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## TEACHING AWARDS

The Department of Medicine is pleased to announce that four faculty members have been selected to receive teaching awards this year at the College of Medicine Annual Faculty Teaching Awards Ceremony. The event will be held Thursday, November 13, 2008 from 12:00-1:00PM in the Duval Auditorium.

**Christine Oberg, MD** - *Dean's List for Excellence in Teaching, Year III/IV*

**Sasanka Jayasuriya, MD** - *Houseofficer Educator of the Year*

**Reza Arsanjani, MD** - *Dean's List for Excellence in Teaching by a Houseofficer*

**Anna Woodruff, MD** - *Dean's List for Excellence in Teaching by a Houseofficer*

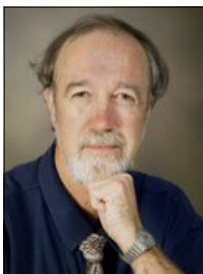
These awards show a commitment to students through continuing innovation and excellence in teaching. We are proud to have these individuals as part of our department and commend them on their achievements.

## FACULTY SCIENCE FORUM FOUNDERS DAY HONORS STEVEN GOLDMAN, MD, Nov. 17.

The Department of Medicine Congratulates Steven Goldman, MD, Professor of Internal Medicine and Chief of Cardiology at the Southern Arizona Veterans Administration Health Care System (SAVAHCS) for being selected as recipient of this year's Faculty Science Forum Founders Day award. He will give the Founders Day lecture Nov. 17 at noon in Kiewit Auditorium. Winner of numerous awards for teaching, Dr. Goldman is noted for his translational research, his mentoring skills and his ability to inspire students and trainees.

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After 34 years of service in the College of Medicine, **Eskild A. Petersen M.D., DTM&H** retired on September 15, 2008 from his many roles including; Chief of the Section of Infectious Diseases, Chair of the Quality Safety Board at UMC and Professor of Medicine, Family & Community Medicine and Public Health. Dr. Petersen also served as Chief of Staff from 1999 to 2002.

Dr. Petersen has passionately worked to enhance quality control efforts in the area of infection control where he has been involved both locally as well as internationally with reform efforts in both Central Asia and Russia. During his time with the College of Medicine, he gained firsthand knowledge of different health care systems in countries around the world.

The Department of Medicine would like to thank Dr. Petersen for his many years of service and wish him the best of luck in retirement.

SECTION NEWS

Bhaskar Banerjee, MD

CARDIOLOGY

- The book, *Cardiac Arrest: The Science and Practice of Resuscitative Medicine* co-edited by **Karl Kern, MD** was recently named British Medical Association's Book of the Year in the Cardiology Section.
- A research team lead by **Vincent Sorrell, MD** at the Sarver Heart Center is spearheading a clinical study to predict who is at risk from sudden cardiac death and who is not. Non-invasive imaging technology is key to this effort and could save health-care industry millions. For an article on this story please visit <http://uanews.org/node/21877>.
- The Electrophysiology Service has reached a milestone this month. **Peter Ott, MD** and **Julia Indik, MD** have performed over 5000 electrophysiology procedures since 1999 when **Frank Marcus, MD** invited Dr. Ott to join the cardiology faculty. In less than 10 years the EP service has become a very successful program specializing in the implantation of cardiac devices and ablation procedures to cure abnormal heart rhythms. Dr. Ott and Dr. Indik are grateful to the support of their staff who are the foundation for this success.

GASTROENTEROLOGY

- The Department of Medicine welcomes **Bhaskar Banerjee, MD** as the new Section Chief of Gastroenterology, with joint appointments as Professor of Medicine and Optical Sciences. Dr. Banerjee was recruited from Washington University in Saint Louis and Barnes- Jewish Hospital, where he was a Professor of Medicine. Dr. Banerjee's research focus is on the development of new imaging techniques for the early detection of cancer and other diseases. His work has led to patents and instrumentation for the detection of cancer using a narrow beam of light. Dr. Banerjee's clinical interests cover a wide variety of gastrointestinal disorders and emerging endoscopic techniques as well as nutrition and obesity, on which he is currently editing a textbook.
- The Department of Medicine also welcomes **Rafael Perini, MD**— Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine, Section of Gastroenterology



Rafael Perini, MD

GERIATRICS

- **Mindy J. Fain, MD**, co-director of the Arizona Center on Aging, has been appointed director of the state of Arizona's Aging & Long Term Care Leadership Workgroup for the Governor's *21st Century Health Care Workforce Plan for Arizona*. This plan addresses vital issues brought to light in a recent Institute of Medicine report on long-term care.
- The Department of Medicine welcomes **Ellyn Lee, MD**— Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine, Section of Geriatrics



Ellyn Lee, MD

MEDICAL NEUROLOGY

- **Lawrence Stern, MD** was presented with the Honorary Alumni award granted by the UA Alumni Association for his 38 years of service to the College of Medicine.

MEDICINE EDUCATION

- Congratulations to **Dr. Larrisa Allen**, PGY-1 for having her abstract selected for oral presentation during the plenary session of the American College of Gastroenterology occurring in Orlando, Florida. Her abstract entitled, "Gastroesophageal Reflux during Sleep – Sleepless Nights are Common" was ranked number one out of more than 100 abstracts submitted. Her mentor is Dr. Ronnie Fass, Section of Gastroenterology, SAVHCS.
- Congratulations to **Radhakrishnan Ramaraj**, PGY-2 for winning third place for the best poster competition held at the annual Advances in Medicine meeting in Tennessee. His research project was entitled: "Radial Tonometry Derived Central Arterial Waveform Reflect Forced Changes in Cardiac Contractility During Dobutamine Infusion: A Stress Echocardiographic Substudy."

NEPHROLOGY

- The Department of Medicine welcomes **Bruce Kaplan, MD**, joint Professor of Medicine, Pharmacology and Surgery as the new Section Chief of Nephrology as well as the Medical Director of the Kidney/Pancreas Transplant Program. Dr. Kaplan was previously Vice Chair for Research and Director of the Multi-Organ Transplant Program at the University of Illinois, Chicago. Dr. Kaplan is Deputy Editor of the *American Journal of Transplantation* and is on the Editorial Board of the *Journal of the American Society of Nephrology* and *Transplantation*. He has authored more the 180 peer-reviewed publications, 30 book chapters and edited a textbook on immunosuppressive pharmacology.



Bruce Kaplan, MD

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