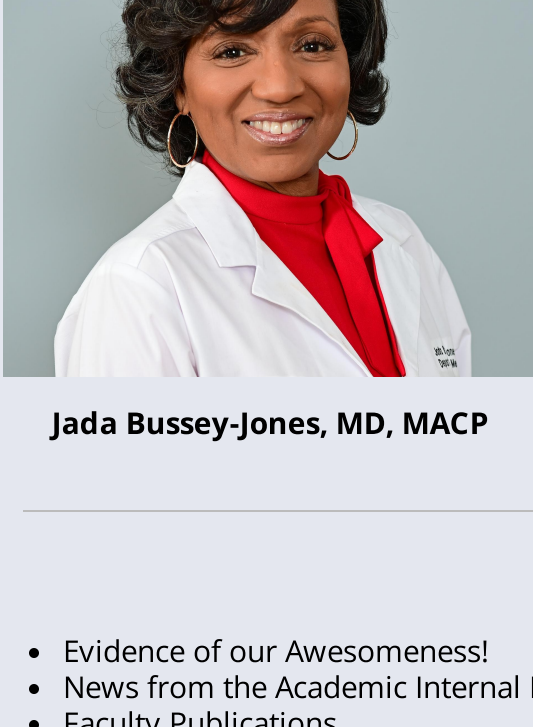




October-November 2025 GIM Newsletter

A Message from the Division Director



Jada Bussey-Jones, MD, MACP

It has been a pleasure connecting with many of you – both individually and in groups – over the past few weeks. I'm grateful for the warm welcome and the thoughtful conversations that have helped me better understand the incredible work happening across our division.

I look forward to sharing some initial reflections from these stakeholder engagements at our **first-ever ALL GIM meeting on December 1st**. I hope to see many of you there as we begin shaping our shared vision for the future of General Internal Medicine.

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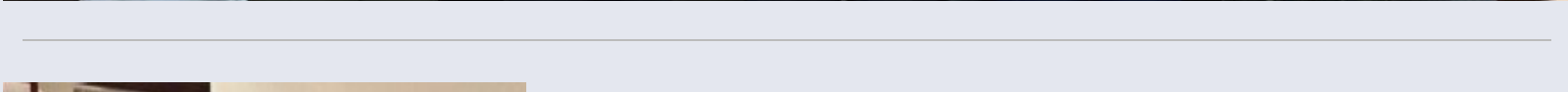
Evidence of Our Awesomeness!

Congratulations to GIM Faculty Honored During SOM Faculty Recognitions Week



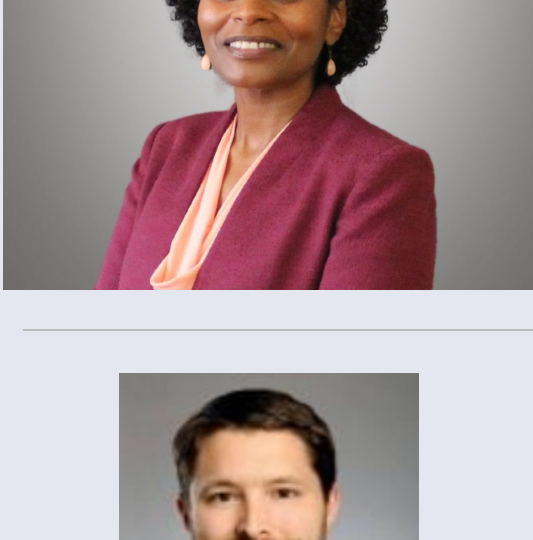
Congratulations and Best Wishes to Dr. Masor

Jonathan Masor retired from Seavey Clinic after 40 years of service. During his retirement celebration, he was presented with proclamations from the Fulton Co. Board of Commissioners, Gov. Brian Kemp, and Congressman David Scott, and Mayor Andre Dickens. *Pictured below:* The Seavey Clinic physicians at the celebration. [Read more here.](#)

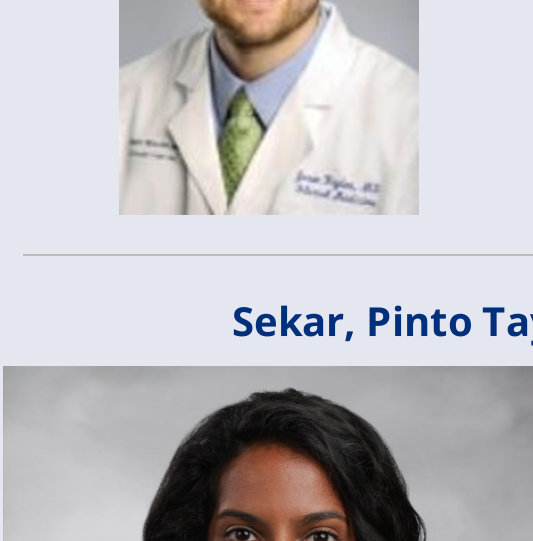


Jada Bussey-Jones was one of 6 national recipients of the 2025 Elizabeth Hurlock Beckman Award. She was nominated by **Stacie Schmidt** and a recognition ceremony was held in Atlanta.

The award, funded by the Elizabeth Hurlock Beckman Award Trust, recognizes educators who have inspired a former student to "create an organization which has demonstrably conferred a benefit on the community at large" or "establish on a lasting basis a concept, procedure, or movement of comparable benefit to the community at large."

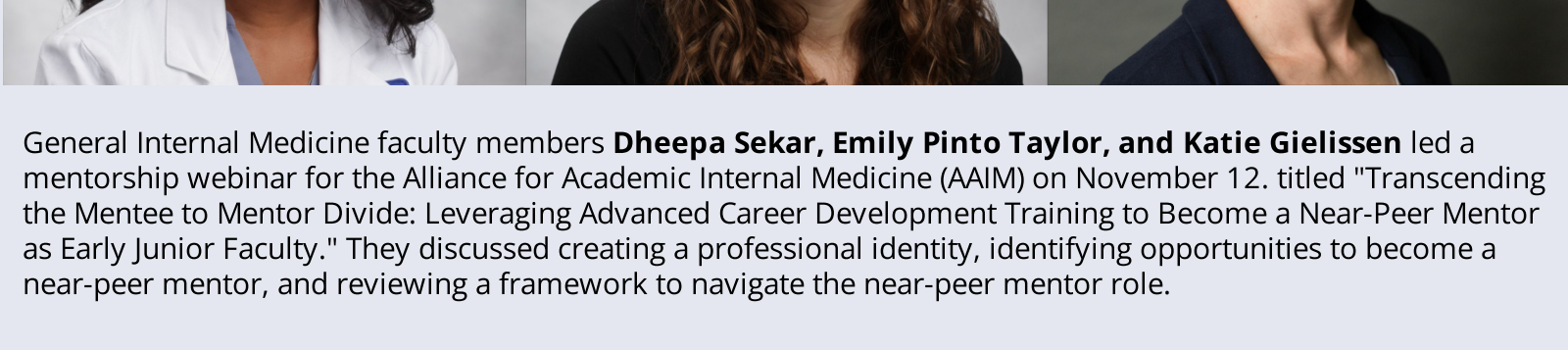


Saria Hassan received funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for a new R01 entitled "Resilience, Equity, and Adaptation for Climate and Health in Atlanta (REACH-ATL)." [Read more.](#)



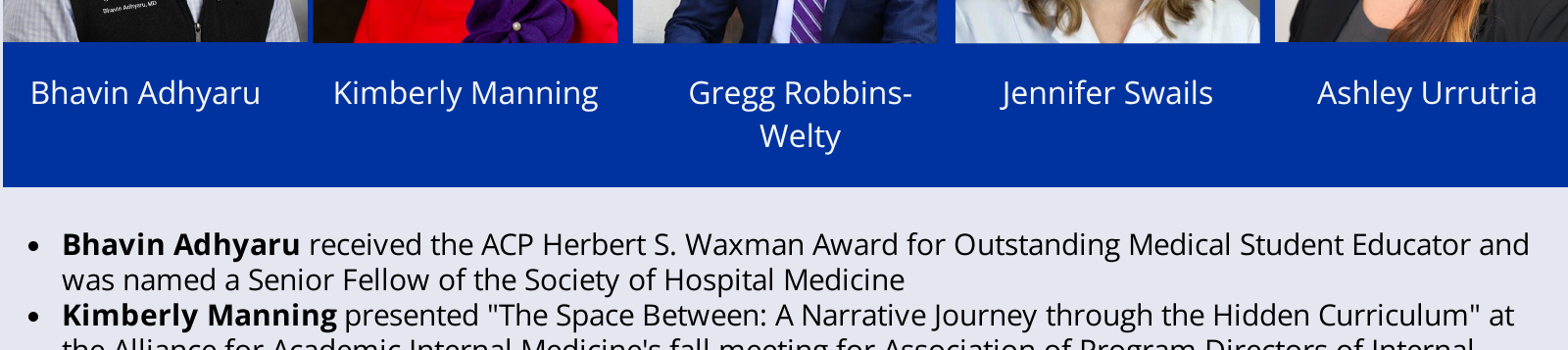
Jason Higdon has been appointed the Gary W. Rollins Professor in the Division of General Internal Medicine. An Emory-trained physician and faculty member since 2010, Dr. Higdon is Associate Professor of Medicine at the Paul W. Seavey Clinic, where he also serves as Assistant Director of Education. A respected clinician and educator, he is recognized for advancing team-based practice, strengthening clinical decision-making, and mentoring future physicians.

Sekar, Pinto Taylor, and Gielissen lead Near-Peer Training



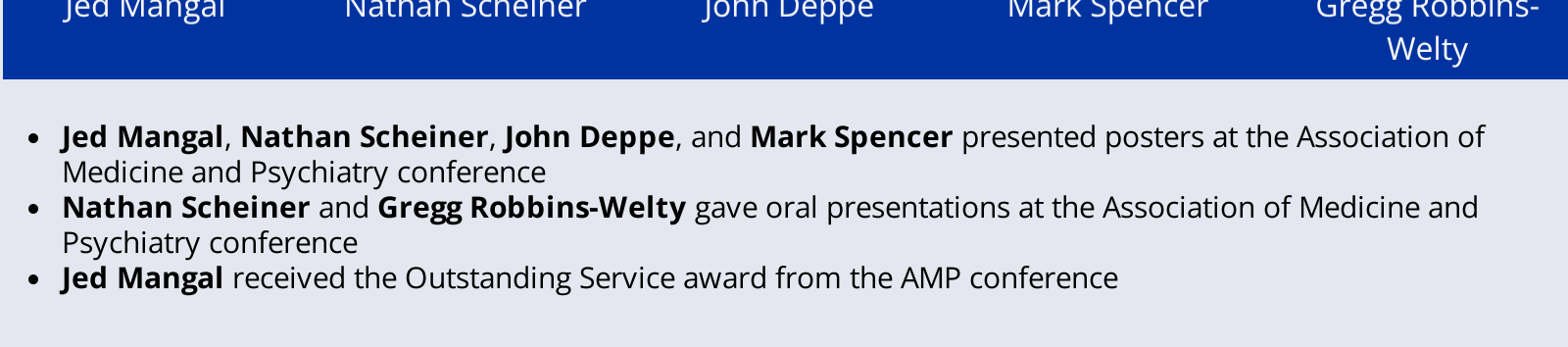
General Internal Medicine faculty members **Dheepa Sekar, Emily Pinto Taylor, and Katie Gielissen** led a mentorship webinar for the Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine (AIM) on November 12, titled "Transcending the Mentee to Mentor Divide: Leveraging Advanced Career Development Training to Become a Near-Peer Mentor as Early Junior Faculty." They discussed creating a professional identity, identifying opportunities to become a near-peer mentor, and reviewing a framework to navigate the near-peer mentor role.

More Awesomeness!



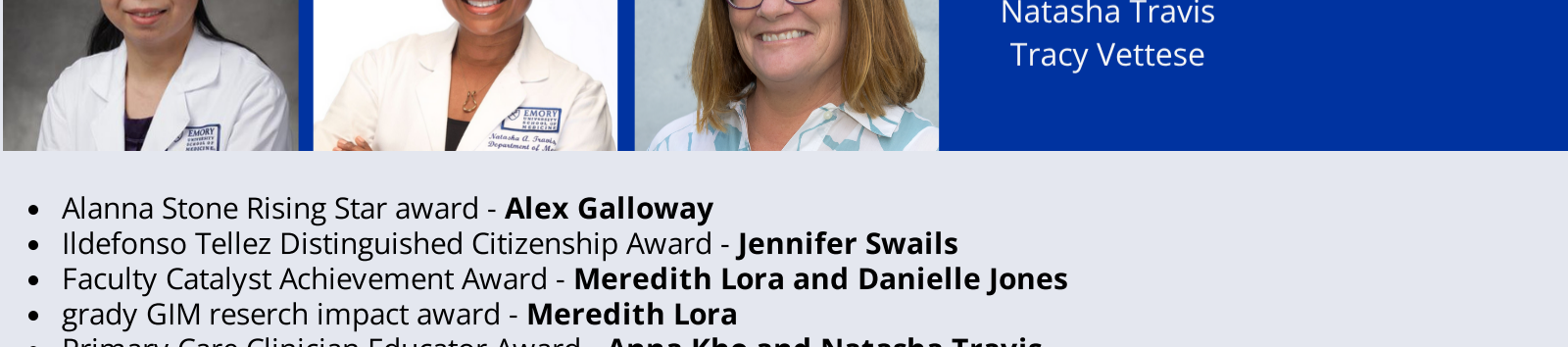
- Bhavin Adhyaru** received the ACP Herbert S. Waxman Award for Outstanding Medical Student Educator and was named a Senior Fellow of the Society of Hospital Medicine
- Kimberly Manning** presented "The Space Between: A Narrative Journey through the Hidden Curriculum" at the Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine's fall meeting for Association of Program Directors of Internal Medicine
- Gregg Robbins-Welty's** paper "Palliative ECT" won the national 2025 Dorfman Journal Paper Award" recognized as the Academy of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry's Research Article of the Year.
- Jennifer Swails** was named chair of a Phase II Working Group as part of the SOM's reimagining of the Foundations Phase
- Ashley Urrutia** is the new medical director of the Healthy Love Bus Mobile Clinic

Emory represents at AMP conference



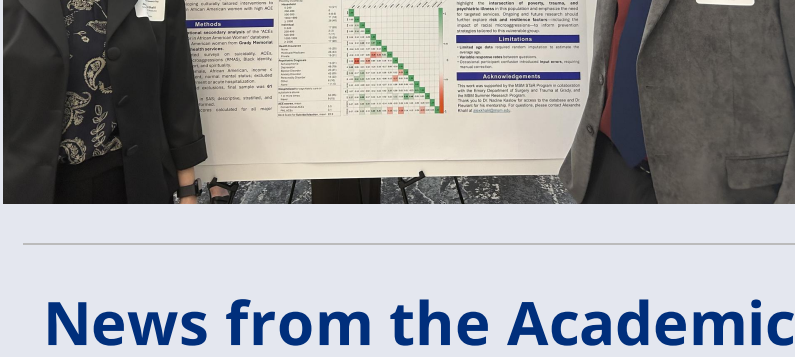
- Jed Mangal, Nathan Scheiner, John Deppe, and Mark Spencer** presented posters at the Association of Medicine and Psychiatry conference
- Nathan Scheiner** and **Gregg Robbins-Welty** gave oral presentations at the Association of Medicine and Psychiatry conference
- Jed Mangal** received the Outstanding Service award from the AMP conference

GIM Grady section awards



- Alanna Stone Rising Star award - **Alex Galloway**
- Idelfonso Tellez Distinguished Citizenship Award - **Jennifer Swails**
- Faculty Catalyst Achievement Award - **Meredith Lora and Danielle Jones**
- Grady GIM research impact award - **Meredith Lora**
- Primary Care Clinician Educator Award - **Anna Kho and Natasha Travis**
- GIM Hospitalist of the Year Award - **Jennifer Swails**
- Annette Bernard Excellence in Outpatient Teaching Award - **Jennifer Swails**
- Best Ambulatory Lecture PGY-1 - **Jennifer Swails**
- Best Ambulatory Lecture PGY 2/3 - **Tracy Vettesse**

DOM Research Day



Marshall Fleurant (*pictured standing with his student*) and his mentee presented a poster on ACEs research at the recent David S. Stevens Research Day. The title of the poster is "A Descriptive Study of Childhood Adversity and Suicide Vulnerability in African American Women."

Rosette Chakkalakal chaired this wonderful event that featured several GIM presenters!

News from the Academic Internal Medicine Center

The AIM Center held its bi-annual meeting on 10/27/2025. The two newly appointed Rollins Career Development Professors, **Saria Hassan** and **Sara Turbow**, spoke about their career paths and how this appointment can help them take the next step.

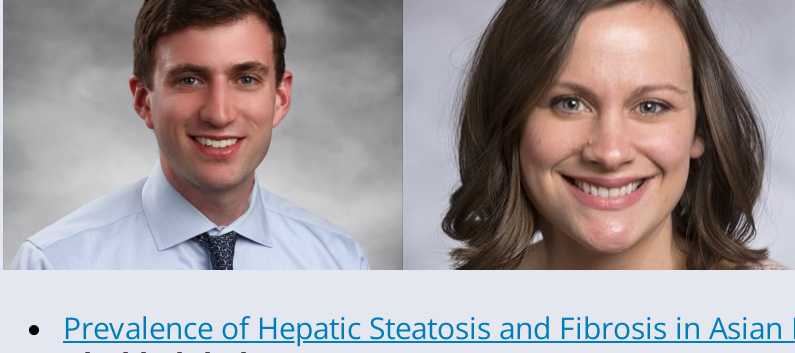
In her new role as AIM Center Director of Faculty Development and Promotion, **Danielle Jones** will begin providing guidance, tools, and encouragement to all GIM faculty for a successful academic promotion journey. If you are planning to apply for promotion in the next two cycles, 2026-2027 (effective 9/1/2027) or 2027-2028 (effective 9/1/2028), please let Danielle and her team know by submitting your CV using the QR code below or clicking [here](#).



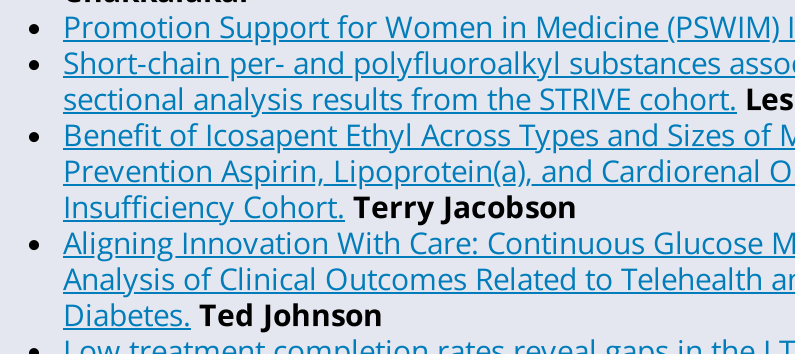
The Academic Internal Medicine (AIM) Center is providing support for academic promotion success, helping you determine your promotion readiness level and formulate a plan to fill any gaps that may exist.

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Publications & Media Appearances



Jennifer Lom and **Lesley Miller** published [Hepatitis C testing and linkage to care in a safety-net hospital emergency department](#).



Dylan Baker and **Meredith Lora** published [Pre-EP Care Continuum at an Urban Safety-Net Healthcare Program in Atlanta During Its First Three Years of Implementation](#).

- Prevalence of Hepatic Steatosis and Fibrosis in Asian Indian Individuals with Type 2 Diabetes. **Rosette Chakkalakal**
- Promotion Support for Women in Medicine (PSWiM) Initiative: An Innovative Approach. **Danielle Jones**
- Short-chain per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances associate with elevated alanine aminotransferase: Cross-sectional analysis results from the STRIVE cohort. **Lesley Miller**
- Benefit of Icosapent Ethyl Across Types and Sizes of Myocardial Infarction in REDUCE-IT, and Primary Prevention Aspirin, Lipoprotein(a), and Cardiorenal Outcomes in Chronic Kidney Disease: Chronic Renal Insufficiency Cohort. **Terry Jacobson**
- Aligning Innovation With Care: Continuous Glucose Monitoring in Skilled Nursing Facilities, and Comparative Analysis of Clinical Outcomes Related to Telehealth and in-Person Encounters Among Older Veterans with Diabetes. **Ted Johnson**
- Low treatment completion rates reveal gaps in the LTBI care cascade among university students. **Miranda Moore**. Financial support for the research and/or publication of this article from the Academic Internal Medicine (AIM) Center
- Plasma proteomic associations with Alzheimer's disease endophenotypes. **Antoine Trammell**
- Perceptions of and barriers to health care among emergency medicine and inpatient internal medicine clinicians in the Atlanta, Georgia metropolitan region. **Sara Turbow**
- Long COVID: Current landscape of neurocognitive sequelae and opportunities to improve care management, and Olfactory Dysfunction After SARS-CoV-2 Infection in the RECOVER Adult Cohort. **Tiffany Walker**
- Leadership & professional development: Managing up. **Colin Washington**
- Med Scope | GLP-1s increase GERD risk over SGLT2 inhibitors in T2D (**Caroline Collins** quoted)
- Atlanta Journal-Constitution | Don't drop the flu shot from your to-do list (**Ted Johnson** quoted)



GIM Scholarship Corner

The scholarship corner is a space to share opportunities to help further the scholarship interests of our GIM faculty! If you have any ideas of things to include please **contact Saria Hassan**, Associate Vice Chair for Research!

GIM-wide Monthly Research & Scholarship Meeting

Please join us for our next meeting

SGIM Abstract Prep Session

November 20th 12:30-1:30pm

- Receive feedback on abstracts you are planning to submit to SGIM.
- Small group discussion in breakout rooms.
- Great learning and higher likelihood of success!

Submit by **November 17th**; you will be assigned on of the breakout rooms for small group discussion and feedback during the Nov 20th session.

Submit all abstracts to saria.hassan@emory.edu

You can find recordings of the monthly GIM Research & Scholarship meetings on the GIM Intranet, under [Research Resources](#).

Corporate and Foundation Funding Opportunities

- Review [recording of session March 20th](#) for additional details
- Visit the [Office of Corporate Relations website](#) to visit for listing of opportunities:
- Feel free to reach out to persons from the Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations: OCFR@emory.edu; Hazel Kim (hazel.kim@emory.edu); Sherry Ye (changtany.e@emory.edu)
- For development, clinical programs (Grateful Patients), please contact Ashley Michaud (ashleymichaud@emory.edu)

Other research support

Please note that at this time we will not be able to continue our small project funding support or our support of MPH student research assistants. Any opportunities for support that may arise through the AIM Center will be communicated.

Save the date! Upcoming Events and Opportunities

- GA CTSA Blue Sky Group: Nutrition** with **Jessica Alvarez, PhD, RD**
Monday, November 17 | 10:30 a.m.–noon | Zoom
- Emory at Grady Education Collaborative Learning Community Meeting**
Monday, November 17 | 5:30–6:30 p.m. | Zoom
- SGIM Abstract Prep Session**
Thursday, November 20 | 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. EST | Zoom
- National Academies Supporting Family Caregivers in STEM National Symposium**
Thursday, November 20 | 11 a.m.–4:30 p.m. | Zoom
- All GIM Faculty and Staff Meeting**
Monday, December 1 | 5:30– 6:30 p.m. | [Zoom](#)
- Professional Development Lecture Series: How to Pivot Your Research in a Time of Upheaval**
Friday, December 12 | 12–1 p.m. | [Zoom](#)
- Professional Development Lecture Series: Promotion Readiness**
Friday, January 9 | 12–1 p.m. | [Zoom](#)
- 2026 Learning to be Better Teachers Conference**
Wednesday, February 4 | 8:30 a.m.–3:45 p.m. | James B. Williams Medical Education Building
- Together We Thrive Week**
March 23-27, 2026

2025 Policy on Spending

As of March 19, 2025, the Division's policy on spending has been updated. Please submit a request before making any purchases. This goes for all SOM operational, discretionary, and professional development spending. This does not include clinical CME or grant spending.

The Expense Request Form can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/r/xmSKOBSuvZ>.

Once the form is submitted, we will communicate the outcome of the review within 48 hours.

If an expense is purchased on a corporate card or submitted for reimbursement without prior approval, we cannot guarantee that it will be covered by the Division.

Please reach out to Jason Freijli with any questions.

Virtual Headshot Opportunity

Did you know DOM Communications now offers a quick and easy way to get a new headshot? There is no need to come in person, you can take a photo from work or home! We encourage you to consider a virtual headshot option.

First, review the [photography best practices and tips](#) and take your photos.

Next, submit your photos via the [Qualtrics form](#).

Then, a member of the DOM Communications team will add our standard grey background to your photo, make any slight photo edits you requested, and send it back to you!

Once you've received your new headshot, don't forget to update your [Emory First Faculty Profile!](#)

SGIM, Emory, and SOM Resources

- Check for direct messages on the SGIM All-Member Forum on [GIM Connect](#).
- [Updates on federal government directives impacting Emory](#)
- [Managing Difficult Times resources from Emory Faculty Staff Assistance Program](#)
- [Zoom security guidelines and instructions](#)
- [DOM and GIM logos, PowerPoint and poster templates, and email signature blocks](#)

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