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Nearly one year ago, we introduced the first edition of *Alumni News* – a collaborative labor of love between the UCLA Department of Path and Lab, and the Clinical Alumni committee, chaired by Valerie McWhorter. Today we are pleased to expand our ranks to include Path & Lab Research Alumni members.

The Research and Clinical Alumni Committees made the decision to collaborate on this newsletter in recognition of the many cross-functional and cross-disciplinary interests both groups share, as well as the synergistic value of being informed about each. I am excited for this expanded opportunity to communicate and grow as a community.

I am very grateful to Valerie, who has cultivated considerable growth in this committee in a very short period of time. In addition to Valerie, I thank Josh Deignan, Research Alumni Committee Chair, as well as members of both the Clinical and Research Alumni committees, for their substantial efforts to foster communications between Alumni throughout the year. Their volunteer efforts help ensure that your relationship with UCLA continues to provide meaningful benefit.

Path & Lab Cares

2013 BRUIN RUN/WALK

The Department of Pathology was well-represented at the 2013 Bruin Run/Walk on May 19, a 5K event benefitting the Chase Child Life Program at Mattel Children's Hospital. Path & Lab member's *Team Evan* participated in honor of a young leukemia patient, and raised over \$3,000 for the Child Life Program, which provides emotional and other means of support to patients and their families coping with stress associated with illness and hospitalization.

2013 VOLKSWAGEN CITY OF ANGELS FUN RIDE

Nearly 1000 riders and numerous volunteers and sponsors participated in the April 15, 2013 Volkswagen City of Angels Fun Ride. This annual cycling event benefits the UCLA Blood & Platelet Center. Visit www.coafunride.com for photos and information about next year's ride.

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While joining forces in this forum, we also celebrate the efforts of each group individually, and ask that you keep an eye out for various activities and opportunities that will be made available throughout the year. In addition to this newsletter, our website, <http://pathology.ucla.edu/>, is a good place to stay informed about coming opportunities.

Please consider this forum yours; this is a place where you can share news, opportunities and suggestions by emailing pathologywebsite@mednet.ucla.edu – your input makes this newsletter a more valuable resource for everyone.

To our Research Alumni, as well as our Clinical Alumni, I wish you a warm welcome and happy reading!

Jonathan Braun

Jon Braun, Professor and Chair



Above: Path & Lab *Team Evan* Members Run/Walk for an important cause.

Right: The 2013 Volkswagen City of Angels Fun Ride



Clinical Alumni News

Residents and Fellows Graduate June 5

On June 5, 2013 the graduating residents and fellows from the UCLA Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine were honored at the Faculty Center on campus. The event was attended by faculty, staff and alumni in addition to current and graduating residents and fellows. The lovely evening included an art show featuring the work of residents, fellows, faculty and staff. Hors d'oeuvres were followed by dinner, and the graduation ceremony, led by Dr. Jon Braun. A total of 5 residents and 25 fellows graduated. Photos and details can be found at <http://pathology.ucla.edu>. Congratulations graduates!

Valerie McWhorter, M.D.

Chair, UCLA Pathology Alumni Committee



Drs. Bitu Behjatnia, Othon Mena, Melissa Kahn and Rachel Finck, along with Dr. Jon Braun, were among clinical alumni attending the graduation reception on June 5 at the UCLA Faculty Center

Clinical Alumni Spotlight



Tarek Danial, MD, Class of 1996

Tarek Danial, M.D. is a native of Egypt, where he attended Ain Shamse Medical School. He came to the United States for residency, completing his pathology residency at UCLA in 1996. His last year was spent as Chief Resident as part of a general surgical pathology fellowship. He looks back most fondly on his last year, particularly because of the way Chiefs are provided increasing responsibility, while

comfortable in the knowledge that they could count on faculty support. He fondly remembers Dr. Lewin as being an especially kind and sharp pathologist. Drs. Neiberg, Colson, Bhutta, Vinters, Cochran and Braun are other favorites.

After leaving UCLA, Dr. Danial joined the Kaiser Permanente Tertiary Care Center in Los Angeles, which currently staffs 13 pathologists. He has served as the Assistant Chief of Pathology since 2001, and will become their Chief of Pathology Aug. 1 of this year. Dr. Danial also served as Kaiser's Presi-

dent of Professional Staff in 2004. He specializes in urologic pathology, and enjoys teaching the Kaiser urology residents. He views this interaction between future surgeons and pathologists as particularly important, given that urology Boards now include questions on pathology.

Dr. Danial has two sons, Mark, 27, who has a Doctorate in Physical Therapy from USC, and John, 25, who is working on his Ph.D. in Psychology/Special Education at UCLA. Dr. Danial expects a busy season as both of his sons are getting married this summer! His wife Marian is also a native of Egypt, and until very recently was the Director of the Medical Staff Office at St. Johns Hospital. Dr. Danial's hobbies include films, photography and reading, particularly political topics and mysteries.

Coming Soon:

Clinical Alumni Database

Clinical Alumni: If you have completed our Alumni Survey or Database form, you can expect to receive a database of fellow Clinical Alumni by the end of this summer. If you would like to be included, but have not already completed the form, please complete and return the form attached to this newsletter.

Research Alumni Spotlight



Heather Ward, PhD Class of 2004

Heather Ward (Maxion), PhD Class of 2004, completed a post-doctoral fellowship at Children's Hospital Boston in 2007 and then worked as a Scientist at Merrimack Pharmaceutical Inc. in Cambridge, MA until December of 2008. Heather, and her husband, Jason, relocated to Davidson, North Carolina after their son was born, to be near family, and so that Heather could be a full-time mom. They

now have two children, Nate, 4, and Coco, 2. Heather accepted an adjunct faculty position in the Biology Department at Davidson College in Davidson, North Carolina in 2012. She loves teaching Biology and working with students again!



Heather, Jason, Coco and Nate Ward

Research Alumni: Plans are underway for a late summer / early fall Los Angeles area Research Alumni Reception details to come...

Publications: January – March, 2013

Current and Recently-Completed Grad Student, Postdoctoral Fellow and Resident Publications

GSRs:

Daniel Halperin – current GSR (Peter Tontonoz lab)

Vestigial-like 3 is an inhibitor of adipocyte differentiation. Halperin DS, Pan C, Lusis AJ, Tontonoz P. *J Lipid Res.* 2013 Feb;54(2):473-81. doi: 10.1194/jlr.M032755. Epub 2012 Nov 13.

Jennifer Chou – current CMP Student (Rita Effros lab)

T cell replicative senescence in human aging. Chou JP, Effros RB. *Curr Pharm Des.* 2013;19(9):1680-98.

Gloria Preza – recent CMP grad (Tomas Ganz lab)

Cellular catabolism of the iron-regulatory Peptide hormone hepcidin. Preza GC, Pinon R, Ganz T, Nemeth E. *PLoS One.* 2013;8(3):e58934. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0058934. Epub 2013 Mar 11.

Shawn Morales – recent CMP grad (Jonathan Braun lab)

Epithelial Membrane Protein 2 Controls VEGF Expression in ARPE-19 Cells. Morales SA, Telander DG, Leon D, Forward K, Braun J, Wadehra M, Gordon LK. *Invest Ophthalmol Vis Sci.* 2013 Mar 28;54(3):2367-72. doi: 10.1167/iovs.12-11013.

Ronik Khachatoorian – current GSR (Samuel French lab)

SAME treatment prevents the ethanol-induced epigenetic alterations of genes in the Toll-like receptor pathway. Khachatoorian R, Dawson D, Maloney EM, Wang J, French BA, French SW, French SW. *Exp Mol Pathol.* 2013 Feb;94(1):243-6. doi: 10.1016/j.yexmp.2012.09.024. Epub 2012 Oct 6.

Post Docs:

Lily Chao - recent postdoc (Peter Tontonoz lab)

Bone marrow NR4A expression is not a dominant factor in the development of atherosclerosis or macrophage polarization in mice. Chao LC, Soto E, Hong C, Ito A, Pei L, Chawla A, Conneely OM, Tangirala RK, Evans RM, Tontonoz P. *J Lipid Res.* 2013 Mar;54(3):806-15. doi: 10.1194/jlr.M034157. Epub 2013 Jan 3.

Jinkuk Choi - current postdoc (Peter Tontonoz lab)

Metabolism: Drug discovery goes for a swim. Choi J, Tontonoz P. *Nat Chem Biol.* 2013 Feb;9(2):68-9. doi: 10.1038/nchembio.1167. No abstract available.

Elena Scotti - recent postdoc (Peter Tontonoz lab)

IDOL Stimulates Clathrin-Independent Endocytosis and Multivesicular Body-Mediated Lysosomal Degradation of the Low-Density Lipoprotein Receptor. Scotti E, Calamai M, Goulbourne CN, Zhang L, Hong C, Lin RR, Choi J, Pilch PF, Fong LG, Zou P, Ting AY, Pavone FS, Young SG, Tontonoz P. *Mol Cell Biol.* 2013 Apr;33(8):1503-14. doi: 10.1128/MCB.01716-12. Epub 2013 Feb 4.

Li Zhang - current postdoc (Peter Tontonoz lab)

Both K63 and K48 ubiquitin linkages signal lysosomal degradation of the LDL receptor. Zhang L, Xu M, Scotti E, Chen ZJ, Tontonoz P. *J Lipid Res.* 2013 May;54(5):1410-20. doi: 10.1194/jlr.M035774. Epub 2013 Feb 18.

Claudio Villanueva - current postdoc (Peter Tontonoz lab)

Adipose subtype-selective recruitment of TLE3 or Prdm16 by PPARγ specifies lipid storage versus thermogenic gene programs. Villanueva CJ, Vergnes L, Wang J, Drew BG, Hong C, Tu Y, Hu Y, Peng X, Xu F, Saez E, Wroblewski K, Hevener AL, Reue K, Fong LG, Young SG, Tontonoz P. *Cell Metab.* 2013 Mar 5;17(3):423-35. doi: 10.1016/j.cmet.2013.01.016.

Janina Jiang - recent postdoc (Kathleen Kelly lab)

CD8⁺CXCR5⁺ T cells regulate pathology in the genital tract. Jiang J, Champion CI, Wei B, Liu G, Kelly KA. *Infect Dis Obstet Gynecol.* 2013;2013:813238. doi: 10.1155/2013/813238. Epub 2013 Jan 10.

Zhen Li - current postdoc (Jiaoti Huang lab)

Neuroendocrine differentiation of prostate cancer. Li Z, Chen CJ, Wang JK, Hsia E, Li W, Squires J, Sun Y, Huang J. *Asian J Androl.* 2013 Mar 18. doi: 10.1038/aja.2013.7. [Epub ahead of print] No abstract available.

David Shackelford - recent postdoc (Paul Mischel lab)

LKB1 inactivation dictates therapeutic response of non-small cell lung cancer to the metabolism drug phenformin. *Shackelford DB, Abt E, Gerken L, Vasquez DS, Seki A, Leblanc M, Wei L, Fishbein MC, Czernin J, Mischel PS, Shaw RJ. Cancer Cell. 2013 Feb 11;23(2):143-58. doi: 10.1016/j.ccr.2012.12.008. Epub 2013 Jan 24.*

Alejandro Zimman - recent postdoc (Judith Berliner lab)

Phosphoproteomic analysis of aortic endothelial cells activated by oxidized phospholipids. *Zimman A, Berliner JA, Graeber TG. Methods Mol Biol. 2013;1000:53-69. doi: 10.1007/978-1-62703-405-0_5.*

Maoyong Fu – recent postdoc (Jonathan Braun lab)

Positron emission tomography imaging of endometrial cancer using engineered anti-EMP2 antibody fragments. *Fu M, Brewer S, Olafsen T, Wu AM, Gordon LK, Said J, Braun J, Wadehra M. Mol Imaging Biol. 2013 Feb;15(1):68-78. doi: 10.1007/s11307-012-0558-y.*

Residents/Fellows:**Winnie Wu – current Resident**

Primary central nervous system histiocytic sarcoma presenting as a prostradiation sarcoma: case report and literature review.

Career Opportunities

UCLA Immunogenetics Center Laboratory Director in

Immunogenetics and Histocompatibility: The candidate should be an M.D. or Ph.D. with at least 4 years of experience in human Histocompatibility testing and Immunogenetics and American Board of Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics certified or board eligible. Visit <https://recruit.apo.ucla.edu/apply/JPF00031> for more information and requirements.

UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Opportunities are posted at

<http://pathology.ucla.edu/positions>

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Matthew DeNicola – current Resident

Pathologic findings in lung allografts with anti-HLA antibodies. *DeNicola MM, Weigt SS, Belperio JA, Reed EF, Ross DJ, Wallace WD. J Heart Lung Transplant. 2013 Mar;32(3):326-32. doi: 10.1016/j.healun.2012.11.018. Epub 2013 Jan 10.*

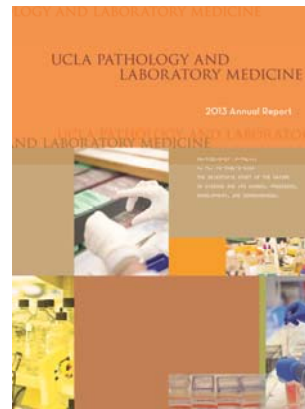
Atsuko Seki – current Fellow

Primary endocardial fibroelastosis: an underappreciated cause of cardiomyopathy in children. *Seki A, Patel S, Ashraf S, Perens G, Fishbein MC. Cardiovasc Pathol. 2013 Mar 18. doi:pil: S1054-8807(13)00101-4. 10.1016/j.carpath.2013.02.003. [Epub ahead of print]*

Beth Palla – current Fellow

SOX10 Expression Distinguishes Desmoplastic Melanoma From Its Histologic Mimics. *Palla B, Su A, Binder S, Dry S. Am J Dermatopathol. 2013 Jan 3. [Epub ahead of print]*

Annual Report

**The 2013 Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Annual Report is now online**

at <http://pathology.ucla.edu>. We will be forwarding hard-copies to our Alumni in July. If you do not receive one, or would like additional copies, please email Karyn at: kgreenstone@mednet.ucla.edu.

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