State of the College: Dean’s Address

Dean Michael Good and Faculty Council President, Dr. Nancy Hardt will provide summaries of College of Medicine achievements and programs for the 2013-14 academic year on Thursday, October 23 at 5:00 pm in Communicore Room C1-17. Refreshments will be served. Video-streaming will be available at:

http://mediasite.video.ufl.edu/Mediasite/Play/76f3a6e0d81f45f3ade1d42bd6b6cac61d

Meet the New Faculty of the College!
Spotlight on Education

Beginning this month, we will include information relevant to the educational mission of our faculty. The Society of Teaching Scholars and others in the Health Science Center have established an Educational Scholarship Learning Community (ESLC) to enhance the educational scholarly activities of our faculty. We hope you find the ESLC website to be a useful source of information to support your education research and scholarship goals: [http://facdev.ufhealth.org/resources/educational-scholarship-learning-community/](http://facdev.ufhealth.org/resources/educational-scholarship-learning-community/).

A new workshop series will be offered in the coming months to specifically train a select cohort of faculty in educational research methods. The dates, times and topics for the ESLC/MERC workshops are posted at the ESLC website. To apply for any of the workshops, please link to [https://ufl.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_6QKleIsjWLIF14x](https://ufl.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_6QKleIsjWLIF14x), and
Get Your Flu Shot Now

UF Student Health Care Center is hosting flu vaccination events at the UF HSC Founders Gallery from **9:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm on Oct 20, 24 and 27.** Free flu vaccinations are available for UF faculty, staff, and students with UF ID.

Other sites offering free shots are:

**UF Health Shands Occupational Health Services** — open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, located on the First Floor, Room 1004 in UF Health Shands Hospital (north campus). If you see the Occupational Health mobile flu cart in your area, stop by for your vaccination.

**UF Student Health Care Center** when they are on site at UF Health.

- Wednesday, Oct. 22, noon to 3 p.m. (UF Health Science Center Dental Tower, Room D3-30)
- Thursday, Oct. 23, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (UF Health Professions, Nursing and Pharmacy Building, Ground Reception Area)
- Thursday, Oct. 30, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (UF College of Veterinary Medicine Lobby)

Please remember that individuals who provide service in any UF Health Shands, UF College of Medicine and UF Health Physicians facilities, and UF College of Dentistry facilities and programs — including UF Health Science Center college and institute physicians; residents and clinical providers; UF Health Shands employees; UF Health Physicians employees; credentialed medical staff and allied health staff; students; trainees; and volunteers — are expected to be vaccinated against the flu by Nov. 15, or they will be required to complete a formal opt-out process and wear a surgical mask in patient care areas.

Visit Flu Central at [bridge.UFHealth.org/flu](http://bridge.UFHealth.org/flu) for full details and to view an updated schedule of flu vaccination events across UF Health.
Announcing: myTraining

The University of Florida and UF Health will share a new integrated training-management system beginning this fall. Called “myTraining,” it was developed by our Human Resources and Information Technology teams for use by all UF and UF Health Shands staff.

The myTraining portal will be the one-stop location where faculty and staff can manage training records, view training schedules, register for professional and required classes, and complete online training. All your required and recommended training sessions will now be accessed through a single site.

UF departments will experience a streamlined process through which their new hires can access training. In addition, myTraining will create more autonomy for UF training providers who use the system to design and deploy training for their target learners.

For the UF Health workforce, myTraining will replace the existing HealthStream portal by the end of the year. Staff members who work in the hospitals, outpatient services and core business units will still use HealthStream this fall to complete required online education and in-service training. By the end of the year, myTraining will include the following education resources for clinical and non-clinical staff: regulatory, compliance and privacy; clinical quality and patient safety; nursing education; EPIC electronic medical records; environment of care; and other topics.

While myTraining will be intuitive and user-friendly, tutorials will be provided to help users navigate the new system. UF faculty and staff will receive ongoing communications from UF, while UF Health Shands staff will learn more from UF Health Shands Human Resources.


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Faculty Updates and Honors

**New Diabetes Institute Created**

Dr. Mark Atkinson, UF professor and American Diabetes Association eminent scholar will direct the institute which will be co-directed by Dr. Desmond Schatz, the incoming President of the national American Diabetes Association. The institute will focus on important core values and research priorities, including a mechanistic understanding of diabetes, commitment to recruit new investigators in the field of diabetes, training of early career researchers, collaboration with other national and international researchers and
partnering with industry.

Four UF researchers have recently received grants through the Human Islet Research Network for the NIH, Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. Congratulations to Cherie Stabler, PhD, Biomedical Engineering; Martha Campbell-Thompson, DVM, PhD, Pathology, Immunology and Laboratory Medicine; Clayton Mathews, PhD, Pathology, Immunology and Laboratory Medicine; and Des Schatz, MD, Pediatrics, for their recent awards!


Dr. N. Larry Edwards, Professor of Medicine, Division of Rheumatology and Director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program, has been named a Master of the American College of Physicians.

Congratulations!

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**Funding Opportunities**

**UF American Cancer Society Chris DiMarco Grants**
The UF American Cancer Society Chris DiMarco Institutional Research Grant is placing a call for applications for the Special Interest Cancer Research category of its 2014 Junior Investigator awards. Application and award details can be found at http://hemonc.medicine.ufl.edu/research/funding-opportunities. Applications are due Monday, November 3, 2014. Please contact Fay Yancey at fay.yancey@medicine.ufl.edu with questions.

**UF Seed Fund Competition**
The UF Office of Research has announced the 2015 Research Opportunity Seed Fund competition. This program targets interdisciplinary, collaborative research initiatives that have potential for extramural support. Opportunity Fund awards are intended to support new projects (not a supplement to current research). Proposals must involve faculty from at least two departments/units/colleges. Awards will be limited to $100,000 for the entire project period (two years).

The College of Medicine can submit a maximum of 10 proposals for this campus-wide competition. As such, the College of Medicine Office of Research Affairs is conducting an internal selection via a two stage process:
Stage 1. **Letters of Intent – due Monday, October 27, 2014**
- Include project title, submitting investigator, submitting investigator department, and names of all co-investigators and their departments
- One page technical summary inclusive of a description of the interdisciplinary, collaborative nature of the project
- Current NIH biosketch for each investigator
- Submit electronically as a single PDF to our website (see below)

Applicants will be notified of the Stage 1 review results on or around November 12th, 2014. Approximately 20 selected applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal for Stage 2 of the College of Medicine’s internal selection process.

Stage 2. Invited full proposals will be due **Monday, December 15, 2014**. These proposals will be internally reviewed, and 10 will be chosen and submitted to the UF Office of Research to compete in the campus-wide competition.

Resources:
- [2015 Guidelines (PDF)](#)
- [Review Criteria (PDF)](#)

Submission website: [http://researchaffairs.med.ufl.edu/research-opportunity-seed-fund/](http://researchaffairs.med.ufl.edu/research-opportunity-seed-fund/)

If you have any questions, please contact Todd Barnash ([barnash@ufl.edu](mailto:barnash@ufl.edu)).

**Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is now inviting applications to Grand Challenges Explorations, which has awarded over 1070 grants in over 58 countries to date.

Grand Challenges Explorations seeks innovative global health and development solutions. Applicants can be at any experience level; in any discipline; and from any organization, including universities, government laboratories, research institutions, non-profit organizations as well as for-profit companies.

Two-page proposals are being accepted online from September 4, 2014 until **November 12, 2014** on the following topics:

- Surveillance Tools, Diagnostics and an Artificial Diet to Support New Approaches to Vector Control.
- New Approaches for Addressing Outdoor/Residual Malaria Transmission
- New Ways to Reduce Pneumonia Fatalities through Timely, Effective Treatment of Children
- Enable Universal Acceptance of Mobile Money Payments to Create an Economic Ecosystem that Will Help Lift the Poorest Out of Poverty
- Explore New Ways to Measure Brain Development and Gestational Age
- New Ways of Working Together: Integrating Community-Based Interventions

Initial grants will be US $100,000 each, and projects showing promise will have the opportunity to receive additional funding of up to US $1 million. Full descriptions of the new topics and application instructions are available at:

[www.grandchallenges.org/explorations](http://www.grandchallenges.org/explorations)
UF Campaign for Charities

To make a donation, simply go to ufcc.ufl.edu and click the "Pledge Now" link. Or go to the myUFL secure sign on, My Self Service and then "UFCC Sign On," which will direct you to the UFCC pledging site. Please contribute.

COM Strategic Plan and Diversity Statement

The Executive Committee of the COM has approved a new Strategic Plan that highlights values of excellence, trust, accountability, innovation, teamwork, integrity and diversity as we strive to achieve our vision to be a premier institution focused on promoting health and alleviating human suffering through exceptional education, discovery, innovation and patient-centered health care of the highest quality.

Through the leadership of Dr. Adrian Tyndall and the COM Diversity Committee, a COM Diversity Statement has also been adopted. The statement affirms the College’s aims to achieve cultural transformation, talent discovery, community engagement, healthcare equity, and communication.

Both documents can be viewed on the faculty affairs website:

Did You Know?

Key information and resources presented at this fall's UF New Faculty Orientation are available at http://hr.ufl.edu/working-at-uf/new-employees/nfo/. Check it out.
The minutes from the Monthly Executive Committee Meeting are distributed and also posted on the College of Medicine Faculty Council website.
Contact

Let us know about news, awards and activities of our faculty so we can share the good news. Contact us for additional information about any items in the newsletter or any other issues:

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Next meeting, Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at 5:00 pm in the Hugh Hall Conference Room

Check the website for information about meetings and activities:
http://facultycouncil.med.ufl.edu/

Upcoming Educational & Professional Development Seminars:

Need Directions? A Roadmap to Engage Faculty in Milestones/Competency-based Medical Education Assessments
Margaret Lo, MD, FACP; Lynne Meyer, PhD, MPH; and Carolyn Stalvey, MD
October 22, 2014
5:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Communicore Room C2-33

Applying Athletic Principles to Multidisciplinary Rounds to Improve Teamwork and Patient Care
Fred Southwick, MD
November 12, 2014
5:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Communicore Room C2-33

Register for seminars at the UF Health IT Training website

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