

## Message from the Chair



**Mid-November, 2024:** This morning I planted bulbs in our front yard. Tulips and daffodils (Evan’s Scent and Tahiti varieties if you’re curious). We moved to a new house this summer, and one of the things I loved the most about our old house was that every year, little pockets of daffodils and jonquils would pop up, gracing my backyard. When we moved, I decided that I would try my hand at planting some of my own so that hopefully, by next March, I will get to experience that same flutter of joy when I walk past the side window.

The thing with planting and growing and gardening in general is the inherent requirement to delay gratification while your efforts- quite literally- take root. I’ve never planted bulbs before. Did I water them enough? Did I choose a place with enough sunlight? Did I plant them too deep or too shallow? Are there too many rocks in the soil? Will the rocks make the plants more hardy? How much of next spring will reflect my planting strategy and how much is just...luck?

In a world where technology has largely enabled us to have quick answers, immediate responses, and minimal need to wait, this experience has illustrated for me how uncomfortable many of us, myself included, have become with leaning into uncertainty and trusting the process. But day after day, you can count on the sun to rise, and spring after spring, the green stalks uncurl to offer their blooms to us. Sometimes a process takes time, and we have to cultivate patience while that growth happens. I’m anxious to see what shows up this spring - both in my garden and in our department.

I don’t need to tell you, there are changes ongoing in our department: the last few months have seen numerous growing families within our department, and the next 6-8 months will see the addition of multiple new faculty members, which will have cascading effects of services re-opening, schedules changing, and energy shifting. We will look very different a year from now, and it’s exciting to imagine how the UAMS Dermatology’s “spring” will evolve.

### Faculty

- Sara Shalin, M.D., Ph.D.  
*Professor and Chair, Director of Dermatopathology, Director of MD/PhD combined degree program*
- Jay Kincannon, M.D.  
*Professor  
Pediatric Dermatology*
- Megan Evans, M.D.  
*Assistant Professor  
Program Director*
- Patrick Carrington, M.D.  
*Professor  
Dermatology*
- Mugahed Hamza, M.D.  
*Assistant Professor  
Dermatopathology*
- Nicholas Zoumberos, M.D.  
*Assistant Professor  
Dermatopathology*
- Patrick Phelan, M.D.  
*Assistant Professor  
Dermatopathology*

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## Welcome Back Dr. Phelan!

After only a few months of absence since his graduation, Dr. Patrick Phelan has rejoined our team in the Dermatology Department as our newest faculty member!



Dr. Phelan graduated from our residency program in June, and he has determined that an academic practice setting would allow him to make a meaningful impact for complex patients and would allow him to teach students and residents.

His addition to our faculty will allow for the re-opening of the UAMS hospital consult service, and he has graciously agreed to staff the HS clinic beginning in February until Dr. Kilgour starts next summer.

We're glad to have you back at UAMS!

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## Congratulations Dr. Shalin!

Dr. Shalin was recently recognized for co-authoring an article that has become one of the top 10 most-cited papers published in the *Journal of Cutaneous Pathology*.

The March 2022 [article](#) reports evidence-based recommendations for a wide range of ancillary diagnostic testing in dermatopathology from the Appropriate Use Committee within the American Society of Dermatopathology.

Congratulations!

## New Staff Spotlights

We are pleased to welcome two new staff that have joined our administrative team recently: Carla Williams and Benji Nicholas.

Carla began working in August as the Residency Program Coordinator, and Benji began in November as the Executive Administrative Assistant.

Here are some questions to get to know them!



**Carla Williams**

**Hometown:** Little Rock, AR

**Favorite Holiday:** Christmas

**Hobbies:** Yard sales!

**Favorite TV show:** Crime shows

**Do you have any hidden talents?:**  
Baking

**What is the best piece of advice you've ever received?:** "Live your life for you and no one else."

**Hometown:** Jackson, TN, though I spent much of my growing up years living overseas in Kenya

**Favorite Food:** Anything with peanut butter!

**Hobbies:** Hiking, volleyball, and board games

**If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would it be?:** Spain

**What is the best piece of advice you've ever received?:** My uncle Philip told me when I was younger: "Don't forget that people and relationships are the most important part of life."

**Benji Nicholas**



## Growing Families

The last few months have seen all kinds of growth in our department, especially when it comes to little ones!

Congratulations to our growing families as we welcome the youngest additions to the department!



Lucy Hope

Lucy Hope was born to Dr. Landon Hope and Mrs. Brianna Hope in May. Her older sister Amelia loves her!



Madelyn June McKinnon

Madelyn June McKinnon was born to Dr. Alyson McKinnon and Mr. Evan McKinnon in September.



John Thomas Stokes

John Thomas Stokes was born to Dr. Madison Stokes and Mr. Brandon Stokes in September.



Margot Catherine Clark

Margot Catherine Clark was born to Dr. Abbi Clark and Mr. Will Clark in October.

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