**Fellow News**

**Graduates of 2005**

Kalpana Natrajan is working in a private practice group in San Diego known as Pulmonary Medicine and Infectious Disease Medical Group. Hospital affiliations include: Alvarado Hospital, Sharp Grossmont Hospital, Scripps Mercy Hospital and Promise Hospital (an LTAC). She is married to Sodhan Parikh who is a real estate developer. She typically attends the statewide conferences known as IDAC, but not IDSA as of yet. She sends her hellos to all in Tucson. Lisa Valdivia continues at TMC with the practice group formerly headed up by Bob Hyland. She has mentored all of our current Fellows at TMC and is doing great.

**Graduate of 2006**

John Mourani is up to his ears in clinical practice in the Inland Empire with the same group. His wife and son, Matthew, 9 months old are doing well. He recently took up providing automobile driving lessons.

**Graduates of 2007**

Brian Chasin is practicing at Northwest and Oro Valley Hospitals in Tucson. He is very busy. Andy Giblin is in the same group as Lisa Valdivia and works closely with Larry Lincoln. She recently passed the specialty boards. She will be going to South Africa this summer to mentor local physicians on HIV care in Limpopo Province.

**Graduates of 2008**

Cliff Martin recently passed the subspecialty boards. He has joined Lisa, Andy, Marcello and Larry at TMC. He is an integral part in our rotation of the Fellows to TMC. He married Ben McDonald in Nogales on a beautiful old ranch attended by many of us.

Shannon Thorn just began at St. Mary’s with Julie Salmon, Liz Wack and Janine Struminger in January. He recently called to discuss a neurocystercercosis case in an adult.

**Current Fellows (graduation dates)**

Fares Masannat (6/09) is finishing an HIV-coccidioidomycosis study with Dr. Ampel. He presented a poster at IDSA in Washington D.C. He will be joining a private practice group in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and rooting for Argentina in the 2010 World Cup.

Larissa Szeyko (12/09) is working with Rod Adam on vertebral coccidioidomycosis and its complications. She and her husband David are enjoying their little girl (1 1/2 y/o) and have another little one on the way.

Viki Ianas (6/10) is working with Steve Klotz and Mindy Fain on frailty and HIV infection. Viki presented a case of coccidioidomycosis and sarcoidosis at the 2009 Arizona ID meeting in Sedona. She was, until beginning her Fellowship, an Internist in Phoenix and worked closely with Tim Kuberski. She has two dogs and her husband is an Internist.

Geoffrey Smith (12/09) finished residency at U of A in Medicine last June. He worked in Tucson as a hospitalist until joining the Fellowship in January 2010. He is already working on a paper on unusual presentations of coccidioidomycosis. He hopes to break the land speed record at the Bonneville Salt Flats this summer for small motorcycles.

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**Upcoming Fellows (start date)**
- Amber Carpio (7/09)
- Jim Yanes (1/10)
- Joel Terriquez (7/10)

**Faculty and Staff**

**Eskild Petersen** retired in September 2008 to two home sites, one in British Columbia and another in Portal, Arizona. UMC and the University had a nice ceremony for Eskild’s retirement on the quadrangle between the Health Sciences Center and School of Pharmacy. Eskild has since begun consulting for 3M Company regarding health care services. We are looking forward to having conference at Portal with Eskild in attendance where the Fellows will present their research endeavors.

**Neil Ampel** is now the sole ID physician at the VA. He is actively recruiting a new faculty member and likely will have a colleague join him soon. He continues to work on the immunology of coccidioidomycosis as well as HIV.

**John Galgiani** retired from the VA in January 2009 and has moved full-time to run the Valley Fever Center of Excellence. His office is in the new Medical Research Building.

**Rod Adam** returned from Kenya rejuvenated and has worked on the clinical presentations of coccidioidomycosis. He has also put together a remarkable series of cases of infectious diseases on the Section website (http://www.infectiousdiseases.medicine.arizona.edu/). The parasite cases are exceptional. To log in and view: go to website; click on Cases; log in with WebAuth or alternative and Pass-key is Escherichia coli.

**Rick Mandel** is Medical Director of UPH-Kino Hospital, but found time to lecture to the Fellows as well as attend at UMC on the consult service.

**Steve Klotz** is now Interim Chief of Infectious Diseases since Eskild has left. He will be passing on his duties as Fellowship Program Director to Susan Hoover January, 2010. He is still working on *Candida* and has a small project dealing with kissing bugs and Chagas disease.

**Susan Hoover** has established a Valley Fever clinic at UPH Kino with John Galgiani and continues as medical director of the nikkomycin Z clinical trial.

**Vinod Trivedi** is the newest faculty member of the Section. He joined in September 2008 having moved from UTMB Galveston. He is the Medical Director of the Ryan White Program and beginning to build a panel of HIV-positive patients. He recently published interesting work looking at mutations in HIV to various drugs and the phenotype. His wife is a resident in Psychiatry at Kino and they have twins, boy and girl aged 5 years.

**Sean Elliott**, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, continues in his role as clinician, educator, and Medical Director of Infection Prevention at University Medical Center. This latter position provides an endless array of challenges, including outbreak investigations and the special joy of encouraging his colleagues to wash their hands! Dr. Elliott blows off excess steam by playing guitar in three separate rock bands, while attempting to earn the respect of his teenage daughter.
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Ziad Shehab and Sean keep up their frenetic pace of attending at Maricopa County Hospital, Tucson Medical Center and UMC (see photo). In spite of all of that they make every Friday conference and oftimes present some puzzling case: enterovirus, Kawasaki’s?

David Nix continues to work closely with Susan Hoover and John Galgiani on nistocin as treatment for coccidioidomycosis. He has been especially valuable in dealing with the number of cases of KPCases as well as difficult Acinetobacter infections.

George Ray and Ken Ryan have completed editing and making revisions to the 5th edition of Sherris Medical Microbiology. It is scheduled for release in December. Nafees Ahmad joined them as an author, and has done an outstanding job.

Calvin Kunin writes: “It is a special pleasure to participate in the activities of the Division of Infectious Disease. The joint Pediatrics and Medicine Clinical Conferences are the highlight of my week during winters in Tucson. During my long career I have attended numerous clinical infectious diseases conferences. This is one of the best. The pediatric cases are fascinating and beautifully presented – often with a surprise ending. The medicine cases are sometimes more complex and the issues may be more difficult to resolve. Most importantly there is a wonderful feeling of collegiality among the attendees. Everyone tries to help each other. This makes the Arizona experience unique. This is a great place to train in infectious diseases.” Cal lists 7 publications in the last two years.

Bob Kalinske continues to lecture several times a year to the Fellows, most recently on pandemics and ethics. The latter topic particularly generated a great many questions when presented.

Letty Gastelum continues as Program Coordinator for the Fellowship program in addition to her administrative duties for the entire section.

Eric Berg, Ryan White Program Coordinator came on board October 2008. He experienced immersion into the role by: 1) completing the non-competing grant for 2009-2010; 2) applying for a grant through the UofA on empowerment strategies for women; and 3) completing the annual status report for HRSA.

In addition to her duties as Clinical Coordinator of the HIV program, Patty McCracken volunteers her knowledge to volunteer trainings for Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation and Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network, speaking to professional groups with Arizona AIDS Education and Training Center, and as security at the Arizona Gay Rodeo.

Martha Aragon, Data Specialist, is the HIV program “public relations representative” hosting information tables at the Latino El Rio Community Health Center street fair and the Black AIDS Awareness festival.

Carol Schneiderman, Pharm. D, earned The American Academy of HIV Medicine Subject Matter Expert (AAHIVE) certification to continue providing client focused medication management strategies for patients in the HIV clinics.
Fellow Publications/Abstracts


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