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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Even for myself, a self-proclaimed introvert, the COVID-era of “social distancing” has begun to take its toll. I find myself missing gatherings with friends and family, and looking forward to small meetings that can be held in person rather than via Zoom. Another tremendous drawback has been the inability for us to hold a department-wide social event. We have had new residents join our team and half of our faculty roster is new! In normal times, we would have had a welcome party and department-wide happy hours by now.

While residents are getting to know the professional practice patterns and habits of our new faculty members, these lost opportunities for social gatherings have prevented us from getting to know some of our new departmental members on a more personal level. We’re including a spotlight this month on our new faculty members so that you can get some answers to questions that might not arise during a normal clinic day.

COVID has changed the way we have to do some things, but I sincerely hope that each of you are finding new ways to strengthen your

sense of community and renew yourselves. For those of you relatively new to Little Rock, I hope the cooler weather is allowing you to connect with nature and explore our “Natural State.” For all of you missing friends and family, know that the current situation will not last forever. As was seen on social media, “We isolate now, so when we gather again, no one is missing” (I do not know the original author). I am looking forward to those times; in the meantime, thank you again for your daily commitment to the betterment of our patients and our department. Thankful for all of you and the community we are building together.



Sara Shalin, M.D., Ph.D.
Associate Professor and
Interim Chair of Dermatology

UAMS Dermatology: The Place to Train



*Top, left to right: Drs. Jonathan Rick, Kelsey Wilson, and Malan Kern
Bottom, left to right: Drs. Joshua Chang, Edita Newton, and Blake St. Clair*

RESIDENCY RECRUITMENT VIDEOS FOR WEBSITE

With everything going virtual this year due to COVID-19, our department's online presence is more important than ever. Several of our residents submitted recruitment videos for our department's website, edited by Dr. Stephen Matlock, PGY-3. Our Residency Program Coordinator, Kim Aeilts, has been working to upload the videos. Thank you to everyone who is helping with residency recruitment online!

Donna Moravec, LPN, Receives Daisy Award

Donna Moravec, LPN, was selected by the Center for Nursing Excellence as the DAISY Award recipient for the month of April! Donna was nominated by seven different UAMS co-workers. Visit the link below for more details. Congratulations, Donna!

<https://nurses.uams.edu/2020/08/11/april-2020-daisy-award/>



Dr. Edita Newton, PGY-3, Appointed to Derm In-Review Advisory Council (DIRAC)



PGY-3 resident Dr. Edita Newton was appointed to the Derm In-Review Advisory Council (DIRAC). The council consists of top-performing dermatology residents and early-career dermatologists who review content and serve as subject-matter experts for Derm In-Review, the number one study tool for dermatology residents nationwide. Congratulations, Dr. Newton!

Atopic Dermatitis Grant



Left to right: Dr. Vivian Shi, Dr. Jay Kincannon

Dr. Vivian Shi, Dr. Jay Kincannon, and the UAMS Center for Health Literacy have been awarded an Atopic Dermatitis Patient Education Grant from Pfizer in the amount of \$199,337 to develop educational materials for atopic dermatitis (eczema) patients, caregivers and healthcare providers in Arkansas. The goal is to improve patient self-efficacy in eczema management, and to drive system changes for integration of new learning and resources into clinical practice. Congratulations, Dr. Shi and Dr. Kincannon!

Squamous Cell Carcinoma Article by Dr. Patrick Phelan, PGY-1, Featured in *Dermatologic Surgery*

PGY-1 resident Dr. Patrick Phelan co-authored an article featured in *Dermatologic Surgery*: “Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Hand: A Retrospective Study in Immunosuppressed and Immunocompetent Individuals.”

Congratulations, Dr. Phelan! Check out the publication here: <https://journals.lww.com/dermatologicsurgery/fulltext/2020/08000/>

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NEW FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Rodrigo Valdes-Rodriguez, M.D.

We asked our new faculty members some fun questions to get to know them better!

Dr. Rodrigo Valdes-Rodriguez

What makes you laugh the most?

“Myself.”

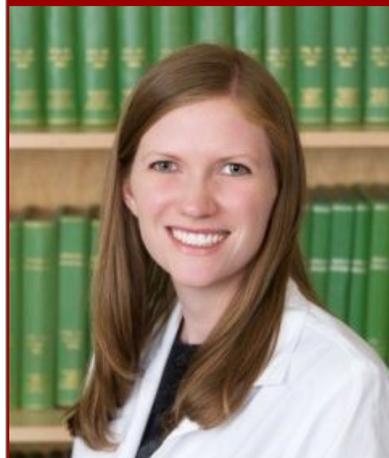
What do you admire most in the world?

“Nature.”

What are your favorite hobbies?

“Soccer and photography.”

Dr. Megan Evans



Megan Evans, M.D.

What is your favorite book, movie, or television show?

“Though my answers to this question probably change pretty often, right now I’d say my favorite book is *Les Misérables* by Victor Hugo, my favorite movie is ‘Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind,’ and my favorite TV show is the British comedy series *Lovesick*.”

What is your favorite hobby?

“Playing music, mainly piano, though I can also play some accordion and one day hope to learn to play the harp.”

What is your idea of a perfect vacation?

“Everyone who knows me well knows that my answer to this is without a doubt Disney World!”

NEW FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Vivian Shi:

What is your favorite book, movie, or television show?

“*Sex and The City*, the shows AND movies 1 and 2 (throw back style).”

What’s on your bucket list?

“A camel safari around the Egyptian pyramids.”

What makes you laugh the most?

“My own dorkiness (sometimes).”



Vivian Shi, M.D.

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FACULTY LEADERSHIP IN HS & ECZEMA

In August of 2020, Dr. Vivian Shi was asked to be a member of the steering committee for the Coalition United for Better Eczema Care (CUBE-C) with the National Eczema Association (NEA). She was also appointed to the board of directors for the Hidradenitis Suppurativa Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving health care and quality of life for patients with HS. Together with visiting researcher Alyssa Thompson, Dr. Shi recently published “Pain Management modalities for hidradenitis suppurativa: a patient survey” in *Journal of Dermatologic Treatment* (see the link to the abstract below). Thank you for your contributions to the care of HS and Eczema patients, Dr. Shi!

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32914659/>

VIRTUAL STUDENT ROTATIONS

What a crazy year it's been! With the pandemic in high swing our department brainstormed the best way to provide an opportunity for medical students to participate in our program while maintaining social distancing and thus, the birth-child of Dr. Edita Newton was born! A virtual rotation that would allow medical students to have a glance into our academic activities and hopefully gain some insight into our program. The rotation was a four-week course which provided a space for medical students to take part in our weekly grand rounds and didactics. There were also designated medical student lectures ranging in a variety of topics such as introductory dermpath, preparing for interviews, and "a day in the life of a UAMS derm resident." We were able to enroll over 10 students and are so glad to have had them as a part of our program!

Tara Akunna, M.D.
PGY-3 Dermatology Resident





Baby Shower for Dr. Katelynn Campbell

Friday, November 20th

12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Zoom Link: <https://uams.zoom.us/j/98921895090?pwd=UnRhd1ncUkrZnh2VklyclB6T1lvdz09>

Meeting ID: 989 2189 5090

Passcode: 622639

RSVP by emailing Amanda Blagg at AGBlagg@uams.edu

Please join us for a baby shower via Zoom honoring Dr. Katelynn Campbell!

She is expecting her second child (a little boy).

Baby clothes and diapers would be much appreciated!

Thank you for helping us congratulate Dr. Campbell!!!



The Second Annual UAMS Dermatology Fall Clinical Symposium

On Saturday, October 24th, our department hosted the Second Annual UAMS Dermatology Fall Clinical Symposium, organized by Dr. Henry Wong and Ms. Amanda Blagg. Approximately 40 attendees joined us online from across the state of Arkansas, and as far away as Albany Medical College and the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University. Along with Dr. Henry Wong, presenters included Dr. Vivian Shi, Dr. Rodrigo Valdes-Rodriguez, Dr. Megan Evans and resident Dr. Hugh Nymeyer, as well as case presentations by UAMS medical students heading into dermatology: Amanda Ederle, Alyson McKinnon, Dmitry Nedosekin, Sophia Ly, and Blake Richardson. Thank you to everyone who helped make our department's virtual symposium a success this year!



Love in the Time of COVID-19

Congratulations to PGY-2 resident Dr. Jonathan Rick and his wife, Erika, who got married this month!!!

