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EMORY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE DEAN'S OFFICE

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TOP STORIES

All Hands on Deck: Emory staff exhibit 'can-do' spirit and enduring sense of community

As Michael Konomos, visual medical education team leader for the School of Medicine, well knows, a picture can often be worth a thousand words, especially when trying to keep health care workers and, in turn, their patients, safe. "Everything is ultimately for the patient, no matter who we are teaching," he says. "That's why I love what we do."

Emory's Visual Medical Education team and Library and Information Technology Services (LITS) assisted the School of Medicine and Emory's Serious Communicable Diseases Program in the creation of a [set of graphics and videos](#) that instruct medical personnel on the conservation and use of personal protective equipment (PPE).

[Read more about the critical role of staff in our COVID-19 response.](#)

Reminder about bias during the COVID-19 pandemic

Sadly, we have become aware of a steep rise in the expression of anti-Asian bias and blatant harassment across the US and globally related to fear amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Such behaviors have also been reported to impact faculty, healthcare workers, staff and trainees at a time when they are challenged to protect the public's health and save lives under extremely stressful circumstances.

Official and evidence-based sources of information are critically important in addressing this pandemic. False information has led to scapegoating, disrespect, and micro- and macroaggressions aimed at persons of Asian descent, particularly those of Chinese origin.

Please be aware that harassment within our School of Medicine community will not be tolerated. Indeed, harassment of any person or group of persons on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, handicap, or veteran's status is a form of discrimination specifically prohibited in the Emory University community.

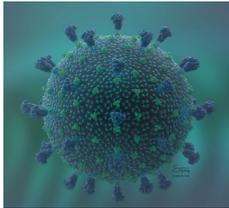
[Read the full statement and find contacts for support.](#)

New support and wellness resources

As we continue to adjust to new challenges at work and at home, remember that Emory provides comprehensive support and resources for faculty and staff. The Faculty Academic Advancement, Leadership and Inclusion (FAALI) team compiled many of these resources into a single page. [View wellness resources](#). (*Emory login required*)

In case you missed it: a [video of Friday's wellness forum](#) (*Emory login required*) has been posted, along with other helpful videos from the FAALI team.

OPERATIONAL UPDATES



Employee health reminders | Emory Healthcare has set up a dedicated COVID phone line for all Emory employees who feel ill. If you are sick, remain at home and call the COVID information line at 404-71-COVID (404-712-6843) for guidance.

Beware of Zoom bombing | Schools across the country have reported incidents in which uninvited guests logged into their Zoom meetings—a practice called “Zoom bombing.” Take a moment to learn how to [keep your Zoom meetings secure](#).

Donations to Emory Healthcare | A drive-through donation center is now located at 1599 Clifton Road, down the street from Emory University Hospital near the Emory Conference Center and The Pointe Shopping Center. For easiest access, turn off Clifton Road at the conference center entrance and the 1599 Building will be on your right. Drop off at the rear of the building. If you have questions or want to donate supplies, contact COVID.supply@emoryhealthcare.org.

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

All faculty development opportunities will be available by Zoom only.

March 31: Building a Teaching Portfolio, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m..
Join Jaffar Khan on Zoom to learn about the critical parts of a teaching portfolio and how to put together a compelling packet for promotion. [Register](#).

April 3: Clinical Research Boot Camp 101, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Participants will be introduced to the clinical research resources at Emory and learn about the development of sound research protocols, maintaining compliance and high ethical standards, and the funding landscape. [Register](#).

April 16: Integrated Imaging Core - Cool New Techniques, noon to 1 p.m.
Core Director Neil Anthony will provide an update on new techniques including light sheet microscopy, super resolution microscopy and deep learning in fluorescence microscopy. [Register](#).

April 22: Why is it Hard to do Good Science?, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. “Good science” means answering important questions convincingly, a challenging endeavor under the best of circumstances. Ray Dingleline will close out this year’s SOM lecture series with a virtual session on why “good science” is so hard to do. [Register](#).

April 27: Financial Management and Research Administration, 1 to 4 p.m. The Researcher Survival Skills series continues virtually with a session presented by Liz McCarty and Amelia Randall. [Register](#).

PEOPLE



Michael Davis (biomedical engineering) has been inducted to the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering's (AIMBE) College of Fellows. Davis was nominated, reviewed, and elected by peers and members of the College of Fellows for “outstanding contributions to cardiovascular research and education.”

[Read more](#).

SOM IN THE NEWS

Selected stories in the media: March 30

Washington Post | [‘It’s no different from New York’: Urban centers nationwide gird for catastrophic virus outbreak](#) (Craig Coopersmith quoted)

Washington Post | [It’s not just New York. These five cities are emerging as coronavirus hot spots](#) (Carlos del Rio quoted)

Atlanta Journal-Constitution | [Emory joins NIH-sponsored study for COVID-19 vaccine](#) (Emory Vaccine and Treatment Evaluation Unit featured, Evan Anderson quoted) | [WSB-TV](#) | [Capitol Beat](#)

Elemental by Medium | [Coronavirus advice from America’s foremost Ebola doctor](#) (Bruce Ribner featured)

Science Magazine | [New coronavirus leaves pregnant women with wrenching choices—but little data to guide them](#) (Denise Jamieson quoted)

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EVENTS

The School of Medicine is aligned with the University's guidance on events, which indicates that all events and gatherings, both on and off campus, must shift to virtual venues or be postponed. This includes our Bold Leaders series and other signature events scheduled in the coming weeks.

For tips and support for hosting online conferencing activity, see our [SOM IT](#)

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