Announcements

Emory Medicine Bridge Funding Program. DOM Internal Deadline: Friday 3/30; SOM Deadline Sunday 4/15. This program assists investigators who have temporarily lost significant federal research funding, and facilitates carefully planned changes in research direction. Read more

Reminder! Nominations for The Trailblazer Prize for clinician scientists due Friday 3/30. This prize recognizes the outstanding contributions of early career clinician-scientists whose work has translated basic scientific observations into new paradigm-shifting approaches for diagnosing, preventing, treating or curing disease and disability. Read more | Questions

Judges needed! Medical Student Research Day. Thursday 4/19, James B. Williams School of Medicine Lobby and Room 110. All graduating students must present a scholarly endeavor at Research Day. Judges are needed for this celebratory event for student talks (10am-11am and 11:15am-12:15pm) and poster sessions (1:15pm-2:45pm, 2:45pm-3:45pm, and 3:45pm-4:45pm). The various specialties are distributed among these poster sessions and judges are welcome to participate in more than one. Interested faculty please contact Maureen Powers for more information.

Highlighted Resource

Learn about predatory journal publishing on the SOM website. Do you receive emails every day inviting you to become a member of an editorial board? Are you unsure how to choose a legitimate journal in which to publish your research? Together with the Office of General Counsel and the Office of Scholarly Communications, the SOM has created
Funding & Award Opportunities

Weekly NIH funding opportunities and notices
Federal funding opportunities for public health faculty
Searchable database of internal medicine funding opportunities

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation- Research Awards (spring cycle).
Deadline: Monday 5/7. These research grants are offered to encourage the development of new information that contributes to the understanding of the basic etiology and pathogenesis of Cystic Fibrosis. Read more

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation- Pilot and Feasibility Awards (spring cycle).
Deadline: Monday 5/7. These awards are for developing and testing new hypotheses and/or new methods, and supporting promising new investigators as they establish themselves in research areas relevant to cystic fibrosis. Proposed work must be hypothesis-driven and must reflect innovative approaches to critical questions in CF research. Read more
Technologies for healthy independent living for heart, lung, blood, & sleep disorders (R43-clinical trial not allowed). Deadline: Monday 6/11. This FOA seeks applications for the design and development of technologies to monitor health or deliver care in a real-time, accessible, effective, and minimally obtrusive way for older adults with a chronic heart, lung, blood, or sleep (HLBS) condition. Read more

Children’s Cardiomyopathy Foundation Grant Program. LOI: Wednesday 6/13, Deadline: Friday 9/7. CCF’s grant program is designed to provide seed funding to investigators for the testing of initial hypotheses and collecting of preliminary data to help secure long-term funding by the National Institutes of Health and other major granting institutions. Read more

Congratulatory Corner

Mikhael F. El Chami (Cardiology) was awarded a subcontract from the University of Rochester entitled, “Java CRT”.

Jeffrey Lennox (Infectious Diseases) was awarded a subcontract from Duke University entitled, “HIV Cure Studies: Risk, Risk Perception and Ethics (HIV Cure Survey)”. Have you or a colleague recently received an award or grant funding?

Division Research Seminars
Pulmonary Research Division Seminar: “High-resolution metabolomics, integrative omics, and artificial intelligence approaches for biomedical research” (Karen Uppal)

Infectious Diseases Seminar: “Medicine in world war II” (James Horton, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

Cardiovascular Biology Seminar: “Guidance of vascular patterning in development and disease” (Anne Eichmann, Yale University)

Renal Grand Rounds: (Susanne Nicholas)

Recent Notable Publications

Nanette Wenger (Cardiology)
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“Menopausal hormone therapy for the primary prevention of chronic conditions: unfulfilled expectations.” JAMA Cardiol 2018 Feb 1; 3(2):99-101. Read more
Terry Jacobson (General Medicine)
Terry Jacobson, Abdullah Khan, Kevin Maki, Eliot Brinton, et. al.
“Provider recommendations for patient-reported muscle symptoms on statin therapy: insights from the understanding statin use in America and gaps in patient education survey.” *J Clin Lipidol* 2018 Jan - Feb; 12(1):78-88. Read more

Imran Iftikhar (Pulmonary)
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Events

**Kauffman FastTrac TechVenture 2018. Deadline to register: Thursday 5/3.** Emory’s Office of Technology Transfer, along with the Georgia CTSA, offers a six full-day course (over seven weeks in May and June 2018) designed to train faculty entrepreneurs who plan to create a start-up company to commercialize their inventions. Read more

**SBIR/STTR spring innovation conference, Sunday 5/13-Wednesday 5/16.** At this conference you’ll learn how to participate and compete for funding in these two programs that encourage small businesses to engage in Federal Research/Research and Development (R/R&D) and to commercialize your technological innovations. Opportunities include roundtable discussions, 1-on-1 meetings, and Conference sessions. Read more

Highlighted Researcher
What is your professional background?
I am originally from Miami, where I attended medical school, then I did my internal medicine residency in Portland, Oregon. I’m now a second-year Infectious Diseases fellow and am also getting a Master’s in Clinical Research through the Georgia Clinical and Translational Science Alliance TL-1 program. After fellowship, I am aiming for a faculty position in academic Infectious Diseases.

In what division do you work, and who is your mentor?
I am a fellow in the Division of Infectious Diseases. My mentor is Colleen Kelley, who specializes in HIV prevention and the rectal mucosal immunology of HIV infection. In addition, I do research through the “Programs, Research, and Innovation in Sexual Minority Health” (PRISM Health) group in the Rollins School of Public Health.

Briefly describe your research. Why is it important?
My research interest lies at the intersection of infectious diseases and substance use disorders. Through PRISM Health, I am working on an HIV prevention project among a cohort of young black men who have sex with men (BMSM) in Atlanta. I am evaluating how substance use impacts the uptake and persistence of therapy of HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). I am
also describing and quantifying the barriers to effective PrEP implementation in a real-world setting, with a focus on predictors of PrEP discontinuation.

As a first-year fellow, I was frequently confronted with consults for patients with invasive bacterial infections related to intravenous drug use (IDU). I am developing a cohort of patients with *Staphylococcus Aureus* Bacteremia due to IDU at Grady. I hope to gain better understanding of the presentation and predictors of poor outcomes in these patients, as well as to document our current management of substance use disorders in persons hospitalized with secondary infections.

**What do you like most about Emory?**
I like how informal and open to collaboration researchers are at Emory, including across disciplines. I am regularly surprised to find out that an approachable faculty member I’ve met turns out to be a national expert in their field. I also like that there's free coffee at EUH and that Emory isn't a big sports school #GoEagles!

**What is your favorite movie or TV show?**
My favorite TV show of late is *Workaholics* on Comedy Central (it’s sort of like *The Office*, but the R-rated, really dumb version)

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**
I enjoy going out to eat pizza or Indian food. I got a single speed bike to ride, then I realized that there are more hills in Atlanta than I had originally appreciated.