

# VANDERBILT Dermatology 2023

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February 2023

Dear Friends,

**Greetings from Nashville and we hope you have had a great year!** It was wonderful to see so many alumni and friends last March at our Vanderbilt Reunion at the Academy meeting in Boston. It's hard to believe we'll soon mark our fifth year as a full department at Vanderbilt; in this newsletter we're very glad to update you on news from Vanderbilt Dermatology over the last year.

The Department certainly doesn't seem the same without the inimitable daily input and advice of Dr. Lloyd King. In May, we gathered with Lloyd's family to remember him and celebrate his legacy. And, we are honored to announce the Dr. Lloyd E. King, Jr. Faculty Scholar award, supported by a fund established in Lloyd's honor through the generosity of Dr. Morgan L. Magid. Dr. Magid is an alumnus of the School of Medicine at Vanderbilt; his interaction with Dr. King was pivotal in shaping his career in Dermatology. This year, the Dr. Lloyd E. King, Jr. Faculty Scholar is our esteemed colleague, Dr. Darrel Ellis, who delivered a Grand Rounds lecture on November 17, at which we also commemorated Dr. King's role in Dermatology at Vanderbilt.

Our colleague Dr. Jeff Byers continues to be in our hearts even now almost two years after his death. We are lucky that we will be able to remember him explicitly every year during a named lecture in his honor, supported by our former colleague, Dr. Sharon Albers and Dr. Ravi Chari. This year, Dr. Neil Prose, Professor of Pediatrics and Dermatology at Duke, delivered the inaugural Jeffrey D. Byers MD Lectureship in Dermatology, a special time for us to learn from Dr. Prose's expertise and remember Jeff. On April 27, 2023, Dr. Candrice Heath, Assistant Professor of Dermatology at Temple and an expert in pediatric dermatology and the care of patients with skin of color, will deliver the second Byers Lecture; we welcome you to tune in.

This year we saluted the legacy of Dr. Jo-David Fine, who retired after 18 years with us. We're thrilled that Dr. Fine was awarded Professor Emeritus status at Vanderbilt, and we will continue to benefit from his incomparable clinical experience and advice in this new role.

A high point of the year was our recruitment of Nicole Ward, PhD, to join us as Professor of Dermatology and Vice-Chair for Basic Research. Some of you may know Dr. Ward through her role as Secretary-Treasurer of the Society for Investigative Dermatology; she is a prominent immunobiologist and research leader who had been Professor at Case Western Reserve. Even in her brief time with us, we've all been amazed by her energy for discovery, her activist research mentoring, and her infectious ambition for the growth of research in the Department.

And, we are thrilled and lucky to have been able to recruit phenomenal new clinician-educators to our faculty. Please read on to learn more about how we are growing. We look forward to seeing you in person at our reunion in New Orleans on Friday evening, March 17, 2023!

Best regards,

Meg Chren



Dr. Mary-Margaret Chren  
Professor and Chair, Department  
of Dermatology

# RESIDENCY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

by Annie Dewan, MD, MPH

The dermatology residency program at Vanderbilt University Medical Center continues to be the absolute highlight of our department. We currently accept five residents a year for a total of fifteen residents. Our current residents are a diverse group, with twelve different medical schools from across the country represented. Resident career trajectories are also incredibly varied. We currently have two residents that have been accepted into dermatopathology fellowships (starting July 2024), one resident applying to Mohs fellowship, one resident applying to pediatric dermatology fellowship, and one resident applying for academic positions in the Northeast corridor. Of the class of residents that graduated in 2022, one is currently completing a cosmetic dermatology fellowship, two are in

private practice (Nashville and Philadelphia), and one (Dr. Mukherjee) stayed on as a faculty member at VUMC. Our program has undergone significant updates over the past year. As you may be aware, the in-training and board examinations in dermatology have changed significantly over the past few years. Residents now take the BASIC exam during the spring of first year, and then are required to complete four CORE exams (topics: medical dermatology, pediatric dermatology, dermatopathology, and surgical dermatology) over the course of their 2nd and 3rd years. Passing each of these exams is required to sit for the new board examination—the APPLIED exam. In response to these changes, our Vanderbilt Dermatology curriculum was updated and refreshed. All faculty members are deeply

invested and involved in resident education. We each give 2-3 core lectures a year that cover all pertinent medical dermatology topics ranging from the core principles of diagnosing dermatologic disease to cutting edge treatments. These lectures are developed over a 3-year, repeating cycle. There are also sub curriculums including dermoscopy, basic science in dermatology, pediatric dermatology, cosmetic dermatology, and surgical dermatology. There are at least two Kodachrome sessions a month (Dr. Dewan now holds a monthly “Kodas with the PD”), and our dermatopathology training remains incredibly robust with both a textbook chapter review and unknowns’ session each week. Dr. Eva Parker established the “Business in Dermatology Day” last year, and we look forward to holding this fantastic session yearly. During the day-long event, residents learn about a variety of topics including contract negotiation and basics on how to start a practice. Additional teaching sessions of note this year include a half-day of confocal microscopy with Dr. Eric Tkaczyk and “How to Give an Academic Talk” with Dr. Meg Chren. In another new yearly event, Dr. Dewan and the residents went to the Frist Art Museum this past fall to practice observational and listening skills.

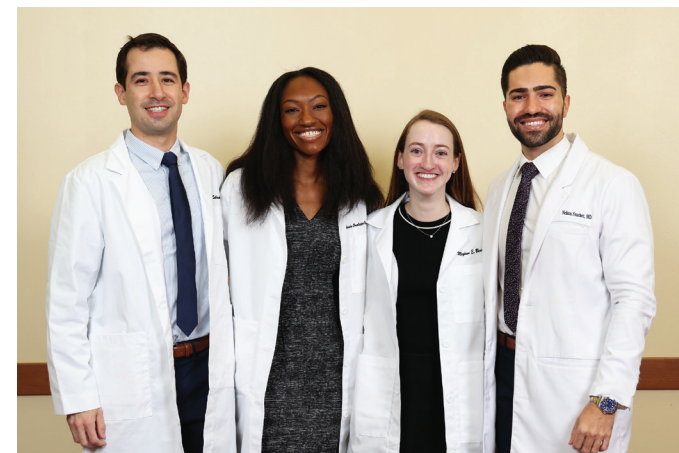
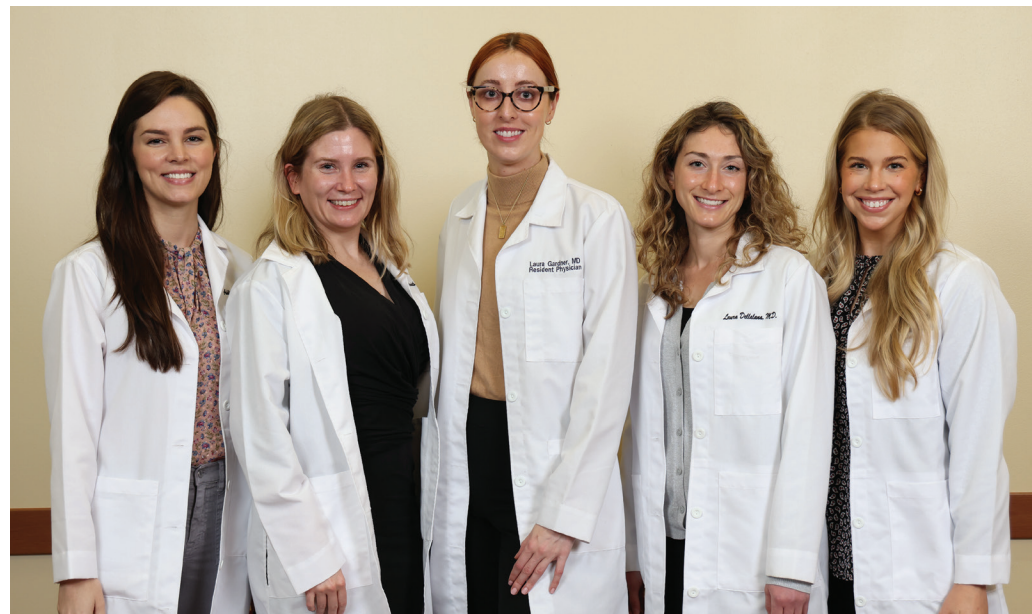
The residency program has codified our **mentorship program** more discretely by assigning faculty mentors to all first-year residents. These mentor/mentee duos meet at least quarterly to discuss career and academic goals. The residents can turn to their mentor for advice and support during training, and the program has helped better develop meaningful relationships between our residents and faculty. A few of our residents are also mentors themselves as we have created a more formal mentorship program between our trainees and the Vanderbilt and Meharry medical students.

We also welcome all alumni to join us for our newly formatted **medical journal club**. Medical journal club is held the second Monday every other month. At each meeting, a topic of interest is chosen by a resident and faculty member. The resident/faculty duo then choose 4-5 pertinent articles on that topic to read and discuss as a group. This year we have already had robust conversations about the data behind JAK inhibitors for atopic dermatitis and cutting-edge developments in frontal fibrosing alopecia. The goal of the new approach is to teach our residents and faculty how to really analyze the science in sentinel papers, and truly use the current literature to direct patient care. We hope you will join us for our next journal club soon!

*right, Chief Residents:  
Drs. Ashli Fitzpatrick,  
Meredith Steuer, Laura  
Gardner, Laura Dellalana, and  
Karen Arnaud*

*below left, First Year  
Residents: Drs. Rachel  
Samuelson, Randall Patrinely,  
Eva Niklinska, Kelsey Parks,  
and Pauleatha Bonds*

*below right, Second Year  
Residents: Drs. David  
Schauder, Amanda  
Onalaja-Underwood,  
Maggie Beatson, and Nelson  
Sanchez. Not pictured:  
Dr. Mary Dick*



*Resident outing at Cheekwood Estate and Gardens*



*Resident outing at The Frist Museum*



*First Year Residents at the department holiday party*

# NEW FACULTY



**EMAN BAHRANI, MD**, joins VUMC after being on faculty at UCSF. She completed her residency at UCSF and dermatopathology fellowship at Stanford. Dr. Bahrani's interests are dermatopathology, general and medical dermatology, and clinical research. She enjoys exploring playgrounds, libraries, farmer's markets, and museums with her two children and husband.

**NASHAY CLEMETSON, MD**, hails from Kingston, Jamaica, and joins Vanderbilt from the West Palm Beach VA and private practice in Florida. Her clinical and research interests are in the areas of skin of color dermatology and hair loss. She loves anything to do with cars and can be found at many local and regional events during her leisure time.



**MICHAEL SMITH, MD**, returns to Vanderbilt to re-establish the pediatric dermatology service of the department and the residency program. Dr. Smith completed undergraduate work at Davidson College, followed by a master's degree at East Carolina University, with focus on embryology. Remaining at East Carolina for medical school, he then completed a pediatric residency at Wake Forest followed by a dermatology residency at the University of Colorado. After 20 years at Vanderbilt, he left to enter private practice at Heritage Medical Associates. Now returning to academic dermatology, he is looking forward to working with the residents and medical students.



**ERIC MUKHERJEE, MD, PHD**, completed residency at Vanderbilt after completing his MD and PhD at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. In addition to seeing patients, he is currently completing a post-doctoral fellowship studying severe cutaneous adverse reactions to medication. Dr. Mukherjee is a proud Kansas native but enjoys Nashville's music and hot chicken.



# FACULTY UPDATES

## PROMOTIONS



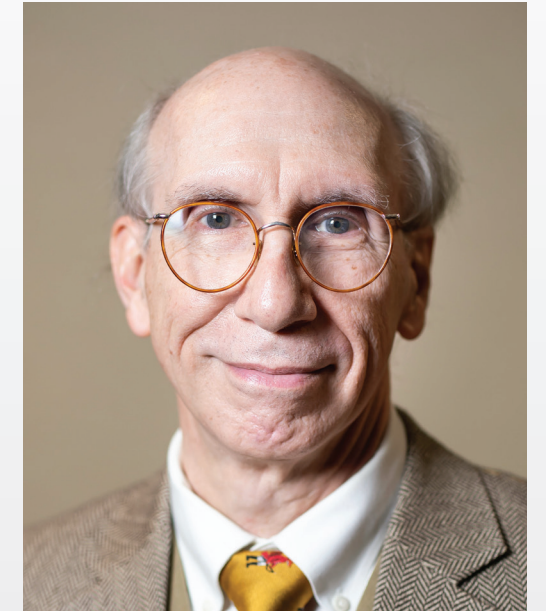
**DR. ANNIE DEWAN** was promoted to Associate Professor of Dermatology. In addition to serving as the Director of the Inpatient Consultation Service, she has taken initiative in becoming the Residency Program Director. She is a great clinical and educational asset to our dermatology team!



**DR. LEE WHELESS** was promoted to Assistant Professor of Dermatology. He continues to expand his research team and pursue his research goals, which involve using big data to examine patterns of skin cancer risk among patients already at high risk; specifically, he focuses on organ transplant recipients, who are known to have a 30 to 100-fold increased risk of skin cancer.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. DEWAN  
AND DR. WHELESS!**

## EMERITUS FACULTY



An important honor for the Department of Dermatology this year was the naming of **DR. JO-DAVID FINE** to the Emeritus faculty at Vanderbilt. This distinction is certainly a fitting tribute to Dr. Fine's status as an internationally pre-eminent scholar and leader in the understanding and care of genetic and acquired blistering diseases. In addition, this tribute is wonderful news for the Department, because, as Dean Balser wrote, "Emeritus status is unique and provides a continuing relationship, implying not a retirement but a different style of active service." We have all benefited from Jo-David's exceptional clinical mastery, his tireless mentoring and support of residents and junior faculty, and his deep knowledge of investigative dermatology. The Department congratulates Dr. Fine on this recognition, and we look forward to our sustained relationship with him in the coming years.

# CLINICAL UPDATES

## GENERAL DERMATOLOGY



*Dr. John Zic  
Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs*

In December 2021, we launched our first DUCC (Dermatology Urgent Care Clinic). Since then, we have held a DUCC twice monthly on Friday afternoons to serve our established patients with worrisome new skin lesions or flaring rashes between their regularly scheduled visits. This has taken some of the demand off of our already overbooked clinics. We are grateful to the faculty that have volunteered to staff the DUCC. So far, none of our DUCCs have run amok! Discussions are underway to launch a little DUCC or DUCC-ling with Dr. Michael Smith in pediatric dermatology.

## TELEDERMATOLOGY

We are excited to introduce a pilot teledermatology project in cooperation with Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools. Employees of the public School System who present with concerns about their skin health may have the opportunity to have high quality photographic and dermatoscopic images captured by their medical provider and forwarded in the form of an e consult within Vanderbilt's electronic medical record system. Currently, two dermatologists, Dr. John Zic and Dr. Carla Lee, cover the service and will provide clinical feedback and recommendations. We have enjoyed expanding the scope and breadth of our practice. In the future, we hope to expand this service to additional Vanderbilt clinics and hospitals in order to improve access to care.

## MOHS MICROGRAPHIC SURGERY



*Dr. Michel McDonald  
Director of Procedural  
Dermatology*

The Dermatology Procedural unit continues to thrive at Vanderbilt. Dr. Anna Clayton is in her tenth year as Program Director of the Micrographic Surgery and Cutaneous Oncology fellowship. She continues to impact the careers of future dermatologic surgeons. She has fellows on faculty at the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Utah, and the University of Kansas continuing her legacy of teaching and mentoring. Dr. Allison Hanlon, who practices at VUMC One Hundred Oaks as well as being Chief of Dermatology at the VA Medical Center, is in the final year of her Masters of Business Administration at Vanderbilt's Owen Graduate School of Management, and is participating in an immune checkpoint inhibitor trial for squamous cell carcinoma. Also on the research front, the surgery unit completed a randomized clinical trial of a novel biomaterial for wound healing, which is now awaiting publication. Dr. Stebbins has left Vanderbilt for private practice, but the three of us continue to keep the home fires burning.

We enjoyed connecting with those of you who were able to attend the AAD in Boston or the ACMS in Philadelphia. For those of you who remember Dr. Thomas Stasko, he was presented the Frederic E. Mohs Award for Career Achievement at the Philadelphia meeting by Dr. Clayton. We miss you all, and we look forward to seeing you at the AAD in New Orleans or the ACMS in Seattle.

## INPATIENT CONSULTS

The inpatient consult service continues to operate at high volumes, seeing an incredibly broad array of complex medical and pediatric dermatology. During the 2021/2022 academic year, our residents and attendings completed 706 consults at Vanderbilt University Hospital alone. We are also excited to announce that there is a new Consultative Dermatology medical student elective beginning in Spring 2023. The elective will allow interested medical students that have already completed their dermatology elective to spend an entire month on the consult service. The goal of the new rotation is to provide greater, longitudinal exposure for medical students to inpatient dermatology. The rotation will teach them how to appropriately evaluate, work-up, and treat patients admitted to the hospital with and because of dermatologic disease. The medical students will also create and give a short case presentation at the end of their rotation to educate the team about a disease process of interest. We are excited to have more team members on the consult service helping take care of some of the sickest patients in the hospital.



*above, Dr. Nelson Sanchez suiting up to perform a biopsy on a pediatric patient in the Operating Room.*

*right, Dr. Eva Parker and Dr. Saagar Jadeja seeing consults in the MICU.*

## DEPARTMENT OF DERMATOLOGY FACULTY AND HOUSESTAFF



# RESEARCH UPDATES

## DEPARTMENT RESEARCH



Dr. Nicole Ward  
Vice Chair for Basic Research

by Dr. Nicole Ward

Research is alive and well in the Department of Dermatology! Significant developments have occurred in the individual careers of our researchers. Their awards and advancements were supported by the research teams and collaborators from Nashville, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and locations in between. Congratulations to Dr. Lee Wheless who was recently awarded a VA Career Development Award. This project will study skin cancer risk in transplant patients. Shout out to Dr. Eric Tkaczyk for his recent and timely paper on Monkey Pox published in the *Journal of Investigative Dermatology*. Finally, kudos to Dr. Eric Mukherjee who recently joined the faculty at VUMC and is performing research looking at severe skin reactions to medications. We look forward to seeing our faculty continue to have impact within the scientific community that translates to improving patient care and quality of life. I look forward to sharing more of our research contributions to the field of Dermatology in the coming year.



## WARD LAB

The Ward lab gained a new lab manager in September. Christa Gaskill graduated from Western Kentucky University in 2008 and has worked primarily at Vanderbilt since then.

In October, we moved our lab into the newly renovated VI4 space and we are loving it! Please stop in and say hello if you are passing through Medical Center North on the main campus. In November, we said thank you and best wishes to Dr. Jason Meyer for his incredible sense of teamwork in the lab. We hope to see you often. Our focus remains on studying the immunology of chronic inflammatory skin diseases and related comorbidities with the support of NIH, foundation, and industry funding. Currently, our team consists of Dr. Nicole Ward, Christa Gaskill, and Sara Matthews. We are in the process of expanding this team with the addition of a new research assistant, Erin Booton, and hope to add



on a postdoctoral scholar in the coming months. As we continue to settle into our new space and perform experiments we are excited about, we look forward to sharing news of our findings. Best wishes to all for a most collaborative and productive new year!

## NATIONAL PSORIASIS FOUNDATION AWARD

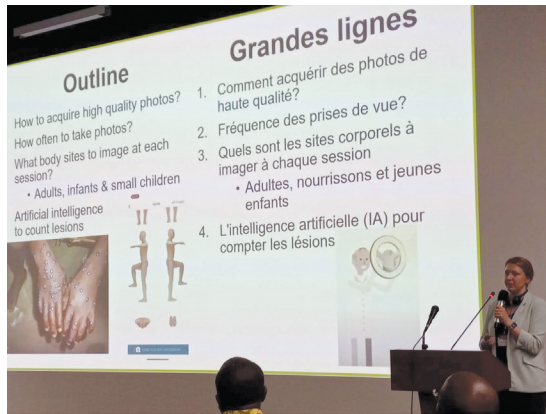
On June 12, 2022, Dr. Nicole Ward received an award from the National Psoriasis Foundation. At this year's Commit to Cure Gala, they honored three extraordinary women for their leadership in the psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis community. Dr. Chren shared, "Vanderbilt Dermatology is thrilled to celebrate Dr. Nicole Ward, our Vice-Chair for Basic Research, on her receipt of this honor from the National Psoriasis Foundation. Dr. Ward is truly a woman who leads!"



Dr. Nicole Ward, pictured here with the other award recipients, Dr. Dafna Gladman and Dr. April Armstrong (left to right)

## VA CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARD

This past application cycle, Dr. Wheless received a VA Career Development Award to further his training in genetic analysis and his work in understanding why some patients get only one or two skin cancers, while others can have more than a hundred. The first results from this work were recently published in *JAMA Dermatology* and really shift how we think about which transplant patients are actually at high risk for skin cancers. The research showed that, rather than differences in skin cancer risk by organ type (and by proxy intensity of immunosuppression), the age at transplant was a stronger predictor of subsequent skin cancer risk in patients who had at least one skin cancer already. Dr. Wheless's research team has also grown this past year to include **DOMINIQUE MOSLEY** (VUSM3), **JACKIE IKE** (Meharry MS3), **CHRIS MADDEN** (VU '19, SUNY Downstate MS3), **SARAH GROSSARTH** (VU MPH '22, Quillen MS1), and **ISABELLE SMITH** (VU '23). Dr. Wheless will transition to the VA full-time in January 2023.



In August and September 2022, **DR. INGA SAKNITE** had two trips to Kinshasa, the capital of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), to train physicians and staff in acquiring high quality photos of patients with monkeypox. The PALM007 clinical trial to test the efficacy of tecovirimat for the treatment of monkeypox launched in October 2022. Dr. Saknite is an adjunct assistant professor at the Vanderbilt Dermatology Translational Research Clinic (VDTRC.org) and a senior researcher at the University of Latvia.

*“I had the most rewarding experience working with an exceptional team of Congolese and American physicians and scientists who have been tackling HIV, Ebola, and malaria among other diseases in Africa for the past decades. Even through language barriers and synchronous translation between French and English, there was always a sense of true passion and comradery. On our trip to visit bonobos, endangered species only found in the DRC, one of our two taxis broke down and a colleague and I squeezed into the trunk of the other taxi to reach our destination. I was shocked about the traffic – on most roads, there are no lanes, no traffic lights, and drivers constantly zig zag on the road to avoid huge potholes and humans. A motorcycle crashed into me on a sidewalk (luckily, at very low speed!) and another car slightly bumped into my driver’s car, causing loud roadside yelling and, fortunately, no injuries. Despite the organized chaos, you easily fall in love with the place and the warm and welcoming Congolese people. I cannot wait to go back.”*



**VDTRC TEAM MEMBERS ARE ENJOYING SCIENTIFIC DISCUSSIONS WITH ENGINEERING AND CLINICAL COLLABORATORS.** From left to right in front: Dr. Justin Baba (Biomedical Engineering), Dr. Inga Saknite, Dr. Tracy Frech (Rheumatology and Immunology), Austin Cronin (now PhD student at Purdue); back: Dr. Eric Tkaczyk, Madeline Marks, Dr. Shramana Ghosh.



**THE VDTRC TEAM CELEBRATING A SUCCESSFUL ACADEMIC YEAR** in April, 2022. From left to right: Dr. Adam Hetzler (now dermatology resident at Geisinger), Austin Cronin (now PhD student at Purdue), Dr. Eric Tkaczyk, Dr. Shramana Ghosh, Madeline Marks, Dr. Inga Saknite, Siddharth Shah, Dr. Eric Mukherjee, Walker House, and Ziche Chen.

**TO UNDERSTAND HOW ACCURATELY STUDY PERSONNEL CAN ESTIMATE** the percent of body surface area affected by disease, the VDTRC team is running photography and clinical scoring run-through sessions and creating “fake lesions” by using colored tape. QR color standards are used to calibrate color in the photo during post-processing.



**T**racking the progress of monkeypox disease involves manually counting and measuring changes in skin lesions until they resolve. In September 2022, the VDTRC published the first work applying artificial intelligence to counting monkeypox lesions in patient photographs. The AI team is led by Professor Benoit Dawant and Dr. Eric Tkaczyk (back), along with team members Dr. Andrew McNeil (front left) and Bohan Jiang (front right), working in collaboration with the Division of Clinical Research at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at NIH and the Institut National de Recherche Biomédicale in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

# RESIDENCY UPDATES

## KAREN ARNAUD, MD, CHIEF RESIDENT

Dr. Arnaud is a member of the ASDS Digital Community Work Group that develops strategies to increase member participation on the ASDS Digital Community Platform, a secure place for knowledge exchange, content curation, idea incubation and peer networking. Additionally, she has developed an idea for a pressure bandage for dermatologic surgery and is currently working in cadence with a group of Vanderbilt students to develop prototypes. The Department of Dermatology is thrilled to keep Dr. Arnaud for an additional year as the Micrographic Surgery & Dermatologic Oncology Fellow starting July 1, 2023!

## LAURA DELLALANA, MD, CHIEF RESIDENT

Dr. Dellalana received the Hidradenitis Suppurativa Foundation Mentorship Award. Through this program, she rotated at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center to participate in a research project and learned the latest medical and surgical management of HS. In addition, Dr. Dellalana presented a case at the TDS 2022 Annual Scientific Meeting.

## LAURA GARDNER, MD, CHIEF RESIDENT

Dr. Gardner presented her work at the SID in Portland titled “characterization of ABCA12 gene variant by electron microscopy in an infant with ichthyosiform dermatitis and MALT1 deficiency”. Her abstract titled “Acute generalized exanthematous pustulosis triggered by COVID-19 vaccination” was submitted for presentation at the 2023 AAD and is pending acceptance. She has also accepted a fellowship position in dermatopathology at Brown that will begin in 2024.

## MEREDITH STEUER, MD, CHIEF RESIDENT

Dr. Steuer received the Society for Pediatric Dermatology 2022 mentorship award. As part of the program, she spent two weeks with Dr. Jennifer Huang at Boston Children’s Hospital and helped initiate a multi-year study that will examine links between the skin microbiome and cutaneous graft versus host disease. Starting in July 2023, Dr. Steuer will complete the Pediatric Dermatology Fellowship at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago and Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine.

## MEGHAN BEATSON, MD, SECOND YEAR RESIDENT

In August, Dr. Beatson matched into a dermatopathology fellowship at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center that will begin in 2024. She also had two poster presentations at the ASDP meeting at the beginning of October. Under the guidance of Dr. Jason Robbins, she continues to lead a project comparing conventional immunohistochemical staining for PRAME with a noninvasive molecular assay for PRAME expression.

## MARY DICK, MD, SECOND YEAR RESIDENT

Dr. Dick presented a video abstract on a subcutaneous leiomyosarcoma of the buttocks at the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery (ASDS) Conference in Denver, Colorado. In addition, she presented an oral presentation of refractory cutaneous and lung pyoderma gangrenosum at the Tennessee Dermatology Conference, in Memphis, Tennessee.

## AMANDA ONALAJA-UNDERWOOD, MD, SECOND YEAR RESIDENT

Dr. Onalaja-Underwood serves as the co-Dermatology Representative on the Graduate Medical Education House Staff Advisory Council. She is collaborating with Dr. Eman Bahrani and Dr. Eric Tkaczyk on an article on utilizing smartphones for microscopy of histology slides.

## KELSEY PARKS, MD, FIRST YEAR RESIDENT

Dr. Parks had a paper published assessing optimal training metrics to evaluate non-experts marking photographs of active chronic graft-versus-host disease, which could ultimately aid in the development of automated segmentation algorithms.

## J. RANDALL PATRINELY, JR., MD, FIRST YEAR RESIDENT

Dr. Patrinely has applied to be an Advocacy Ambassador for The American Society for Dermatologic Surgery (ASDSA). He serves as a mentor to Vanderbilt and Meharry medical students interested in dermatology. Dr. Patrinely recently published a paper in the European Journal of Cancer looking at outcomes associated with immune checkpoint inhibitor therapy for advanced melanoma: Real-world outcomes with ipilimumab and nivolumab in advanced melanoma: a multicentre retrospective study. PMID: 36215945

# FELLOW & RESIDENT GRADUATES



Program Director, Dr. Annie Dewan, with 2022 residency graduates: Drs. Casey Murphey, Saagar Jadeja, Eric Mukherjee, and Lisa Ishii

**LISA ISHII, MD** is a board-certified dermatologist and a current Cosmetic Dermatology & Laser Surgery Fellow at Cosmetic Laser Dermatology in San Diego, CA.

**SAAGAR JADEJA, MD** is a board-certified dermatologist who specializes in medical and surgical dermatology at Dermatology LTD in Media, PA.

**ERIC MUKHERJEE, MD, PhD** is a board-certified dermatologist who specializes in medical dermatology as an Instructor in the Department of Dermatology at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. He is currently a postdoctoral fellow in the laboratory of Dr. Elizabeth Phillips, studying adverse drug reactions.

**CASEY MURPHEY, MD** is a board-certified dermatologist who specializes in medical, surgical, and cosmetic dermatology at REN Dermatology in Franklin, TN.

**FELLOW GRADUATE, ATIEH JIBBE, MD** is a board-certified dermatologist who specializes in Mohs Micrographic and Cutaneous Surgery and cosmetic and laser surgery. She is an Assistant Professor of Dermatology and Director of Cosmetic & Laser Surgery at the University of Kansas Health System.





## MARY JANE AND ALBERT WERTHAN LECTURE SERIES VISITING PROFESSORS IN DERMATOLOGY

The Mary Jane and Albert Werthan Visiting Lectureship in Dermatology fund was established in 1997 by Mr. Albert Werthan and Mrs. Mary Jane Werthan, B.A. 1929, M.A. 1935, to provide lectureship support for the Division of Dermatology at the School of Medicine. This fund supports bringing a renowned physician/scientist to Vanderbilt annually to discuss the most up-to-date advances in the diagnosis, treatment and causes of skin lymphoma and other types of skin cancers.

**ADEWOLE (ADE) ADAMSON, MD, MPP**  
*Assistant Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School*



Dr. Adamson's presentation helped the residents to gain a better understanding of the causes of melanoma and how to mitigate them. A particular highlight from his talk was the discussion of the role of visible light, which is not considered a UV light, in development of melanoma, other skin cancers and even benign skin lesions such as freckles.

**HALEY NAIK, MD**  
*Associate Professor of Dermatology at UCSF*



Dr. Naik trained both in dermatology and in clinical investigative methods. She is an emerging leader in immune-mediated skin disease research, and she presented on treatment options for Hidradenitis Suppurativa. Dr. Naik discussed adalimumab, the medicine that is approved, as well as considerations for using other medications that range from hormonal treatments to antibiotics to immune modulating therapies.

**MOLLY HINSHAW, MD**  
*Professor of Dermatology and Section Chief of Dermatopathology at UW-Madison School of Medicine & Public Health*



Dr. Hinshaw discussed various techniques to biopsy nails, the nail bed, and the cuticle, which can be particularly difficult and time

consuming. She also discussed treatments for nail conditions ranging from common fungal infections to autoimmune nail disease.

**ALICE J. WATSON, MD, MPH**  
*Assistant Professor of Dermatology at Harvard Medical School*



Dr. Watson discussed the diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment of dermatologic disease of the perineum. Dr. Watson performed a thorough review of common and uncommon genital dermatoses including Paget's disease, erosive lichen planus, and lichen sclerosus. She gave thoughtful tips on how best to approach the examination of the genitalia and discussed her multi-specialty clinic that involves both gynecologists, urologists, and dermatologists.

**DAVID FIORENTINO, MD, PHD**  
*Professor in the Department of Dermatology at Stanford School of Medicine*



Dr. Fiorentino's presentation, titled "Harnessing the power of novel immune responses in dermatomyositis," focused on the autoimmune disease with multiple manifestations and multiple skin findings. Discussion of the antibodies found by Dr. Fiorentino and his collaborators made for a better understanding of how to diagnose DM and whether workup for malignancy, lung disease and others is required.

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

CLASS OF  
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**DR. SHEHNAZ SARMAST** is a dermatologist working in private practice in Denison, Texas, a suburb of Dallas. She works part time, primarily doing general dermatology, dermatologic surgery, and pediatric dermatology, with a little bit of cosmetics sprinkled in. She lives in Fairview with her husband, who is a cardiologist, and her children, who are 6 and 9 years old.



CLASS OF  
2012

**DR. LUCIANO IORIZZO** joined a dermatologic surgery practice Albany, NY, before moving on to practice at Dermatology Associates of York, in York, PA. He is now a partner in the group, where his practice consists of Mohs surgery, cutaneous oncology, and other aspects of dermatologic surgery. He also travels one day a week to Gettysburg, PA.

Besides being busy with work, he and his wife of 13 years, Dana, have a very busy life with their children. In addition to both being on the swim team, Daniel (11) participates in karate and plays the guitar, and Lydia (9) participates in a running club and just started playing the saxophone. They make him proud every day!

He also shared, "I was so fortunate during fellowship that I was able to work with five Mohs surgeons, Drs. Stasko, McDonald, Clayton, Stebbins, and Lumbang. I learned so much from them and wouldn't be where I am today without them. It was great to see all of them at this year's Mohs meeting when we celebrated Dr. Stasko's retirement!"

**DR. VANESSA JOHNSON** is practicing at Health First Medical Group in Florida. Her clinical interests include medical, surgical, and cosmetic dermatology. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, swing dancing, and home improvement projects with her husband, Brett. She has three children: Naomi (5), Evelyn (4), and Kai (1).

Dr. Johnson shared some of her favorite training tips that she learned from her time at Vanderbilt:

**Dr. Zwerner** - Build confidence in those that you teach. When I recommended a reasonable treatment plan, he backed me up and gave me confidence to care for patients in my continuity clinic and later in practice. I try to emulate that when I teach students and providers that rotate through my clinic.

**Dr. Fine** - Don't always listen to the patient. I didn't get this advice at first, but patients will logic their way to something that makes sense to them, even when it could lead a diagnostician down the wrong path. Whatever the story is, I know to go with my clinical exam over a story a patient may share.

**Dr. Byers** - Have fun! I mourn Dr. Byers' passing, and I am so grateful that he infused fun into everything he did.



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**DR. CHARLIE DARRAGH** is the Mohs surgeon at Prisma Health - Carolina Dermatology, affiliated with the USC COM - Greenville campus, where he has worked since completing his fellowship. He lives in South Carolina with his wife, Callie, and their two children, Davis (9) and Collins (5).

Dr. Darragh remembers his residency and fellowship days at Vanderbilt fondly and enjoys seeing some of his fellow co-residents rising through the ranks within the department! He shared that he would be remiss if he didn't give a special shoutout to the interim chair during much of his time in residency, Dr. Byers, sharing that "he was a great doctor, but more importantly, a special human being who always knew how to make people laugh and bring joy to a room. I think we can all agree the Christmas parties within the department will never be the same and he will be missed dearly by all that knew him."



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# 2022 EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



*Dermatology Administration Group Outing*



*Dermatology Family Fall Picnic at the Nashville Zoo*



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*Dermatology Holiday Party*



*Dermatology Residents Group Bonding*



*Dermatology Front Desk Staff - Our Rockstars!*



*Dermatology Residents at the TDS Meeting in Memphis*



*Dermatology Residents End of Year Party*

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# GIFTS FOR OUR FUTURE

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*Pictured at the Inaugural Dr. Lloyd E. King Dermatology Faculty Scholar Lecture are Dr. Darrel Ellis, Dr. and Mrs. Morgan Magid, Dr. Meg Chren, and King family members Wanda King, Matthew King, and Courtney King-Merrill.*



We thank so many of you who have supported Vanderbilt Dermatology and our mission to lead the future in skin health. Generous donors have already honored the memories and accomplishments of Lloyd E. King, Jr, MD and Jeffrey D. Byers, MD. In addition to the annual lectureships, we are planning new ways in which we can commemorate them. For example, we are working on a remembrance album of Dr. King's decades at Vanderbilt Dermatology. If you have pictures or stories, please email Amy Ohlinger at [dermatology@vumc.org](mailto:dermatology@vumc.org). We have also received many inquiries about how to contribute: to receive more information and to give, please click on the QR code (*to the left*) or visit [give.vanderbilthealth.org/give/256100](https://give.vanderbilthealth.org/give/256100).

## ALUMNI REUNION

Please join us for our Annual Alumni Reunion at the AAD meeting in New Orleans!

If you plan to join us, please email [dermatology@vumc.org](mailto:dermatology@vumc.org), so we can prepare enough refreshments for all. Please note that you do not need to commit to the whole time frame, so if you can only come for a portion of the reunion, we would love to have you!

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**VANDERBILT DERMATOLOGY ALUMNI REUNION**  
**Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel | Grand Salon 9/12**  
**Friday, March 17, 2023 | 5:00pm - 7:00pm**

We hope to see you there!

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