



WINTER NEWSLETTER 2020



From Our Chair



Aimee Smidt, MD, FAAD, FAAP

To Our Alumni, Donors, and Friends:

I know so many of us are looking forward to welcoming the new year and emphatically ringing out 2020 in a way we could not have even imagined one year ago. While so much of the world is uncertain right now - and here in New Mexico we are facing staggering numbers of infections and possible redeployment of our amazing faculty - I truly believe we have so much to be grateful for, perhaps most especially during these challenging times. At the same time, we share in the sorrow of those who have lost loved ones and who are grieving this year.

Here in the UNM Department of Dermatology, we are thankful for our students and residents and the growing success of the training program. We are thankful for our support staff - both in the administrative office and in the clinic setting - and how dedicated everyone has been to our patients, learners, and to each other. We are thankful for our community collaborators and our valued donors who help to truly make our quadruple mission happen. And we are thankful for our families - those we are related to and those who are chosen - and the impact they have in and on our lives.

This season is like no other I have experienced, but I want to convey how thankful I am for all of you. Here's to 2021.

Department Updates

Here's what's been going on since our Summer Edition:

FACULTY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATES:

- In July 2020, **Dr. Naiara Barbosa** was selected to be in the class of 2022 of the UNM Medical Leadership Academy. **Dr. Therese Holguin** also just completed this 2 year program. Bravo!
- Program Director **Dr. Emily Altman** was recently selected to begin the competitive UNM HSC Medical Education Scholars program.
- **Dr. Aimee Smidt** has been named as UNM's sole fellow in the prestigious Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) program in 2021-2021. Her institutional action project centers around increasing inclusivity in Dermatology teaching materials and images for primary care colleagues and the public.
- **Dr. Shelly Stepenaskie** was promoted to Associate Professor. Congratulations!

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES:

- **Kathy Freise PhD** has moved up from a Medical Education Coordinator to a Medical Education Specialist. Well deserved, Kathy!
- **Lalita Lopez** has a new title as our Department's Operations Specialist.
- Danny Perea departed in September as Department Administrator (DA).
- **Mary Jacintha**, Strategic Planner for the School of Medicine Administration, has been named as interim DA and has brought tremendous expertise in keeping the Department moving forward! We are so thankful to Mary for all she has done in the short time she has been with our team!
- Student employee **Gabriel Peters** has joined our team part-time to assist with photos, website and IT issues. Welcome Gabriel!
- **Cindy Sauermann** has joined the Department as a part-time Accountant. We are thrilled to have her experience!

- Our Class of 2023 started in July, bringing our cohort to 7 residents. Join us in again welcoming **Drs. Kriti (Mishra) Marks, Cyrell Fermin and Jiasen Wang!**
- We received a **record-breaking nearly 500 residency applications** for our 3 positions starting in 2022! We plan to interview approximately 60 candidates in January by Zoom to make our selection, and held 3 Virtual Open Houses this fall to showcase our program.
- We are interviewing for additional UNM, VA and Pediatric Dermatology faculty as well as UNMH Dermatology Medical Director. Please let us know of any interested candidates, and help spread the word! See our ad later in the newsletter for more info.
- We are actively growing our **Research** platform. A huge recognition of Dr. Emily Altman and Dr. John Durkin for their work in this area; they are now leading 3 Dermatology-specific clinical trials in collaboration with the UNM HSC Clinical Translational Science Center (CTSC). We are strategically planning to increase our Research footprint and support staff. More to come!
- In September 2020, the Department of Dermatology launched its new website. Please check out the new website at **<https://hsc.unm.edu/medicine/departments/dermatology/>**



Cynthia (Cindy) Sauermann



Gabriel Peters



Mary Jacintha-

Department Updates Cont.

DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS



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REGIONAL/NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE ROLES



DR. EMILY ALTMAN

- PRESIDENT, NEW MEXICO DERMATOLOGY AND DERMATOLOGIC SURGERY
- RESEARCH COMMITTEE, MEDICAL DERMATOLOGY SOCIETY
- FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE RHEUMATOLOGIC DERMATOLOGY SOCIETY

DR. NAIARA BARBOSA

- MENTORSHIP COMMITTEE, SKIN OF COLOR SOCIETY
- EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE, AMERICAN SOCIETY OF DERMATOLOGIC SURGERY WORK GROUP
- MENTORING UNDERSERVED/MINORITY STUDENTS THROUGH AAD DIVERSITY MENTORSHIP PROGRAM, LATINO MEDICAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION AND NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, AND UNM MINORITIES IN COMMUNITY MEDICINE
- YOUNG PHYSICIANS COMMITTEE, AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DERMATOLOGY
- SCIENTIFIC REVIEW COMMITTEE AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, AMERICAN COLLEGE OF MOHS SURGERY

DR. AIMEE SMIDT

- MENTORSHIP COMMITTEE, MEETINGS COMMITTEE, CASE OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE, SOCIETY FOR PEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGY
- MENTORING UNDERSERVED/MINORITY STUDENTS THROUGH UNM MINORITIES IN COMMUNITY MEDICINE
- ETHICS AND PROFESSIONALISM COMMITTEE, AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DERMATOLOGY

GRAND ROUNDS JULY 2020-NOVEMBER 2020

Though our Grand Rounds have changed to Zoom for 2020-2021, we have welcomed many wonderful guest speakers to present. Thank you for your support!



Val Day-Sanchez (UNM)



Dr. Jeffrey Callen
(University of Louisville)



Dr. Robert Brodell
(University of Mississippi)



Dr. Vivian Shi
(University of Arizona)



Dr. William Burke
(East Carolina University)

Continuing The Excellence - Join Us by Zoom!

TENTATIVE GRAND ROUND SPEAKERS FOR THE 2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR:

Dr. Sergei Grando (UC-Irvine)

Dr. Lindy Fox (UC-San Francisco)

Dr. Barry Resnik (Resnick Skin Institute)

Dr. Trilokrai Tejasvi (University of Michigan)

Dr. Powell Perng (Johns Hopkins Medicine)

Dr. Nikifor Konstantinov (University of Minnesota)

Dr. Trilokrai Tejasvi (University of Michigan)

Dr. Jennifer Huang (Harvard University)

Dr. Anthony Fleg (UNM)

Dr. Mary Logue (UNM PGY4)

Dr. Catherine Tchanque-Fossuo (UNM PGY4)

Dr. Kory Lee (UNM PGY3)

Dr. Cyrell Fermin (UNM PGY2)

Dr. Alba Posligua-Alban (UNM PGY2)

Dr. Kriti Marks (UNM PGY2)

Dr. Jiasen Wang (UNM PGY2)

Dermatology TeleECHO Program

Dr. John Durkin in partnership with UNM Project ECHO launched the Dermatology TeleECHO program in May 2020. Dermatology TeleECHO aims to improve access to dermatologic care by providing evidence-based approaches and training to primary care providers; nearly all of our faculty and residents actively participate.

Education consists of brief lectures and case discussions with our Board-Certified Dermatologists every other Friday. To learn more, visit:

<https://hsc.unm.edu/echo/institute-programs/dermatology/>





Upcoming Events

GRAND ROUNDS (CME)

INVITED LECTURES ALTERNATING WITH
PATIENT PRESENTATIONS

**EVERY FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
(EXCEPT MAJOR
HOLIDAYS/MEETINGS)**

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.-Journal Club/Additional
Lecture

1021 Medical Arts Avenue NE

Albuquerque, NM 87131

Via Zoom:

Please check our website for the updated calendar

AAD ALUMNI REUNION 2021

TENTATIVE MARCH 2021 BY ZOOM

While we don't know exactly what the future will bring, we will make every effort to gather virtually since we have learned AAD is not happening in person. Stay tuned!

UNM DERMATOLOGY - NEW MEXICO

**DERMATOLOGY AND DERMATOLOGIC SURGERY
SOCIETY SPRING MEETING (CME)**

APRIL 30-MAY 1, 2021

ALBUQUERQUE, NM AND BY ZOOM

Guest Speaker - Dirk Elston, MD

Professor and Chair,
Dept of Dermatology & Dermatologic Surgery
Medical University of South Carolina



DERMATOLOGY FOR PRIMARY CARE: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

**TENTATIVE JUNE 2021
ALBUQUERQUE, NM AND BY ZOOM
UNM Dermatology Faculty &
Residents**

6TH ANNUAL BURGDORF MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP - NEW MEXICO DERMATOLOGY AND DERMATOLOGIC SURGERY SOCIETY FALL MEETING (CME)

**TENTATIVE SEPTEMBER 2021
ALBUQUERQUE, NM AND BY ZOOM**

**Burgdorf Speaker - Ilona Frieden, MD
Professor of Dermatology & Pediatrics, UCSF
NMDDSS Speaker - TBD**



Community & Alumni Events

5TH ANNUAL WALTER BURGENDORF

MEMORIAL LECTURE

SEPTEMBER 25-26, 2020

Thank you to all who joined virtually this year! We hosted an afternoon of didactics including presentations by our medical students and residents and a virtual Happy Hour for our trainees to network with alumni and community providers.

On Saturday, guest speaker **Dr. Seemal Desai** gave two excellent presentations on Zoom, on issues related to diversity in Dermatology, melasma, and AAD updates.

Though it was disappointing we could not be with everyone in person, it was wonderful to see everyone virtually! We look forward to continuing this tradition next year, hopefully in person again!



GRATITUDE AND WELLNESS ACTIVITIES



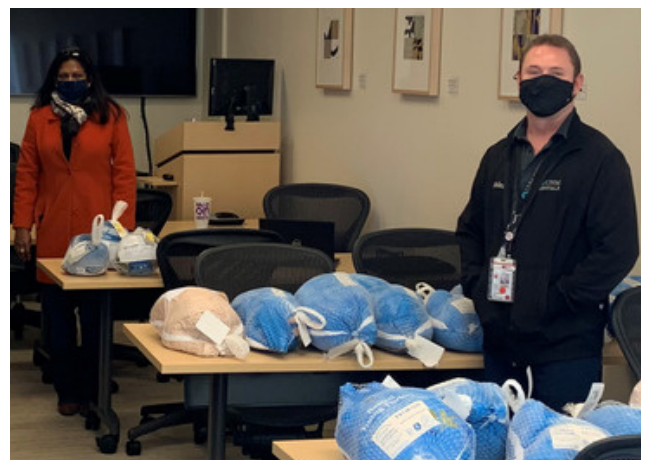
November Gratitude Wall



Halloween Pumpkin Decorating contest

Mary Jacintha & Adam Crosby handed out Thanksgiving turkeys to the Derm residents, administrative and clinical staff as a huge THANK YOU during this difficult time.

And we are planning a Zoom Winter Holiday Party for now - we look forward to the time we can celebrate together in person again!



Alumni Spotlight

Laura (Keck) Gifford MD



Originally from the West Coast, Laura (Keck) Gifford became a fan of the Southwest while a UNM Dermatology resident from 2011 - 2014. After residency, she married Mike who was stationed at Kirtland Air Force Base; subsequently, their careers have taken them on a tour of the States. After two years of community practice in sunny Tampa, Florida, she moved to Norfolk, Virginia where she completed a Pediatric Dermatology Fellowship at Eastern Virginia Medical School. She stayed on as Pediatric and Dermatology faculty before relocating to the nation's capital. In Washington, DC, Dr. Gifford currently enjoys working in a multispecialty group—MidAtlantic Permanente Medical Group—practicing pediatric and general dermatology with fantastic colleagues and a diverse patient population. She has appreciated the variety of practice opportunities available as a dermatologist. There is never a dull day in dermatology!

Outside of work, she savors her family time, especially being “Mama” to Dean (1 yo). Dean, Mike, and Laura have enjoyed exploring the sites in their new hometown, and they cannot wait for more adventures after COVID.

Dr. Gifford is very grateful for the exceptional training she received at UNM. It has provided her the tools and skills to care for patients across the country as well as facilitating access to subspecialty training. She remembers her time in Albuquerque fondly, from running on the Bosque and Tramway, to attending Isotopes games, to exploring the majestic offerings of Chaco Canyon, Santa Fe and more. She hopes to visit again soon, and if you find yourself in the DC area, please reach out at laurakeckgifford@gmail.com.

Alumni Spotlight

Dr. Doug Johnson, MD

A UNM-Trained Dermatologist Practicing in the Aloha State

BY SABAH OSMANI, MSIII



Doug Johnson, M.D., is a dermatologist in Honolulu, Hawaii who has been practicing for over 40 years. He completed his undergraduate and medical education at the University of Nebraska, graduating in 1976. He then finished an internal medicine residency at the University of Hawaii, followed by a Dermatology residency at the University of New Mexico.

Meeting Dr. Edgar Benton Smith, Dr. Johnson's mentor and teacher, is what brought Dr. Johnson to the Land of Enchantment. While at UNM, he enjoyed the camaraderie he felt with his fellow residents and faculty members like Drs. Bill Willis, Bill Mason, John Haberlin, Eduardo Tschén, and Charlie Palmer. He added, *"I'm very grateful for what New Mexico did for me, and the training I had there. I want to give back to the program if I can because I gained so much from it."*



Currently in Honolulu, Dr. Johnson has a private practice where he treats many underserved and disadvantaged patients, including a large population of indigenous people. He considers himself a "hand" dermatologist— "I take whatever they hand me," he says. Additionally, Dr. Johnson is the Chief of Dermatology at the University of Hawaii, and he serves as the state of Hawaii's physician consultant for Hansen's Disease.

Volunteer work is Dr. Johnson's passion. He has volunteered monthly at a homeless clinic for the past 20 years and regularly offers telemedicine to some of Hawaii's rural outer islands. He has also taken numerous volunteer trips abroad; he has travelled extensively to the Philippines and Samoa to provide healthcare in resource-limited settings.



"...[volunteering my services] made me realize where I get gratification from in medicine. It made every day so enjoyable once I figured that out. I love coming to work. I realized I'm not doing it for the money, I'm doing it for my own personal gratification... we take everyone who walks in the door, whether they can pay for it or not, and it's a great feeling."



In his free time, Dr. Johnson enjoys outdoor activities such as ocean kayaking and wilderness hiking. His personal priorities include family, along with his emotional and physical health. As a physician, he values service and helping patients get well. He added, *"this includes more than just freezing off their wart, or removing a basal cell; there is also a lot of emotional support that patients need—a lot of reassurance and guidance."*

Dr. Johnson's advice for future dermatologists is to consider the national shortage of medical dermatologists:

"I would encourage them to not let what they are going to get paid determine how they practice medicine. I feel like there is a lot more gratification in medical dermatology than there is in cosmetic dermatology. I'm hoping that everyone continues to practice at least some medical dermatology."

ACADEMIC DERMATOLOGY POSITIONS

The UNM Department of Dermatology seeks qualified individuals for three full-time faculty positions (Pediatric Dermatology, General Dermatology, Medical Director) in an innovative group environment. We serve a large, diverse and medically complex population and are a consultative resource for the state of New Mexico and the Four Corners region of the Southwest. The Department provides many services including: general and pediatric dermatology, phototherapy, laser, dermatologic/Mohs surgery and aesthetic services. We have a strong partnership with Dermatopathology and community physicians. Responsibilities include primarily outpatient Dermatology and evening/weekend call coverage for inpatient hospital consultations; Teledermatology is an evolving development as well. Opportunities for clinical research are available.

The University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center (HSC) is the only academic health complex in the state and is located on the UNM campus in beautiful Albuquerque, New Mexico. The UNM HSC prioritizes resources to its four mission areas - Education, Research, Patient Care and Community Outreach - to provide New Mexicans with the highest level of health care. This also provides opportunity for transdisciplinary scholarship and research with collaborations from Main Campus Scholars, Law School, School of Population Health, and robust community organizations.

The School of Medicine at HSC is celebrated for its innovations in medical education and has earned a reputation for making diversity in the physician workforce a priority. Candidates with attributes that support our mission include demonstrable experience promoting inclusion in the workforce, modelling cultural humility, commitment to guiding underrepresented/minority learners into professional success, and striving to use social determinants of health to address health disparities for individuals and communities. We as an institution value community engagement, as evidenced by our national recognition in rural and family medicine training programs and our groundbreaking BA/MD Programs that provide pathways for students from urban, rural, and tribal New Mexico to pursue a medical career. The Department of Dermatology is committed to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and uses these standards as measures of excellence.



New Mexico is a recreation and art destination; Albuquerque is a beautiful city with mountains to the east and a mesa to the west with breathtaking sunsets, lakes, rivers, deserts and mountain ranges. It is ideal for outdoor activities and sports all year-round including running, hiking, biking and skiing. The State of New Mexico is multicultural and multilingual with 22 American Indian tribes and nations as well as vibrant Latinx, African American, and Asian American communities with excellent local cuisine, unique architecture, and multiple cultural and historic sites. NM is dense with internationally famous artists, craft breweries and wineries, and an expanding film industry.

A Comprehensive Benefit Package including paid professional liability insurance, medical/dental/vision plan, retirement, annual and professional leave, continuing education tuition and dependent tuition program, and a competitive salary with incentive is offered.

Apply at <https://unmjobs.unm.edu> and search for the following posting numbers:

Pediatric Dermatologist:: Req7268
Medical Director: Req10611
General Dermatologist:: Req10610

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Your philanthropic support enhances our mission each and every day!

We direct your attention to our Departmental funds listed below to show your support:

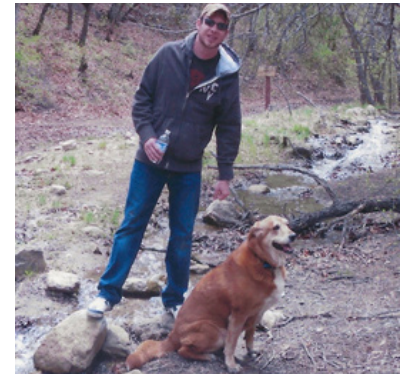
- **Ryan F. Daniell Memorial Fund**

This fund was created to honor the legacy of Ryan F. Daniell, who left us too early because of melanoma. It was Ryan's hope that his struggle with the disease would lead to increased awareness, early detection, and accessible treatment for all New Mexicans. His family established this fund in his name, and they welcome your partnership.

<https://www.unmfund.org/fund/ryan-f-daniell/>

A big recognition to Dr. John Durkin and his fiance Dr. Alyssa Green for directing friends and guests to their wedding to donate to this Fund!

These monies will help us continue our mission to improve access to skin cancer care in our state and retain dermatologic providers in NM.



- **Dermatology Chairs Fund**

A donation to this Fund allows us to grow and respond to the Department's most pressing needs;

<https://www.unmfund.org/fund/dermatology-chairs-fund/>. We'd like to especially recognize and say thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Jim and Ellen King for their ongoing dedication to the Department of Dermatology and for their continued support of this Fund, amongst others.

- While the impact of the COVID19 pandemic has changed our immediate priorities, we also continue to be challenged by facility space and resources/support for our faculty and learners. If you would consider a larger gift that could include a naming opportunity, or if you have questions about planning your estate for a more complex gift, please reach out to:

Ken Thompson, 505.362.3310, or Kenneth.thompson@unmfund.org

DERMATOLOGY DONOR GUILDS

The Department of Dermatology in conjunction with the School of Medicine Office of Advancement & Alumni relations invite you to participate in our Giving Guilds for the Department Chairs Fund and the Edgar Benton Smith, MD Residents Fund.

Your generous commitment to donate \$1,000, \$1,500, or \$2,500 annually for five years will help our Department fund the residents' educational needs, succeed in our goal to train and retain more dermatologists in New Mexico, and support other valuable projects across the Department. Please visit <https://hsc.unm.edu/medicine/alumni-giving/give/> to make your donation!

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SILVER GUILD	Donors giving \$1,500 annually for 5 years



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Connecting our Community

We are so proud to share our Department's accomplishments while we also try to highlight the incredible things our friends, partners, and alumni are doing in New Mexico and beyond. Please share your feedback with us and feel free to send us updates, news, or other highlights you'd like to see included in this communication!

And again, to everyone this unprecedented holiday season, we are truly so thankful for YOU and your support of our Department of Dermatology mission and vision.

STAY SAFE AND WELL.



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