused educational service Learnskin.



November 12th, 2025

## **Benjamin Kaffenberger, MD**

Associate Clinical Professor of Dermatology  
Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center

Dr. Benjamin Kaffenberger specializes in hospital dermatology and work with individuals who have complex medical diseases, drug and allergic reactions, and autoimmune skin diseases. He is interested in diseases like Stevens-Johnson syndrome, drug and allergy hypersensitivity syndromes, pyoderma gangrenosum and ulcerating skin conditions, vasculitis and hidradenitis suppurativa.



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If you have any questions, topic ideas, or would be interested in being a featured alumni, please contact Julie Dhosshe at [dhossche@ohsu.edu](mailto:dhossche@ohsu.edu).

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