Congratulations to the Family Medicine residency class of 2018 for a spectacular graduation! June 14 marked the forty-first graduating class of the BCM Department of Family Medicine. From atop the Downtown Aquarium, one hundred people gathered to celebrate the culmination of three years of education, patient care, and dedication to our proud profession. Between drinks, hors d’oeuvres and the Mariner Buffet, accomplishments were celebrated. Over the course of their training, these graduates provided over 73,000 hours of service while seeing over 10,000 patients. They performed over 1,200 procedures, and delivered over 200 babies. Along with acknowledging their excellent patient care, the graduates were congratulated on improving the quality and systems in which they’ve practiced, educating other learners, and passing the boards. These accomplishments, however, were just some of many celebrated. Individual awards were also highlighted. Identified by residents and students for his dedication to education, the STFM Resident Teaching Award was given to Dr. Shaker Hamadiya. Dr. Ana Franco earned the AFMRD Scholarship Award for her three year involvement in an IRB-approved study. Similarly, the AFMRD Advocacy Award winner was Dr. Priyanka Chakrabarti, for her advocacy of our program at several fairs and events. The Obstetrics Delivery Award and Ida & Taylor Pickett Award were earned by Dr. Ana Franco earned...
Aafia Azhar, MD, Assistant Professor, received her medical degree from The Aga Khan University in Karachi, Pakistan in 1993 and completed residency at the University of Texas Medical School in 1996. She completed a fellowship in Geriatric Medicine at the University of Texas Mc Govern Medical School in 2017. Dr. Azhar will see patients at Gulfgate Health Center.

Liza Lane, PhD, LMSW, Research Coordinator III, coordinates the Choice4Health clinical intervention project, and provides behavioral health interventions to study participants. She completed graduate training at the University of Houston.

Shelina Lee, Behavioral Health Specialist and Licensed Professional Counselor, works at the Healthcare for Homeless Clinic-Houston. Shelina received her Master of Arts in Counseling and Master of Science in Juvenile Forensic Psychology from Prairie View University and comes to Baylor with over four years of experience serving adults and children with mental illness utilizing cognitive behavior techniques. Shelina’s primary work location is HHH.

Daniela Moreno, Administrative Coordinator I, works with the Community Health Program. She received her Bachelor in Science in Biology from the University of Houston (Clear Lake). Dani assists Gabriella Mirvies and Faroed Khan, MBBS with CHP operations and is the point of contact regarding scheduling meetings with Dr. Khan, CHP reimbursements, CHP CME travel and Grand Rounds.

Janet Luke is the receptionist at the 6th floor lobby. Whenever you come to our Upper Kirby location, you’ll be greeted by her quick smile and helpful attitude. Say hi next time you’re in the neighborhood.

Miranda Scott, Medical Assistant III at the Faculty Group Practice, works primarily at our Upper Kirby location.

Perla Aleman, Medical Assistant II, works at the Faculty Group Practice.

Stephanie Cortez, Medical Assistant I, works at the Faculty Group Practice.

James Ejercito is a Registered Nurse for the Healthcare for the Homeless Clinic–Houston. James received his Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the Western Governor’s University in 2017.

Ladasha Perro, Medical Assistant II, works at Healthcare for the Homeless-Houston.

Rebecca Berens, MD, Assistant Professor, works with the Community Health Program at the Northwest Health Center. Dr. Berens’ received her medical degree here at Baylor College of Medicine in 2013 and completed Residency in Family Medicine at Georgetown University in 2016.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Jordan Owens, MD
CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances in Tyler, Texas

 Priyanka Chakrabarti, DO
HIV Fellowship at UT Houston

Anayatzy Franco, MD
Faculty at BCM

Casey Tran, DO
Wellworths Clinic in Fresno, Texas

Shaker Hamadiya, MD
Family Practice Clinic in southern Florida
The department hosted the BCM Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG) for its end-of-the-year celebration in May.

**William Huang, MD** acknowledged the following BCM students who were elected to the leadership positions for the Texas Academy of Family Physicians (TAFP) Student Section:

- Chair: Justin Fu
- Secretary: Mac Light
- Board of Directors Nominee: Justin Fu
- FMIG Liaison: Ryan Trantham
- AAFP National Conference Alternate Delegate: Nelson Boland

Dr. Huang also recognized 11 BCM graduating students going into Family Medicine: Jessica D’Souza; Sarah Horne; Rida Khan (FCM Residency); Christopher Leidlein; Husain Mogri; Noorhan Nassar; Xinqi “Mike” Ren (FCM Residency); Anna Tseng; Jacob Van Fleet; Allison Yeh; Roya Zamani.

Officers for 2017-2018 were acknowledged at the gathering: President, Jessica D’Souza; Vice President, Justin Fu; Secretary, Suzette Ikojiani; Treasurer, Candace Derenge; Lecture Chair, Ryan Trantham; Community Service Chair, Alison Yeh; Opportunities & Outreach Chair, Nelson Boland. FMIG officers for 2018-2019 are: President, Justin Fu; Vice President, Nelson Boland; Treasurer, Dawn Pham; Lecture Chair, Ryan Trantham; Community Service Chair, Lucy Huo; Outreach Chair, Jeremiah Lee; MS2 Representatives, Mac Light and Courtney Pette.

Dr. Huang announced the winners of the Leonard D. Moise Award for Excellence in Family Medicine, Jessica D’Souza and Rida Khan (at right).
Maria Mejia de Grubb, MD, MPH, (left) was selected for induction into the Beta Upsilon Chapter of Delta Omega, the honorary society of public health. She was selected for induction by the University of Florida Executive committee because of her demonstrated commitment to public health.

David Buck, M.D, MPH, (left) received an honorary degree from his alma mater, Colorado College, in May. He was honored for his work with the underserved, including founding Healthcare for the Homeless, a nonprofit organization that serves as a primary healthcare home for Houston’s homeless population.

Closer to home, Dr. Buck presented a talk at the BCM Health Equity Grand Round entitled “Population health: Managing complex patients to learn and fix what is broken.” Dr. Buck has accepted a position with the University of Houston’s new medical school. We wish him and his team the very best.

Yasmeen Quadri, MD, (right) and the Homeless Clinic were recipients of the HRSA Health Center Quality Leader. She and her team in the Homeless program were recognized by HHS Board of Trustees at their April meeting.

Amanda Patterson, MD (above left) has been selected to Chair the GME Housestaff Quality and Safety Council or the upcoming academic year (2018-2019). As Chair she is encouraged to attend the CLER committee meetings to provide resident feedback. Dr. Patterson has also been chosen to be one of the new Texas Academy of Family Physicians (TAFP) resident section delegates to the AAFP.

Arindam Sakar, MD (above center) will serve as Chair-elect of the GME Housestaff Quality and Safety Council this year and will take over the responsibilities of Chair in 2019-2020. He has also been selected to be a member of the GME Resident Council.

Roslyn Oduro, MD (above right) has been chosen to be the 2018-2019 Chair of the GME Resident Council.

Meet Gabriel Leonardo Salemi, son of our own Jason Salemi, PhD, MPH and his wife, Jennifer Carvalho-Salemi, MPH, RDN, LD, CSN of Texas Children’s. Congratulations!!

Sitting, left to right: Laura Lind; Michael Hansen, MD; Jennifer Matas; Jason Salemi, PhD, MPH; George Germanos, MD; Monica Alzate, PhD, LCSW; Kiara Spooner, DNP
Standing: Ahsan Raza, MBBS, PhD; Garry Smith; Sanjukta Mohuk; Despina Dangwarwar; Katherine Thomas; Maribel Mosquera; Gabriella Mistri; Daniela Moreno; Sandra Gonzalez, PhD, LCSW, Laviya Gripanyan, MD, PhD; Marina Blum, MBA; Anna Perales.
In mid-May, Dr. Zoorob and Dr. Wang greet the executives of Health Menat Company of Zhuhai in Guangdong Province, China. Health Menat Company was established in 1996, and operates ten community health centers in Zhuhai and Guangzhou, and serves over 500,000 people.

Pictured left to right: Wenxiang Deng, General Manager; Yige Zhang, University of Houston student; Yonghui Yue, CFO; Haijun Wang, PhD, MPH, Roger Zoorob, MD, MPH, Wenan Zhang, MD, CEO.

Pictured with this quarter’s other winners are Eric Warwick, MD (second right) and Anjali Aggarwal, MD (far right) who were selected Harris Health Champions for their outstanding dedication to patient satisfaction, patient care, and clinic involvement. Dr. Warwick sees patients at Northwest Health Center and Dr. Aggarwal practices at Vallbona Health Center.

Joan Newell will begin working 0.5FTE on July 1. She will still be responsible for the Quarterly Report and the department’s website, so please continue to email her your updates and photographs.

Helping her celebrate semi-retirement are (left to right) Sandra Gonzalez, PhD, LCSW; Roger Zoorob, MD, MPH; Joan Newell; Anna Perales; Sara B. Rahman; Maria Mejia de Grubb, MD, MPH; and Laura Lind.

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Congratulations to Malvika Juneja, MD who was promoted to Associate Professor. She and others promoted were recognized at a ceremony on May 1 in the Alkek Lobby.

Job well done!!
The Chair and the Administrator of Family & Community Medicine joined the new CHP Vice Chair and CHP staff on a tour of all the program’s sites. Pictured left to right are: Suzette Arrazolo, MS; Daniela Moreno; Fareed Khan, MBBS; Roger Zoorob, MD, MPH; Sara B. Rahman; Gabriella Mireles; & Elizabeth Bosquez, MD.

Dr. Zoorob led a session of the FGP Goal Planning Retreat on May 14. The college-wide event was hosted by Dr. McDevitt.

Syed Ahsan Raza PhD, MSc, MBBS, Postdoctoral Fellow in Primary Care Research (far left) attended a highly demanding BayesiaLab Course in Seattle, Washington on "Causal reasoning with Bayesian networks" on May 16-18. The objective of the course was to understand Bayesian networks as a new framework for knowledge discovery and reasoning within context of complex research questions. The course provided a practical introduction geared towards scientists who wish to employ Bayesian networks in their research domain.

Dr. Raza also attended a one week summer short course on “Introduction to explanations in Causal Inference” at Harvard School of Public Health in Boston (June 4-9). This course is part of Harvard Program on Causal Inference and the purpose of this course is to foster research and collaboration in the application of methods for the causal analysis of complex longitudinal data in epidemiology and allied sciences.

Travel support for both courses was provided by HRSA T32 Postdoctoral Fellowship in Primary Care Research.

Isabel Valdez, MPAS, PA-C, CPAAPA, spoke with Julia Bernstein about “Debunking summer health myths.” Read Isabel’s take on wearing sunscreen, stomach cramps when swimming, staying hydrated, and more.

Ms. Valdez was on the Fox 26 Health Watch again on June 20 to “Debunk four common summer fun health myths” and was interviewed again for a Health Watch segment aired on June 28, “Saharan dust headed to Houston.”

An essay by Fabrizia Faustinella, MD, PhD, was highlighted by the Adelaide Literary Magazine in April. Read “Homeless” here.

Irvin Sulapas, MD was voted an At-Large Member of the BCM Faculty Senate. Congratulations and thank you for voting!

Dr. Sulapas was featured guest on KTRH Newsradio 740 AM, to discuss the importance of getting out of doors. He was also interviewed by KHOU 11 about the necessity of staying hydrated, even while waiting to buy general admission tickets to the Harry Styles concert.

Adonica Franklin, DNP-C received her Doctorate of Nursing Practice degree from Wilmington University in New Castle, Delaware on May 20. Congratulations!

Check out Dr. Sneha Patel’s Healthy Habits on the BCM Momentum Blog.

NEWSMAKERS

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Caballeri J, Owney RL, Jacobs RJ, Pandya N, Ricabel L. Predicting medication adherence in older Hispanic patients with type 2 diabetes. AJHP 2018 May;75(5):e184-e201

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Salem J, Rutkowski RE, Tanner JP, Matas JL, Kirby RS. Evaluating the impact of expanding the number of diagnosis codes reported in inpatient discharge databases on the counts and rates of birth defects. J Am Med Inform Assoc. (In press)


Enjoying dinner at the STFM Annual Spring Conference are (left to right) Sandra Gonzalez, PhD, LCSW; Malvika Juneja, MD; Larissa Grigoryan, MD, PhD, MS; George Germanos, MD; Robert Levine, MD; Mohamad Sidani, MD, MS; Roger Zoorob, MD, MPH; Mariel Mosqueda, Katherine Thomas; Haijun Wang, PhD, MPH

Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM) Annual Spring Conference May 2018

Huang W, Aggarwal A, Atkinson J, Barning K, Nietfeld L, Okob J, Rode R, Sung A, Tran Q, Ruiz E, Purkiss J. SCHOLARLY TOPIC ROUNDTABLE PRESENTATION: How can we promote better quality and more frequent feedback from our clerkship preceptors?


Gonzalez SJ, Zoorob R. DEVELOPING SCHOLARLY PROJECT: A pre-post assessment of primary care and psychiatry providers’ experiences, beliefs, and perceived needs related to behavioral health integration.


Women’s Health 2018: Translating Research into Clinical Practice May 2018

Tran E, Jacobs RJ. Gender differences regarding resilience, uncertainty, and burn-out in primary care providers.
Texas Educator’s Academies Collaborative for Health Professions-Southeast (TEACH-S)
May 2018

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May 2018


Tran E, Jacobs RJ. The importance of teaching burnout prevention and self-care strategies in medical schools to promote professional resilience in future physicians.

Nguyen S, Chavakula V, Yanoff E, Anireddy N. Preventing FASD: Targeted Alcohol Screening and Brief Intervention at Northwest Clinic.

Herrera AV, Galvan E, Patterson A, Nguyen R, Fields-Gilmore J. Learning from patient satisfaction surveys: A focus on improving patient-centered care and communication.


The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) 49th Annual Conference
April 2018

The Partnership for Baylor College of Medicine Educational Series Luncheon
May 2018

Texas Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy 7th Annual Symposium
April 2018
Alzate MM, Villegas S. The role of culture and context in Hispanic/Latina teen’s reproductive experience.

Preventive Medicine 2018
May 2018
Levine RS, Aguinaga P, OHara H, Mejia de Grubb MC; Wood S, Hennekens C. Temperature-related indices and mortality from sickle cell disease.

2018 National Health Care for the Homeless Conference & Policy Symposium
May 2018
Quadri Y, Gonzalez N, Rogers K. Improving colorectal cancer screening in the homeless population.

Sickle Cell Disease Research & Education Symposium
June 2018

Texas Chapter of the American College of Physicians Health and Public Policy Committee
Faustinella F. Obstacles to Health Care Access Among Racial and Ethnic Minorities. March 2018
Faustinella F. Harris Health Volume Statistics: Do the Same Day Clinics Help Lowering the Number of ED visits? April 2018
Faustinella F. Medically Underserved Population, Access to Care and Policy Making. May 2018
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<td>Luis Rustveld, PhD, RD, LD, CPRIT PP160122, Reducing Racial/Ethnic Disparities in CRC Screening: A Comprehensive EMR-Based Patient Navigation Program Including Technology-Driven CRC Outreach and Education (Yr2), $625,205 $327,470</td>
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<td>Jason Salemi, PhD, MPH, CDC: NU50 DD004942, Birth Defects Surveillance in Texas: Methodological Enhancement and Impactful Data Utilization (Subaward: Texas Department of State Health Services/PI: Canfield) (Yr3), $15,749 $4,934</td>
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<td>Sandra Gonzalez, PhD, LCSW, SAMHSA HIV H79TI00684-01, Minority Treatment Access - Rio Grande Valley (MTA-RGV) (Subaward: BHSST) (Yr1), $72,486 $44,222</td>
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<td>Susan Nash, PhD, SAMHSA H79TI080346-01, Pregnant and Mothers Postpartum Enhanced Recovery-oriented Residential Services (Subaward: UT-San Antonio) (Yr1), $44,001 $27,323</td>
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<td>Robin Jacobs, PhD, MPH, MD010368-02, Health Literacy Assessment and Intervention to Reduce Disparities: FLIGHT/VIDAS II (Subaward: Nova Southeastern University/PI: Owuby), $8,657 $4,285</td>
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For the first time the department will hold a one-day AAFP Advance Life Support in Obstetrics (ALSO) course in August for those family medicine residents and physicians who provide obstetric care. This year’s event will be held Aug. 23, 2018. Following the event, we are also providing an optional module on ultrasounds and SonoSims on Aug. 24. Everything from basics to abnormal in two days!

Over 60 participants including five family medicine residency programs plan to be in attendance: Baylor, Methodist, UTMB-Galveston, UT McGovern Medical School and DeTar.

Clinical Research Methods Beginner & Intermediate Courses

This two-day intensive beginner’s course is aimed to train busy healthcare professionals, researchers, and students on the knowledge and skills necessary to understand important concepts in health research, and to be able to conduct simple analysis independently using basic software.

CRM intermediate courses focus on providing hands-on competency with respect to the most common statistical procedures used to analyze continuous (Course A) or categorical (Course B) outcome data. These courses uniquely provide participants with a simulated dataset that includes variables related to medical research. All analyses are conducted in SAS.

Contact Jennifer Matas for more information about the July 27-28 event.

The end of the fiscal year brings acknowledgements of work well done. We congratulate all the graduates, and extend our appreciation to those who who daily do the work that keeps the department rolling and maintains health in the Houston area. It’s quite a job we’ve taken on, and I appreciate your contribution that makes the whole enterprise worthwhile.
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