



DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY & LABORATORY MEDICINE
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Dear Friends,

The Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine is pleased to announce the appointment of **Jonathan Said, M.D.** as Vice Chair of Research, and **David Dawson, M.D., Ph.D.** as Associate Vice Chair of Research.



Dr. Said has served with distinction as Chief of the Division of Anatomic Pathology since 1996, leading the Division to striking growth in the scope and scale of its clinical programs, and striking translational research scholarship in cancer, cardiovascular disease, neurodegenerative disease and transplantation medicine. His own research includes landmark contributions to pathogenesis of malignant lymphoma, and in epithelial carcinogenesis notably as pathology PI for the UCLA Prostate SPORE grant. His broad and deep experience in science strategy and career

development at UCLA and in major cancer philanthropies are key to his role as Vice Chair. Dr. Dawson joined the faculty in 2002. He is a practicing subspecialty gastrointestinal pathologist and basic/translational research scientist with a focused interest in pancreatic cancer. He is the



recipient of research grants from the NIH, Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, Hirshberg Foundation and American Cancer Society. His laboratory explores molecular and biochemical signaling events involved in pancreatic tumor progression, as well as the development of improved diagnostic and predictive biomarkers for clinical decision-making. Dr. Dawson has taken on increasing leadership in the Department and in the School in graduate and MD, PhD recruitment and training.

Please join me in welcoming both Dr. Said and Dr. Dawson to their new roles.

I thank Dr. Ken Dorshkind for his commitment and many achievements as the Vice Chair for Research and wish him much success in his new role as Interim Director of the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Braun, M.D.,Ph.D.
Professor and Chair