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November 2019

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*Happy Thanksgiving*



**Here's a Great Way to Start the Holidays!**

Stocked & Reddie, the UAMS food pantry, has helped hundreds of students and employees who sometimes find it difficult to feed themselves and their families. There are lots of ways you can help. Did you know you can even make a donation by credit card or payroll deduction?

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Dean's   
Distinguished  
Lectureship  
Faculty Scholar



**"Stories I Heard at the  
Microscope"**

**Laura Hutchins, M.D.**  
Professor of Medicine

Tuesday, December 3, 2019, 4:00 p.m. | Pauly Auditorium (Rahn G219)

**In the Spotlight:**



**Gregory Albert, M.D., M.P.H.**, Associate Professor of **Neurosurgery**, was invested in the Lee and Bob Cress Endowed Chair in Pediatric Neurosurgery at Arkansas Children's Hospital on Nov. 12. Dr. Albert serves as Chief of Pediatric Neurosurgery at ACH.

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## New Faculty



**Arpit Patel, M.D.**, has joined the Department of **Family and Preventive Medicine** as an assistant professor practicing at the Rahling Road Clinic.

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**Kristine Patterson, M.D.**, has joined the Department of **Internal Medicine** as an associate professor in the Division of Infectious Disease.

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**Sacha McBain, Ph.D.**, has joined the Department of **Psychiatry** as an assistant professor and associate director in the Psychiatric Research Institute's Center for Trauma, Prevention, Recovery and Innovation.

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## Recent Grants

*Congratulations to the College of Medicine faculty members who received new **extramural grants** in October. This list, courtesy of the Office of the Executive Associate Dean for Research, excludes industry trials and awards under \$10,000.*



**John Dornhoffer, M.D.**, Department of **Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery**, "RoboHear™ device: advanced haptic technology that allows deaf to understand speech," NIH (03/28/2019 – 09/30/2020), \$70,463. Pass through from Fauxsee Innovations LLC.

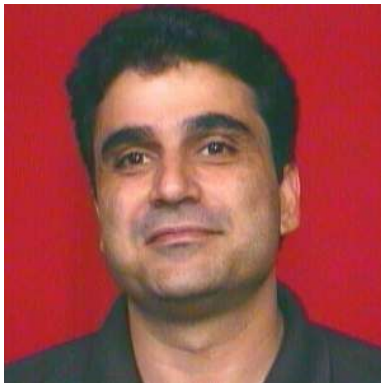


**Stanley Ellis, Ed.D.**, Institute for **Digital Health and Innovation**, The Delta Understanding and Preventing Substance and Opioid Addiction in Rural (Delta UPSOAR), USDA (10/10/2019 – 04/30/2021), \$280,042. Pass through from Winrock International.

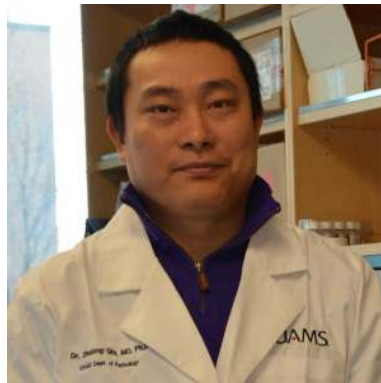


**Yuri Zarate, M.D.**, Department of **Pediatrics**, RII Track 2 FEC: Multi-scale Integrative Approach to Digital Health: Collaborative Research and Education in Smart Health in West Virginia and Arkansas,"National Science Foundation (08/01/2019 – 07/31/2023), \$191,858. Pass through from West Virginia University.

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**Behjatolah KARBASSI, Ph.D.**, Department of **Pathology**, UAMS Tobacco Award (10/23/2019 – 6/30/2020), \$283,070.



**Zhiqiang Qin, M.D., Ph.D.**, Department of **Pathology**, UAMS Tobacco Award (10/23/2019 – 6/30/2020), \$84,120.



**Brian Storrie, Ph.D.**, Department of **Physiology and Biophysics**, Structure/Determinants of Platelet Granule Secretion, UAMS Development Enhancement Awards for Proposals (10/01/2019 – 9/30/2020), \$24,998.

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## Accolades



Have you read the latest **Accolades** from Dean **Christopher T. Westfall, M.D.**? The weekly email highlights recent honors and accomplishments of COM faculty, staff, residents and students. You can also **read Accolades here**. If you know someone who deserves a shout-out, send your ideas to Dr. Westfall via **COM Internal Communications!**

**These UAMS team members and students were named in Accolades Nov. 6-20:**

Sean Adams  
Gregory Albert  
Antiño Allen  
Patricia Amorado  
Michael Angtuaco  
Kapil Arya  
Tim Atkinson  
Steven Barger  
Sandy Burnett  
Katelynn Campbell  
Gwen Childs  
Jim Clardy  
Terry Collins  
Jakeira Davis  
Kellen Dawson  
John Dornhoffer  
Richard Dunn  
Travis Eastin  
Ari Filip  
Michael Franzetti  
Jerad Gardner  
Elizabeth Gath  
Molly Gathright

Johnathan Goree  
James Graham  
Terry Harville  
Rachel Hendrix  
Jennifer Hunt  
Tesa Ivey  
Deanne King  
Emily Kocurek  
Jeremy Light  
Miki Lindsey  
Nirvana Manning  
Neil Masangkay  
Todd Maxson  
Bobby McGehee  
Ann Marie Mercier  
Jason Muesse  
Abby Nolder  
Angela Odle  
John Pagteilan  
Cam Patterson  
Robbie Pesek  
Paula Podrazik

Maurice Rigsby  
Ron Robertson  
Debopam Samanta  
Rebecca Sartini  
Amy Scott  
Sara Shalin  
Megha Sharma  
Jeannette M. Shorey II  
Mindy Simonson  
Amrit Singh  
Jordan Spencer  
John Spollen  
Matthew Steliga  
Kimo Stine  
Lindsey Sward  
Sara Tariq  
Chad Taylor  
Carol Thrush  
Nick Tingquist  
George Koshi Vilanilam  
Deidre Wyrick  
Kristin Zorn

### These COM departments were represented in Accolades Nov. 6-20:

Anesthesiology  
Emergency Medicine  
Family Medicine  
Geriatrics  
Internal Medicine  
Neurobiology/Dev. Sciences  
Neurosurgery

Obstetrics/Gynecology  
Otolaryngology-Head/Neck Surgery  
Pathology  
Pediatrics  
Psychiatry  
Radiology  
Surgery

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