Tuesday, January 5, 2021

Announcements

2020 Department of Medicine IT Survey
Deadline: Monday, January 18
The DOM is seeking feedback regarding your IT support and services at Emory University via a quick survey. Your feedback will be used to evaluate and enhance the department of medicine’s current IT offerings. Complete Survey

2021 FAME Grant Applications
Deadlines: Monday, January 15, 2021 (LOI); Monday, March 1 (Full application)
The Department of Medicine is accepting applications for its 2021 FAME grant (Fostering the Academic Mission in the Emory DOM) program, which is designed to provide support for clinical faculty to dedicate up to 20 percent of their professional time to scholarly activity including research, education, mentoring, and quality improvement projects. 2021 Program Guidelines

Georgia Department of Public Health Daily Status Report
Here you will find information on COVID-19 in the State of Georgia including confirmed cases, ICU admissions, hospitalizations, and deaths. Charts present the number of newly confirmed COVID-19 cases over time and are meant to aid understanding of whether the outbreak is growing, leveling off, or declining to help guide COVID-19 response. Check it out!

Highlighted Resource
Road 2 NEXt sUcceSs (R2NEXUS)
R2NEXUS offers a unique opportunity to facilitate career development and skills training, allow for peer-to-peer
networking and building relationships with other talented new investigators, standardize the information career development awardees receive, and supplement the advice and direction received from the career development award mentor(s).

RAS News

Upcoming NIH Deadlines:

- January 7 – R01 AIDS
- February 5 – New R01
- February 5 – New U01
- February 12 – New K series
- February 16 – New R21/R03/R33

If interested in submitting a proposal, please reach out to the DOM RAS Pre-Award Inbox including the following information; due date, sponsor, and project duration. Please provide the RFA/PA or link from the sponsor.

Remember to notify the team of any upcoming applications at least 45 days in advance.

Need help navigating the DOM Research Administration Service (RAS) Unit?
The team has issued a one-page document to assist you in working your way through the grant submission process. Read more

Funding & Award Opportunities
A searchable External Funding Opportunities Database has been compiled from FOAs in the weekly What's Up in DOM Research newsletter. Emory credentials required to view.

**ADRC Research Education Component**
**Deadline: Monday, January 11**
The purpose of this FOA is to support a select group of trainees and junior faculty who are interested in developing greater experience in Alzheimer’s disease (AD) and Alzheimer’s disease-related dementia (ADRD) research, through enhanced mentoring and curricular activities. [Learn more](#)

**Supporting and Improving the Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) Surveillance System in the United States**
**Deadlines: Wednesday, January 20 (LOI); Monday, March 1 (Full application)**
This award will build upon the previous CKD surveillance work to continue supporting, updating, and improving the CKD Surveillance System with relevant data sources and indicators and up-to-date data and trends; to enhance the CKD Surveillance System website with data updates, state-of-the-art technologies and visualization tools; and to assist CDC, prevention researchers, policy makers, medical practitioners, and states in developing and evaluating programs and policies to better prevent, detect, and manage CKD. [Learn more](#)

**Yerkes National Primate Research Center: Pilot Research Program 2021**
**Deadline: Friday, January 29**
The Yerkes National Primate Research Center is seeking proposals for new pilot research projects that will be funded from the upcoming year of the P51 base grant. They especially encourage applications from researchers outside Yerkes, early career investigators, and those new to the use of non-human primates (NHPs) in research, as well as applications that propose translational research projects. [Learn more](#)

**Leveraging Big Data Science to Elucidate the Mechanisms of HIV Activity and Interaction with Substance Use Disorder**
**Deadline: Tuesday, February 9**
The purpose of this FOA is to attract data and computational scientists to propose novel ways to integrate data from various levels to allow new types of analysis through big data science approaches. [R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed | R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed](#)

**Improving Health Disparities in Alcohol Health Services (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)**
**Deadlines: Monday, February 15 (LOI); Monday, March 15 (Full application)**
This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) solicits applications on health disparities and health services-related research focusing on 1) access to treatment; 2) making treatment more appealing; 3) costs; and 4) dissemination and implementation. [Learn more](#)

**Cures within Reach: Clinical Repurposing Research to Impact Veterans**
**Deadline: Tuesday, February 26**
This Request for Proposals (RFP) is seeking repurposed treatments to address unmet and high
priority medical needs of veterans, including mental health, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and brain injuries. Learn more

Developing and Disseminating Targeted Immunization Materials
Deadline: Thursday, April 15
This funding opportunity is designed to provide support for the development and dissemination of immunization information through electronic formats to enhance the effectiveness of disease prevention programs that reduce the annual burden of vaccine-preventable diseases. Learn more

COVID-19 Funding Opportunities

Grand Challenges ICODA COVID-19 Data Science Grant Program
Deadline: Tuesday, January 19
This initiative seeks to identify and support research studies using health data to address major COVID-19 research questions. It also seeks to involve patients and wider communities in both study design and governance. Learn more

Deadline: Rolling until June 1
The purpose of this Notice of Special Interest (NOSI) to highlight the urgent need for projects that address the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. Learn more
Srihari Veeraraghavan (Pulmonary) received funding from Duke University/Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. for a project entitled, “Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Prospective Outcomes (IPF-PRO) and chronic fibrosing Interstitial Lung Disease and Progressive Phenotype Prospective Outcomes (ILD-PRO) registry.”

Arezou Khosroshahi (Rheumatology) received a subgrant from Medpace Clinical Research, LLC/Viela Bio, Inc for a project entitled, “A phase 3, randomized, double-blind multicenter, placebo-controlled study of Inebilizumab efficacy and safety in IgG4-related disease (MITIGATE).”

Daniel Perrien (PI) and Roberto Pacifici (Co-PI) (Endocrinology) received funding from International Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva Association for a project entitled, “Dual IL1 inhibitor and broad-spectrum antibiotic treatment in FOP.”

Jonathan Colasanti (PI) and Carlos Del Rio (Co-I) (Infectious Diseases) received a subaward from University of California, San Francisco/NIH for a project entitled, “Understanding patient, provider, and systems stakeholder attitudes and preferences to optimize implementation of long-acting injectable antiretrovirals and maximize clinical and public health impact.”

W. Robert Taylor (Cardiology) received funding from National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) for a project entitled, “Potential role of the endothelium in internal jugular venous thrombosis due to abnormal venous flow patterns during spaceflight.”

Have you or a colleague recently received an award or grant funding?

Let Us Know

Recent Notable Publications

Gina Lundberg (Cardiology)
Evan Anderson (Infectious Diseases)

Stephanie Pouch (Infectious Diseases)

Alexis Bender (Geriatrics)

Igho Ofotokun (Infectious Diseases)

Division Research Seminars

**Renal Grand Rounds:** “Point prevalence survey and COVID-19 infectivity in recovery in the dialysis population at Emory dialysis clinics” (Ana Cecilia Bardossy, MD and W. Wyatt Wilson, MD)

**Endocrine Conference:** Lauren Roach, MD - Fellow

**Clinical Cardiology Research Conference:** “Myocardial infarction with non-obstructive coronary arteries (MINOCA)” (Puja Mehta, MD – Associate Professor Division of Cardiology)

Events

**Blue Sky Group: Recruiting subjects for human trials**

Thursday, January 7 ǀ noon – 1 p.m.

Join researchers and clinicians from across the Georgia CTSA via Zoom for a session on “How to recruit subjects into human trials: Recruiting, enrolling and conducting research virtually”. Share your experience, learn from others, enjoy opportunities for interdisciplinary networking and find potential collaborators! Register
Thursdays at 3 Research Webinar Series: ORA process improvement featuring ORA senior leadership
Thursday, January 7 | 3 p.m.
Robert Nobles, DrPH, MPH, CIP – Vice President for Research Administration, Emory University
Inger Garnett, MSPH – Director of Strategic Operations Office of Research Administration
Register | Submit a Question

Blue Sky Group: COVID-19 and Cardiovascular Complications
Wednesday, January 13 | 4 – 5:30 p.m.
Join researchers and clinicians across Georgia CTSA for a session on COVID-19 and Cardiovascular Complications on January 13 from 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM via Zoom. Discuss important mechanistic questions to be answered, areas ripe for clinical investigation, and ideas for cross-institutional collaborative research projects. Share your experience, learn from others, enjoy opportunities for interdisciplinary networking and find potential collaborators! Register

FAALI Lecture Series: How to continue global research in the era of foreign influence:
Raising awareness of the unknown
Thursday, January 14 | noon – 1 p.m.
Have you ever wondered if there is something nefarious going on with global research collaborations? Do you know your collaborator? Are you taking the necessary steps to protect yourself and your research? Tune in to this presentation to get a better understanding in 60 minutes or less! Speaker: Robert Nobles, DrPH, MPH, CIP, Vice President, Research Administration Register

2021 FAME grant writing workshop series
Are you interested in applying for the 2021 FAME grant? The DOM Office of Research and Faculty Development invites you to attend an expanded 2021 FAME Grant Writing Workshop Series. Should you choose not to attend, you are still permitted to submit a FAME grant.
Friday, January 15 | 8 – 9 a.m. “Writing a compelling problem statement” with Laura Plantinga, PhD
Friday, January 22 | 8 – 10 a.m. “Developing the background and significance” with Neal Dickert, MD, PhD
Friday, January 29 | 8 – 10 a.m. “Evaluation methods” with Camille Vaughn, MD, MS
Workshop Registration

COVID Force Collaborative Seminar Series: COVID-19 vaccines – How did we get here, where are we, and where are we going?
Friday, January 15 | 1 – 2 p.m.
Speaker: Evan Anderson, MD, Professor, Pediatrics and Medicine Division of Infectious Diseases, Department of Pediatrics Flyer | Register

Cytokines, cytokine signaling & inflammatory bowel disease: Novel mechanisms and therapeutic implications through the study of rare diseases
Wednesday, January 20 | 8 a.m.
Part of the Jay E. Berkelhamer, MD, Pediatric Research Grand Rounds
Researcher Survival Skills: Developing socio-emotional intelligence  
Thursday, January 21 | 1 – 4 p.m.  
Presented by Karl Kuhnert, MS, PhD, Professor in the practice of organization and management, Goizueta Business School. This session focuses on advances in our understanding of social emotional intelligence. The topics we will address are:  
• Defining social and emotional intelligence and their role in defining success and promoting health  
• Understanding the impact and importance of these neurologically based forms of intelligence and how they complement and enhance cognitive intelligence  
• Examining how social emotional intelligence develops over the human life cycle  
• Learning to expand our social emotional intelligence through the use of specific practices and tools

Promotion workshop series: CV Building Workshop  
January 25, 2021 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
Just getting started on your promotions documents? This new series will include CV, Teaching Portfolio and Service Portfolio Workshops that consists of didactic lectures and small group advice on how to build your promotion documents. The series will end with a Mock Faculty Committee on Appointment and Promotions (FCAP) Review Session that will provide insight into how reviewers assess a packet and how reviews are conducted.

Lunch with a Leader Series  
Want an opportunity to have an informal lunch via Zoom with one of our DOM Vice Chairs? These small group will provide a unique forum to connect with colleagues from across divisions and with departmental leadership. Spots are limited, so registration is required and closes a week prior. Learn more

Bob Taylor, MD, PhD – Executive Vice Chair, Department of Medicine  
Wednesday, January 27, 2021 | noon – 1 p.m. Register

2021 Road 2 NEXt sUcceSs (R2NEXUS) Workshop 1: Research program development  
Thursday, January 28, 2021 | 7:30 a.m. – noon  
The DOM’s Office of Research R2NEXUS workshop series is designed to support current career development awardees and early-career faculty on their paths toward independent funding and offers unique opportunities for faculty. Register by Thursday, 21, 2021 to reserve your spot.

Agenda

Bold Leaders Series: How women in academic medicine can survive and thrive during tumultuous times  
Friday, January 29 | noon – 1 p.m.  
Speaker: Julie K. Silver, MD Associate Professor, Associate Char & Director of Cancer Rehabilitation Department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Harvard Medical School  
In this lecture, Dr. Silver looks at the current state of women in academic medicine through the lens of gender equity, workforce wellness, and pandemic-related challenges. Dr. Silver will
describe the 4 key gatekeepers in academic medicine and explain how addressing barriers for each one will accelerate progress overall for women and people across the gender spectrum who identify with underrepresented groups. Register

**Researcher Spotlight**

Michael Chung  
Acting Professor – Infectious Diseases

**What is your professional background?**  
I went to medical school at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine and completed an MPH at the Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health before completing Internal Medicine residency at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. I did my Infectious Diseases fellowship at the University of Washington and as part of my training, went to Kenya, where I have been based for the last 18 years. I have been on faculty in the Departments of Global Health, Medicine, and Epidemiology at the University of Washington and most recently, was chair of the Department of Medicine at Aga Khan University in Nairobi, Kenya before joining Emory.

**In what division do you work?**  
I work in the Division of Infectious Diseases.

**Briefly describe your research. Why is it important?**  
My research has been focused on improving HIV care for the underserved in resource-limited settings, and has ranged from behavioral interventions (adherence to antiretroviral therapy) to the basic sciences (pre-treatment drug resistance testing) to operational (cervical cancer screening and treatment). Understanding how best to detect and treat pre-cancerous lesions among HIV-positive women is important since human papillomavirus (HPV) infection, the precursor to cervical cancer, is more prevalent and aggressive with HIV. I enjoy using rigorous study designs to determine inexpensive treatment methods that can be brought to scale and have global impact.
**What do you like most about Emory?**
In addition to being brilliant and inquisitive, people at Emory are very friendly and supportive. It is a wonderful academic environment to work in.

**What is your favorite movie or TV show?**
My favorite recent TV show is 'Watchmen.'

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**
I like to play with my kids, go for a jog, and hit the gym when I have time. I also try to set aside an hour each day to meditate.

**What is a fun fact about you?**
Despite my appearance and to the chagrin of my parents, I probably understand more Swahili and Tamil than Korean.

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