Dr. Todd Rosengart, nationally recognized cardiothoracic surgeon and a pioneer in gene therapy, has been named Chair of the Michael E. DeBakey Department of Surgery at Baylor College of Medicine.

Dr. Rosengart has an impressive background as a cardiothoracic surgeon, scientist and educator, as well as the track record of a dynamic leader. He will provide innovative direction to this important area, while continuing the department’s legacy of excellence in patient care, scientific research and physician training.

His appointment is effective Nov. 1.

Rosengart is coming to BCM from Stony Brook University, where he serves as Professor and Chair of the Department of Surgery, Chief of the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery and Co-Director of the Stony Brook University Heart Center. He also serves as President of Stony Brook Surgery Associates and board officer of the Stony Brook Clinical Practice Management Plan.

Rosengart is a NIH-supported scientist with nearly uninterrupted NIH funding since 1998 and has published extensively, most recently being named editor of Seminars in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery.

He was one of the early leaders in the field of gene therapy, with work beginning in the 1990s on gene transfer therapy and delivery and minimally invasive gene therapy delivery.

As a physician-entrepreneur, he is co-founder of Vitals.com, a leading health provider search and physician-patient interface website with more than 11 million monthly visits. He also holds nearly a dozen patents, including those for a method of inducing angiogenesis, a remote sensing gene therapy delivery device, and an apparatus for creating anastomoses.

He has mentored many trainees, both in scientific research and clinical work, receiving a number of teaching and research awards for this work.

Rosengart received both bachelor’s and medical degrees from the Honors Program at Northwestern University. He completed residency training at New York University Medical Center and was a medical fellow at the National Institutes of Health.

Prior to joining the faculty at Stony Brook University, he held positions on the faculty of Northwestern University where he was the inaugural Owen L. Coon Chair of Cardiothoracic Surgery at Evanston Northwestern Healthcare and at Weill Medical College of Cornell University.

He has held positions with a number of national associations,
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including the American Association for Thoracic Surgery, Society of Thoracic Surgeons, American Heart Association, American College of Cardiology and the 21st Century Cardiac Surgical Society.

He has served on the editorial board or as guest editor of several publications, including the Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, Seminars in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, CT Digest, Council of Cardiovascular Surgery and Anesthesia Newsletter, and the Journal of Clinical Laser Medicine and Surgery.

McGuire named Director of Baylor College of Medicine’s Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy

Dr. Amy McGuire, Associate Professor of Medicine and Medical Ethics at Baylor College of Medicine, has been named Director of BCM’s Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy.

Dr. McGuire is a nationally recognized expert in the field of ethics, particularly in the area of genomics. She will provide excellent leadership for this key area of focus for Baylor College of Medicine.

McGuire has served on the BCM faculty since 2004 and as Associate Director of Research for the Center since 2009.

Her research focuses on legal and ethical issues in genomics. Currently, she is studying participant attitudes toward genomic data sharing, investigators’ practices and perspectives on the return of genetic research results, ethical issues in human microbiome research, and ethical and policy issues related to the clinical integration of genomics.

She received a bachelor of arts in psychology from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, a J.D. from the University of Houston Law Center and a Ph.D. in Medical Humanities from the Institute of Medical Humanities at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

Since joining BCM in 2004, she has received the Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.L Faculty Excellence Awards in both educational leadership (2009) and teaching and evaluation (2008).

Prior to McGuire, Dr. Baruch Brody served as Director of the Center for 30 years.

Baylor Deans

Since Baylor College of Medicine became a separate institution in 1969, the role of the Dean of Student Affairs has been an honor that only a few have had the opportunity to hold. Dr. James R. Schofield, class of 1947, served in the role from the 1950s until 1971, when Dr. Edward Lynch took over the role. Lynch held this position until 1976 and then passed the torch along to Dr. Major R. Bradshaw, class of 1967, who served in the role until 1996. Dr. Donald T. Donovan, class of 1976, then took over and remained in the position until 2011 when he handed the responsibility over to Dr. Mary L. Brandt, class of 1983, who currently serves in the position.

Upcoming Regional Alumni Events

These receptions are for social and professional networking. A local alumni contact list will be provided. Questions or RSVP to: Jasmine Harrison at alumnievents@bcm.edu or 713.798.6277.

November 1–Reno, NV
Location/Time: TBA/6:30-8:30 p.m.

November 2–Sacramento, CA
Location/Time: TBA/6:30-8:30 p.m.

November 3–San Francisco, CA
M.D. Class Reunion Planning Meeting – Years ending 3, 4, 8 & 9
Location/Time: TBA/4:00-6:00 p.m.

November 4–San Francisco, CA
BCM President’s Alumni & Friends Reception
6:30-8:30 p.m.
San Francisco Marriott Marquis

Please join BCM President and CEO Dr. Paul Klotman and faculty and staff for a cocktail reception and wine tasting at the Association of American Medical Colleges Annual Meeting in San Francisco. The reception will include a tasting by Palmaz Vineyards of Napa Valley and is open to all alumni and friends of BCM. You do not need to be registered for the AAMC Annual Meeting to attend.

November 5–San Jose, CA
Location/Time: TBA/6:30-8:30 p.m.