Notes from the Chair

Friends,

The trees are in full bloom and we are experiencing a beautiful Spring. It has been a very busy time for us with our senior residents transitioning to new professional careers, the welcoming of three energetic new residents, and the hiring of new staff within the department.

The department is planning a wonderful celebration and we want you to ‘Save the Date’ for our 50th Anniversary Gala on September 6th, 2014! As always, we enjoyed reconnecting with several alums during the 2014 AAD annual meeting in Denver at our alumni reception.

We love to see our alums and friends, so please let us know when you will be in town. As you know the door is always open to you!

Karen

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50th Anniversary Gala
Saturday, September 6, 2014
Reynolds Alumni Center

Dermatopathology Lab News

Kara Braudis, MD returned to MU Dermatology in September 2013 after completing a dermatopathology fellowship at UCSF. The dermpath laboratory is open for business! It offers 48 hour turn-around service for cases received by 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Cherie Chapman, HTL, is the Associate Director of the Dermpath Lab and oversees a high-quality team of dermpath staff. Please give us a try! Call 573-884-0123.

Clinics Happenings

The department welcomes the addition of the Jefferson City dermatology practice. Those practicing in Jefferson City include Victoria Gunn, MD, and Barbara Ebert, MD who are general dermatologists. Jon Dyer, MD, and Kari Martin, MD rotate in a weekly pediatric dermatology clinic on Thursday mornings in Jefferson City.

Welcome to Blair Mitchell, our new Practice Manager for the dermatology clinics. Read more about Blair on page 2.

Our MOHS fellowship has been approved! Brandon Brown, MD will be our first Mohs Fellow for 2014-2015.
News and Announcements

**CONGRATS**

Pam Matheny, our Administration Manager, has successfully completed her comprehensive oral examination in an Industrial and Organizational Psychology PhD program. She is now considered ABD—all but dissertation. Her dissertation topic is, “What Influences Medical Students to Apply or not Apply to Dermatology Residencies”. Industrial and Organizational Psychology is the field of human behavior in organizational settings. Some interesting areas of the I-O field include attraction, selection, testing, training, personality, leadership development, performance management, and organizational effectiveness centered on human behavior. Congratulations to Pam on her accomplishments and we look forward learning more about her project as she moves through the dissertation process.

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**CHIEF RESIDENTS ON THE MOVE**

Brandon Brown, MD, will be starting a MOHS fellowship at the University of Missouri. We are delighted to have him!

Jayantha Thiyanaratnam, MD, will be returning to los Angeles to pursue a private dermatology practice for at least two years and possibly seek a future in academics.

Sara West, MD, will be starting a dermatopathology fellowship at Wake Forest in Winston Salem, NC. Upon completing her fellowship she is planning on returning to Omaha, Nebraska to practice a combination of dermatopathology and general dermatology.

**Match Day 2014**

The National Resident Matching Program held the annual “Match Day” on March 21st, 2014. Recruited candidates for the Department of Dermatology are:

Alison Laundardt
Nicholas Crowley
Kimberly Ken

Welcome new residents!
NEW PUBLICATIONS:


• Stoecker WV, Dyer JA. Extreme Pain with Brown Recluse Spider Bites: Model for Cytokine-Driven Pain. JAMA Dermatology 2014; in press


Health Fairs and Skin Screenings

Our department is committed to educating the community by attending many local health fairs; we provide educational materials and offer free skin cancer screenings. We share this information with the AAD, which contributes to their national database.

We were invited for the first time to the Columbia Public School health fair in April, screening a total of 35 employees. We have several fairs scheduled this year including Ellis Fischel in May, the Missouri State Fair in August, and the MU Campus Facilities in October.

Melody Friesz leads community service for the department. Melody comes to us from the dermatology clinical environment where she continues to work closely with the Mohs service. In addition to community service, Melody’s new duties include administrative support for the Mohs Unit.

Welcome, Melody!

If anyone is interested in having their practice participate in their own screening day, please contact us. We will help get you started!

Melody Friesz

Alumni News and Updates

Visiting Alums

James Deeken, MD ’70, was a guest lecturer in our department April 17th. Dr. Deeken is the generous donor of our library, named in honor of his father and mother, Harry H. & Delores M. Deeken.

Mohs Lecture

Dan Skinner, MD ’13, was a guest lecturer on April 24th, presenting interesting Mohs cases to our faculty and residents. Dr. Skinner is currently completing a Mohs fellowship in Birmingham, Alabama.

In Memoriam

With heavy hearts we learned of the passing of Doug Wilson, MD ’02, on March 18th, 2014 in Paducah, Kentucky. He is survived by his wife, Melissa, two daughters, and three sons. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

MU’s Annual Dermatology Reunion

Our annual reunion was held March 23, 2014 in Denver at the annual AAD conference. Many former faculty, residents, and students attended the function enjoying networking with our current faculty and resident attendees. Please remember to mark your calendar to attend the reunion held every year in conjunction with the annual AAD meetings. And please plan to attend our 50th Anniversary Gala Celebration September 6th!!