

The Garvin File

Personal:

- 1956, born in Akron, Iowa; father, Robert, was a large animal veterinarian; mother, Melba, was a homemaker; two older sisters, Michelle, an English teacher in Verona, Wisconsin, and Sue, a respiratory therapist in Chicago
- 1985, married Janette Luke of Edinburgh, Scotland
- They have three children – Robbie, 35, a cardiology fellow at UNMC/Nebraska Medicine; Elizabeth, 32, chief of staff for Alexis Ohanian, founder of [Seven Seven Six](#), a venture capital firm, co-founder of the social news website [Reddit](#); and Charlotte, 29, a wealth management advisor for [Northern Trust](#).
- Three grandchildren – Peter, 5, Hattie, 3, and Caroline, one month.

Education

- 1974, Akron, Iowa Community High School
- 1978, BS, chemistry, University of South Dakota, Vermillion
- 1982, MD, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Medicine post-degree training:

- 1982-1983, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, internship
- 1982-1987, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, orthopaedic residency
- 1987-1988, The Hospital for Special Surgery New York, New York City, hip fellowship/junior attending The Hospital for Special Surgery New York, NY, 1987-1988

Academic appointments:

- 2005-present, L. Thomas Hood, MD Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation, UNMC
- 2000 to present, chair, UNMC Department of Orthopaedic Surgery
- 1997- present, professor, UNMC Department of Orthopaedic Surgery
- 1992-1997, associate professor UNMC Department of Orthopaedic Surgery
- 1992, tenure appointment, UNMC
- 1988-1992, assistant professor, UNMC Department of Orthopaedic Surgery
- Nov. 1989-April 1991, interim chair, UNMC Department of Orthopaedic Surgery
- 1988-1991, chief of orthopaedic surgery, VA Medical Center, Omaha
- 1995, graduate faculty member, Graduate College, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Honors and awards

- 2013, Kaleidoscope Visionary Award, University Hospital Auxiliary-Nebraska Medical Center
- 2007, Lawrence D. Dorr, MD Award, American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons (most outstanding paper in surgical techniques/technologies for joint replacement)
- 2005, Jeannette Wilkins Award, Musculoskeletal Infection Society, (best clinical paper for the detection/treatment of musculoskeletal infection)

2005, HAP Paul Award, International Society Testing & Materials, (outstanding research in new technology for joint replacement)
2008, medical director, Olympic Swim Trials, Omaha
2015, 2019, top reviewer, awarded by the Board of Trustees, Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research
2018, Best Poster, American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, Adult Reconstructive Knee category (on lower wear of total knee replacements - is higher or lower contact area better?)
2018, Senior Achievement Award, American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
2018, 2019, 2020, reviewer recognition, Journal Bone and Joint Surgery (for successful completion of 15 high-quality reviews)
1983-1987, Outstanding Resident Teacher Award, University of Arkansas Medical Center
1996-2017, Best Doctors in America
2007-2020, America's Top Doctors, Castle Connolly Medical Ltd.
2000, 2005, marshal, British Open, St. Andrews, Scotland
1995, ABC Traveling Fellow (American Orthopaedic Association)

Professional memberships

1997, American Orthopaedic Association
2000, Alpha Omega Alpha-Nebraska
2002, American Orthopaedic Association, Endowment Founders' Club
2007, Knee Society
2012, International Hip Society
1993-1999, AAOS Board of Councilors, Nebraska Representative
1994, Hip Society
1993-present, Mid-America Orthopaedic Association, president – 2004-2005
1997, American Orthopaedic Association, member, Executive Committee 2014-2015
1997, The Hip and Knee Registry, board member, 1997-2000
2018-present, American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery, member, Board of Directors

Research:

17 funded grants
Editorial board, five journals
Editorial/consulting, 10 journals
Chaired, four scientific meetings
144 publications (plus six submitted)
35 chapters, 106 abstracts, 58 posters
84 co-authored scientific presentations
264 presentations, national and international meetings
48 presentations, regional/local meetings
6 scientific exhibits