



WLA SPOTLIGHT

A Report on Woodruff Leadership Academy Fellows

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David W. Wright 2015 was promoted to full professor.

Pam Cosper 2011 recently graduated with a Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree from University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Matt Keadey 2011 was appointed to the position of Vice Chair for Clinical Practice, Emory Healthcare, for the Department of Emergency Medicine.

Scott Davis 2017 and **Matt Klopman 2017** have been appointed Perioperative Medical Directors, effective January 1, 2018. In partnership with Lou Bottoms, Specialty Director of Perioperative Services, Scott and Matt will share responsibilities in overseeing direction for daily operations within the Emory University Hospital Operating Room and supporting areas. They will actively support the mission of our organization by assuring the achievement of overall quality, service, culture and performance improvement outcomes with monitoring of program effectiveness, as evidenced by the Balanced Scorecard and similar dashboards.

Kim Kerstann 2017 was selected as a winner of the 2017 Emory University Award of Distinction. Since 1985, the award has annually recognized staff members who have made outstanding contributions to the Emory community.

Marilyn Margolis 2005 was named Emory School of Nursing 2017 Distinguished Nursing Achievement Award winner by Emory University's Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing Alumni Association. Marilyn has served as the Chief Executive Officer for EJCH since January 2015. She began her Emory career more than 30 years ago as a staff nurse at EUH. Since then, she has held progressive leadership roles at EHC, including director of the Emergency Department at EUH and CNO at EJCH. Marilyn received a master's degree in nursing administration from the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing.

Susie Buchter 2011 was elected Chair of the ACGME Pediatrics Residency Review Committee. Members of the Committee select the RC Chair for a three-year term and this selection reflects the support and admiration of a highly elite, specialty group.

During the "Celebration of Faculty Excellence" award ceremony, the School of Medicine recognized several Pediatric Faculty members for their commitment to our various missions:

- 2017 Regional, National, and International Award Recipients: **Susie Buchter 2011, Rana Chakraborty 2009, Sampath Prahalad 2013**
- 2017 Excellence in Patient Satisfaction Awards: **Sampath Prahalad 2013**

Richard Pittman 2015 and **Ravi Rajani 2017** were recently given the 2017 Dean's Teaching Award by the Emory University School of Medicine. For the past several years, the School of Medicine has bestowed faculty awards that recognize superior teaching of medical and allied health professions students. Recipients are nominated by colleagues and students and chosen by the Teaching Awards Committee for their dedication to medical student teaching and their many contributions as course directors and mentors.



Leon Haley Jr. 2005, dean of the University of Florida (UF) College of Medicine-Jacksonville, has been named CEO of UF Health Jacksonville. He will continue in his role as dean and on January 1, 2018 will assume his additional role.

George Chang 2016 was named a 2017 Department of Medicine “Hidden Gem.” He was nominated by his department in recognition of his outstanding, but often unnoticed or unrecognized, contributions to Emory or beyond.

Monica Farley 2009 was honored at a reception where she received the Jonas A. Shulman endowed Professorship in Infectious Diseases.

Sandi Dunbar 2006 was named as one of three Grads made Good by the FSU Alumni Association Omicron Delta Kappa at Florida State University in Tallahassee Florida. Here is a link to the video they used to honor the grads made good: <http://alumni.fsu.edu/honors/grads-made-good>

Marilane Bond 2006 was just elected to serve a three-year term on the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) Board of Directors.

Starting March 1, 2018, **David Holtgrave 2004** will assume the Deanship at the School of Public Health at SUNY Albany: <http://www.albany.edu/news/83043.php>

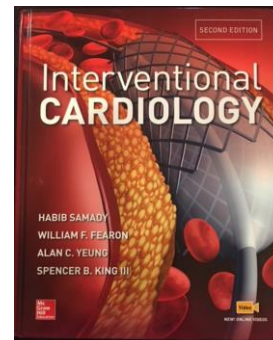
Wendy Book 2012 made the Forbes list of top 27 cardiologists:
<https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.forbes.com/sites/matthewherper/2017/12/05/27-top-cardiologists-picked-by-big-data/amp/>

Javed Butler 2011 will be coming back to the south as the Patrick Lehan Professor and Chairman of the Department of Medicine at University of Mississippi.

In November, **Lance Waller 2003** gave the 2017 Lowell Reed Lecture for the Applied Health Statistics Section of the American Public Health Association. He also participated in the 30th Anniversary Celebration of the UK's Small Area Health Statistics Unit held at the Royal Geographical Society in London.

Habib Samady 2013, along with Editors William Fearon, Alan Yeung, and Spencer King III, just had their textbook “Interventional Cardiology” published - McGraw Hill, Second Edition 2017. It was three years in the making and is over 1300 pages, with numerous Emory and other world experts as authors.

It is available at Accesscardiology.com



Nadine Rouphael 2017 is the Emory protocol principal investigator for an exciting new study that can help determine, through a blood test, if a lower respiratory tract infection is likely viral or bacterial: “Targeted Reduction of Antibiotics Using Procalcitonin in a Multi-center, Randomized, Double-Blinded, Placebo-Controlled Non-Inferiority Study of Azithromycin Treatment in Outpatient Adults with Suspect Lower Respiratory Tract Infection (LRTI) and a Procalcitonin (PCT) Level of ≤ 0.25 ng/mL (TRAP-LRTI)”. The study is looking for referral of patients with bronchitis, asthma/COPD exacerbations with the PCT test done locally at Emory and the AVAMC (Site PI, Ruxana Sadikot, MD) in 20 minutes with the goal of reducing outpatient antibiotic prescriptions.



From **Erwin Van Meir 2006**: We discovered two new species of viruses in a patient with a brain tumor metastasis from a skin melanoma. We included “Emory” in the name of both new viruses and drew their structure with the Emory gold and blue colors. This may be the first time viruses are named after Emory. The study was published in *Oncotarget* and was highlighted in Emory Lab Land: <http://www.emoryhealthsciblog.com/virus-hunting-season-open/>

Also Erwin was interviewed by *TheScientist* following the publication of an invited commentary in *Nature Nanotechnology* on a recent paper: <http://www.the-scientist.com/?articles.view/articleNo/49700/title/Immune-Cells-Deliver-Cancer-Drugs-to-the-Brain/>

Brad Sanford 2015 was the Executive Sponsor for Emory’s Duo Two Factor Authentication Project that won Information Security Project of the Year for North America in the Academic/Public Sector category. The award is sponsored by Tech Exec Networks (www.ten-inc.com). Here is some additional information on the award:

Article in Internal Emory IT Newsletter: <https://scholarblogs.emory.edu/lits/2017/11/17/emory-information-security-wins-national-award/>

Press release from Tech Exec Networks: <https://www.newswire.com/news/t-e-n-announces-2017-ise-north-america-award-winners-20061755>

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F8WPVI-sS7M>

Maureen Haldeman 2017 was awarded the Max Holland Distinguished Alumni Award by her MBA/MHA alma mater: Georgia State’s Institute of Health Administration. This award is given on an annual basis to an alumnus who has demonstrated through professional and personal achievements: leadership abilities, contributions to the field, contributions to the community, and dedication to graduate education in health administration.

In September, **Sushma Cribbs 2018** was promoted to associate professor.

Julie Hollberg 2013 was named one of 50 Hospital and Health System CMIOs to know by Becker’s Hospital Review and was invited to participate in the AAMC’s Donaghue Foundation Summit on Current State and Future Vision: Making EHRs Work for You. Julie has also given three national talks about the re-vamp of the new continuous learning EMR program.

Janice Lea 2012 was named Director of Telenephrology for Emory.

On October 1, **Matt Klopman 2017** became the Vice Chair for Operations, Department of Anesthesiology.

In November, **Tavi Ioachimescu 2016** received the Goizueta Business School Core Value Award for Rigor.

Ray Young 2014 was selected as a Hidden Gem. These are Emory doctors and researchers who have been named by their peers as underappreciated and deserving of recognition. Ray’s Hidden Gem video is now being shared on the Emory School of Medicine Website: <http://whsc.emory.edu/videos/hidden-gems.html>

Ed Chen 2018 was elected Chair of the Membership Committee for the Southern Thoracic Surgical Association and also elected to the Society of Thoracic Surgeons Workforce on Adult Cardiac and Vascular Surgery Access and Publications Task Force for the Adult Cardiac Subcommittee.

Craig Coopersmith 2012 received the Distinguished Service Award from the Society of Critical Care Medicine and was appointed to the Society of Critical Care Medicine Discovery Research Network Steering Committee Surviving Sepsis Campaign.

Keith Delman 2011 was appointed Chair of the ACS/APDS/ASE Entering Surgery Resident Prep Curriculum Committee.



Chris Dente 2014 was appointed to the Recruitment and Retention Committee for the Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma.

David Kooby 2015 is the Scientific Program Chair Elect for the Americas Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association.

Brad Leshnower 2018 was appointed to the Society of Thoracic Surgeons Workforce on Health Policy Reform and Advocacy Participant User File (PUF) Task Force.

Nicole Turgeon 2015 was appointed Councilor at Large on the Board of Directors for the American Society of Transplantation.

Craig McCoy 2014 was named to the list of 183 Not-For-Profit Hospital and Health System CEOs to know by Becker's Healthcare Review. See link below.

<https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/lists/188-nonprofit-hospital-and-health-system-ceos-to-know-2017.html>

Christine Moe 2017, Ravi Rajani 2017, and Gary Miller 2005 are recipients recently announced for Synergy Awards to support research in health sciences. Proposals for the Synergy Awards are required to include faculty members with primary appointments in at least two different schools/units as co-principal investigators. The awards are intended to support new, highly innovative projects that are not yet funded or published.

Defining the Impact of Hospital and Household Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Conditions on Sepsis Outcomes in Normal and Low Birth Weight Neonates in Amhara, Ethiopia

Christine L. Moe, PhD (RSPH), John N. Cranmer, PhD (NHWSO)

Smartphone-Enabled Supervised Exercise Therapy for the Treatment of Symptomatic Peripheral Arterial Disease
Amit J. Shah, MD (RSPH), Nanette K. Wenger, MD (SOM), **Ravi R. Rajani**, MD (SOM)

A Systematic Analysis of Environmental Toxicants in Cardiomyocytes Derived from Human Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells

Chunhui Xu (SOM), **Gary Miller**, PhD (RSPH)

Staying Linked - A feature to keep you connected with other Fellows:

Lucky Jain 2003 accepted the permanent role of Chair of the Department of Pediatrics, Emory School of Medicine; Chief Academic Officer, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta; and Executive Director of Emory + Children's Pediatric Institute. In these roles, he will lead the academic department, the partnership between Emory and Children's, and affiliate relationships in pediatrics.

Lucky has served as interim chair of the Department of Pediatrics since October 2015. He joined Emory in 1994 as associate professor and was promoted to professor in 2001. He was a member of the inaugural class of the Woodruff Leadership Academy and received an executive MBA from The Goizueta Business School at Emory in 2004. In 2006, he was appointed the medical director of Emory Children's Center and executive vice chair of pediatrics.

Lucky received his medical degree and completed his residency at the University of Rajasthan in Jaipur, India, and his fellowship in neonatal-perinatal medicine at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He is a specialist in respiratory disorders of the newborn.



[Emory in the News](#)

Reuters | [Cost of healthy foods may explain heart risks linked to 'food deserts'](#)

September 22, 2017

“Food deserts are defined as areas that have below average income together with poor access to healthy foods, ie. lack of grocery stores (within 1 mile in urban and 10 miles in rural communities),” lead author Dr. **Arshed Quyyumi 2012** told Reuters Health. “We found that area income, and even more importantly, personal income was associated with higher cardiovascular risk, and that access to food was not that important a risk,” said Quyyumi, a cardiologist at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta.

Women’s Health | [5 Signs of Sepsis You Need to Know About](#)

September 25, 2017

If left untreated, sepsis can progress into septic shock, the most severe form of the condition, which “compromises the cardiovascular system and results in very low blood pressure and inadequate blood flow to vital organs,” says **Carmen Polito, MD.**, assistant professor of medicine at Emory University School of Medicine . . . what doctors do know is that sepsis is most commonly caused by four infections: pneumonia, abdominal infections (such as untreated appendicitis), urinary tract infections (UTIs), or an infection of skin or soft tissue, says **Craig Coopersmith 2012, M.D.** professor of surgery at Emory University School of Medicine.

New York Times | [7 habits for a healthy heart](#)

September 28, 2017

Dr. **Gina Lundberg 2017**, an assistant professor of medicine at Emory University School of Medicine and clinical director of the Emory Women’s Heart Center, said she has patients who are “skinny fat”: They have a normal B.M.I. but their blood pressure is high, they have low muscle tone and their cholesterol and other heart disease risk factors are out of whack.

Atlanta Journal-Constitution | [How to talk with your children about the Las Vegas shooting](#)

October 2, 2017 ^[SEP]

“It may trigger something from their own history,” said **Nadine Kaslow 2004**, a professor at the Emory University School of Medicine. “Perhaps the child had someone in his family who was shot.” Kaslow said the scope of this incident can be unsettling to adults as well.

Los Angeles Times | [Rethinking cancer, from the basics to the breakthroughs](#)

October 12, 2017

Dr. **Otis Brawley 2004** sees stubborn obstacles to progress in his research on health disparities and in his clinical practice at Emory University. “If only our health systems were more equal and less fragmented, if the latest discoveries about cancer prevention and treatment spread more quickly, more people could be reaping the benefits.”

Atlanta Business Chronicle subscription required | [New devices address breast cancer from diagnosis to treatment](#)

October 6, 2017

Drs. **Sheryl Gabram-Mendola 2008**, **Karen Godette** and **Rogsbert Phillips** of Emory University comment on the latest technology for treating breast cancer patients.

Atlanta Journal Constitution | [Atlanta company working on painless flu shot alternative](#)

October 24, 2017

A phase one clinical trial conducted by Emory University in collaboration with Georgia Tech researchers found the microneedle patch safe and effective, a major steppingstone toward getting the technology approved by the FDA. Results were published in *The Lancet*, a medical journal, in June of this year; Emory associate professor of medicine Dr. **Nadine Rouphael 2017** was first author and principal investigator.



WXIA-TV | [Teen imprisoned by rare brain disorder finds freedom](#)

October 24, 2017

Emory Brain Health Center neurologist, **Stewart Factor 2011**, MD, and neurosurgeon, **Robert Gross**, MD, are featured in a story about the treatment of a young man with a rare brain disorder.

Business Radio X: CEO Exclusive | [Walk a mile in their shoes](#)

November 1, 2017

Marilyn Margolis 2005, CEO of Emory Johns Creek Hospital, and CMO Dr. **Adedapo Odetoyinbo 2015** discuss trends in healthcare, patient care and leadership skills from the board room to the hospital floor.

CountyLine Magazine | [Georgia's first comprehensive cancer center](#)

November 1, 2017

Stephen Szabo 2017, MD, director of Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University's community oncology program and **Connie Masters 2018**, RN, MSN, specialty director of oncology for Winship at Buford, Emory Johns Creek Hospital and Emory Saint Joseph's Hospital, discuss Winship's recognition from the National Cancer Institute (NCI), awarding the institute comprehensive cancer center designation.

The Hill | [We can legally control HIV through science, health-care access and stigma elimination](#)

November 6, 2017

In an opinion piece, Drs. **Melanie Thompson**, **Wendy S. Armstrong 2011**, and **Carlos del Rio** discuss progress already made and measures still needed to eliminate the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Ivanhoe Broadcast News (subscription required) | [Robotic surgery for pancreatic cancer patients](#)

November 13, 2017

David Kooby 2015, MD, director of surgical oncology at Winship Cancer Institute at Emory Saint Joseph's Hospital, provides an in-depth interview on robotic surgery for pancreatic cancer.

GPB News | [Why men rape and how to stop them](#)

November 13, 2017

[Corrected spelling] **Kathryn Yount 2012**, a sociologist and Emory University's Asa Griggs Candler Chair of Global Health, talks about prevention programs.

WABE.org | [HIV in America is increasingly a Southern problem](#)

December 13, 2017

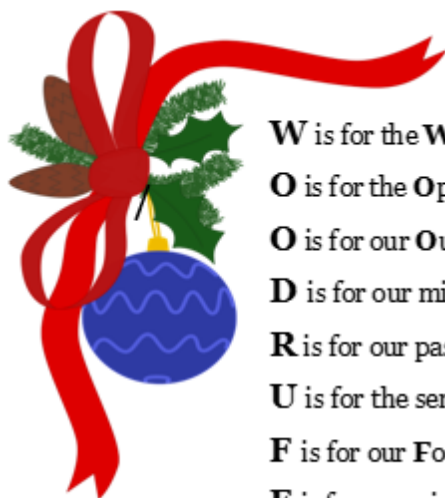
The numbers tell an alarming story: How the South is the U.S. epicenter of the HIV epidemic. "The epidemic is clearly disproportionately affecting the South," said **Patrick Sullivan 2016**, an Emory University expert on HIV/AIDS. And he noted it's not just a problem in the major cities, but also has a significant presence in more rural areas. [Atlanta Business Chronicle](#)

Happy Trails

Around March 1, 2018, **Frank Anania 2013** will move to Washington, D.C. to work at the US Food and Drug Administration with the objective of building a liver division with a particular focus on non-alcoholic steatohepatitis and liver fibrosis.

The poem below has been in the winter Spotlight the past two years, and, after an update or two, it is shared again. It is hard to believe the new WLA Class of 2018 represents the 16th year of the WLA!





W is for the **W**ork we do here every day.
O is for the **O**pinion that we are number one in every way.
O is for our **O**utstanding character that we display.
D is for our mindset of **D**edication from the beginning.
R is for our passion for **R**esults and winning.
U is for the sense of **U**rgency we create - even in the long run.
F is for our **F**ocus on the positive that is second to none.
F is for a reminder that we also need to have **F**un.

L is for the **L**ofty goals we visualize.
E is for our **E**fforts to do the right thing and not compromise.
A is for our winning **A**ttitude on which we thrive.
D is for the **D**iscipline we need to keep our drive.
E is for our process in making **E**ffective decisions.
R is for the **R**espect that we give to other positions.
S is for the **S**elfless concern we have for so many.
H is for the **H**ope we give to plenty.
I is for **I**mproving the quality of everything.
P is for the **P**ride we have in contributing.

A is for our consistent **A**ccountability.
C is for our **C**ommitment to excellence at Emory.
A is for patient care we strive to **A**dvance.
D is for the **D**ifficult conversations we don't take to chance.
E is for our routinely applying **E**motional intelligence.
M is for all we do to advance our **M**issions today.
Y is for the 16th **Y**ear of the WLA!



Paula L. Heard 2017

