



Pathology and Laboratory Medicine



2016-2017 Farewell Celebration

The 2016-2017 Pathology Farewell Reception and Dinner took place on June 7th at the UCLA Meyer and Renee Luskin Conference Center. Once again, graduates were honored with an evening which began with hors d'oeuvres and an art exhibit featuring faculty, graduate, and staff talent. Dinner and presentations followed, hosted by the Department Chair, Dr. Jonathan G. Braun. [View more pictures](#)

Sarkaria Fellow

Valerie Arboleda, M.D., Ph.D.

Cardiovascular Achievement Award

Julie Huss-Bawab, M.D.

HOUSESTAFF RECOGNITION AWARDS

Anatomic Pathology Technical Staff Award

Jennifer Filipek, P.A.

Clinical Pathology Technical Staff Award

Lynn Yang

Administrative Staff Appreciation Award

Ollie Winn

Faculty Teaching Award in Clinical Pathology

Rena Xian, M.D.

Faculty Teaching Award in Anatomic Pathology

Haodong Xu, M.D., Ph.D

Faculty Mentor Award

Neda Moatamed, M.D.

ANATOMIC & CLINICAL PATHOLOGY RESIDENCY

Valerie Arboleda, M.D., Ph.D.

Julie Huss- Bawab, M.D.

Yalda B. Naeini, M.D.

Opal Reddy, MD

Jennifer Woo, M.D.

Jonathan Zuckerman, M.D. , Ph.D.

POST JUNIOR FELLOWSHIP

Andrew Champion

CYTOPATHOLOGY FELLOWSHIP

Eunice Choi, M.D.

Zimin Zhao, M.D.

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2017 Farewell Reception Continued

DERMATOPATHOLOGY FELLOWSHIP

Samuel Balin, M.D., Ph.D.
Tareq Mohammad, M.D.
Daniel Neill, M.D.

KLAUS LEWIN GI/LIVER FELLOWSHIP

Ramir Arcega, D.O.
Wanhua Yang, M.D., Ph.D.

HEMATOPATHOLOGY FELLOWSHIP

Nam Ku, M.D.
Annie Wu, M.D.

MOLECULAR GENETIC PATHOLOGY FELLOWSHIP

Thomas Lee, M.D., Ph.D.

NEUROPATHOLOGY FELLOWSHIP

Shino Magaki, M.D., Ph.D.

SURGICAL PATHOLOGY FELLOWSHIP

General Surgical Pathology

Ipek Kosimoglu, M.D.
Hong Shen, M.D., Ph.D.
Adam Stelling, M.D.
Sharon Zhang, M.D., Ph.D.
Xiaoyan Zhou, M.D.

Genitourinary Pathology
Lauren Sumida, M.D.

Women's Health Pathology
Robert Atienza, M.D.

Olive View Medical Center

Ogugua Ajemba, M.D.
Joanna Young, M.D.

TRANSFUSION MEDICINE FELLOWSHIP

Yao Ma, M.D.

CLINICAL CHEMISTRY FELLOWSHIP

Sami Albeiroti, Ph.D.

CLINICAL CYTOGENETICS FELLOWSHIP

Milene Mulatinho, Ph.D.

CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY FELLOWSHIP

Kurt Jerke, Ph.D.
Mark Lee, Ph.D.

IMMUNOGENETICS FELLOWSHIP

Maximillian Rosario, Ph.D.

MOLECULAR GENETICS FELLOWSHIP

Sureni Mullegama, Ph.D.

HOUSESTAFF AWARDS

Conference Attendance
Anatomic & Clinical Pathology Recipients
Coverage King Award
Adam Stelling, MD
Team Player Award
Robert Atienza, MD

Congratulations to the Clinical Laboratory Scientist Class of 2017!

The graduation celebration for the Clinical Laboratory Scientist Class of 2017 was held on July 5 at the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center. Among the many that attended to congratulate and provide words of advice to the students were Dr. Jonathan Braun, Dr. Linda Baum, Anthony Johnson, and Elsa Tsukahara (Educational Coordinator). Faculty, staff as well as family and friends of the graduates were in attendance to offer their congratulations. The graduates Alexander Garcia, Kathleen Juico, Janet Karschamroon, Erin Ma, Charlene Nakar, Alice Ngo, Guo Jian (Kevin) Wen, and Tiffany Wylie received their Certificates of Completion for successfully completing a one-year clinical internship at the UCLA Health Clinical Laboratories.



The UCLA Health internship is affiliated with the California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH) Clinical Laboratory Scientist (CLS) program.

Next steps for the graduates...pass the national exam, get their California CLS licenses, and start down the road to their careers as laboratorians!

Thank you to everyone involved in making the program such a success!

Clinical Laboratory Scientist Class of 2017-2018

Please join me in welcoming the new Clinical Laboratory Scientist (CLS) interns. This post-baccalaureate clinical training program in affiliation with California State University, Dominguez Hills accepts eight students per year. The students will be rotating through different sections of the clinical laboratory during their one-year training at UCLA to meet the requirements of the State of California for licensure as Clinical Laboratory Scientists. Here are the eight new CLS students:



Clinical Laboratory Scientist Class of 2017-2018

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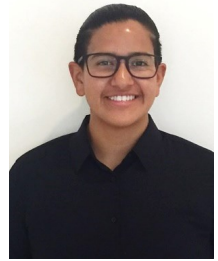


Julie Do

Julie grew up in Santa Ana, CA and graduated from UCSB with a Bachelor's degree in Biology with an emphasis in Pharmacology and a minor in music. In her spare time, she creates ice cream and loves going to different ice cream shops to get 'flavor' inspiration. She also loves watching Indie films, hiking, traveling and watching musicals.

One random fact about her is that she still has baby teeth.

Selene Jovel



Selene grew up in Torrance, CA and graduated from Cal State Long Beach with a degree in Biology with an option in Molecular Cell Biology and Physiology. She loves to play soccer, run, swim and rock climb during her free time. She is also ambidextrous.

Reuben James Laroza



Reuben grew up in Marina Del Rey, CA and graduated from Cal State Dominguez Hills with a Bachelors in Clinical Lab Science. Reuben loves to read finance and science journals, travel, play table tennis, billiards and board games. He is an ordained minister with the AMM and officiated his first ceremony in San Diego on October 2016. He is currently a Certified Stringer with the Unit-

ed States Racket Stringing Association and hopes to become a Master Racket Technician by 2018.

Angelica Ramirez-Lopez



Angelica grew up in San Jose, CA and graduated from UCSD with a Bachelors in Human Biology with a minor in Healthcare and Social Issues. During her free time, Angie likes to do crafts, explore new boba and coffee shops, and run fun 5Ks. She also enjoys making her own Halloween costumes.



Benedict Luna

Benedict grew up in Mission Hills, CA and graduated from CSUDH with a degree in Clinical Laboratory Science. In his spare time, Ben loves to play badminton.



Joo Hee Sohn

Joo Hee's family moved from South Korea to Pomona, CA when she was in the 7th grade. She graduated from UCLA majoring in Biochemistry and worked in a research lab for two years. She is a foodie who loves to try new restaurants, watch K-dramas and listen to K-pop. While working as a researcher at

UCLA, she performed molecular experiments and identified genotypes of recombinant mice by extracting DNA from the tails.

She is also involved in many church activities including the homeless ministry and helping out as a Sunday school teacher for kindergarteners.

Vincent Tran



Vincent Tran grew up in Santa Ana, CA and graduated from Cal State Dominguez Hills with a Bachelors in Clinical Lab Science. When he has free time, he enjoys archery, stargazing and reading Reddit. And he really likes penguins.

Gopal Vithlani



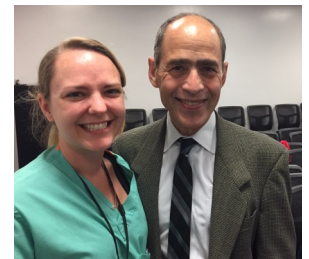
Gopal grew up in Norwalk, CA and graduated from Cal State Long Beach with a Bachelors in Molecular Biology. During his free time, he participates in archery, snowboarding and enjoys watching videos on Netflix. He also melts metal scraps in a homemade foundry to make statuettes and paperweights.

Chief Medical Examiner Reception



On July 12, 2017, Dr. Jonathan Lucas was announced as the New Chief Medical Examiner—Coroner of the County of Los Angeles. Dr. Lucas received his AP/CP residency in UCLA Pathology from 1994-1998, completed his Surgical Pathology Fellowship from 1998-1999 and served as Chief Resident from 1998-1999. From Left to Right: Dr. Jonathan Braun, Dr. Jonathan Lucas, and Dr. Lakshmanan Sathyavagiswaran, UCLA Professor of Pathology and the former Chief Medical Examiner—Coroner.

To the right, Dr. Jonathan Braun and Dr. Julie Huss, who is presently a Fellow in Forensic Pathology, USC and Medical Examiner—Coroner's Office of the County of Los Angeles. Dr. Huss received her A/CP residency in UCLA Pathology from June 2013—June 2017. She completed her Post-Sophomore Fellowship in Pathology UCLA from 2010-2011 and was Chief—Ombuds from 2016-2017.



Awards and Recognitions



Congratulations to **Dr. Elena Stark** whom received numerous awards/recognitions at this years 2017 Medical School Graduation. She was chosen Marshal for this years' DGSOM Graduation by the Senior Medical class, received two Golden Apple Awards and received a Humanism Award from the Alpha-Omega-Alpha Honor Society. [Read More](#)



Congratulations to **Dr. Elaine Reed** who is the recipient of The Paul I. Terasaki Clinical Science Award. The Award was established in 2003 to honor an individual, group, or institution in recognition of significant accomplishments and/or contributions to the fields of clinical transplantation, histocompatibility, and immunogenetics. This award was made possible by a grant from the Paul I. Terasaki Foundation.



The Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine is pleased to announce the **Dr. Yalda B. Naeini** as the recipient of the 2017-2018 Diljit S. and Elaine Sarkaria Fellowship. [Read More](#)



Congratulations to **Dr. Ari Kassardjian** who is the 2017 recipient of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine's, Neil and Carol Ruzic award in cancer innovation.



Dr. Omai Garner was extensively featured in May's issue of CAP Today on POC molecular in flu season management. [Read More](#)



Dr. Dawn Ward received a Shout-out on the UCLA Mednet webpage. [More Information.](#)



Congratulations to **Milene Mulatinho** for receiving a high ranking on her poster submission, "**Haploinsufficiency of ZBTB20, a New Pathogenic Copy Number Variant Associated with Developmental Delay, Intellectual disability, Speech delay, Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity, and Autism Spectrum Disorder**"



Vincent Buggs will be presenting a poster, *Performance of the Thermo Scientific QMS[®] everolimus assay based on transplant type, metabolite differences and assay platform following everolimus immunosuppression*, at the 69th AACC Annual Scientific Meeting & Clinical Lab Expo on August 2, 2017. [More Information](#)

Welcome New Employees

April 2017



Juanita Benitez – HLT, Blood & Platelet Center
Cynthia De La Cruz – Clin Nurse, Blood & Platelet Center
Judith Huerta-Michel – HLT, Blood & Platelet Center
Angelo Mallari – HLT, Blood & Platelet Center
Christina Marko – HLT, Blood & Platelet Center
Alma Orellana – CPT, Support Services, SMH
Abel Ortega – HLT, Blood & Platelet Center
Carlos Padilla, Jr – CPT, Support Services, RRH
Melanie Rethmeyer – HLT, Blood & Platelet Center
Jennifer Song – CLS, SMH

June 2017



Bradley Anderson – PA, SM Hospital
Rene Arce Camacho – HLT II, Component Processing Lab
Danielle Costa – CLS, SM Hospital
Adriane "Dren" Cristobal – HLT II, Component Processing Lab
Christine Dvorsky – PA, RRH
Shilpa Gopal – PA Student
Brianna Guzman – Student Intern, Outreach CHS
Rosina Gabriel Imiru – CLS, Molecular Diagnostics
Crystal Moon – PA Student
Christopher Pittman – Admin Analyst, Pathology Operations
Tiffany Sidwell – CLS Apprentice, Molecular Diagnostics
Antoine Singleton – HLT II, Brentwood
Rachel A. Young – CLS, SM Hospital
Jennifer Zhang – Sr. CLS Specialist, Regulatory Affairs

Department News

Retirement Announcement

A farewell reception was held on June 20th, 2017 in Ronald Regan Medical Center to celebrate Ann Shadler's and Paul Colonna's retirement.

Ann Shadler

Director of Operations, Anatomic Pathology
Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
UCLA Health and DGSM

Thank you for your 37 years of service

Paul Colonna

Director of Operations, Clinical Laboratory
Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
UCLA Health

Thank you for your 31 years of service



April—Lab Week

Core Lab successfully raised \$1150 for the People Animal Connection! Thank you to everyone who participated.



May—National Stroke Awareness Month

National Stroke Awareness Month is observed in the United States annually during the month of May. National Stroke Awareness Month was created to promote public awareness and reduce the incidence of stroke in the United States. In honor of National Stroke Awareness Month, please reflect on the poem submitted.

[Twilight, disrupted: A memoir](#)

by *Salpi Janetsian*

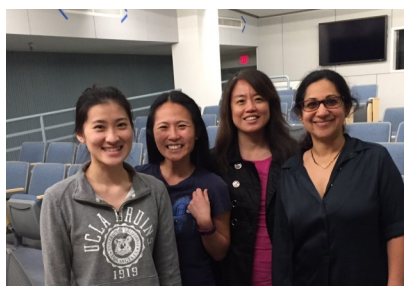
Pathology Safety and Compliance

Pathology's Ergonomics, Safety and Compliance coordinator Dylan Acogny developed and implemented our first department lab Safety Incentive program to recognize and honor labs who receive four or less violations during an EHS inspection to support safe practices. There were 21 out of 35 labs that qualified this year. The Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Laboratory Safety Incentives Program inspires labs to be safer.

Labs that receive 4 or less violations during an Environmental Health & Safety Lab Safety Inspection and correct each violation (Both 48-Hour and 30-Day) within the follow-up period were recognized by the Laboratory Safety Incentive program. Congratulations to Labs that performed excellently and had 4 or less violations, we appreciate all of the hard work that is put into making labs a safer workplace.

Thanks to everyone for continuing to strive for a better safety culture in our department!

[Click to see which Lab's were recognized](#)



Helping U Help Your Community—Rachel Young

Rachel Young's project, Camp Gibbous, was chosen as one of the ten finalists for the Helping U Help Your Community Competition. Rachel had been volunteering at a camp for kids with sickle cell disease in Los Angeles for over 15 years called Camp Crescent Moon. Camp Gibbous is an extension camp of Camp Crescent Moon that helps young adults ages 15– 18 years of age with Sickle Cell Disease. The Camp Gibbous program will be filled with recreational activities, sickle cell disease education, and tools to help the young adults navigate in the adult health care system.



New Draw Station

Our Clinical/Outpatient Laboratory at MP100
3rd floor has moved!

As of June 12, 2017, patients will be seen at our
new location:

100 UCLA Medical Plaza, Suite 245
(310)267-3211



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