Alpha Omega Alpha Convocation and Faculty Honors Convocation

March 25, 2010
12:00 noon
Eppley Science Hall Amphitheater

College of Medicine and School of Allied Health Professions
University of Nebraska Medical Center
2010 AOA DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER

presents

“In and Out of Haiti Since 1967: Lessons Learned and Hope”

by

Gretchen G. Berggren, M.D.
Consultant, International Health and Nutrition

Dr. Gretchen Berggren is a 1958 graduate of the College of Medicine. Along with her husband, Warren, a 1955 graduate of the College of Medicine, they have lived and worked in Haiti from 1967-1974 at the Schweitzer Hospital and from 1974-78 in the Projet Integree de Sante et de Population, under the Haitian Ministry of Health. They are on the faculty of the Harvard School of Public Health, teaching Haitian and Harvard students in field projects in Haiti. They have both served as international consultants and their work in reducing mortality from neonatal tetanus, in rehabilitating malnourished children, and in implementing a pioneering census-based program has laid the foundation for many similar programs around the world. After the January 12, 2010, earthquake, Gretchen returned to Haiti where Save the Children has asked her to teach and develop a curriculum for retraining rural community health workers, especially in nutrition. They are both fluent in French and Creole and the American Public Health Association has honored them with its Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in International Health in 1999, just one of many awards bestowed upon the couple.
AOA NOMINEES

2010 Student Nominees

Class of 2011
Steven Gogela  Kristin McGregor
Alex Lesiak    Melanie Ortleb
Kendra Lesiak  Jason Patera

Class of 2010
Sarah Brostrom  Lyndsay Schwab
Brian Kitamura  Mark Smith
Jared Kvapil    Mark Stavas
Melissa Langdon  Benjamin Teply
Gina Morgan     Joseph Vavricek
Eric Reed       Sarah Wunder

2010 Alumni Nominees

Gretchen G. Berggren, M.D., Golden, Colorado
Warren Berggren, M.D., Golden, Colorado

2010 Faculty Nominees

Devin R. Nickol, M.D., Internal Medicine
Weining (Ken) Zhen, M.D., Radiation Oncology

2010 House Officer Nominees

Aaron T. Benner, M.D., Radiology
Angela Kratochvil, M.D., Pediatrics
Dear Colleagues,

The Faculty Honors Convocation is an opportunity for the College of Medicine and the School of Allied Health Professions to recognize significant academic achievements in teaching, service or research by the faculty. Academic achievement is the essence of our mission and distinguishes us from the world around us. It fosters innovative ideas which create new knowledge and services for the benefit of our students, patients, and the community at-large. The academic impact of our faculty is clearly reflected by the array of achievements locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally. Moreover, the list of honorees is probably incomplete since the names of individuals to be honored at this convocation were supplied by each department and some may have declined the invitation to be honored.

We also take this opportunity to recognize those faculty members who met successfully the intense scrutiny of peer review and were promoted and/or tenured during the past year.

**Exceptional and Outstanding Achievement**
- A unique award presented by an entire class, school, college, national or international organization.
- A significant administrative position in a national or international organization.

**Special Achievement**
- An award presented by a department or group of residents.
- An elected position in a local organization.
- Honorary mention teaching awards.
- Service or research awards from other organizations.
- Other awards/administrative positions.

I congratulate all of the faculty listed in the program for your achievements and commend you for your contribution to the growing reputation of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine and School of Allied Health Professions for excellence.

Sincerely,

John L. Gollan, M.D., Ph.D.
Dean
College of Medicine
EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

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Internal Medicine

University of Nebraska Awards 2009

Outstanding Research and Creative Activity Award
Stephen I. Rennard, M.D.
Internal Medicine
UNMC Distinguished Scientists 2009

This award, sponsored by the Chancellor, recognizes those UNMC researchers who have been among the most productive scientists in the country over the past five years. Criteria for the award include the researcher’s history of leading an outstanding research program, publishing research results in journals of the highest quality, and showing the ability to attract and retain extramural funding. One individual is named UNMC Scientist Laureate, which is the highest recognition given to a UNMC scientist.

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Steven H. Caplan, Ph.D.  Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
John S. Davis, Ph.D.  Obstetrics and Gynecology; Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (courtesy)  
Howard S. Fox, M.D., Ph.D.  Pharmacology and Experimental Neuroscience; Pathology and Microbiology (courtesy)  
Tsuneya Ikezu, M.D., Ph.D.  Pharmacology and Experimental Neuroscience; Pathology and Microbiology (courtesy)  
Tammy L. Kielian, Ph.D.  Pathology and Microbiology; Pharmacology and Experimental Neuroscience (courtesy)  
Jennifer L. Larsen, M.D.  Internal Medicine  
Nora E. Sarvetnick, Ph.D.  Surgery; Pharmacology and Experimental Neuroscience (courtesy)  
Wallace B. Thoreson, Ph.D.  Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences; Pharmacology and Experimental Neuroscience (courtesy)  
James B. Turpen, Ph.D.  Genetics, Cell Biology and Anatomy

**UNMC New Investigators**

The New Investigators Award recognizes those UNMC researchers who have secured their first NIH funding and have demonstrated scholarly activity, such as presentation and publication.

Paul M. Dunman, Ph.D.  Pathology and Microbiology  
Lie Gao, Ph.D.  Cellular and Integrative Physiology  
Neena Haider, Ph.D.  Genetics, Cell Biology and Anatomy; Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences (courtesy)  
Dee Harrison-Findik, Ph.D.  Internal Medicine; Pathology and Microbiology (courtesy); Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (courtesy)  
Paul L. Sorgen, Ph.D.  Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
Feng Xie, M.D.  Internal Medicine
OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Surinder K. Batra, Ph.D.
2009 Carol Bell Distinguished Cancer Research Award
Eppley Cancer Center

William G. Chaney, Ph.D.
Golden Apple Award
American Medical Association
Freshman Class

Grace C. Johnson, PT, MS, OCS
Teacher of the Year
School of Allied Health Professions

Katherine J. Jones, PT, Ph.D.
Researcher of the Year
School of Allied Health Professions

Paul D. Larsen, M.D.
Hirschmann Prize for Teaching Excellence
Golden Apple Award – Basic Science
American Medical Student Association
Senior Class

Inducted into the Golden Apple Hall of Fame
American Medical Student Association

J. Scott Neumeister, M.D.
Hirschmann Prize for Teaching Excellence
Golden Apple Award – Clinical
American Medical Student Association
Senior Class

Mark E. Rupp, M.D.
President
Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America

Sanjay P. Singh, M.D.
A.B. Baker Teacher Recognition Award
American Academy of Neurology

Geoffrey A. Talmon, M.D.
Golden Apple Award
American Medical Association
Sophomore Class
Susanna Von Essen, M.D. MPH
  Chancellor Robert D. Sparks Award in Public Health and Preventive Medicine
  College of Public Health

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

Surinder K. Batra, Ph.D.
  Certificate of Recognition
  Chartered Member of NIH TPM Study Section
  NIH, CSR

Edward V. Fehringer, M.D.
  Outstanding Instructor Award
  Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Program
  Creighton University/University of Nebraska Health Foundation
  President-Elect
  Nebraska State Orthopaedic Society

Lie Gao, M.D., Ph.D.
  Travel Award, XXXVI International Conference of Physiological Sciences, Kyoto, Japan
  American Physiological Society

Grant F. Hutchins, M.D.
  Sir William Osler Teaching Award
  Outstanding Faculty Member
  Department of Internal Medicine

Jennifer L. Larsen, M.D.
  Member, National Council Endocrine Society
  Course Director, Clinical Endocrine Update
  Postgraduate Course, Endocrine Society

James McClay, M.D.
  Chair, Section of Emergency Medicine Informatics
  American College of Emergency Physicians
  Co-Chair, Emergency Care Work Group for HL7 Health Level Seven (HL7)
  Member, Emergency Department Work Group
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College of Medicine Alumni Association 2009 Faculty Recognition

The UNMC College of Medicine Alumni Association is proud to recognize the dedicated faculty members who have served the College of Medicine for 25 years.

George P. Casale, Ph.D. Surgery
Carol A. Casey, Ph.D. Internal Medicine
Jeffrey W. Hill, M.D. Family Medicine
Rodney D. McComb, M.D. Pathology and Microbiology
James R. O’Dell, M.D. Internal Medicine
Stephen I. Rennard, M.D. Internal Medicine
Dennis D. Weisenburger, M.D. Pathology and Microbiology

Craig A. Piquette, M.D.
Vice President, Association of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine Program Directors

Patty J. Scholting, PA-C
President-Elect
Nebraska Academy of Physician Assistants

Jon S. Thompson, M.D.
Outstanding Faculty Award
Surgery Residents

Stephane P. VanderMeulen, MPAS, PA-C
Director at Large, Board of Directors
Physician Assistant Education Association
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Outstanding Research and Creative Activity Award Internal Medicine

**PROMOTION AND TENURE**

Effective July 1, 2009

**Tenure at the Rank of Associate Professor:**
Tammy L. Kielian, Ph.D., Pathology and Microbiology
Huangui Xiong, Ph.D., Pharmacology and Experimental Neuroscience

**Tenure at the Rank of Professor:**
Shilpa J. Buch, Ph.D., Pharmacology and Experimental Neuroscience
Christopher C. Erickson, M.D., Pediatrics
Howard S. Fox, Ph.D., Pharmacology and Experimental Neuroscience

**Promotion to Assistant Professor:**
Jennifer J. Adams, M.D., Anesthesiology
Joan M. Daughton, M.D., Psychiatry
Nigar Fatma, Ph.D., Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Michael D. Griess, M.D., Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Naava Naslavsky, Ph.D., Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Sasha K. Shillcutt, M.D., Anesthesiology
Andrew O. Wahl, M.D., Radiation Oncology

**Promotion to Associate Professor:**
Neena Agarwala, M.D., Obstetrics and Gynecology
N. Jean Amoura, M.D., Obstetrics and Gynecology
Laura D. Bilek, PT, Ph.D., Physical Therapy Education
Pawel D. Ciborowski, Ph.D., Pharmacology and Experimental Neuroscience, Pathology and Microbiology (courtesy), Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (courtesy)
Kai Fu, M.D., Pathology and Microbiology
David R. Harnisch, Sr., M.D., Family Medicine
Lance H. Hoffman, M.D., Emergency Medicine
Kusum Kharbanda, Ph.D., Internal Medicine
Carol S. Lomneth, Ph.D., Genetics, Cell Biology and Anatomy
William L. Lyon, M.D., Internal Medicine
James McClay, M.D., Emergency Medicine, Internal Medicine (courtesy)
Prasad Padala, M.D., Psychiatry
Troy J. Plumb, M.D., Internal Medicine
David P. Poage, M.D., Radiology
James K. Wahl, Ph.D., Genetics, Cell Biology and Anatomy (courtesy)
**Promotion to Professor:**
Jeffrey N. Baldwin, Pharm.D., Pediatrics (courtesy)
Christopher C. Erickson, M.D., Pediatrics, Internal Medicine
  (courtesy)
Tsuneya Ikezu, M.D., Ph.D., Pharmacology and Experimental
  Neuroscience, Pathology and Microbiology (courtesy)
Peter C. Iwen, Ph.D., Pathology and Microbiology
Parmender Mehta, Ph.D., Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Donald F. Orton, M.D., Radiology
R. Brian Stevens, M.D., Ph.D., Surgery, Pathology and
  Microbiology (courtesy)