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## **MCG Faculty Awards Ceremony**

MCG Faculty Senate

April 19, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Natalie and Lansing B. Lee Jr. Auditoria Center

# ***Program***

Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University  
2018 MCG Faculty Awards Ceremony  
Thursday, April 19, 2018  
5:30-6:30 p.m.  
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Welcome.....	Renuka Mehta, MBBS President, MCG Faculty Senate
Remarks.....	David C. Hess, MD Dean, Medical College of Georgia Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs and Integration, Augusta University Presidential Distinguished Chair
Educator of the Year Awards.....	Class Presidents
Outstanding Teaching Awards.....	Class Presidents
Resident of the Year Award.....	Michael B. Hocker, MD J. Harold Harrison, MD, Distinguished University Chair in Emergency Medicine Vice Chair of Clinical Operations, Department of Emergency Medicine and Hospitalist Services Designated Institutional Official for Graduate Medical Education
Music.....	SeroTONEins
Distinguished Faculty Awards.....	Julie Dahl-Smith, DO Chair, Faculty Recognition Committee Ravindra Kolhe, MD/PhD Senator-at-Large, MCG Faculty Senate
Institutional Service.....	Dr. Dahl-Smith
Outstanding Faculty Award.....	Dr. Kolhe
MCG Lifetime Achievement Award.....	Dr. Dahl-Smith
Retiree Recognition.....	Dr. Hess
Recognition of MCG Faculty Senate Executive Committee.....	Dr. Hess
Closing Remarks.....	Dr. Mehta
Music.....	Four Chambers Quartet

*Reception Immediately Following*

## ***Honorees:***

### **Educators of the Year**

**John Odom, MD**

Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Surgery, Southeast Campus

Presented By:

D. David Davis, President, Class of 2018

**James Appiah-Pippim, MD, MPH**

Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, AU/UGA Medical Partnership

Presented By:

Jonathan Pham, Class of 2019, on behalf of Mark Zapata, President, Class of 2018, AU/UGA Medical Partnership

**Thaddeus Carson, MD**

Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine

Presented By:

Babatunde Fariyike, President, Class of 2019

**W. Scott Richardson, MD**

Campus Associate Dean for Medical Education, AU/UGA Medical Partnership

Presented By:

Jonathan Pham, Class of 2019, on behalf of Daniel Steinberg, President, Class of 2019, AU/UGA Medical Partnership

**Barbara Russell, EdD**

Associate Professor, Department of Pathology

Presented By:

Miller Singleton, President, Class of 2020

**Howard Cohen, MD**

Associate Professor of Medicine, AU/UGA Medical Partnership

Presented By:

Benjamin Daniel, President, Class of 2020, AU/UGA Medical Partnership

**Paul McNeil, PhD**

Professor, Department of Cellular Biology and Anatomy

Presented By:

Susan Brands, President, Class of 2021

**Brett Szymik, PhD**

Assistant Professor of Anatomy, AU/UGA Medical Partnership

Presented By:

Andrew Block, President, Class of 2021, AU/UGA Medical Partnership



## **Outstanding Clinical Science Teaching Award**

**Department of Medicine**

**Michael P. Madaio, MD**

Sydenstricker Professor and Chairman

Presented By:

D. David Davis, President, Class of 2018

## **Outstanding Basic Science Teaching Award**

**Department of Pathology**

**Amy M. Rojiani MD, PhD, CPE**

E.R. Pund Distinguished Professor and Chairman, Pathology

Clinical Service Chief, AU Health

Presented By:

Miller Singleton, President, Class of 2020

## **Distinguished Faculty Awards**

**Basic Science Teaching**

**Pamela M. Martin, PhD**



Dr. Martin is an associate professor of biochemistry and molecular biology, ophthalmology and graduate studies. A native of Harlem, she earned her PhD in cellular biology and anatomy from the Medical College of Georgia in 2003. She completed a postdoctoral fellowship in biochemistry and molecular biology at MCG in 2004, and another in ophthalmology and biochemistry and molecular biology from a fellowship program sponsored jointly by MCG and Merck & Co. She joined the faculty in 2007. Dr. Martin's research on diabetic retinopathy is funded by an RO1 grant from the National Eye Institute and she was recently appointed to the institute's Diseases and Pathophysiology of the Visual System Study Section. Her students often describe her as a "favorite and fantastic" teacher.

### **Clinical Science Teaching**

#### **Janet A. Munroe, MD**



Dr. Munroe is an associate professor in the Department of Radiology and Imaging and associate program director of the department's residency program. She completed her medical degree and radiology residency at the Medical College of Georgia and joined the faculty in 2005. Nationally recognized as an educator, Dr. Munroe has received multiple teaching awards and served as chair of the Association of Program Directors in Radiology's Professionalism Committee. She received funding from the Association of University Radiologists to develop educational material to teach ethics and professionalism to radiology residents. The education modules she has developed are used nationally to meet Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education standards. Dr. Munroe also serves as the designated radiologist for MCG's GYN/Oncology Clinical Trial Program and has been an active research collaborator for more than 50 trials.

### **Clinical Science Teaching**

#### **Sandra B. Sexson, MD**



Dr. Sexson has been the chief of the Division of Child, Adolescent, and Family Psychiatry and the program director of the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship since 2004. She earned her medical degree and completed an internship in pediatrics at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine. She completed residency training in general psychiatry at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, a fellowship in child development at University of Mississippi School of Medicine, and a child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. She has received a number of national awards, including the American College of Psychiatrists' Bowis Award for her work in developing and serving as first editor of the child psychiatry in-training exam and the American Psychiatric Association's Vestermark Award, which recognizes excellence, leadership and creativity in the field of psychiatric education. Under Dr. Sexson's leadership, the division has grown from three to seven child and adolescent psychiatrists and from four to six fellowship trainees. She also established the innovative Post Pediatric Portal Program, one of five in the country, which allows fully trained pediatricians to fast track into psychiatry and child and adolescent psychiatry training.



**Basic Science Research**  
**Mark W. Hamrick, PhD**



Dr. Hamrick is a Regents' Professor in the Department of Cellular Biology and Anatomy. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Colorado, Boulder, his doctorate in cellular and integrative biology from Northwestern University and he completed postdoctoral training in anatomy at Duke University Medical Center. He is currently associate editor of *the Journal of Musculoskeletal & Neuronal Interactions* and section editor for muscle and bone at *Current Osteoporosis Reports*. Dr. Hamrick serves as chair of the Board of Directors for the National Association for Biomedical Research and is a member of the Advocacy and Science Policy Committee for the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research. He is a member of the American Association of Anatomists, the Orthopaedic Research Society and the Gerontological Society of America. His research on the prevention and treatment of age-related muscle and bone loss has received funding support from the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Defense and the National Science Foundation.

**Clinical Science Research**  
**N. Stanley Nahman Jr., MD**



Dr. Nahman is a professor and nephrologist in the Department of Medicine. He earned his medical degree from the Medical College of Ohio at Toledo, completed his internship in medicine at Presbyterian Medical Center in Denver, spent two years in the National Health Service Corps, followed by a medicine residency at Mt. Carmel Medical Center in Columbus, Ohio. He then completed a three-year nephrology fellowship at The Ohio State University. He joined the Medical College of Georgia faculty in 2010. Dr. Nahman has been recognized as an exemplary teacher, as a recipient of the Leonard Tow Humanism award and the Department of Medicine's Mentor of the Year. In 2013 he led the development of the Translational Research Program of the Department of Medicine, which was established to foster translational research within the department and engage faculty, trainees and students to pursue research endeavors. This core group now promotes research at the university through its novel program that brings together young and experienced investigators to initiate collaborative science. Dr. Nahman serves as principal investigator on several funded epidemiologic and basic science research projects, and he has mentored over 25 trainees and faculty in research since 2011. He is a counselor for the Southern Society of Clinical Investigation and serves as co-chair of the American Society of Nephrology In-Training Exam question writing committee.

## **Patient Care**

### **Rita S. Jerath, MBChB**



Dr. Jerath is an associate professor in the Department of Pediatrics, Division of Allergy Immunology and Rheumatology. She earned her medical degree from Manchester Medical School in the United Kingdom and completed a residency in pediatrics, including a year as chief resident, at the Medical College of Georgia. She joined the faculty as an instructor of pediatrics and shadowed many faculty who treated patients with rheumatic diseases. She completed a rheumatology fellowship in the MCG Department of Medicine in 1989. For the last 10 years, Jerath has headed up MCG's involvement in the Childhood Arthritis Rheumatology Research Alliance, which has a mission to conduct collaborative research to prevent, treat and cure pediatric rheumatic diseases. MCG's pediatric rheumatology program is among the smaller centers, but Dr. Jerath's involvement in CARRA means that the program is actively participating and including patients in its current projects. She serves on several CARRA workgroups, including those focused on pediatric Sjogren's Syndrome, scleroderma and vasculitis.

## **Institutional Service Award**

### **Wendy B. Bollag, PhD**



Dr. Bollag is a professor in the Department of Physiology and a VA Research Career Scientist. She earned her doctoral degree in cellular and molecular physiology from Yale in 1990 and completed postdoctoral training at Hoffman-LaRoche. She joined the faculty at the Medical College of Georgia in 1993. Her research interests focus on understanding the mechanisms by which hormones, growth factors, cytokines and other signaling molecules instruct cells to respond appropriately to perform their functions. She has authored 104 peer-reviewed publications and 46 chapters or reviews. She also is the principal investigator on VA MERIT and VA ShEEP awards. Active in institutional service, she has served as the medical school's representative, chair-elect and chair of the Graduate Council, the faculty governance body for The Graduate School, and as vice president, president-elect and president of MCG's Faculty Senate. She also was a member of the medical school's Strategic Planning Committee. She is a senator-at-large for the Augusta University Faculty Senate and a member of the Board of Directors of the university's Research Institute. In 2014, she was named director of the Augusta University Office of Postdoctoral Affairs.



## Outstanding Young Basic Science Faculty Award

**Meghan E. McGee-Lawrence, PhD**



Dr. McGee-Lawrence earned undergraduate and doctoral degrees in biomedical engineering at Michigan Technological University, and completed postdoctoral training in cell and molecular biology at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Dr. McGee-Lawrence joined the Department of Cellular Biology and Anatomy at the Medical College of Georgia as an assistant professor in 2014 and was promoted to associate professor in 2018. Her laboratory's current research interests include osteocyte mechanobiology during exercise and disuse, epigenetic changes in mesenchymal stem cells contributing to bone loss and fatty infiltration of the skeleton with aging and the integrative role of the skeleton in whole body metabolism and insulin sensitivity. Her research program is funded by the National Institute on Aging, the National Science Foundation and the American Diabetes Association. Dr. McGee-Lawrence actively participates in and serves on committees for the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research, the Orthopaedic Research Society and the International Federation of Musculoskeletal Research Societies, and she serves on the editorial board for the *Journal of Orthopaedic Research*.

## Outstanding Young Clinical Science Faculty Award

**Brian K. Stansfield, MD**



Dr. Stansfield earned his medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia in 2004. He left Georgia to pursue a residency in pediatrics and a fellowship in neonatal-perinatal medicine at Indiana University. In 2013 he returned to MCG as an assistant professor of pediatrics with a laboratory in the Vascular Biology Center. Dr. Stansfield has maintained an active interest and presence in research. He has published 24 papers including a breakthrough publication in 2014 in the prestigious cardiovascular journal, *Circulation*. His primary research focus is on the role of neurofibromins I and II in regulating blood vessel formation and cardiovascular disease. In recognition of his research efforts, he has been awarded the William P. Kanto Medical Research Award, the Jack Metcoff Award for Outstanding Fellow Presentation and the K12 Physician Scientist Award from the National Institutes of Health. He also has secured funding from the Department of Defense as well as the American Heart Association. Dr. Stansfield has trained a number of fellows, residents and medical students and has given lectures in the Pediatric Fellow Research Program. He is the director of education for Neonatal/Perinatal Medicine and co-director of the Pediatric Fellow Research Program.



## Outstanding Faculty Award

### Manuel R. Castresana, MD



Dr. Castresana is a professor in the Department of Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine, where he also founded and directs the Anesthesiology Critical Care Medicine Fellowship. He earned his medical degree from the University of Barcelona in Spain and completed residencies in critical care medicine and anesthesiology. Before joining the Medical College of Georgia full-time in 2003, he had served as a clinical professor since 1993. He was the first board-certified intensivist in Georgia and many of his colleagues in anesthesia call him the Father of Critical Care Medicine in Georgia. In his 30-year career, he has trained at least 400 residents in anesthesiology, surgery, internal medicine and family medicine, more than 500 medical students, 100 respiratory therapists and 14 critical care fellows. He directs the only site in Georgia that provides the Society of Critical Care Medicine's Fundamentals of Critical Care Support training. The twice-yearly workshops train non-intensivists to manage patients during the critical first 24 hours. He is a fellow of the Society of Critical Care Medicine and of the American Society of Anesthesiologists. He has more than 70 peer-reviewed publications, 100 abstract presentations and 40 medically-challenging case presentations that he has either authored or co-authored.

## Lifetime Achievement Award

### Jatinder Bhatia, MD



Dr. Bhatia is a professor of pediatrics and chief of the Division of Neonatology in the Department of Pediatrics. Dr. Bhatia also is vice chair of clinical research for the department. He is a 1975 graduate of the Armed Forces Medical College of the University of Poona, India. He completed his pediatric residency, including a year as chief resident, at the Medical College of Georgia, followed by a joint fellowship in neonatology and pediatric nutrition at the University of Iowa. He has been recognized for his academic and clinical work throughout his career with honors such as the Georgia Nutrition Council Award of Excellence and the Founder's Award in Pediatrics from the Southern Society for Pediatric Research. Under his team's leadership, the MCG/AU Health ECMO program has been named as a Center of Excellence since 2006. Dr. Bhatia's research interests include a wide variety of neonatal issues such as neonatal nutrition, total parenteral nutrition, reactive oxygen species, hepatic dysfunction and outcomes research. His research has been supported by the National Institutes of Health, industry and foundations. He is the author of more than 150 articles, abstracts and book chapters and has made presentations on his work nationally and internationally. He is a past president of the Southern Society of Pediatric Research and served on the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Nutrition, including a term as chair. He is an honorary fellow of the Perinatal Association of the Philippines as well as the Philippine Society of Newborn Medicine. At the regional level, he is the chair of the Committee of the Fetus and Newborn of the Georgia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

## **Retiree Recognition**

W. Bruce Davis, MD  
Professor, Department of Medicine, Division Chief, Pulmonary/Critical Care

D. Greer Falls III, MD  
Associate Professor, Department of Pathology

Boris Gorshkov, PhD  
Assistant Research Scientist, Vascular Biology Center

Sandra Helman, PhD  
Professor, Department of Pathology

Wayne K. Lawson, MD  
Assistant Professor, Department of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine

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Professor, Department of Neurology

Ronald W. Lewis, MD  
Professor, Department of Surgery, Section of Urology

William A. Lutin, MD, PhD  
Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Division of Cardiology

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Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine and Hospitalist Services

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Campus Assistant Dean for Curriculum, Southwest Campus

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Professor, Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases

Kapil D. Sethi, MD  
Professor, Department of Neurology

Max E. Stachura, MD  
Professor, Department of Medicine, Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism



## **MCG Faculty Senate Executive Committee 2017 – 2018**

Renuka Mehta, MBBS, President  
Vincent Robinson, MBBS, President-Elect  
Thad Wilkins, MD, Vice President  
Julie Dahl-Smith, DO, Secretary  
Wendy Bollag, PhD, Past President

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Gaston Kapuku, MD  
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Yanbin Dong, MD, PhD  
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Terry McBride, MCG Faculty Senate Liaison

## **MCG Faculty Senate Faculty Recognition Committee**

Julie Dahl-Smith, DO, Chair  
Thad Wilkins, MD  
Louis Thai, MD  
Balakrishna (Bal) Lokeshwar, PhD  
Renuka Mehta, MBBS

## Special Acknowledgements

Special thanks to the Medical College of Georgia Student Musicians who are with us tonight:

### The SeroTONEins

Sehar Ali, Class of 2021  
Daniel Alligood, Class of 2021  
Meredith Arra, Class of 2020  
Keerthana Bathala, Class of 2021  
Briana Bennett, Class of 2020  
Upasana Chandra, Class of 2021  
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Hyunjin Song, Class of 2020  
Michael Song, Class of 2020  
Heather Steckenrider, Class of 2020  
Michael Stephens, Class of 2021  
Aditi Talkad, Class of 2021  
Lynn Tran, Class of 2020  
Paul Tran, Class of 2020

### The Four Chambers Quartet

James Dickey, Class of 2021, cello  
Maya Gibson, Class of 2021, violin  
Brandon Hou, Class of 2021, violin  
John Latremouille, Class of 2021, violin