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MCG Faculty Awards Ceremony

MCG Faculty Senate

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J. Harold Harrison, M.D. Education Commons



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Dear Colleagues:

The MCG Faculty Senate presents the annual MCG Faculty Awards Ceremony, which recognizes exceptional achievement by faculty and residents in the areas of teaching, research, clinical care and service.

Today's honorees have contributed their significant skills and passion to attaining excellence and to setting a high standard for us all. We gather today to thank them for their contributions to our medical school and to the dynamic present and future of medicine.

We thank as well the members of the MCG Faculty Senate Faculty Recognition Committee for their diligent efforts to make this celebration possible.

Thank you for all you do.

Most respectfully yours,

David C. Hess, MD
*Interim Dean, Medical College of Georgia
Interim Executive Vice President,
Health Affairs & Integration,
AU Presidential Distinguished Chair & Chairman,
Department of Neurology*

Wendy Bollag, PhD
*Faculty Senate President,
MCG Faculty Senate*

Honorees:

Educator of the Year

Walter J. Moore, MD

Professor, Department of Medicine

Presented By:

David Davis on behalf of Katherine Menezes, President, Class of 2017

Atul Khurana, MD

Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics

Presented By:

Alexandra Vagasi on behalf of Palmer Feibelman, President, Class of 2017, AU/UGA Medical Partnership

D. Greer Falls, III, MD

Associate Professor, Department of Pathology

Associate Dean for Student Affairs, Second-Year Class

Presented By:

David Davis, President, Class of 2018

Julie S. Martin, MD

Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics

Presented By:

Alexandra Vagasi on behalf of Mark Zapata, President, Class of 2018, AU/UGA Medical Partnership

D. Greer Falls, III, MD

Associate Professor, Department of Pathology

Associate Dean for Student Affairs, Second-Year Class

Presented By:

Babatunde Fariyike, President, Class of 2019

Howard J. Cohen, MD

Associate Professor, Department of Medicine

Presented By:

Daniel Steinberg, President, Class of 2019, AU/UGA Medical Partnership

David B. Pettigrew, PhD

Associate Professor Department of Neuroscience & Regenerative Medicine

Presented By:

Miller Singleton, President, Class of 2020

DeLoris Wenzel Hesse, PhD

Associate Professor, Cellular Biology & Anatomy

Presented By:

Benjamin Daniel, President, Class of 2020, AU/UGA Medical Partnership

Outstanding Clinical Science Teaching Award

Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

Michael P. Diamond, MD

William H. Brooks, MD Distinguished Chair, Professor and Chairman, Obstetrics & Gynecology
MCG Associate Dean for Research, AU Senior Vice President for Research

Presented By:

David Davis on behalf of Katherine Menezes, President, Class of 2017

Outstanding Basic Science Teaching Award

Department of Pathology

Amy M. Rojiani MD, PhD, CPE

E.R. Pund Distinguished Professor and Chairman, Pathology
Clinical Service Chief, AU Health

Presented By:

Babatunde Fariyike, President, Class of 2019

Resident of the Year

Ajay Pillai, MD

Department of Medicine

Presented By:

Walter J. Moore, MD, MACP

Senior Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education and VA Affairs, Professor of
Rheumatology, Departments of Medicine and Pediatrics

Distinguished Faculty Awards

Basic Science Teaching

Clive A. Slaughter, PhD



Dr. Clive Slaughter is an Associate Professor of Biochemistry at the AU/UGA Medical Partnership in Athens. He earned his PhD from University College London and completed postdoctoral training at the University of Pennsylvania in the Department of Human Genetics and the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in the Department of Immunology. Dr. Slaughter played a central role in helping design and implement an innovative new medical curriculum in Athens that integrates the basic and clinical sciences through all four years. He has been actively engaged in many different aspects of the Athens curriculum; delivering lectures and

serving as a small-group facilitator for first- and second-year students, serving as a faculty coach for students in the Community Health component of the Essentials of Clinical Medicine course, and teaching in third- and fourth- year student clerkships. He continues to show leadership in curriculum design. Most

notably, he envisioned a significant revamping of the first module for first-year students in Athens. Dr. Slaughter also serves as Chair of the MCG Faculty Senate Student Promotions Committee.

Basic Science Teaching

William G. Pearson, Jr., PhD



Dr. Pearson is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Cellular Biology and Anatomy with a research appointment in the Department of Otolaryngology. He serves as Director for the Phase 1 Head and Neck Special Senses module. He joined the MCG faculty after earning a PhD in Anatomy and Neurobiology from the Boston University School of Medicine in 2012. Prior to graduate school, Dr. Pearson served in pastoral ministry to students at MCG and then at Harvard Medical School, where he also taught as an instructor in the first-year medical gross anatomy course. He then taught anatomy at Boston University School of Medicine while earning his PhD. His research and scholarly interests include the computational analysis of swallowing mechanics and various topics in medical education, including the dialogue between medicine and religion.

Clinical Science Teaching

Shilpa P. Brown, MD



Dr. Shilpa Brown is an Assistant Professor in the Division of General Internal Medicine, Department of Medicine. She earned her medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia in 1994. She completed her residency in Internal Medicine at MCG and Augusta University Health in 1997 followed by a chief residency year in 1997-98. She is board certified in Internal Medicine and is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. She is currently the Director of the fourth-year Ambulatory Clerkship and the Director of the Phase 1 and Phase 2 Physical Diagnosis components of the Essentials of Clinical Medicine course. Her passion is creating innovative educational tools for medical students in the preclinical years as part of the physical diagnosis course and collaboration with other faculty. Some of these tools include the Doctors Lounge podcasts to help teach students how to think like a doctor, a digital educational game on contraception and a Congestive Heart Failure simulation case on compensated versus decompensated heart failure.

Basic Science Research

Zheng Dong, PhD



Dr. Dong is Regents' Professor and Leon Henri Charbonnier Endowed Chair of Cellular Biology and Anatomy at the Medical College of Georgia. He is also a Senior Research Career Scientist and Director of Research and Development at Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center in Augusta. He earned his PhD from Shanghai Institute of Physiology and completed postdoctoral training at the University of Texas Health Science Center. Dr. Dong is an internationally recognized cell biologist with 20 years of research experience in cell death, its protection, and subsequent regeneration in diseases. His current work is focused on these processes in experimental models of kidney failure, cancer therapy, and diabetes. Dr. Dong is funded by two R01 grants as Principal Investigator and holds a VA merit award. Since 1998, he has been continuously funded by grants from NIH, VA, and private foundations. As of

February 2017, Dr. Dong has published more than 200 full-length articles in well-regarded journals, including more than 150 original papers and numerous invited reviews and commentaries. These studies have been cited nearly 15,000 times, attesting to his remarkable contribution to science.

Clinical Science Research

Yao Liang Tang, MD, PhD,



Dr. Tang is an Associate Professor in the Vascular Biology Center and the Department of Medicine. He earned his MD from Shanghai Jiao Tong University in 1993 and was awarded his PhD from Fudan University in 2002. Dr. Tang completed his postdoctoral training in the Department of Physiology and Functional Genomics at the University of Florida, and Department of Pediatrics at the University of South Florida. Dr. Tang came to MCG in 2013. Since 2016, he has been awarded three RO1s from the NIH and one Grant-in-Aid funded by the American Heart Association, with annual direct costs totaling about \$800,000. He holds three patents as a co-investigator of technology to generate stem cell beacons, vigilant cells and methods to enrich stem cell and progenitor cell populations. During his time at MCG, he has published over 30 papers and he is the first or last author of 10 of those publications. Dr. Tang has been a regular member of AHA Genetic and Epigenetic Study Section since 2009, and ad hoc member of numerous NIH study sections, including the Cardiac Contractility, Hypertrophy and Failure Study Section (CCHF), System Developmental Biology, Differentiation and Integration of Stem Cells, Musculoskeletal, Oral and Skin Sciences, et al. As a leader and expert in the stem cell field, Dr. Tang was invited by Elsevier Science Publishing Co. Inc. (the world's leading scientific publisher) to edit two stem cell books, "Genetics of Stem Cells," published in 2012, and "Mesenchymal Stem Cell-Derived Exosomes," published in 2015.

Patient-Care Awards

E. Vanessa Spearman-McCarthy, MD



Dr. Spearman-McCarthy is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and the Department of Medicine and is Director of Consultation Liaison Psychiatry Inpatient Services. She is an Augusta native and earned her medical degree at the Medical College of Georgia in 2005. She completed her combined Internal Medicine and Psychiatry Residency at the Medical University of South Carolina. Dr. Spearman-McCarthy joined the faculty at MCG with dual appointments in October 2010. She currently serves as an Outpatient Internal Medicine Attending, and as one of the core faculty members in the Essentials of Clinical Medicine Phase I/Phase II courses. Dr. Spearman-McCarthy is unique in maintaining excellent, simultaneous practices in Internal Medicine and Psychiatry over a sustained period of years. Her expertise in one area informs her practice in another discipline. She has been the lead of the Psychiatry consult service since 2010, keeps an Internal Medicine clinic and she takes call for both Psychiatry and Internal Medicine. Dr. Spearman-McCarthy is popular among patients. Many patients, faculty and staff bring their relatives to be seen by her and the resident panel patients ask for her by name. She carries the second largest patient panel for the Section of General Internal Medicine at last query. Dr. Spearman-McCarthy was selected by the MCG Class of 2017 to be inducted into the Gold Humanism Honor Society.

Medical College of Georgia Lifetime Achievement Award

Anthony L. Mulloy, DO, PhD



Dr. Mulloy is Charbonnier Professor Emeritus of Medicine, Professor Emeritus of Medicine and Interim Chief, Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism, in the Department of Medicine. He earned his PhD in Endocrinology from Purdue University and his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Mulloy completed a Rotating Internship at Dallas Fort Worth Medical Center, a Medicine Internship at Texas Tech University, Internal Medicine Residency at the Yale University-affiliated Waterbury Hospital Health Center and a Metabolic and Endocrine Disease Fellowship at MCG before joining the faculty in 1990 as an assistant professor. Dr. Mulloy was named Section Chief a decade later, and the university's Associate Vice President for Clinical

Research and MCG's Vice Dean for Clinical Research in 2001, Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Research in 2007, Senior Associate Vice President for Clinical Research Administration in 2009 and Professor Emeritus in 2016. He assumed interim responsibilities of the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism, which he led for 16 years, also in 2016. Dr. Mulloy directed the Endocrinology Training Program for 14 years and co-directed the Certificate/Masters in Clinical/Translational Science Program from 2008-16. He served as Medical Director of the university's Office of Clinical Investigative Services from 2002 until his retirement. Dr. Mulloy served on the leadership of the AU Medical Associates (formerly Physician's Practice Group) for a half-dozen years, including serving as chair of the Foundation from 2008-10. He received a Distinguished Faculty Award for Institutional Service from MCG in 2010. Dr. Mulloy is an expert in the evaluation of patients with metabolic bone disease.