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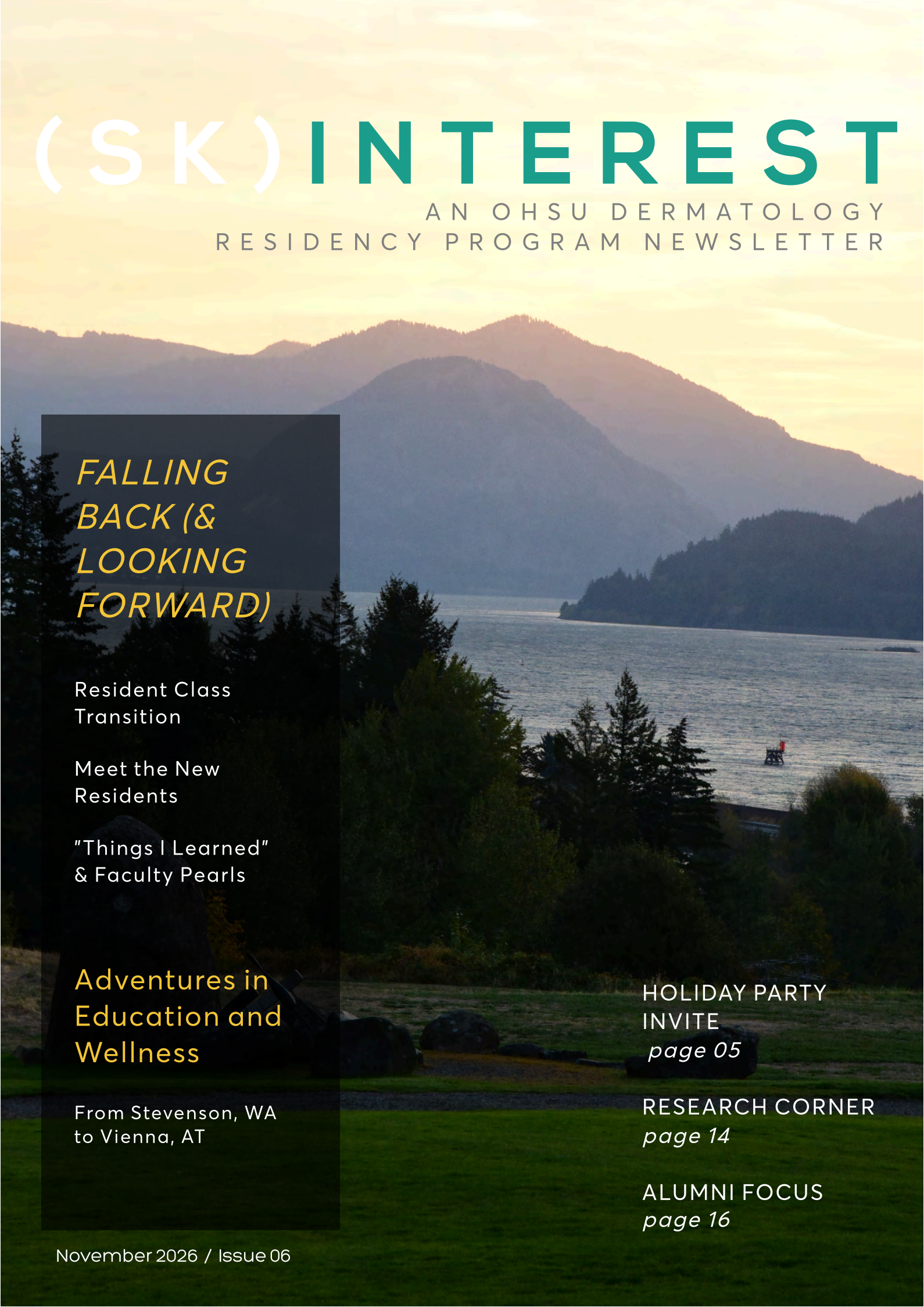

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A word from the APD



Happy fall from our education team! We've had a busy end to summer with rotating medical students and reviewing medical student applications!
Our residents keep making us proud with their commitment to learning, patient care, and teamwork. We have onboarded a new group of five residents and the other ten have advanced, taking on additional responsibility and autonomy in the process. They have done a great job representing OHSU at conferences and contributing to the literature, as you can see in the pages that follow. As a side note, several in our program (residents Shannon Throckmorton, Jake Smith, & Program Director Julie Dhossche) have grown their families this year and we are so delighted for them!

Our alumni continue to share some of their favorite memories from residency, which most commonly focus on the bonding experiences residents make with their class and faculty. From making differentials in our weekly morphology conferences, to creating funny holiday cards, to attending conferences together: It's clear that *our people (past and present)* are what make our training program special.

Speaking of favorite memories, our residents may be calling to chat about your time here as part of our **4th Annual OHSU Dermatology Friendsgiving Fundraiser on Wed, Dec 2nd**. Along with connecting past and current residents, our residents also aim to raise money for educational support -- including conference travel, textbook, and dermatoscope stipends. Lastly, our **OHSU Dermatology Holiday Party** will be hosted Saturday December 5 in downtown Portland. Invites to come -- we hope you can make it!

Follow along!
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A word from the Chair



A Department Built on Education and Growth

Residency training in the United States was not always required after medical school. Over the past 125 years, it has evolved into a rigorous educational and accreditation system designed to ensure physicians provide the highest quality care. At OHSU, dermatology has been part of the medical school curriculum since 1887 and was formally recognized as a discipline in 1922. Continuing that tradition requires dedicated faculty who share the responsibility and privilege of training the next generation of dermatologists.

This year, we said goodbye to our former Vice Chair, **Dr. Teri Greiling**, who departed OHSU after nearly four years of commuting while building her life in Seattle. During a critical period of leadership transition, Teri provided steady guidance, integrity, and unwavering support for our patients, learners, and faculty. We are grateful for her leadership, mentorship, and friendship, and we wish her continued success at the University of Washington. We are equally excited to welcome **Dr. Nicole Fett** as our new **Vice Chair**. Since joining OHSU in 2013, Nicole has been a cornerstone of our department as Residency Program Director and an internationally recognized expert in autoimmune dermatology.

We also welcomed several outstanding new faculty members in 2026: **Dr. Melanie Miller, Dr. Aaron Peach, Dr. Jenna Betz, Dr. Annie Toulmin, and Dalton Moller, PA-C.** Their expertise strengthens our clinical, educational, and research missions, and we are delighted to have them join our community.

Upcoming Event

DERMATOLOGY FRIENDSGIVING FUNDRAISER





Residents may be calling/texting Alumni and Faculty for donations to support resident education





WED, DEC 2

OHSU DEPARTMENT OF DERMATOLOGY

invites you to our

Holiday *Celebration*

WHEN

Saturday, December 5

6:00–10:00 pm

WHERE

The Hotel Vance

1455 SW Broadway
Portland, OR 97201

Appetizers & Hosted Drinks

Appetizers, beer, wine & soft drinks hosted.
Full self-pay bar available.

Aura Photography Booth

illuminateaura.com

Karaoke

with Karaoke Pete & Tonic Echo Studios

IMPORTANT EVENT INFORMATION

- **Dress code:** Cocktail & semi-formal holiday attire suggested
- **Parking:** $5 per hour at the hotel, or street parking available
- **Hotel rooms:** Staying the night? Book our discounted room block

Plus-ones welcome · Please RSVP online: click the button below

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 21

Announcements

Residency Class Transition

We celebrated the Class of 2026 as they completed their program in June (*left to right* - **Drs. Victoria Orfaly, Ashley Hoff, Nate Egge, Adeeb Haroon, Riyad Seervai**).



And welcomed the Class of 2029 (*left to right* - **Drs. Sara Khattab, Shirley Parraga, Michael Esson, Karen Lee, Bebe Badiei**).



Class of 2029 Introduction



- **Undergraduate:** University of Maryland in College Park, MD
- **Medical School:** University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore, MD
- **Internship:** MedStar Health Georgetown University in Baltimore, MD
- **Clinical Interests:** Socioeconomic and environmental risk factors in dermatological conditions, complex medical dermatology, procedural dermatology, dermoscopy
- **Other Interests:** Playing instruments, discovering new music, pottery, hiking, Persian poetry, reading

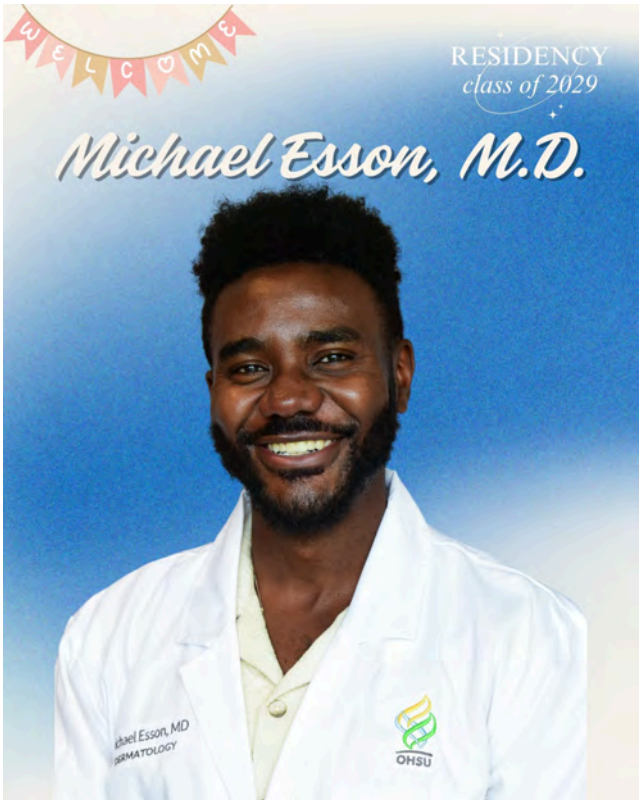


- **Undergraduate:** Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA
- **Medical School:** University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami, FL
- **Internship:** Northwell Health at North Shore/LIJ, Manhasset, NY
- **Clinical Interests:** Inpatient dermatology, Health equity and public health policy, medical education
- **Other Interests:** Hiking, biking, searching for my next favorite restaurant, coffee shop, or dessert spot

Class of 2029 Introduction (cont.)



- **Undergraduate:** UCLA, Los Angeles, CA
- **Medical School:** Boston University, Boston, MA
- **Internship:** Harbor UCLA, Torrance, CA
- **Clinical Interests:** Cutaneous oncology, immunotherapy, complex medical dermatology
- **Other Interests:** Cooking, baking, trying new restaurants, art, ceramics, hiking, camping, and exploring



- **Undergraduate:** Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI
- **Medical School:** Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI
- **Internship:** University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA
- **Clinical Interests:** Global dermatology, skin of color, tropical diseases, procedural dermatology
- **Other Interests:** Soccer, writing poems, yoga and meditation, hiking, art galleries, road trips

Class of 2029 Introduction (cont.)



- **Undergraduate:** Meredith College, Raleigh, NC
- **Medical School:** Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University, Greenville, NC
- **Internship:** Tidelands Health with MUSC, Murrells Inlet, SC
- **Clinical Interests:** Skin of color, pediatric dermatology, inflammatory skin disorders, health disparities, clinical research, procedural dermatology
- **Other Interests:** Exploring new restaurants, wine tasting, painting classes, art and music shows, fitness, and hot Pilates

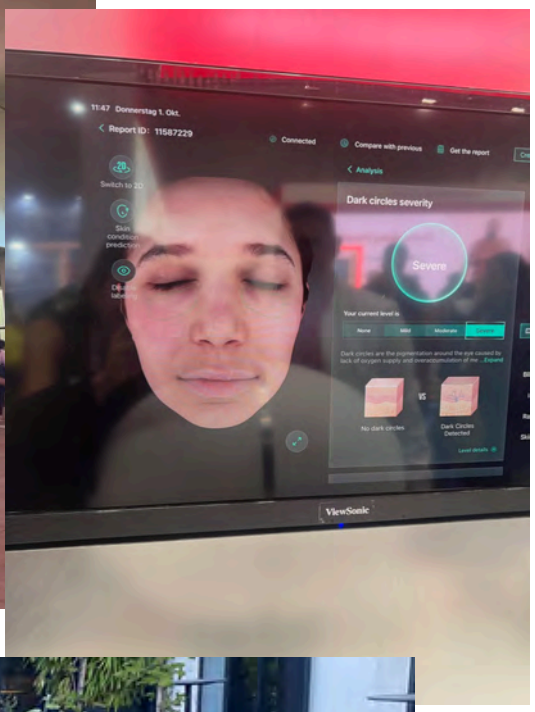


Education Adventures

European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV) Congress 2026

"I really appreciated the opportunity to attend EADV, it was wonderful connecting with my prior colleagues from my research year and meeting up with Dr. Jiang, Dr. Ortega, Dr. Simpson, and Dr. Patel while there! I really enjoyed an integrative session where dermatologic diseases with overlap in other fields were discussed! I am very thankful that our program encourages us to attend conferences and look forward to returning again in the future!" - Sara Khattab







Education Adventures (cont.)

2026 Oregon Dermatology Society (ODS) Annual Meeting

ODS continues to grow and reengage the greater Oregon Dermatology community outside of OHSU. This year saw our highest ever attendance for the Summer ODS annual meeting, which now alternates between downtown Portland and Sunriver, Oregon.

OF NOTE: Resident presentation winners: **Sarah Keffer, MD** (1st place), **Claudia Lee, MD** (3rd place)!







Education Adventures (cont.)











Education Adventures (cont.)

2026 Montagna Symposium on the Biology of Skin

OHSU remains the host institution for the Montagna Symposium, which hosted its 73rd Annual meeting in October titled "Resident Memory T Cells in Health and Disease". It was an extremely well received symposium, featuring 153 attendees across 12 countries and 32 separate institutions.











Research Corner

Our residents have been busy this year with their most recent academic work listed below:

Wan G, Nguyen N, Lu C, **Khattab S**, Yan B, Amadife M, Leung BW, Chen W, Rajeh A, Tang K, Thang C, Boland G, Reynolds KL, Yu KH, Gusev A, LeBoeuf NR, Kwatra SG, Semenov YR. **Systemic Glucocorticoid Immunosuppression and Survival Among Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Recipients**. JAMA Netw Open. 2026 May 1;9(5):e2614323. doi: 10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2026.14323. PMID: 42172027; PMCID: PMC13197863.

Emma Beagles, **Sara Khattab**, Olivia M. Burke, Arjun Mahajan, Danica Ciampa, Suzanne Xu, Christopher J. Thang, Cameron Moseley, Charles Lu, Sergey Goryachev, Chunlei Zheng, Linden Huhmann, Nathanael Fillmore, Guihong Wan, Jonathan C. Hwang, Crystal Chang, Nga Nguyen, Rebecca I. Hartman, Maryam M. Asgari, Mia DeSimone, Marc S. Hurlbert, Yevgeniy R. Semenov, **Refining the Definition of Acral Melanoma: Histologic and Anatomic Considerations**, Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology, 2026, , ISSN 0190-9622, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jaad.2026.08.096.

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Abstracts

A Rare Case of Desmoplastic Melanoma of the Nail Unit. Ariel Finberg, MD, **Erin M. McClure, MD**, Adam I. Rubin, MD, George Jour, MD, **Angela J. Jiang, MD**

Keffer, SAM., Roland-Mcgown, J., McClure, E., Leitenberger, J., "Modified flipped elliptical sling island pedicle flap." American Society for Dermatologic Surgery (ASDS) Annual Meeting 2026. Video abstract presentation.

Additional Research News

Dr. Ghida EL Banna received a $1,200 travel award by the Pacific Dermatology Association to participate in the Resident Cases Presentation Competition at their Annual Meeting in August.

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.

In the spring, the residents enjoyed the day at the state Renaissance fair in Canby, OR





This fall, the residents went to Topaz Farms for food, drinks, and lots of photos in front of aesthetic pumpkins





Alumni Focus

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

Maeran Landers, M.D., Ph.D. (Class of 2004)

Where are you now?



After my OHSU dermatology residency, I started my own private practice in Tualatin. I have thoroughly enjoyed having my own practice which has been both challenging and rewarding. LeRoy and I have settled in Lake Oswego with three children ages 23 (Max), 21 (Mimi), and 17 (Marshall). We enjoy spending time together as a family traveling near and far. In my free time, I enjoy hiking, running, baking, reading and making art.

Favorite memories from OHSU?

The OHSU and Portland dermatology community is such a close knit, small family like setting. Favorite dermatology residency memories include fun times at the Hanifin's Black Butte Ranch cabin with all the residents, getting pregnant with our first children (Charles, Micia, and I all had our first child during our senior year of residency), contact clinic with Fran and all the laughs and mysteries we had to solve, learning surgery from Ken Lee & Neil Swanson, early mornings & late nights in resident lounge getting ready for presentations, and oyster bakes with residents and friends at Charles' house on Pill Hill. Amazing learning happened at medical dermatology clinics with Theresa Devere and Frank Parker, sign out with Clif White, pediatric dermatology clinic with Alfie Krol, and autoimmune clinic with Lynne Morrison. We attended numerous fantastic holiday parties hosted at Jim & Diane Baker's or at Neil & Chris Swanson's lovely homes. Such wonderful memories led to a robust comprehensive dermatology training and basis for life long friendships and mentorships. I am truly grateful to OHSU dermatology!

Alumni Focus

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

Jamie P. Schlarbaum, M.D. (Class of 2024)

Where are you now?

After residency, I moved to Salt Lake City and joined the University of Utah, where I've spent most of my time patch testing and seeing patients in the dermatitis clinic. I've also staffed the rapid access dermatology clinic, which is essentially dermatology "urgent care." Outside of work, I've enjoyed lots of travel, attempting to relearn how to ski, and hiking around Utah. I've missed OHSU, and I'm excited to be returning to the Pacific Northwest and the department in Spring 2027!

Favorite memories from OHSU?

I have so many great memories, and it's crazy how quickly residency flew by. Genuinely, the faculty and my co-residents made my time at OHSU so incredible. A few highlights: finally making the cut to get on Dr. White's boat, matching outfits with Dr. Simpson, going to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway with the peds group (in rompers), sitting up at the VA having deep conversations with Dr. Schwarzenberger, and resident bonding/floating in Sunriver at our annual ODS meetings.



Me in Oia, Santorini (Summer 2026)



Kruger National Park in South Africa - went on a safari with Alison Treister (Class of 2023) in Summer 2026!

"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!

- **Ghida EL Banna**: QuantiFERON Gold false negative rate can be as high as 14-19%. Important to keep that in my mind and get a CXR if concern that a skin condition such as EAC is driven by latent TB

- **Sue Qin**: Advanced cutaneous T cell lymphoma is associated with a switch from Th1 to Th2 signature, where Th2-like tumor cells are spatially associated with B cells to form structures that closely resemble tertiary lymphoid structures. This may explain in part how CTCL can be unmasked by dupilumab as this may lead to increasing free Th2 cytokines to allow propagation and survival of the malignant CTCL cells.

- **Jake Nelson**: Oral minoxidil is a rare potential cause for drug induced lupus.

- **Elijah Horesh**: Bullous pemphigoid can often heal with milia!

- **Bebe Badiei**: In patients with genital HS, preform a careful mucosal exam and consider co-existing vulvovaginal lichen planus in your differential, as persistent mucosal symptoms can often be misdiagnosed as lichen sclerosis or incorrectly attributed to HS.

- **Claudia Lee**: Eczema in Asians are more likely to present like DOP with tingling sensation + excoriations

- **Karen Lee**: One of the larger studies that looked at dupilumab use in pregnant women with type 2 chronic inflammatory disease showed safety in terms of pregnancy complications (premature obstetric labor, pregnancy-induced HTN, gestation diabetes, infections, abortion). 293 women who used dupilumab during pregnancy was analyzed using TriNetX.

"Clinical Pearl"

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

Clinical Pearl: Flattened necrotic (pink) keratinocytes in the upper spinous layer of ear biopsies are a reliable marker of CNH, even if no or minimal dermis is available to view

-Dr. Kevin White



Upcoming Talks

Mark your calendars! We have some excellent talks lined up:

November 18, 2026

Oregon Dermatology Society (ODS) Quarterly Meeting with Robert Swerlick, M.D. (Emory University)
Location: OHSU Rood Pavilion
Time: Noon - 5 p.m.

February 24

Oregon Dermatology Society (ODS) Quarterly Meeting with Joseph Kvedar, M.D. (Harvard)
Location: OHSU Rood Pavilion
Time: Noon - 5 p.m.

April 16, 2027

Frances J. Storrs, M.D., Medical Dermatology Lectureship: *The Future of Dermatology: Rebuilding Trust in the Age of Algorithms*
Location: Knight Cancer Research Building
Registration & more details: TBD

May 26, 2027

Oregon Dermatology Society (ODS) Quarterly Meeting with Todd Cartee, M.D. (Penn State College of Medicine)
Location: OHSU Rood Pavilion
Time: Noon - 5 p.m.



The (SK)INTEREST is a biannual residency program newsletter for the OHSU Department of Dermatology. We hope to provide updates and a view into residency life for department friends, family, alumni and staff.

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

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