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Dermatology Dept. Holiday Party Dec. 2022

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

December always marks one of our busiest months. While we all have personal commitments of the time of year: end of semester for school, holiday planning and holiday travel, we also manage to keep busy with our academic mission and schedule two full days of interviewing residency applicants. As in years past, I was impressed with the caliber of outstanding medical students who have chosen Dermatology as their career.



Sara Shalin, M.D., Ph.D.

Chair of UAMS Dermatology

The transition to virtual residency interviews has turned out to be an upside of the Covid pandemic for me. While I acknowledge that some important aspects of the interview process are lost- both for the applicant and for the interviewers- I have come to really value the way we conduct our interviews. Full disclosure: when Dr. Jennings and Kim first proposed a panel-type interview with all the faculty and the applicant, I was skeptical that this format could work. However, I like being able to hear applicants' different answers to the same questions and the fact that all the faculty are hearing the same answers in time. I also enjoy hearing the questions that our faculty and residents ask, because I think they reflect the traits we value in the people with whom we work. This year, applicants were asked about their definition and experiences of kindness, how they provide compassion to themselves, what core values define them, how research experiences have benefited them, how adversity has shaped them, and what kinds of activities they invest time in outside of medicine. I am honored to work with individuals who consider these to be important questions and who have their own thoughtful answers to these questions! Surely I was not the only one who appreciated the chances to consider my own answers to these questions and to guess how my colleagues would answer them as well. As we hear more and more about "holistic review" of residency applications, I was struck by the way, even without coordinated efforts, our panel of interview questions managed to assess a broad range of important physician qualities beyond simply academic ability. And so... a tip of the hat to Dr. Jennings and to Kim, for arranging another year of inspiring interviews. Thank you for everyone's participation. I wish each of you a new year in which you find ways to practice and experience kindness, both to others and yourself.

30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Congratulations to Dr. Jay Kincannon, who completed 30 years of service this year at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Arkansas Children's Hospital, and the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System.

Dr. Kincannon is a Professor in the Department of Dermatology at UAMS with a joint appointment in Pediatrics.

He graduated with a degree in zoology from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, and received his medical degree from UAMS in 1985. He went to the University of Colorado School of Medicine for his internship in Pediatrics, where he also completed residency training in both Pediatrics and Dermatology.

Dr. Kincannon is an active member in several national academic organizations, including the American Academy of Dermatology, the Pediatric Dermatology Society, and the American Medical Association. He was the 1997 president of the Arkansas Dermatology Society. His research interests include vascular and pigmented skin lesions, birthmarks and pediatric skin diseases.

He cares for both adults and children at the UAMS Medical Center Dermatology Clinic. He serves as pediatric dermatologist at the Arkansas Children's Hospital, where he cares for the full spectrum of childhood skin disorders, including treatment of vascular birth marks.

Dr. Kincannon is board certified by the American Board of Pediatrics and the American Board of Dermatology.



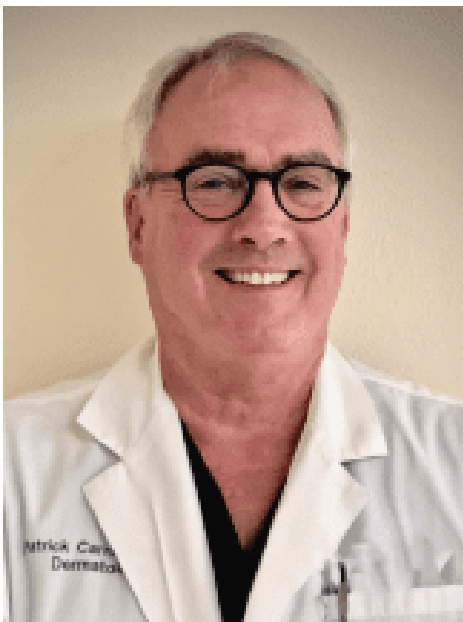
WELCOME, NEW FACULTY MEMBERS!

We welcomed two new faculty members to our department last fall:

Dr. Mugahed Hamza is as an Assistant Professor in the Dermatopathology Division. Dr. Hamza received his medical degree from the University of Khartoum and completed a clinical internship with the Federal Ministry of Health in Khartoum, Sudan. He completed his anatomic and clinical pathology residency at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. Dr. Hamza continued his training with a fellowship in dermatopathology at the University of Washington in Seattle.



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Dr. Patrick Carrington is a Fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology and a Diplomate of the American Board of Dermatology. After completing his undergraduate studies at Northwestern State University in Louisiana, Dr. Carrington earned his medical degree at the Louisiana State University School of Medicine. Dr. Carrington went on to complete his internship year and first year of residency in dermatology at the LSU School of Medicine. He completed his second and third year of residency at Tulane University Medical Center and Charity Hospital of New Orleans. Dr. Carrington has served as a faculty member at the John L. McClellan Memorial Veterans Hospital in Little Rock and the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

Save the Date

Colonel William “Randy” Holland Memorial Lecture on Melanoma

*“What’s Old is New Again:
Transformative Changes in
Melanoma Management”*

Save the Date:
Friday, May 5
Noon

Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute
12th floor

Fred W. Smith Conference Center

Broadcast Live on Zoom.

Reception immediately following

This annual lecture was established in honor of the late Col. William “Randy” Holland of the Arkansas National Guard, who died of melanoma in 2007, and in gratitude for the UAMS physicians, nurses and staff who treated and assisted him during his three-year battle with cancer. The goal of the series is to increase awareness of melanoma prevention, diagnosis, treatment and research.



FEATURED SPEAKER:

Genevieve Boland, M.D., Ph.D.
Vice Chair of Research, Department
of Surgery
Section Head, Melanoma/Sarcoma
Surgery
Surgical Director, Henri and Belinda
Termeer Center for Targeted
Therapies
Director, Surgical Oncology
Research Laboratories
Massachusetts General Hospital
Associate Professor of Surgery,
Harvard Medical School

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Mavinder “Mavina” Guram graduated from the Medical University of South Carolina College of Medicine. She completed her undergraduate studies at the South Carolina Honors College, where she graduated summa cum laude and was a recipient of the South Carolina Alumni Scholars Scholarship and Palmetto Fellows Scholarship.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT: SHEILA WOODALL, RN

Here’s an “inside scoop” with some of Sheila’s answers to our favorite icebreakers:

What’s the best piece of advice you have ever been given?

Either you run the day, or the day runs you.

What makes you laugh the most?

Donna Moravec during lunch.

What’s on your bucket list?

It has always been my dream to travel to Italy. I have always loved Renaissance art, but truly want to see the Pietà by Michelangelo.

Do you have a hidden talent?

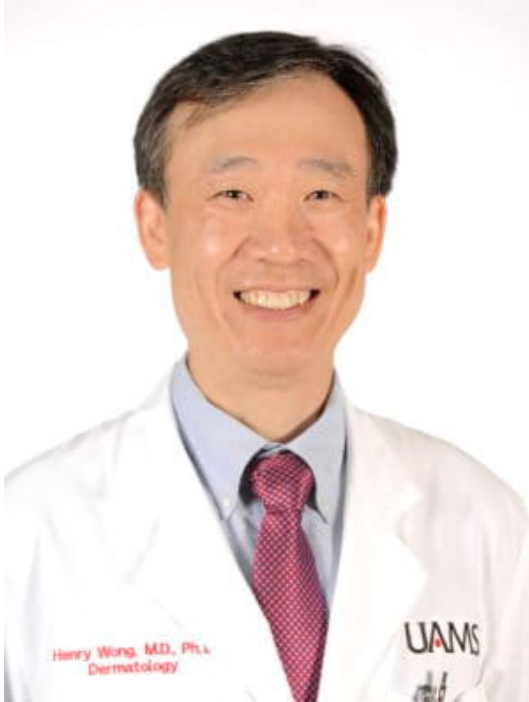
I adore art. I also love to design my home and landscape. I have planted all of our flowers and trees.



If you could have a superpower, what would it be?

Spreading kindness and compassion.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Henry K. Wong, M.D., Ph.D., is a professor in the Department of Dermatology at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Dr. Wong came to UAMS from Ohio State University Medical Center in Columbus, Ohio, where he was director of immunodermatology and co-director of a multi-disciplinary cutaneous lymphoma clinic at the James Cancer Hospital and Comprehensive Cancer Center. He was also director of the psoriasis clinic, dermatology clinical trials, and the medical dermatology research fellowship at Ohio State. He is nationally known for his expertise on cutaneous T-cell lymphoma.

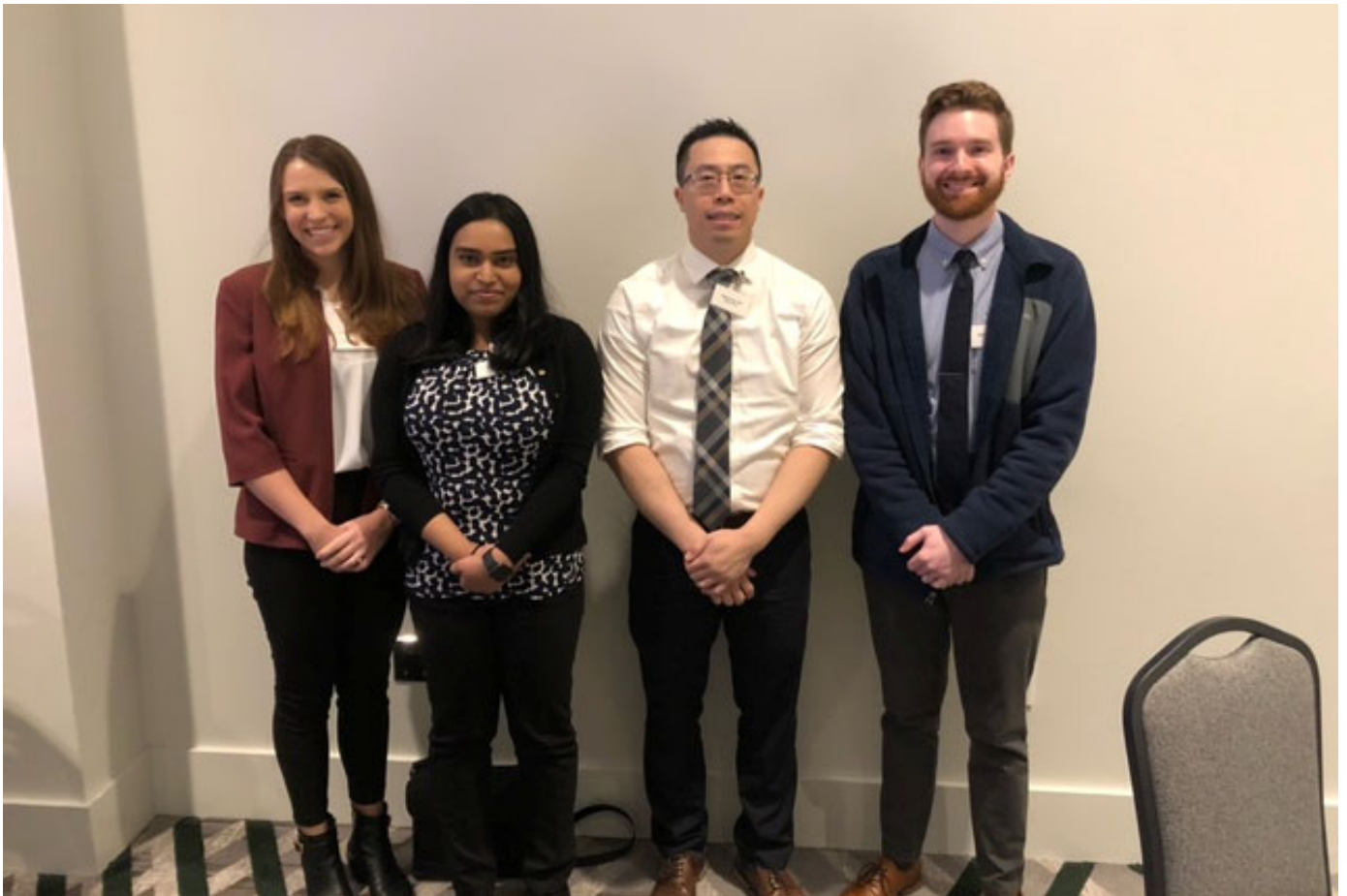
Dr. Wong received his medical and doctoral degrees in biochemistry at New York University School of Medicine and the Sackler Institute of Graduate Biomedical Sciences in New York, NY. He was an intern at Barnes Hospital and the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Dr. Wong completed his residency in dermatology at Bellevue Hospital and New York University, and was a visiting research fellow in immunology at the Cornell University School of Medicine.

Wong has been chair of the Biomarker Committee of the U.S. Cutaneous Lymphoma Consortium since 2010, and became a member of the Clinical Guideline Committee of the American Academy of Dermatology in 2014. Since 2009, Dr. Wong has been recognized as one of the Best Doctors in Dermatology.

Dr. Wong previously held faculty, research, and clinical positions at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., as well as the Wayne State University School of Medicine and the Henry Ford Health System in Detroit.

SDC 2024

UAMS residents and medical students presented at the 8th Annual Southern Dermatology Consortium Resident Research Day last month. Third-year resident **Dr. Patrick Phelan** received the resident presentation award for clinical mastery for his talk, “A Clinical Approach to Parsing Panniculitis.” Third-year resident **Dr. Khiem Tran** presented “A New Immune Evasion Mechanism in Melanoma.” Second-year medical student **Kayla Perry** presented “Dermatology Practitioners’ Perspectives Regarding Arkansas Medicaid Coverage of Dermatologic Medications.” **Swetha Atluri**, a visiting third-year medical student who is completing a research fellowship with Associate Professor **Dr. Vivian Shi**, received the award for the best presentation from a medical student, for “Biologic use during pregnancy and breastfeeding in dermatology—an evidence-based review.”



(L to R) Kayla Perry, Swetha Atluri, Dr. Khiem Tran, and Dr. Patrick Phelan

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