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## DEPARTMENT NEWS



### News

## Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

### June 2018

The Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology is happy to announce our 2018 graduating class!

#### Fellowship Class of 2018

- Jessica Bauer, MD**  
*Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility*  
 Miami, Florida
- Christopher Breed, MD**  
*Gynecologic Oncology*  
 Tacoma, Washington
- Jessica Ehrig, MD**  
*Maternal-Fetal Medicine*  
 Temple, Texas

- Aaron Lazorwitz, MD, MSCS**  
*Family Planning*  
 Denver, Colorado
- Christina Rodriguez, MD**  
*Maternal-Fetal Medicine*  
 Anchorage, Alaska

#### Chief Resident Class of 2018

- Aakriti Carrubba, MD**  
 Jacksonville, Florida
- Elisabeth Deeran, MD**  
 Denver, Colorado
- Jeffrey Hastings, MD**  
 Phoenix, Arizona
- Jennifer McKinney, MD, MPH**  
 Houston, Texas
- Anne Narayan, MD, MPH**  
 Irvine, California

- Emily Olson Steinberg, MD, MPH**  
 Denver, Colorado
- Sarah Peterson, MD**  
 Palo Alto, California
- Elizabeth Robison, MD**  
 Columbus, Ohio
- Shannon Son, MD**  
 Salt Lake City, Utah



Michael Zaretsky, MD

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## May 2018

The 5th Annual William B. Goddard Lecture has been postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. We will update you as soon as we get the event rescheduled.

Contact: [Nicole Fuentes](#), for more information.

## April 2018 (Research Newsletter)

### March of Dimes

A little snow can't stop our School of Medicine OB & DRS March of Dimes teams! A huge thank you to everyone who donated - we raised over \$10,000 for the March of Dimes - leading the fight for the health of all moms and babies. The Anschutz Medical Campus ended up raising nearly \$24,000 across all teams.



## April 2018

The Ob/Gyn Residents recently welcomed **Thomas M. Gellhaus, MD** (Immediate Past President of ACOG, and Clinical Professor at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine) as the Resident Invited Grand Rounds speaker for the 2017-2018 series. While visiting the department, Dr. Gellhaus lead a Resident Advocacy Masterclass along with special guests Sarp Aksel, MD (PGY-3, Albert Einstein and 2018 Gellhaus Fellow), Sean Garrity, MA (Manager of Grassroots and Political Advocacy for ACOG) and Brandi Ring, MD (Mile High OB/GYN, and ACOG Junior Fellow Vice Chair Elect). The advocacy class was the first of its kind and a valuable opportunity for our residents!





The Department of Ob/Gyn is proud to have two teams fundraising and walking in the Annual March of Dimes, [March for Babies](#). Support the [DRS](#) and [OB](#) teams by donating or joining their teams on Saturday, April 21st at Denver's City Park.

**SUPPORT OUR TEAMS!**

<p><b>SCHOOL OF MEDICINE DRS</b>  <a href="http://www.marchforbabies.org/team/12859090">www.marchforbabies.org/team/12859090</a></p>	<p><b>SCHOOL OF MEDICINE OB</b>  <a href="http://www.marchforbabies.org/team/12859387">www.marchforbabies.org/team/12859387</a></p>
<p>Saturday, April 21st   City Park, Denver</p>	<p>walk • sponsor • donate          (whatever you can do to help!)</p>
	

### December 2017

Firstly, thank you to everyone who attended the Department Holiday Party this year!



*Thank you for joining us at the 2017*

**O B G Y N**  
*Holiday Party*

 **Obstetrics and Gynecology**  
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO ANTHONY MEDICAL CAMPUS



We are also happy to report a successful collection of hygiene and warmth items for [Aurora Warms the Night](#) (AWTN). The Department of Ob/Gyn faculty, staff & PRAs collected over \$1,200 in items, resulting in 150 hygiene kits and 125 warmth items. Thank you to everyone who donated and helped create the kits!



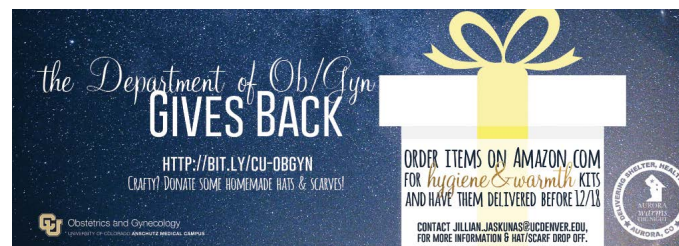
AWTN provides year-round services including meals, warm clothing, hygiene items, transportation to shelter, laundry vouchers, bus passes, partner agency referrals, and advocacy. They operate these services in order to ensure families and individuals meet their most basic needs, learn new skills, and access resources to transition out of homelessness.

## November 2017

### The Department of Ob/Gyn Gives Back!

The Department of Ob/Gyn Staff & PRAs are collecting items for Aurora Warms the Night (AWTN), a local non-profit that shelters those experiencing homelessness in the winter when temperatures reach 20 degrees or colder. AWTN provides year-round services including meals, warm clothing, hygiene items, transportation to shelter, laundry vouchers, bus passes, partner agency referrals, and advocacy. They operate these services in order to ensure families and individuals meet their most basic needs, learn new skills, and access resources to transition out of homelessness.

Help us collect items by ordering from our Amazon.com registry, visit: [bit.ly/cu-obgyn](http://bit.ly/cu-obgyn). Items should be delivered to the Department of Ob/Gyn before Monday, December 18th. Staff & PRAs will get together to create the kits on Tuesday, December 19th.



For more information on Aurora Warms the Night, visit: <https://www.aurorawarmsthenight.org/>

We thank you for your support in helping the Department of Ob/Gyn spread some warmth in our community this holiday year!

## October 2017

### 2017 OB/GYN Research Retreat



The OB/GYN Research Retreat at the Denver Botanic Gardens October 4 attracted more than 100 registered attendees and featured three exceptional keynote speakers, all leaders in their respective fields. The retreat successfully showcased the diversity of our research with a particular focus on junior investigators and

highlighting ongoing efforts to work across divisions. Forty-four abstracts were submitted by junior investigators, professional research assistants and administrators. Ten of these abstracts were selected for oral communications and the remaining abstract were presented as posters in a very well attended poster session. Also, the scientific and career development speed-dating event for Junior investigators was very well received. An unprecedented number of members in the Department (511) completed the post-event survey: this feedback will be invaluable for planning the next departmental research retreat 2019, which Jeanelle Sheeder and Raj Kumar will be responsible for.

Thomas Jansson, MD, PhD

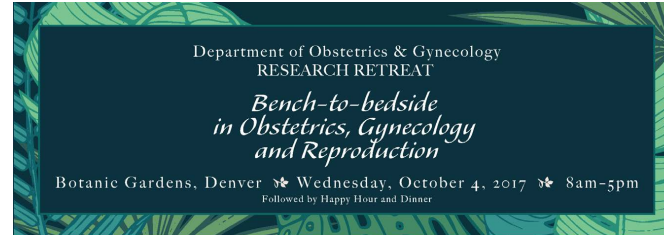
*Florence Crozier Cobb Endowed Professor, Chief Division of Reproductive Sciences*

*Vice Chair of Research at the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology*

## September 2017

### 2017 OB/GYN Research Retreat

Visit the [2017 Research Retreat](#) event page for more information on speaker line-up and how to submit an abstract.



[Register Now](#)

## August 2017

### The 2nd Annual Freedom to Hope Bubble Soccer Tournament

The [Freedom to Hope Campaign's](#) Bubble Soccer Tournament supports the University of Colorado Fertility Preservation Program. Proceeds from the event will go to offsetting the cost of fertility preservation for patients with cancer diagnoses and supporting ongoing research in the area of fertility preservation. [Get your tickets today!](#) Little Man Ice Cream will be serving delicious treats, and we'll have fun games that educate the community about fertility preservation and donor prizes.



## July 2017

It is with great pleasure that the Department Promotions Committee is able to announce that effective July 1st, the School of Medicine Executive Committee and the Chancellor has approved the following promotions.

**Meredith Alston, MD**

Associate Professor

**Saketh Guntupalli, MD**

Associate Professor

**Teresa Harper, MD**

Associate Professor of Clinical Practice

**M. Camille Hoffman, MD**

Associate Professor

**Patricia Huguelet, MD**

Associate Professor

**Shona Murray, MD**

Associate Professor of Clinical Practice

This year has also been one of huge accomplishments for the department in promotion and tenure awards.

**Chris Carey, MD**

Professor- Award of Tenure Criteria

**T. Rajendra Kumar, PhD**

Professor with Tenure

**Stephanie Teal, MD**

Professor- Award of Tenure

We hope you will join us in congratulating them on this exciting news.

*Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology*

*Promotions Committee*

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## July 2017

### The American Health Care Act of 2017 and Colorado

As of this writing, the 'repeal and replace' effort underway in the US Senate looks like it will not come to a vote. The Congressional Budget Office estimated that the House bill (HR 1628), would save the government \$119 billion dollars. This will occur because 23 million people who are now currently insured will lose their health insurance or choose not to purchase health insurance. The impact of implementation of the AHCA, if the Senate version of the bill passes, will be variable depending upon where one lives in this country. For the state of Colorado, it will be disruptive, to say the least, and likely, catastrophic.

States like Colorado, that adopted the ACA's healthcare exchanges, have all seen a sharp increase in the numbers of insured individuals. If this coverage can be sustained, emergent and urgent medical problems can be addressed, and the medical profession can start turning more towards prevention—one of the central pillars of the Hippocratic Oath. If the AHCA becomes the law of the land, Colorado will again see a decline in insured citizens (by about a half a million in a state of 5.5 million), insurance premiums will rise, and the proposed 'block grants' that will go to each state to help offset the implementation costs will be insufficient to address the financial gaps. Colorado, in particular, will be selectively handicapped by the block grant methodology—to the tune of 15 billion dollars by 2030. There is tremendous concern for what this may mean for the welfare of children, our most vulnerable population. This shrinkage in resources will also mean that two of our department's major initiatives and clinical concerns--behavioral health care for pregnant women and the opioid epidemic—will be put on the back burner as we scramble to deal with the ramifications of the new law, both intended and unintended.

Sadly, it appears that our Republican Senator, Corey Gardner, will support the AHCA, despite its implications for the health of the state. I have been working hard to change his mind, and I hope you have, too. Meanwhile, for the sake of the common good, I can only hope that cooler Republican heads prevail. For now, I am consoled by one of my favorite songs from 'Hamilton': Cabinet Battle #1:

*You don't have the votes*

*You don't have the votes*

*You're gonna need congressional approval and you don't have the votes*

**Nanette F. Santoro, MD**

*Professor and E. Stewart Taylor Chair*

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## April 2017

### Tracking Postdoc Inquiries

The NIH now requires that T32 applications also report on the total applicant pool for postdoctoral fellows. Given that we do not have a single institutional postdoctoral fellowship application process, I'm sure you can imagine how difficult it is to collect data on everyone who asks about a postdoctoral position at CU Denver/Anschutz.

In light of this, and to help with our ability to produce training grant tables through the [Graduate Academics Information Appliance \(GAIA\)](#), we have created a new tool that can help capture this information. You can find the new inquiry site at <https://gs.ucdenver.edu/postdoc-inquire/>.

The site collects some basic information from the interested postdoc (e.g., demography, domestic status, pubs, CV, etc.) and allows them to email their interest to up to three faculty members. The interested postdoc then receives an automated message stating that their inquiry has been sent along (NOTE: the message states very explicitly that this is not an application for a position).

What does this mean for you? If someone uses this site to inquire about a position in your lab, you will receive an automated email listing those individuals and a link to their information. You can control your notification preferences and opt to receive either individual inquiry emails or a once weekly summary. You also have the option to set an automatic email response.

In addition to receiving notifications, this tool also gathers profiles on all interested individuals and includes them in a searchable database (e.g., by discipline, research interest, etc.), which you can peruse if you are ever looking for a postdoc. You can search the database through the [main menu of GAIA](#) ("Postdoc inquiries") or access it at <https://gs.ucdenver.edu/postdoc-inquire/list/>.

For this tool to become truly useful, however, we need your help. If you would be willing to include a link to this website on your departmental pages, individual lab pages, or anywhere else you can think of, we would greatly appreciate it. Wide adoption of this tool will help us improve the accuracy of the data tables we can generate for you, and give us a better idea of who is interested in postdoctoral fellowships at our institution.

## February 2017

Check out the [UCH Placenta Accreta Response Team](#) profile in UHealth Today!

## November 2016

Happy Thanksgiving from the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology! Read out about at Dr. Jamie Arruda and Dr. Brittney Bastow's [trip to Nepal last month](#), our faculty spotlight on [Dr. Maryam Gulahi](#), and find out more information about the [Makowski Undergraduate/High School Fellowship](#).

## October 2016

Welcome our two new Vice Chairs! Meredith Alston, MD will be our new Vice Chair of Education, and Saketh Guntupalli, MD will be our new Vice Chair of Quality. I look forward to working with them and using their talent and knowledge to further the missions of our department.

Check out this [Times.com](#) article about an award-winning CU fertility research study and listen to an interview about it on [Colorado Public Radio!](#)

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