



UTGSM Awards and Honors

UTGSM Is Proud To Be Among 'The Best' Again



Dean Neutens

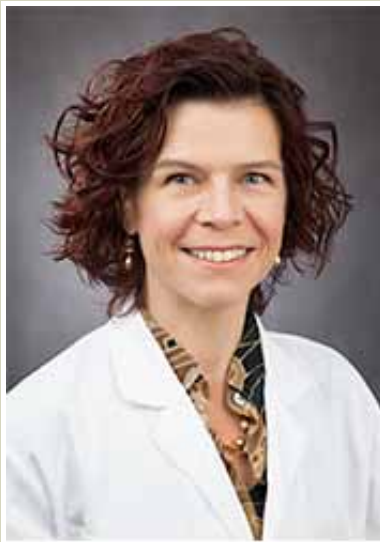
The Scope Awards Issue is published each summer as we congratulate our graduating residents and fellows and welcome in a new class of physicians and dentists who are training in one of our 19 accredited residency and fellowship programs. In addition to honoring these doctors, we also recognize faculty and staff who have achieved excellence in their teaching, their research, their leadership or their service. It is an honor to work side by side with these professionals to educate doctors and answer questions to some of medicine's greatest complexities. I also want to congratulate our 13 faculty members

who earned promotions this year. This speaks highly of their commitment to supporting our mission.

I also want to give congratulations to our partner, University Health System, Inc, and to all who are part of The University of Tennessee Medical Center. *US News and World Report* recently named UT Medical Center as the number one hospital in the region for the second year in a row and the number three hospital in the state. The 2013-2014 report of "[America's Best Hospitals](#)" also listed 11 specialties as high performers. This report speaks highly of the caliber of physicians who are faculty members at the UT Graduate School of Medicine, and I thank you not only for your commitment to clinical work but also to education.

James J. Neutens, PhD, FASHA
Dean

Dr. Laura Findeiss Returns to GSM as Radiology Chair



Dr. Laura Findeiss

Laura Findeiss, MD, FSIR, a radiologist with a diverse professional background that includes training in surgery at the UT Graduate School of Medicine as well as practicing emergency medicine in rural Tennessee, has been appointed Chair of Radiology for the UT Graduate School of Medicine as of August 1. Dr. Findeiss is a noted vascular and interventional radiologist, coming from the University of California Irvine Medical Center where she was Division Chief of Vascular and Interventional Radiology and Co-Director of UC Irvine's Ablative Oncology Center.

Prior to her position in California, Dr. Findeiss practiced in the Vascular Center of Excellence at Charleston Area Medical Center in West Virginia and then served as Chief of Vascular and Interventional Radiology at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.

Dr. Findeiss received her medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine in 1997 followed by two years of General Surgery Residency at the UT Graduate School of Medicine. She completed her Diagnostic Radiology Residency at Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle, Washington, in 2004 followed by a fellowship in Vascular and Interventional Radiology at the University of Washington Medical Center.

As chair, Dr. Findeiss said she plans to use her diverse medical experience to further integrate Radiology with multidisciplinary teams at The University of Tennessee Medical Center. She said, "My goal is to determine how we can best support the institution and the exciting work the clinics are doing here. Radiology is an important part of the healing component of our mission, and we work with a lot of referring physicians. I hope to use Radiology as a hub so that diverse medical professionals work together to support patient care."

Dr. Findeiss lectures nationally on a range of Vascular and Endovascular topics, image-guided treatment of vascular anomalies, and minimally invasive cancer interventions, including tumor ablation. Dr. Findeiss holds national leadership roles as a member of the Executive Council of the Society of Interventional Radiology, the SIR Foundation Board of Directors, and the Leadership Committee of the American Heart Association's Cardiovascular Radiology and Intervention Council.

Besides certifications in Diagnostic Radiology and Vascular and Interventional Radiology, Dr. Findeiss is certified by the American Board of Vascular Medicine in Endovascular Medicine and is a Registered Physician in Vascular Interpretation. She has been honored as a Fellow in the Society of Interventional Radiology (FSIR), as well as obtaining Fellow status in the American Heart Association.

On behalf of the Graduate School of Medicine, James Neutens, PhD, Dean, welcomes Dr. Findeiss and thanks Kathleen Hudson, MD, Associate Professor and Residency Program Director, for her service as Interim-Chair.

Faculty Distinguished for Teaching and Research

The 10th annual UT Graduate School of Medicine [Faculty Awards](#) were presented by James J. Neutens, PhD, Dean, William Metheny, PhD, Assistant Dean for Graduate Medical and Dental Education, and Mitchell Goldman, MD, Assistant Dean for Research, to the following recipients during the Resident Dinner and Faculty Awards Presentation June 27 at UT Conference Center. Honorees were also awarded money to be used for scholarly efforts.

GSM Spirit Award

Leonard Hines, MD and Paul Huffstutter, MD

Co-Directors, UT Center for Advanced Medical Simulation



(From left) Dr. James Neutens, Dr. Paul Huffstutter, Dr. Leonard Hines, Amy Paganelli

Dr. Hines and Dr. Huffstutter joined the UT Graduate School of Medicine in 2008 with the task of developing a nationally recognized medical simulation center. The Co-Directors had both retired as faculty surgeons from the UT Health Science Center before coming to UTGSM. They both completed their undergraduate and medical school degrees with the UT system. After coming to UTGSM,

Dr. Hines and Dr. Huffstutter succeeded at developing a nationally recognized medical simulation center. In December 2012, the UT Center for Advanced Medical Simulation became one of 67 medical simulation centers in the world to earn accreditation as a Level I Comprehensive Accredited Education Institute (AEI) from the American College of Surgeons (ACS). The Level I designation is the top accreditation available.

Dean Neutens said, "The Spirit Award is given to a faculty member who upholds and promotes the UT Graduate School of Medicine mission to colleagues, residents, students, staff and the community. By working together, Dr. Hines and Dr. Huffstutter have succeeded in this by creating a facility to train students, nurses, residents, fellows, faculty and community medical staff on advanced medical techniques in a no-risk environment, improving the quality of medical education and patient safety in the region and beyond."

Excellence in Teaching Award (Tie)

Richard Gibson, MD

*Associate Professor
Medicine*



(From left) Dr. William Metheny, Dr. Richard Gibson, Amy Paganelli

Dr. Gibson joined the UT Graduate School of Medicine as a Medicine faculty member in 2006 and is considered one of the strongest teaching attendings in the department. He is said to motivate and challenge the residents by allowing them autonomy in patient care while providing close guidance when necessary. As an internist, psychiatrist, nephrologist and lawyer, Dr. Gibson's skills, talents and knowledge are diverse. He was instrumental in developing the new psychiatry

clerkship for third-year medical students. Dr. Gibson also interviews medical students interested in completing the UTGSM Medicine Residency Program and mentors current residents for the department's residency mentoring program. He is also noted for his Grand Rounds presentations.

Rajiv Dhand, MD, Professor and Chair of Medicine said, "You would never guess Dr. Gibson's accomplishments given his humble demeanor. His quiet and empathetic nature endear him to the residents, and his intelligence and breadth of knowledge win their immediate respect. He has made invaluable contributions to the growth of our residency program."

Excellence in Teaching Award (Tie)

Alan Grindstaff, MD

Assistant Professor
Pathology



(From left) Dr. William Metheny, Dr. Alan Grindstaff, Amy Paganelli

Dr. Grindstaff has been a member of the UT Graduate School of Medicine Department of Pathology faculty for 13 years. He spends at least two hours per day providing educational conferences for residents. He also organizes board review time with senior residents after hours. Dr. Grindstaff is known within the department for sacrificing his own personal time for resident education. Residents have awarded him the department's Teacher of the Year award eight years in a row.

Lisa Duncan, MD, Associate Professor and Chair of Pathology, said, "Dr. Grindstaff has developed the teaching standard to which all faculty aspire. He has accomplished this despite a heavy service load and other clinical responsibilities that also demand his time. He has clearly placed the department above his own personal needs."

Excellence in Teaching for Volunteer Faculty Award

Alexander Pasciak, PhD

Clinical Assistant Professor
Radiology



Dr. Kathleen Hudson (middle) accepts the Excellence in Volunteer Faculty Award on behalf of Dr. Alexander Pasciak with Dr. William Metheny and Amy Paganelli.

Dr. Pasciak is a medical physicist who lectures both PGY2 and PGY3 Radiology residents in physics. He has also been mentoring PGY5 residents as they prepare for the physics portion of the American Board of Radiology computer-based exam. Dr. Pasciak established an online fluoroscopy training module for use by first-year residents and demonstrated a decrease in fluoroscopy time, which improved patient safety and care. Dr. Pasciak is noted for his commitment to teaching and accessibility to learners who request additional tutoring. He also actively involves residents in research and scholarly

projects.

Resident comments on evaluations include, "Great physics teacher and evident that he really wants all of us to do well and understand the material" and "Dr. Pasciak puts his all into our lectures."

Excellence and Leadership in Clinical Research Award

Wesley White, MD

Assistant Professor
Urology



Dr. Nikki Zite (middle) accepts the Excellence in Clinical Research award on behalf of Dr. Wesley White with Dr. Mitchell Goldman and Amy Paganelli.

Dr. White started his research career at the UT Graduate School of Medicine in 1996 as a student in the I. Reid Collmann, M.D. Medical Student Educational Endowment program. Ten years later, he won the Kimball I. Maull Research Award as Surgery resident. He has continued his research endeavors in Urology and published more than 40 peer-reviewed journal articles, seven book chapters and numerous abstracts. Dr. White has given a number of invited lectures and visiting professorships; he is a reviewer for eight urologic journals; and he is deputy

editor for the Laparoscopic and Robotics section of the Journal of Urology. Dr. White is currently involved in a prospective trial in prostate cancer and Zylflamend in collaboration with the UT Department of Nutrition as well as several other clinical trials. He also mentors residents in their presentations and publications.

Dr. Goldman said, "Dr. White is the consummate clinical researcher whose research on urologic techniques, outcomes and results has added to the literature in clinical urology."

Employees Earn Excellence Awards



Excellence Award winners (from left) Susan Rawn, Susan Burchfield, Ginger Hildebrand, and Elizabeth Carroll.

The UT Graduate School of Medicine recently honored employees with the sixth annual [Employee Excellence Awards program](#). Excellence Awards are given to staff members who go beyond the scope of their jobs by providing outstanding job performance, courtesy and customer service, community service and leadership. [View photos from the Awards presentations and luncheon](#) on *The Fuse*.

Excellence in Community Service

Elizabeth Carroll

Medical Administrative Assistant
Family Medicine Medical Records



(From left) Dr. Gregory Blake, Elizabeth Carroll, Dean James Neutens

Carroll has played a vital role in launching the University Family Physicians Community Outreach Committee and its Food and Clothing pantry. She is said to work hard, coming up with great ideas and implementing them. Also, when the Committee identifies patients in need, Carroll is said to take them "under her wing," getting to know them so that the Committee can help in the ways that best fit these families.

In nominating Carroll, Victoria Coy, Administrative Support Specialist, Family Medicine, said, "Beth's number one

quality is her big heart. She goes above and beyond to help families in need in every way possible."

Excellence in Job Performance

Susan Burchfield

Medical Administrative Coordinator
Medicine



(From left) Dean James Neutens, Susan Burchfield, Dr. Rajiv Dhand

Burchfield has taken on several new initiatives within the past few years including a department newsletter, expansion of the residency program, additional clerkships, continuing education conferences and more. She supervises several employees and is said to be accessible and compassionate as a manager. Burchfield is said to put everyone's needs above her own while performing at "top notch" levels.

Rajiv Dhand, MD, Chair of Medicine, said, "Susan possesses a superb knowledge of the workings of the department and also of university procedures. She has the uncanny ability to anticipate problems, think through them, and come up with practical solutions."

Excellence in Courtesy and Customer Service

Susan Rawn

Research Nurse Cccrainator
Surgery



(From left) Dean James Neutens, Susan Rawn, and Dr. Michael Freeman

Rawn is Clinical Trials Coordinator for the Department of Surgery, getting clinical trials and research studies off the ground as well as working with Internal Review Board for IRB approvals. Since joining UTGSM in 2009, she has successfully managed more than 50 clinical trials. She has also collaborated with corporate sponsors, LabCorp, and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville campus to bring to fruition trials that otherwise would not have been offered to UTGSM. Rawn has also assisted in fostering nursing clinical trials

and supported other departments through the research process. She helped form the East Tennessee Chapter of the Society for Vascular Nursing and was elected as its first president. Rawn is also noted for going above and beyond in working with patients who are involved in clinical trials.

In nominating her, Melissa Phillips, MD, Assistant Professor of Surgery, said "Susan is an amazingly hard worker. Even when she is busy, she makes the time to help and does so with a smile on her face. She goes above and beyond, always with a positive attitude. Her enthusiasm and support are contagious around the department of Surgery."

Excellence in Leadership

Ginger Hildebrand

Aaministrative Cccrainator
Surgery



(From left) Dean James Neutens, Ginger Hildebrand, and Dr. Brian Daley

Hildebrand is program coordinator for the General Surgery Residency Program and the Urology Residency Program. She is also program coordinator for the Vascular Surgery and Surgical Critical Care Fellowship programs. In her role, she has devised resident assessment tools; integrated data for targeted recruiting strategies; and assured compliance with Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, Residency Review Committee (RRC), National Resident Matching Program, The University of Tennessee Medical Center, departmental and

division policies. She is noted for being professional and cheerful and having an excellent work ethic.

In nominating her, Michael Freeman, MD, Professor and Program Director, Vascular Surgery Fellowship, said, "Ginger has been the glue that holds the surgical residency programs together. She keeps all of the programs running smoothly and is the major reason the programs continue to receive high marks from the RRC and the residents."

The Employee Excellence Awards are given annually in May, but nominations are accepted year-round. A complete [list of guidelines as well as the nomination form](#) can be found on *The Fuse*.

UTGSM Graduates Strengthen Medical Care in the Community



The UT Graduate School of Medicine graduated 64 residents and fellows from 19 programs this year. Several graduates have chosen to advance their skills in a GSM residency or fellowship program. Others

will commence their medical careers in the private and public sectors, impacting our community through patient care as well as education and research.

See which communities our latest graduates will practice in:

Anesthesiology

Jason Buehler, MD, fellowship, Pain Medicine, University of California, San Francisco, California

Nicholas Doiron, MD, fellowship, Obstetric Anesthesia, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Barry Faust, Jr., MD, fellowship, Pain Medicine, Indiana University, Indianapolis, Indiana

Christal Greene, MD, private practice, University Anesthesiology Association, Augusta, Georgia

Ashley Hambright, MD, fellowship, Obstetric Anesthesia, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Gregory Jackson, MD, fellowship, Pain Medicine, University of North Carolina

Nicholas Misulia, MD, private practice, Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, Albany, Georgia

Cardiovascular Disease

Jujhar Bains, MD, physician, Cumberland Medical Center, Crossville, Tennessee

Patricia Crawley, MD, fellowship, Interventional Cardiology, State University of New York Downstate, Brooklyn, New York

Cytopathology Fellowship

George Sneed, DO, faculty, UT Graduate School of Medicine

Emergency Medicine

Bradley McAbee, MD, private practice, Harris Regional Hospital, Sylva, North Carolina

Debjeet Sarkar, MD, plans pending

Family Medicine

Emily Edwards, DO, private practice, UT Family Physicians, Knoxville, Tennessee

Alan Haney, MD, private practice, Summit Medical Group, Knoxville, Tennessee

Benjamin Huff, MD, private practice, Summit Medical Group, Knoxville, Tennessee

Jonathan Laymance, MD, private practice, Roane County Family Practice, Harriman, Tennessee

Sahar Lotfi, MD, hospitalist, University of Tennessee Medical Center

Michael Martin, DO, private practice, UT Family Medicine, Jackson, Tennessee

Jennifer McHardy, MD, fellowship, Emergency Medicine, UT Graduate School of Medicine

General Dentistry

Christopher Laing, DDS, private practice, Tallahassee, Florida

Anne Newman, DDS, private practice, Roanoke, Virginia

Rebecca Peebles, DMD, plans to practice in Washington, DC

Claire Worthy, DMD, private practice, Hiwassee, Georgia

Medicine

Tonya Baker, MD, fellowship, Rheumatology, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky

Matthew Edwards, DO, hospitalist, University of Tennessee Medical Center, Knoxville, Tennessee

Shane Kelley, MD, private practice, Summit Medical Group

Adrienne Netterville, MD, fellowship, Allergy and Immunology, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Soham Patel, MD, fellowship, Endocrinology, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Owaisur Rahman, MD, hospitalist, Methodist Medical Center, Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Deepti Reddy, MD, faculty, Ochsner Health System, New Orleans, Louisiana

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Audrey Barry, MD, private practice, UT Women's Specialty Care at The University of Tennessee Medical Center

Kimberly Hopkins, MD, private practice, Charlotte, North Carolina

Kevin Visconti, MD, fellowship, Maternal-Fetal Medicine, University of Cincinnati, Ohio

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

David Pickett, DMD, private practice, Knoxville, Tennessee

Jason Pickup, DMD, plans pending

Oral Head and Neck Surgery

Andrew Lee, DDS, plans pending for private practice in Boston, Massachusetts

Pathology

Lucy DeFanti Maulbetsch, DO, fellowship, Cytopathology, UT Graduate School of Medicine followed by fellowship, Surgical Pathology, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, New York

Thomas Watkins, DO, fellowship, Blood Banking and Transfusion, University of Minnesota Medical School, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Pulmonary Disease

Syed Gilani, MD, plans pending

Arseniy Tsapenko, MD, DO, plans pending

Radiology

Ted Chang, MD, fellowship, Interventional Radiology, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia

Brian Dupree, MD, fellowship, Neuroradiology, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia

Josue Medina, MD, fellowship, Neuroradiology, University of Alabama, Birmingham, Alabama

Christine Ormsby (Waddell), MD, private practice, University Radiologists, Knoxville, Tennessee

Samuel Porter, MD, fellowship, Neuroradiology, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia

Sports Medicine

Julie Kafka, MD, fellowship, Urgent Care and Faculty Development, University of Illinois, Rockford, Illinois

Surgery

Emily Black, MD, private practice, Gainesville, Georgia

Nicholas Echemendia, MD, residency, Internal Medicine, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland Ohio

Nafiseh Hashemi, MD, residency, Ophthalmology and Visual Science, University of Texas, Houston, Texas

Thomas Jones, MD, private practice, Jackson, Mississippi

Bindhu Oommen, MD, fellowship, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, North Carolina

Valerie Sams, MD, fellowship, Surgical Critical Care/Trauma, United States Air Force

Ryenn West, MD, private practice, California

Jennifer Yam, MD, plans pending

Surgical Critical Care

Reagan Bollig, MD, faculty, UT Graduate School of Medicine

David Otto, MD, private practice, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Transitional Year

Austin Faulkner, MD, residency, Radiology, UT Graduate School of Medicine

Ryan Fischer, MD, residency, Dermatology, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas

Jordan Masters, MD, residency, Ophthalmology, University of Tennessee Hamilton Eye Institute, Memphis, Tennessee

Stanley Pace, MD, residency, Ophthalmology, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas

Craig Robinson, MD, residency, Radiology, UT Graduate School of Medicine

Jonathan Suther, MD, residency, Radiology, UT Graduate School of

Medicine

[Urology](#)

Brent Hardin, MD, private practice, Oxford, Mississippi

[Vascular Surgery](#)

Daniel Alterman, MD, private practice, Muskegon, Michigan

UTGSM Welcomes New Residents and Fellows



Medicine resident Dr. Cara Hartquist meets Pathology resident Dr. Jason Chen at the Welcome Dinner.

The UT Graduate School of Medicine welcomed 81 residents and fellows in 20 programs following orientation and a Resident and Fellow Welcome Dinner. These physicians and dentists come from across the world, bringing diverse knowledge to the residency and fellowship programs that uniquely combine to make the UT Graduate School of Medicine.

View the [2013 Resident and Fellow Welcome Dinner and Faculty Awards Presentation](#) photos.

[Anesthesiology](#)

Brandon Banks, MD, Louisiana State University School of Medicine in Shreveport

Bryce Busenlehner, MD, The Texas A & M University System Health Science Center College of Medicine

Jennifer Castelbuono, MD, Wright State University School of Medicine

Zachary Cooper, MD, Louisiana State University School of Medicine in Shreveport

Joseph Coppage, MD, University of Mississippi School of Medicine

David Graham, MD, University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine, UTGSM Medicine Residency

Benjamin Harper, MD, University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine

Matthew Wilkerson, MD, University of Texas - San Antonio

[Behavioral Medicine Fellowship](#)

Mark McGrail, MD, Uniformed Services University of the Health

Sciences

Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship

Steven Dolacky, MD, American University of the Caribbean
Madhur Roberts, MD, St. George's University School of Medicine

Cytopathology Fellowship

Lucy DeFanti, DO, Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine,
UTGSM Pathology Residency

General Dentistry

Chelsea Balderson, DDS, Virginia Commonwealth University
School Of Dentistry
Pallavi Dhingra, DDS, Virginia Commonwealth University School Of
Dentistry
Nhi Ho, DMD, Medical College Of Georgia School Of Dentistry
Timothy Johnson, DDS, University Of Texas, Houston Dental
Branch

Emergency Medicine Fellowship

Jennifer McHardy, MD, St. Christopher IBA MAR DIOP College of
Medicine, UTGSM Family Medicine Residency
Adrienne O'Connell, DO, Western University Health Sciences
College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific

Family Medicine

Christina Curzon, MD, American University of the Caribbean
Katherine C. Hall, MD, East Tennessee State University College of
Medicine
Cara Hartquist, DO, Kansas City University Of Health Sciences,
College Of Osteopathic Medicine
Ceba Humphrey, MD, Medical College of Georgia, UTGSM General
Surgery
Justin Jenkins, DO, Lincoln Memorial University-Debusk College of
Osteopathic Medicine
Allison Schafer, DO, Edward Via Virginia College Of Osteopathic
Medicine
Ashley Terry, DO, Nova Southeastern University College of
Osteopathic Medicine
Taylor Wright, MD, University of Tennessee Health Science Center
College of Medicine

Medicine

Neena Agrawal, MD, Medical University of South Carolina College
of Medicine
Charles Ailderdice, MD, University of Tennessee Health Science
Center College of Medicine
Sachin Amin, MD, St. George's University School of Medicine
Kendra Black, MD, East Tennessee State University College of
Medicine
Joshua Hayes, MD, Florida State University College Of Medicine
William Kittrell, MD, University of South Alabama College of
Medicine
Sarah Latif, MD, Meharry Medical College
Niva Misra, MD, East Tennessee State University College of
Medicine
Brock Mitchell, MD, East Tennessee State University College of
Medicine
Nathan Smith, MD, University of Tennessee Health Science Center
College of Medicine
Andrew Streicher, MD, University of Arkansas College of Medicine
Rafaela Toniolo, DO, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
Jennifer Winbigler, MD, University of Tennessee Health Science

Center College of Medicine

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Jennifer Bell, MD, East Tennessee State University College of Medicine

Stacy Lenger, MD, University of Missouri Columbia School of Medicine

Jamie Perry, MD, East Tennessee State University College of Medicine

Cynthia Wear, MD, Mercer University School of Medicine

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Zachary Bulmanski, DDS, Louisiana State University School Of Dentistry, UTGSM Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Intern

Michael Cofer, DDS, University of Tennessee College of Dentistry

James Tan, DDS, University Of Southern California School Of Dentistry

Oral/Head and Neck Surgery Fellowship

Benjamin Schlott, DMD, MD, University of Florida College of Medicine

Pathology

Jason Chen, MD, Ross University

F. Joe Nepveux, MD, Medical University of South Carolina College of Medicine

Pulmonary Disease Fellowship

Farhan Khan, MD, Dow Medical College

Dipaben Modi, MD, Government Medical School of India

Radiology

Austin Faulkner, MD, University of Mississippi School of Medicine, UTGSM Transitional Year

Christopher Kolze, MD, Texas Tech University School of Medicine, UTGSM Transitional Year

Craig Robinson, MD, Marshall University, Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, UTGSM Transitional Year

Jonathan Suther, MD, University of South Carolina School of Medicine, UTGSM Transitional Year

Mumtaz Syed, MD, Marshall University, Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine

Andrew Vincent, MD, University of South Alabama College of Medicine

Sports Medicine Fellowship

Erik Berger, MD, Morehouse School of Medicine

Surgery

Shannon Beierle, MD, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine

Sneha Bhat, MD, University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine

Evan Davidson, MD, University of Kentucky College of Medicine

Benjamin Ford, MD, Medical College of Georgia School of Medicine

Michael Lew, MD, New York Medical College

Austin Lewis, MD, Medical College of Georgia School of Medicine

Jacqueline Linton, MD, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center School of Medicine

Ricky Miller, MD, Louisiana State University School of Medicine in Shreveport

Anthony Nguyen, MD, Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University

Luke Norman, MD, St. George's University School of Medicine
Melissa Prather, MD, Ross University
Aaron Taylor, MD, Case Western Reserve School of Medicine
Christopher Winter, MD, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine

Surgical Critical Care Fellowship

James Corder III, MD, University of South Alabama College of Medicine

Transitional Year

Scott McElroy, MD, University of Kentucky College of Medicine
R. Hunter Pearson, MD, East Tennessee State University College of Medicine
John Prenshaw, MD, University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine
Jeremy Rawson, MD, University of Mississippi School of Medicine
Rupert Stanborough, MD, University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine
W. James Tidwell, MD, University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine

Urology

Kyle Basham, MD, University of Arkansas College of Medicine, UTGSM Surgery Preliminary Year
Ryan Owen, MD, Texas Tech University School of Medicine, UTGSM Surgery Preliminary Year

Vascular Surgery Fellowship

Lindsay Bools, MD, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine

Faculty Earn Promotions

The UT Graduate School of Medicine promoted the following faculty members in 2013.

Patrick McConville, MD, *Assistant Professor*, Anesthesiology
Murthy Akula, MD, *Associate Professor*, Radiology
Paul Campbell, MD, *Associate Professor*, Radiology
James Lewis, MD, *Associate Professor*, Surgery
J. Michael Lindsay, MSLS, *Associate Professor*, Preston Medical Library
Kenneth Bielak, MD, *Professor*, Family Medicine
Ronald Lands, MD, *Professor*, Medicine
Edwin Holt, MD, *Clinical Assistant Professor*, Surgery
Richard Smith, MD, *Clinical Assistant Professor*, Surgery
Michael Eilerman, MD, *Clinical Assistant Professor*, Surgery
Natalie Blache, MD, *Clinical Assistant Professor*, Obstetrics and Gynecology
Jo Kendrick, MSN, *Clinical Assistant Professor*, Obstetrics and Gynecology
Todd Abel, MD, *Clinical Assistant Professor*, Surgery

Departmental Awards

Anesthesiology Awards Teaching Excellence

Anesthesiology graduated six residents and presented awards for Excellence in Teaching to two faculty physicians at a ceremony in June. Teaching award recipients were selected by residents.

2013 Excellence in Teaching Awards

Craig Combs, MD

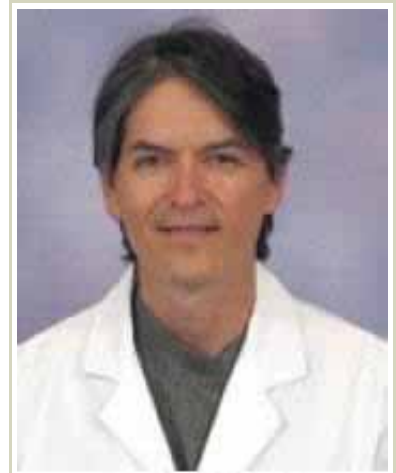
Instructor



Dr. Craig Combs

A. Audie Smith, MD

Assistant Professor



Dr. Audie Smith

Dentistry Celebrates Graduates



(From left) Dr. John Coulter, Dr. Kendall Peebles, Dr. Claire Worthy, Dr. Anne Newman, Dr. Lauren Smalley, Dr. Christopher Laing

[Dentistry](#) held a banquet for faculty and residents June 23, honoring its four graduates: Christopher Laing, DDS, and Kendall Peebles, DMD, who completed a two-year residency; and Anne Newman, DDS, and Claire Worthy, DMD, who completed the one-year program.

Family Medicine Honors Residents, Faculty, Staff

[Family Medicine](#) held a graduation ceremony June 28, presenting

awards to residents, faculty and staff.



(Back row, from left) Dr. Benjamin Huff, Dr. Michael Martin, Dr. Jonathan Laymance
(Middle row, from left) Dr. Alan Haney, Dr. Emily Edwards, Dr. Jennifer McHardy
(Front) Dr. Sahar Lotfi

Resident Awards

Joseph B. Moon Award

Jonathan Laymance, MD

The Joseph B. Moon Award is given to an outstanding senior resident each year.



(From left) Dr. Gregory Blake,
Dr. Jonathan Laymance,
Dr. Joseph Moon

Jane V. White Research Award

Emily Edwards, DO

This award recognizes creativity and perseverance in the pursuit of excellence in research in family medicine. It was created in honor of Jane White, PhD, RD, for her service of more than 30 years to the Department of Family Medicine and her research efforts in nutrition.

Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Award



(From left) Dr. Obaydah AbdurRaqeeb and Dr. Emily Edwards

Benjamin Huff, MD

This award recognizes outstanding family medicine/primary care research performed by a medical resident and is awarded through the North American Primary Care Research Group.

Benjamin Huff, MD
Jonathan Laymance, MD

Chief Residents Awards



Dr. Amy Barger-Stevens and Dr. Benjamin Huff

Faculty Awards



(From left) Dr. Benjamin Huff, Dr. Amy Barger-Stevens, Dr. Jonathan Laymance

UFP Faculty Award

David Stockton, MD, *Professor*



(From left) Dr. Jonathan Laymance, Dr. David Stockton, Dr. Benjamin Huff

Volunteer Faculty Award

Jerry Crook II, MD, *Clinical Faculty*

Staff Awards



Kelly McDaniel



Dr. Jerry Crook

Harold D. Blake Service Award

Kelly McDaniel, MPH, *Instructor and Administrative Director*

Clinical Staff Award

Betsy Bohannon, RD, CDE, *Dietitian*



(From left) Dr. Benjamin Huff, Betsy Bohannon, Dr. Jonathan Laymance



(From left) Dr. Jonathan Laymance, Lynn Lowery, Dr. Benjamin Huff

Administrative Staff Award

Lynn Lowery, *Medical Administrative Specialist*

Medicine Residents Earn Awards

residents and fellows in Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease and Pulmonary Disease programs.

Freeman Rawson Award



(From left) Dr. Shane Kelley and Dr. Mark Rasnake



(From left) Dr. Ryan Kerr and Dr. Mark Rasnake

The Freeman Rawson award, given in memory of long-time Medicine faculty member Freeman Rawson, MD, was presented to **Shane Kelley, MD**, third-year Medicine Resident, and to **Ryan Kerr, MD**, second-year Medicine Resident. This award is given annually to upper-level residents who embody the spirit of teaching and possess excellent clinical skills.

Dr. Rawson, who passed away in 2003, was a founding member of the Knoxville Cardiovascular Group and practiced medicine in Knoxville for 47 years. Dr. Rawson was known for his compassion and clinical skills.

Clinical Star Award

Eric Edwards, DO, Resident

The Clinical Star Award is selected by faculty, peers and staff to a third-year resident who best exhibits the criteria of excellence in patient care, medical knowledge, interpersonal and communication skills, as well as professionalism.



Dr. Eric Edwards

Lisa McCarty Kennedy Oncology Nursing Merit Education Award

Kathy Whaley, RN
Oncology Nurse
University Surgical
Oncology

The Lisa McCarty Kennedy Oncology Nursing Merit Education Award is awarded in honor of Lisa McCarty Kennedy, niece of Richard A. Obenour, MD, who battled lymphoma for two years. The award is given to an outstanding oncology nurse who provides

compassionate patient care; is dedicated to acquiring knowledge resulting in improved patient care; and who serves as a positive role model.



(From left) Jane Obenour, Kathy Whaley and Dr. Richard Obenour

Obstetrics and Gynecology Distinguishes Teaching and Research



(From left) Dr. Nikki Zite, Dr. Pleas Copas, Dr. Mitch Dizon, Dr. Kevin Visconti, Dr. Audrey Barry, Dr. Kimberly Hopkins, Dr. Daniel Lewis, and Dr. Bobby Howard

[Obstetrics and Gynecology](#) held the Department's 2013 Research Day on May 24 with guest speaker David Lewis, MD, Professor and Chair, Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of South Alabama, Mobile, Alabama.

Case Reports

"HSV Endometritis: A Case Report"
Audrey Barry, MD

"Pregnancy after Essure Placement"
Kimberly Hopkins, MD

"High Grade Primitive Neuroectodermal Tumor of the Uterus: A Case Report"

A. Mitch Dizon, MD

"The Fetal Heart Monitor Tracing in a Pregnancy Complicated by a Rupture of Fetal Vessels on the Placenta Surface"

Kevin Visconti, MD

Original Research

"Costs of Contraceptives Vary by Income"

Audrey Barry, MD

"Robotic Sacral Colpopexy for the Treatment of Symptomatic Pelvic Organ Prolapse in the Elderly Population"

A. Mitch Dizon, MD

"Chronic Maternal Opiate Use: Results in Decreased Head Circumference and Femur Lengths"

Kevin Visconti, MD

Awards

Obstetrics and Gynecology faculty, residents and staff attended an awards banquet June 16 to honor graduating residents and excellence in teaching. The following awards were presented.

Resident Awards



Dr. Suzanne Brown

**Obstetrics and Gynecology
Excellence in Teaching –
Resident**

Suzanne Brown, MD

Residents are responsible for teaching medical students, family medicine and transitional residents, as well as Ob/Gyn residents junior to themselves.

**Obstetrics and Gynecology
Outstanding Case Report**

Mitch Dizon, MD

This award is given for the best oral presentation of the research manuscript.



Dr. Mitch Dizon

**American Urogynecologic Society awarded Excellence
in Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery**



Dr. Kimberly Hopkins

Kimberly Hopkins, MD

Resident who demonstrates a commitment and excellence in the care of women with pelvic floor disorders.

A.W. Diddle, M.D., Research Award

Kevin Visconti, MD

This award is given for an

outstanding resident research manuscript.



Dr. Kevin Visconti

American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopist awarded Advancing Minimally Invasive Gynecology Worldwide Award

Kevin Visconti, MD

Special Resident in Minimally Invasive Gynecology

Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine Excellence in Obstetrics

Kevin Visconti, MD

Faculty Awards

APGO Excellence in Teaching

Kristopher Kimball, MD

Assistant Professor

The Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics provides this award to recognize outstanding women's health educators in Ob/Gyn education. Recipient names are published in The APGO Newsletter and listed in the Annual Report of the APGO Medical Education Foundations.



Dr. Kristopher Kimball

CREOG Excellence in Teaching

Nikki Zite, MD

Assistant Professor and Residency Program Director

The Council on Resident Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology offers this award for promoting high standards of residency education. Recipient names are published in The CREOG Newsletter.

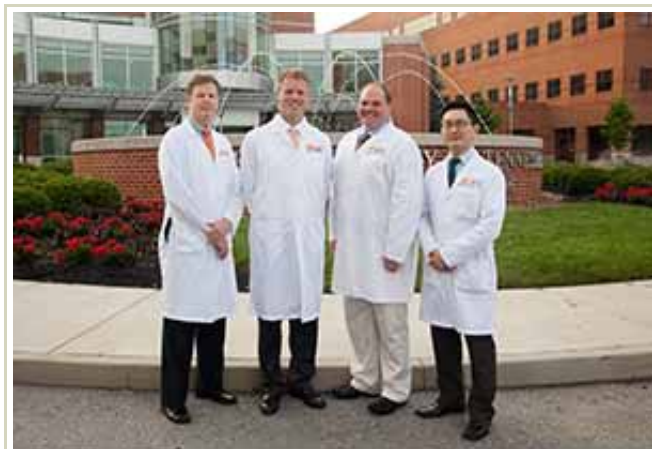


Obstetrics and Gynecology Faculty Excellence in Teaching 2012

Heather Moss, MD
Assistant Professor

Both third year medical students and Ob/Gyn residents vote on their best physician-educator/teacher.

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Congratulates Graduates



(From left) Dr. Eric Carlson, Dr. Jason Pickup,
Dr. David Pickett, Dr. Andrew Lee

[Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery](#) held a graduation reception June 29 to recognize its graduating residents, David Pickett, DMD, and Jason Pickup, DMD, and fellow, Andrew Lee, DDS. Jeff Hall, former UT Vols and St. Louis Rams football player delivered the motivational address.

Pathology Awards Research and Teaching



(From left) Dr. Sarah Carroll, Dr. Karyn DeSouza, Dr. Matthew Curzon, Dr. Marcus Winkler, Dr. Solomon Lee, Dr. Chad Hruska, Dr. Thomas Watkins, Dr. George Sneed, Dr. Rahul Dawane, Dr. Lucy DeFanti and Dr. N. Lynn Ferguson

[Pathology](#) held a graduation ceremony June 15 and presented awards for web case presentations, teaching and research.

Web Case Presentations Certificates of Excellence

Best Anatomical Pathology

Sarah Carroll, MD, and Solomon Lee, DO



(From left) Dr. Sarah Carroll and Dr. Laurentia Nodit



(From left) Dr. Laurentia Nodit and Dr. Solomon Lee

Best Clinical Pathology

Marcus Winkler, DO

Frances K. Patterson Resident Award

N. Lynn Ferguson, MD

This award is presented to a resident in the Pathology Residency Training Program who, by her actions, has fostered excellence in education, research, practice or community service.

The Francis K. Patterson Award is given in memory of long-time pathology faculty member and devoted teacher, Frances K. Patterson, MD. Dr. Patterson, who was with the University for more than 30 years, served as an Associate Professor in Pathology and Director of the Pathology Residency Program for more than 10 years.



(From left) Dr. Laurentia Nodit and Dr. Marcus Winkler



(From left) Dr. Lynn Ferguson and Dr. Lisa Duncan

Faculty Teaching Award

Alan Grindstaff, MD, Assistant Professor



Dr. Lynn Ferguson and Dr. Alan Grindstaff (photo from 2012 awards.)

Faculty Research Award

Amila Orucevic, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor

Radiology Recognizes Faculty and Residents



(From left) Dr. Lynn Ferguson
and Dr. Amila Orucevic



(From left) Dr. Ted Chang, Dr. Samuel Porter,
Dr. Christine Ormsby, Dr. Josue Medina, Dr.
Brian Dupree

The [Radiology Residency Program](#) held its 20th Annual Awards Banquet June 8 to honor graduating seniors and recognize residents and faculty. All five graduating senior radiology residents passed the American Board of Radiology Oral Examination. Kathleen Hudson, MD, Residency Program Director and Associate Professor, was a [board examiner for this final ABR oral board](#) exam.

Resident Award Winners

Professionalism Award

**Darrell Benton, MD,
Austin Bourgeois, MD
and Matt Layman, MD**

This award is in recognition of excellence in demonstrating a commitment to carrying out professional responsibilities and an adherence to ethical principles.



(From left) Dr. Darrell Benton, Dr. Matt Layman, Dr. Austin Bourgeois

Gould Award

Samuel Porter, MD

This award recognizes the upper year resident that best demonstrated dedication to the ideals of clinical radiology as exemplified by Howard R. Gould, MD.



Dr. Samuel Porter with his family.

Academic Excellence Award

Samuel Porter, MD

This award is given in recognition of outstanding academic performance in Radiology.

RSNA Research Award

Ted Chang, MD

This award recognizes residents who have played an active role in radiology research in the past year.



Annie Tang and Dr. Ted Chang

Faculty Awards

Faculty Teaching Award

Peter Petruzzi, MD



Dr. Peter Petruzzi

Faculty Service Award

Anton Allen, MD, and James Boyd, MD



(From left) Dr. Anton Allen and
Dr. James Boyd

Special Retirement Presentation

George Kabalka, PhD

Professor

The Department of Radiology presented George Kabalka, PhD, with a plaque expressing thanks and gratitude for 29 years of service and teaching.



(From left) Dr. William Pifanze
and Dr. George Kabalka

Surgery Honors Residents and Faculty

[Surgery](#) held its 22nd Annual Residents' Research Day in June. The program included Kimball I. Maull guest lecturer Jeffrey Ponsky, MD, who is the Oliver H. Payne Professor and Chair of Surgery at Case Western Reserve University.

The PGY2-4 Surgery and Urology Residents gave presentations to faculty, alumni and local physicians, where they competed for the Kimball I. Maull Research Award. Kimball I. Maull, MD, is former Chair of Surgery and a founding member of the Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma (EAST). EAST is dedicated to the study of the practice of surgery of trauma patients by establishing lectureships, scholarships, and foundations to promote, reward, and recognize individuals working in the field of injury and injury control.

The 30th Annual Chief Residents' Dinner was held June 15. The evening was devoted to honoring graduating residents and presenting awards.

Kimball I. Maull Clinical Science Awards



(From left) Dr. Mitchell Goldman and Dr. David Jeffcoach

First Place: David Jeffcoach, MD

"NSAIDs Impact on Non-Union and Infection Rates in Long Bone Fractures"

Second Place: Chandler Long, MD

"PARP-1 Deficiency Augments Intimal Hyperplasia in a Mouse Model of Arterial Injury"

Third Place: Camille Blackledge, MD

"Effect of Bariatric Surgery on Systemic and Adipose Tissue Inflammation"

Third Place: Sagar S. Gandhi,

MD

"Preoperative Assessment of Maximal Venous Outflow Velocity in the Evaluation of Permanent Hemodialysis Access Placement"

Urology First Place: James Bienvenu, MD

"Comparative Outcomes Among Obese and Non-Obese Patients Undergoing Robotic Partial Nephrectomy"

Scott B. Frame Trauma Scholarship Award

Kyle Kleppe, MD

This award is voted on by the faculty of the Division of Trauma/Critical Care and the winner receives a trip to the annual Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma meeting. The Scott B. Frame Trauma Scholarship Award is named in memory of Scott B. Frame, MD, former Surgery faculty member.



(From left) Dr. Brian Daley and Dr. Kyle Kleppe



Dr. Mitchell Goldman and
Dr. Valerie Sams

Hiram Crutchfield Resident Teaching Award

Valerie Sams, MD

This award is voted on by the residents to be given to the chief resident who takes the time and interest to teach fellow residents.

Society of Laparoscopic Surgeons Outstanding Laparoendoscopic Resident Surgeon

Emily Anne Black, MD

This award is voted on by attendings who perform laparoendoscopic surgery



Dr. Matthew Mancini
and Dr. Emily Anne
Black

The Golden Apple Award

David Jeffcoach, MD



Dr. Mitchell Goldman and
Dr. Melissa Phillips

Faculty Teaching Award

**Melissa Phillips, MD, Assistant
Professor**

Faculty Service Award

**Judy Roark, RN, Coordinator and Skiis Coach, UT Center for
Advanced Medical Simulation**



Judy Roark, RN

Graduate School of Medicine
University of Tennessee



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