



**“Faculty Update”
News from the Dean’s Office
KU School of Medicine
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One of my goals is to increase communications and keep everyone informed of important news and events. I welcome your comments and suggestions and continue to look for new ways to share information. If you have news to share with others, please send your information to Barbara Jaekel, assistant director, SoM External Affairs, at bjjaekel@kumc.edu.

***Our Vision:** The KU School of Medicine will work with its partners to enhance its reputation as the premier academic medical center in the region known for its excellent education, innovative scientific discovery, outstanding clinical programs and dedication to community service. It will be known as the place where everyone wants to come to learn, to teach, to conduct research and to receive health care.*

Education

- Our **LCME site visit** Oct. 24-26 went well and the reviewers were impressed with the changes that faculty and staff had made since their last visit. Following the visit, I had a good exit interview with the site visit team as did the Chancellor. In their summary statement they found five strengths (leadership, faculty, facilities and IT, students and OME), one partial non-compliance (didn't have a specific measurement tool for each of our curriculum objectives) and one transition (new curriculum). This isn't the final report or their recommendation. We are awaiting a draft report from the committee which we will respond to, and the final action of the committee is expected in early 2006. But I am very optimistic and pleased. I want to thank everyone who helped make this possible, including **Karl Becker, Glen Cox, Giulia Bonaminio, Bob Klein, Ed Dismuke, Garold Minns, Anne Walling, Scott Moser, Gary Doolittle** and **Kelly Magaha**. I know there were lots and lots of others who also made this happen and I want to thank and congratulate all of you.
- The School of Medicine, the Departments of Anatomy & Cell Biology and Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, and the Kansas Masonic Cancer Research Institute have

collaborated on the purchase of the Aperio ScanScope and related virtual microscopy software for teaching, “tissue banking,” patient care, and research.

Virtual microscopy will be used to teach Cell and Tissue Biology and Pathology in the new medical curriculum to be unveiled in August 2006. Over the past two years we have initiated a pilot virtual microscopy system as we have gone through a transition from traditional microscope labs to “virtual” microscope labs. Our students will no longer use microscopes in the new curriculum, but will use the virtual microscopy system on their tablet PCs. The system facilitates interactive and active learning experiences where students can create their own learning atlases and annotate virtual slides. The availability of both normal and abnormal tissue at the microscopic level will allow students to better visualize and understand the histopathology of specific disease processes. The virtual microscopy system has been introduced into residency education in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. Residents have access to both the normal and abnormal specimens in the virtual slide set.

The Aperio technology will also be used for “tissue banking” and patient care to facilitate evaluation of clinical cases. Traditional microscope slide production for clinical care will be reduced since virtual slides can be transmitted from site-to-site for remote teaching and/or consultation. The ScanScope creates a digital image of an entire “traditional” glass microscope slide at giga-pixel resolution in minutes, with outstanding image quality. Digital slide software delivers integrated digital slide creation, viewing, management, and analysis capabilities to pathologists enabling digital slides to be viewed and analyzed on a computer monitor from anywhere in the world. Virtual microscopy and digital slide images will be used clinically in the following ways: intraoperative consultation, second opinions, patient management conferences, and continuing education.

- **Donald Brada, MD**, clinical professor, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, has been named associate dean for Graduate Medical Education and Designated Institution Official at the Wichita campus. He replaces **Frederic Chang, MD**, who will retire in January 2006.
- **Frederic Chang, MD**, associate dean for Graduate Medical Education, has been appointed as professor emeritus of Surgery by **Chancellor Robert Hemenway**. The appointment was effective July 1.
- **Jennifer Bacani** (W’06) has been named the American Academy of Family Physicians’ student alternate delegate to the American Medical Association - Medical Student Section. She is also a student representative to the Kansas Academy of Family Physicians board, and has been awarded the Executive Vice Chancellor’s Diversity Award, which honors an individual, unit, team or organization that has made a significant contribution to the advancement of diversity goals.
- Four new members of were added to the Alpha Omega Alpha roster in September. They are **David Larson; Brooke Mason; Katie Sutton; and Roya Tehrani**.

- **Michael Machen, MD**, clinical assistant professor, and **Larry Anderson, MD**, clinical professor, Family and Community Medicine, received National 2005 Exemplary Teachers of the Year at the American Academy of Family Physicians Scientific Assembly. In the nine years the national award has been offered, at least one KUSM-W faculty member has been honored in six of those years.

Research

- As part of KUMC's on-going efforts to educate lawmakers and the public on the scientific implications and ethical considerations surrounding stem cell research, the EVC's office has launched a stem cell web site, www.kumc.edu/stemcell/. The site includes stem cell research basic information, including a glossary of terms, a legislators' toolkit, Dr. Atkinson's views on stem cell research and the latest journal articles on the topic.
- At the KUMC convocation Sept. 6, KU Chancellor Robert Hemenway announced that fighting cancer was the University's number one priority. "Under the leadership of Roy Jensen, we are engaged as a university in the all out pursuit of building a world class cancer center," Hemenway added. "In the months ahead I will be working with our Congressional delegation, state legislators and our governor to identify additional resources to help us in this fight against cancer. We must have sustainable funding to assist with the recruitment and retention of the superb scientists necessary to staff this initiative. We will also be asking private citizens, foundations and corporations to become our partners in this fight. I will be working with our endowment association leaders to provide meaningful opportunities for private donors to connect to this dream."
- **Dale R. Abrahamson, PhD**, an internationally recognized researcher in kidney development and chair of the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, was the recipient of the 2005 Chancellors Club Research Award, presented at Faculty Research Day, Nov. 2. **John Stanford, PhD**, assistant professor, Molecular and Integrative Physiology, received the Noffsinger Investigator Award. **Edward B. Stephens, PhD**, Anatomy and Cell Biology, also received an Investigator Research Award. Kansas IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence Scholars were **Shilpa Buch, PhD**, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, and **Gustavo Blanco, PhD**, Molecular and Integrative Physiology.
- KUMC's Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD) research program has successfully competed along with Harvard and Yale Universities to win a five-year \$5.5M National Institutes of Health center grant. KUMC's PKD research center has been funded continuously by the NIH for the past six years. The grant will fund four major research projects to study cell proliferation in PKD and two pilot and feasibility projects intended to bring new investigators into the PKD field and assure long-term future research to benefit PKD patients. **James P. Calvet, PhD**, professor in the

Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, is the principal investigator for the grant and program director. In addition to Calvet, other KUMC researchers funded by this grant include **Darren Wallace, PhD**, research assistant professor, Internal Medicine; **Robin Maser, PhD**, research associate professor, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology; **Gregory Vanden Heuvel, PhD**, assistant professor, Anatomy and Cell Biology; and **Zhousheng Xiao, MD, PhD**, research assistant professor, Internal Medicine.

- **Gerald M. Carlson, PhD**, professor and chair, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, has been awarded a four-year \$1.53M grant from the National Institutes of Health to study “Subunit interactions of phosphorylase kinase” in response to different biological signals, especially Ca²⁺-dependent contraction and energy production in muscle. This project has been continuously funded by the NIH since 1986.
- Dr. Carlson also was awarded a two-year \$387,800 NIH grant for his project titled “Proteomics to screen for a protein kinase that uses PEP (phosphoenolpyruvate).” Dr. Carlson’s research team includes **Owen Nadeau, PhD**; **Marina Jeyasingham, PhD**; **Patrick Daniels**; **Igor Boulatnikov**; **Tim Priddy**; and **Jessica Roberts**. Other KUMC collaborators include **Antonio Artigues, PhD**, and **Todd Holyoak, PhD**.
- **Michael J. Soares, PhD**, professor and director, Division of Cancer and Developmental Biology, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, was awarded \$1,012,500 direct costs plus \$475,875 indirect costs from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development for the project entitled “Regulation of Pregnancy-Dependent Adaptations.” In this research project, Dr. Soares will evaluate cellular and molecular mechanisms underlying the maternal compensatory response to maternal hypobaric-hypoxia, including the regulatory roles of NK cells and the trophoblast-derived cytokine, prolactin-like protein-A (PLP-A).
- **David Grainger, MD, MPH, FACOG**, professor, Ob/Gyn, has been selected by **Dean S. Edwards Dismuke, MD, MSPH**, to serve as interim associate dean for Research for the medical school. The appointment is effective Nov. 14. He replaces **Amanda Golbeck, PhD**, who remains on the faculty as a professor of Internal Medicine. Grainger, who also holds faculty appointments in Family and Community Medicine and Preventive Medicine and Public Health, is the director, Reproductive Endocrinology for Ob/Gyn.
- **Shilpa Buch, PhD**, assistant professor, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, received an NIH R21 grant entitled “Development of Neuronal Gene Therapy for HIV Dementia.” This award of \$275,000 will be used toward the exploration of an innovative and novel gene therapy involving delivery of antisense CXCL10 DNA targeted to neurons in the brain with a view to abrogating neuronal apoptosis.
- **Patrick Fields, PhD**, assistant professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, has received a K22 Research Scholar Development Award. This NIAID/NIH-sponsored two-year \$250,000 grant is to fund the study of the role of chromatin remodeling in T

cell differentiation. Dr. Fields also received the K-INBRE Administrative Core Award. This award is \$35,000 and is for one year.

- **Linheng Li, PhD**, assistant professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine and assistant investigator at Stowers Institute, was awarded a National Institutes of Health RO1 grant by the National Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Advisory Council. The three-year grant of approximately \$1 million will support Dr. Li's work in identifying intestinal stem cells (ISCs) and the ISC niche components. The grant is titled "Role of BMP Signaling in Intestine Stem Cell Development."
- **Cary Savage, PhD**, associate professor, Hoglund Brain Imaging Center, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, has received a one-year grant from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, "Heartland Genetics and Newborn Screening Collaborative." This collaborative is funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration/ Maternal and Child Health Bureau. Dr. Savage has been contracted to work in collaboration with Dr. Merlin Butler at Children's Mercy Hospital to conduct "fMRI studies of Food Motivation in Prader-Willi Syndrome."
- **Bruno Hagenbuch, PhD**, professor in the Department of Pharmacology, Toxicology and Therapeutics, talks about his highly cited work on organic anion transporting polypeptides in the current web publication, In-Cities, <http://www.in-cities.com/scientists/BrunoHagenbuch.htm>. According to a recent analysis of the ISI Essential Science Indicators Web product, Dr. Hagenbuch's work in Pharmacology and Toxicology achieved the highest percent increase in total citations. His overall current record in their database includes 60 papers cited a total of 2,790 times to date.
- The Hoglund Brain Imaging Center has formed a research affiliation with the Kansas City Center for Anxiety Treatment (KCCAT). KCCAT is directed by Dr. Lisa Hale, and provides state-of-the-art cognitive behavioral treatments for anxiety disorders, including obsessive-compulsive disorder, generalized anxiety and phobias. KCCAT will serve as the primary referral source for subjects in imaging-based research studies of anxiety disorders at HBIC.
- The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of Research on Women's Health and other cosponsors recently awarded KUMC a five-year \$2,497,500 grant to create a Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health (BIRCWH) program. Faculty from the Schools of Medicine, Allied Health, Nursing and Pharmacy will be active participants in the program. Nationally, 24 centers have been established since the fall of 2000. KUMC is one of 11 universities in nine states to receive grant awards in 2005 to continue or develop such programs. Others include Harvard University, the University of California and the University of Michigan. **Patricia A. Thomas, MD**, professor and chair of Pathology and associate dean for the Office of Cultural Enhancement and Diversity, is the principal investigator for the grant. The program provides funds to promote junior faculty development across all dimensions of research related to women's health and sex and gender factors, as well as promotes

the partnership and participation of clinical and basic scientists from all schools on the KUMC campus.

- **Numa Dancause**, a graduate student in Molecular and Integrative Physiology, working in Randy Nudo's lab, has an article on extensive cortical rewiring after brain injury in "This Week in the Journal" in the current issue of the *Journal of Neuroscience*.
- **Jeffrey Holzbeierlein, MD**, assistant professor, Urology, has been awarded a Department of Defense New Investigator Award for work on C-terminal inhibitors of heat shock protein for the treatment of prostate cancer. An R01 is currently pending on this research.
- KUMC is taking part in the National Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative, a unique partnership sponsored by the National Institutes of Health. **Jeffrey M. Burns, MD**, assistant professor in Neurology and director of the Alzheimer and Memory Center, is the principal investigator. The initiative is being undertaken to find the most effective methods for tracking physical changes in the brain and in body fluids during the course of Alzheimer's disease and to establish those methods as clinical standards. These standards would then be used during clinical trials to assess the effectiveness of new Alzheimer's medications, which in turn could lead to more efficient trials and faster approval of medications.
- **Ann McGrath Davis, PhD**, has received a K23 career development award from the NIDDK/NIH to study "Enhancing Nutrition and Activity in Rural Children." This five-year award of \$612,062 will allow Dr. Davis to receive further training in nutrition, physical activity and public health as it relates to pediatric obesity while also conducting a research study to assess and treat obese children via TeleMedicine in the state of Kansas. Her mentors include **Michael Rapoff, PhD**, professor, Behavioral Pediatrics; **Susan Carlson, PhD**, professor, Nutrition; **Joseph Donnelly, PhD**, director, Energy Balance Laboratory and Center for Physical Activity and Weight Management, Lawrence; and **Edward Ellerbeck, MD, MPH**, interim chair and associate professor, Preventive Medicine and Public Health.
- The Department of Pediatrics Research and Scholarship Committee, chaired by **Ann McGrath Davis**, has formed a new Clinical Trials Subcommittee to promote the conduct of clinical trials in the Department of Pediatrics. **Jo-Ann Harris, MD**, is chair of this subcommittee and **Jamie Young** has been hired as a new assistant professor to work with Dr. Harris in promoting clinical trials.
- **Aimee James, PhD, MPH**, research assistant professor, Preventive Medicine & Public Health, received a five-year career development award of \$726,000 from the American Cancer Society for her research on colorectal cancer screening among low-income adults.

- **Christie Befort, PhD**, Preventive Medicine & Public Health, received a \$138,000 American Cancer Society grant for a three-year postdoctoral fellowship. This award will fund her work at Swope Parkway Health Center to examine methods to improve adherence to obesity management in minority populations.
- **Kimberly Engelman, PhD**, assistant professor, Preventive Medicine & Public Health, received a \$721,000 grant from the American Cancer Society to examine factors associated with higher mammography screening rates among certain mammography facilities.
- **Sue Min Lai, PhD**, professor, Preventive Medicine & Public Health, will be working on a \$497,288 bridge project with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to study the epidemiology of cardiovascular risk factors across Kansas.

Community Outreach

- **Samrah Mansoor, MD**, a resident physician in KUSM-W's Wesley Family Medicine Residency Program, is working with family physicians to promote awareness of autism in the Wichita community. She was one of two resident physicians nationwide to be presented the Resident Community Award at the National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students in Kansas City, Mo. She has developed a brochure, printed by Wesley Medical Center, which lists the normal developmental milestones and the symptoms of potential autism.
- The Center on Aging has collaborated with the Developmental Disabilities Center and has been awarded a four-year Health and Human Services Grant to provide interdisciplinary training related to rural health issues. This is a competitive renewal grant for the Center on Aging, but the first year Developmental Disabilities and systems leadership has been an additional focus of the grant. **Linda Redford, PhD**, is the PI on the grant and **Matt Reese, PhD**, is a Co PI. Others DDC include **Kathy Ellerbeck, MD**, **Lou Rinner, MS**, and **Vickie Miller, MS**.
- Participants in the third annual Jayhawk Roundup, Oct. 22, enjoyed music, food, silent and live auctions, a special performance by the KU Dance Team and participated in a poker tournament, "Hawk Hold 'em." Nearly \$70,000 was raised to support student education projects on the Wichita campus and scholarships on the Lawrence campus.
- KUSM-W's Psychiatry Interest Group (PsyIG), collaborated with psychology interns from the Wichita State University (WSU) Counseling Center and staff from the Mental Health Association to provide free depression screenings as part of National Depression Screening Day, Oct. 6. Faculty liaison was **Michael Burke, MD, PhD**, associate professor, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. In addition to psychiatry resident **Mark Stewart, DO**, medical students who volunteered included **Vadim**

Izgur and Justin Mills from W06, and from W07, **Tom Alderson, Clint Seifert, Kari Harris, Luis Salazar and Christina Schnose.**

- **Linda Frazier, MD, MPH**, professor, Preventive Medicine and Public Health, is one of the curriculum delivery coordinators for a US EPA grant, “Building Health Professional Capacity to Address Children’s Environmental Health.” The two-year grant to the Center for International Rural and Environmental Health at the University of Iowa will involve distance teaching in children’s environmental health in Eastern Europe. Principal investigator is **Larry Frisch, MD, MPH**, Andrews Associate Professor of Community Health Sciences at Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine. Frisch is a former KUSM-W faculty member who directed the Health of the Public course and taught in the Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health.
- In 2004, the Bureau of Children, Youth and Families at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) received an Incentive Award from Champions for Progress. The Champions for Progress Center provides leadership support for state and territorial Title V programs in the process of systems building at the state and community levels for children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN). The purpose of the award was to develop and implement both medical home and transition management strategies with Kansas Stakeholders and to integrate this information into the health care delivery system currently available at the local level. In September, 2005, \$6,000 of the award was allocated to **Kathryn Ellerbeck, MD, MPH**, and **Matt Reese, PhD**, of the Developmental Disabilities Center, to develop a project to improve collaboration between the medical home and subspecialty care providers using telemedicine. Faculty and staff involved in the project include:
 - **Kathryn Ellerbeck, MD, MPH**, co-chair, KAAP Chapter CYSHCN
 - **Michael Kennedy, MD**, assistant dean for Rural Health Education, Vice-President KAFP
 - **Valerie Kerschen, MD**, Wichita, co-chair, KAAP Chapter CYSHCN
 - **Carol Lindsley, MD**, Rheumatology Division Chief
 - **Matthew Reese, PhD**, deputy director, Developmental Disabilities Center
 - **Catherine Rippey**, senior coordinator Outreach & Interdisciplinary Programs
 - **Ryan Spaulding**, director of the Center for Telemedicine and Telehealth

Leadership/Awards/Honors

- **Laurence Y. Cheung, MD**, professor and former chair of General Surgery, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture at the United Arab Emirates University during the 2005-2006 academic year. Dr. Cheung will lecture on “Evidence-based surgery in the medical curriculum using a student-centered educational approach.” He is one of approximately 850 U.S. faculty and professionals who will travel abroad to 150 countries for the 2005-2006 academic year through the Fulbright Scholar Program. Recipients of Fulbright Scholar awards are selected on the basis of

academic or professional achievement and because they have demonstrated extraordinary leadership potential in their fields.

- **Michael Kennedy, MD**, assistant professor, was named the first Assistant Dean for Rural Health Education and the first recipient of the McCann Professorship in Rural Health. Dr. Kennedy is also course director for Introduction to Clinical Medicine–CS I, the Clinical Skills course for first-year medical students.
- **Rick Kellerman, MD, FAAFP**, professor and chair, Family and Community Medicine, has been chosen president-elect of the American Academy of Family Physicians. KUSM-W is rapidly cementing its reputation as the organizational leader in primary care medicine. **Donna Sweet, MD**, professor, Internal Medicine, is currently serving as chair of the Board of Regents of the American College of Physicians.
- **Sharon Lynch, MD**, associate professor and director of the Multiple Sclerosis Clinic, was recently selected to be an inductee to the National MS Society's 2005 Volunteer Hall of Fame in Clinical Programs-Research. The award was presented Nov. 11 at the group's National Conference in Atlanta.
- **Matthew S. Mayo, PhD**, director, Center for Biostatistics and Advanced Informatics, and associate professor, Preventive Medicine and Public Health, will serve as a member of the American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC) Statistical Task Force as work begins on the development of the 7th Edition of the AJCC Cancer Staging Manual. The manual is scheduled for publication in 2009 and implementation in 2010.
- **Heidi Chumley, MD**, assistant professor and director of Pre-doctoral Education in the Department of Family Medicine, was elected chair of the newly-reconstituted Education Council, which serves as the curriculum committee for the School of Medicine. She will help oversee the implementation of the new medical school curriculum.
- **Giulia Bonaminio, PhD**, associate dean for medical education, was re-elected president of the International Association of Medical Science Educators.
- **Deborah Clements, MD**, associate professor and assistant residency director, Family Medicine, was named by Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius to the Council on Fitness.
- **Madelyn Pollock, MD**, associate professor, Family Medicine, was named associate medical director for the Kansas Foundation for Medical Care, the state's CMS-mandated quality agency.
- **Belinda Vail, MD**, clinical associate professor, vice chair and residency director, Family Medicine, received the Nason Family Award for Excellence in Teaching.

- **Michael Rapoff, PhD; Carol Lindsley, MD; Susan Wright, OTR; and Ann Kunkel**, all from Pediatrics, were recipients of the 40th Anniversary Starr Award for contributions to rheumatology by the Association of Rheumatology Health Professionals/American College of Rheumatology at the annual convention Nov.14.
- **Michael Rapoff, PhD**, has been appointed to the Research and Education Foundation (REF) Scientific Advisory Council. The REF is a division of the American College of Rheumatology and distributes millions annually to programs of education, training, and research for physicians, research, health care professionals, and students. Dr. Rapoff is the Association of Rheumatology Health Professionals representative to the REF Scientific Advisory Council and will serve a two-year term.
- **Martha Staker**, director, Project Eagle, has been appointed to the National Advisory Group for developing a supplement to the National Association for the Education of Young Children's Code of Ethical Conduct.
- **Stephen Smith, MD**, has been elected to the American Pediatric Society.
- **Carol Lindsley, MD**, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the American Board of Pediatrics.
- **Kathryn Ellerbeck, MD**, is a member of the newly formed Kansas Child and Adolescent Health Council which was started to promote child and adolescent health outcomes through collaboration with KDHE and other stakeholders. **Pam Shaw, MD**, is the chairperson and **Carol Lindsley, MD**, is also on the council.
- **Jo-Ann Harris, MD**, is the chair for the Kansas Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics Immunization Committee. She is also the chair for the Pediatric Clinical Trials Program in the Department of Pediatrics and a member of the Education Committee for the Society of Hospital Epidemiology of America.
- **Ellen Averett, PhD, MHSA**, research assistant professor, Health Policy and Management, has been re-elected chair of the Research and Evaluation Committee of the Kansas Public Health Association.
- **C. Don Morgan, PhD**, associate professor, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, has been elected a Fellow in the Society for Personality Assessment.
- **K. James Kallail, PhD**, professor and associate chair, Internal Medicine, has been invited to participate in the 2005 Kansas Health Foundation Fellows program. He is the fourth KUSM-W faculty member to participate in the one-year leadership development program that strives to develop a cadre of leaders in health care in the state.

- **Jeffrey Holzbeierlein, MD**, assistant professor, Urology, has been elected to the Board of Directors for the Society of Urologic Oncology. He is also chair of the Faculty Council and was named one of America's Top Physicians in the *Guide to America's Top Physicians*.
- **Tomas L. Griebing, MD**, vice-chair of Urology, is chair of the Humanities and Arts Committee of the Gerontological Society of America. He is also president of the Geriatric Urological Society of the American Urological Association and president of the Kansas City Urological Society. He was named one of America's Top Physicians in Urology and Gerontology in the *Guide to America's Top Physicians*.
- **Michael Fox, ScD**, associate professor and interim chair, Health Policy and Management, recently presented results of his one-year study funded by the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation on developing a public health action plan to improve the quality and quantity of paralysis data at the Southwest Conference on Disability in Albuquerque. He also was the recipient as co-P.I., along with Dr. Glen White of the KU Department of Applied Behavioral Psychology, of a \$162,500 supplemental grant to investigate the impact of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma on the lives of persons with disabilities living in affected Gulf Coast regions. Dr. Fox also spoke in October at the American Medical Student Association Region Five Meeting on "Iraq and the Home Front: The Silence of the Lambs."

Welcome New Faculty & Staff

- **Kirsten Evans, MD**, assistant professor, Ambulatory Pediatrics
- **Okunola Oluola, MD**, clinical instructor, Neonatology
- **Maura Wendland, PhD**, clinical assistant professor, Behavioral Pediatrics
- **Jamie Young, OTD**, research instructor, Pediatrics
- **In-Young Choi, PhD**, assistant professor, Hoglund Brain Imaging Center, Neurology.
- **Lisa Hale, PhD**, research assistant professor, Hoglund Brain Imaging Center, Neurology.
- **Sang-Pil Lee, PhD**, assistant professor, Hoglund Brain Imaging Center, Molecular and Integrative Physiology.
- **Kevin McDonald, MD**, assistant professor, Surgery/Urology.
- **Patrick Fields, PhD**, assistant professor, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine.
- **Raymond A. Franklin, MPA**, administrator, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine.
- **Jiger Patel, MD**, assistant professor, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine.
- **Leslie Russell**, executive assistant, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine.
- **Elise Tran, PhD**, senior research scientist, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine.
- **Da Zhang, MD**, assistant professor, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
- **Ana Paula Cupertino, PhD**, postdoctoral fellow, Preventive Medicine & Public Health.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 7 – University Holiday Party, 2-5 p.m., School of Nursing Atrium.

Dec. 8 – Investiture ceremony and reception in honor of Jared J. Grantham, MD, recipient of the Harry Statland Professorship in Nephrology, noon, School of Nursing Auditorium; reception to follow in 4024 Varnes Center.

Dec. 9 - Kathryn Veal, MD, clinical assistant professor, Ambulatory Pediatrics, and **Jennifer Lowry, MD**, Poison Center medical director, will present at the “Mid-America Pediatric Environmental Hazards Conference” at Holiday Inn on the Plaza. CME and CNE credits are available.