



Education Highlights

Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

June 2018

Medical Students

First and foremost, we want to recognize Deborah Jackson for her humanism award given at Honors Convocation. The award is so well deserved.

Deborah M. Jackson, MEd., Medical Student Program Coordinator, was named the 2018 recipient of the Joseph W. St. Geme, Jr., MD Award from the University of Colorado, School of Medicine.

The annual Joseph W. St. Geme, Jr., MD Award recognizes CU faculty, staff and students across the Anschutz Medical Campus who demonstrate exceptional ability in promoting the overall mission of the School of Medicine.

Deborah M. Jackson, MEd., is a Medical Student Program Coordinator for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at CU Anschutz, School of Medicine. Since joining the University in 2014, her versatility in administration and pedagogy has allowed the campus to use her skill sets in creating varied learning experiences for students.

As summarized by her colleague, "Deborah's gift to CU Anschutz has been to expand Women's Care didactics on Canvas, the students' learning management system, network with CU Online to recognize inclusivity of all learner styles as well as help bring awareness around inclusion and accessibility to all online learners. Deborah builds the connection between teacher and medical student beyond the clinic. She widens the learning community to embody all learning styles. She is also a mentor to fellow Medical Education Clinical Coordinators of Obstetrics and Gynecology (MEECOG) recognized by the association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics (APGO).

Her interests, activities and endeavors beyond service to the university include gardening, reading and teaching adult learners.

Deborah, was accompanied by her family, friends and fellow Honor Award recipients, May 24th at the Honors Convocation hosted by the Office of Student Life at the Grand Hyatt Denver, 555 17th St, 38th Floor, Denver, CO 80202. Dr. Kristina Tocce, Deborah's lifelong mentor, presented the award and plaque to her.

Dr. Joseph W. St Geme was Dean of the University of Colorado School of Medicine from January 1985 to October 1986, just shy of 21 months. In his short tenure, he is credited with helping to transform the medical school to a modern research-oriented academic center. In 1987, the St. Geme Lectureship was established and supported by the Chancellor's Office and eight Chairs of the Departments in the School of Medicine who were recruited by Dr. St. Geme. Support was also provided by Dr. Robert Schrier, then Chair of the Department of Medicine and Dr. Frederick Battaglia, then Chair of the Department of Pediatrics. Dr. St. Geme held an academic faculty position in the Department of Pediatrics during his tenure as Dean.

We continue to appreciate faculty teaching in our curriculum. Dr. Gail Womack and Dr. Harvey Cohen have graciously agreed to staff a lunchtime conference for students on Mondays. Pathology and Radiology joined forces to create a multi-disciplinary conference in a tumor board style. Twelve medical students attended the Medical Student Meet and Greet. Thanks for all the advice to third year medical students who will be the future presidents of AUGS, SGO, SMFM, and ASRM.

Congratulations to the following Ob/Gyn preceptors who were nominated for a Golden Stethoscope Award:

- Dr. Karin Wollschlaeger from St. Joseph's
- Dr. Michael Zaretsky from University of Colorado Hospital

Fellowship Program

The fellowship program is gearing up for a busy summer as usual. Interviews, for all four programs, as well as the new incoming fellows beginning on 7/1, and our exiting fellows leave on 6/30.

April 2018

Medical Student Program

Another huge thank you to Deborah Jackson for being us in compliance with the LCMD and the School of Medicine! The medical student program for OB/GYN is coming along nicely. We plan on having a reception at Dr. Muffly's house on May 17, 2018 for all faculty and recently matched students. Invitations to follow.

New this year we will offer a service of reviewing all letters of recommendation to assist with adding key phrases that can be helpful in getting your point across regarding a student.

Many congratulations are in order for our University of Colorado students who matched into Residency, Friday, March 16, 2018.

We want to thank Deborah Jackson, Christine Conageski, and Jane Limmer for counseling these students to a great match!

Student	University
Michael Berger	Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA
Kim Cabral	Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR
Miriam Estin	Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC
Jamie Gilroy	University of Colorado, Aurora, CO
Erica Martinez	Stanford University, Stanford, CA
Emily Schmidt	Icahn SOM St. Luke's-Roosevelt-NY, New York, NY
Ngoc Vu	University of Texas, Medical Branch, Galveston, TX

Many thanks to Diane Christopher for reinvigorating the preclinical student program in OB/GYN. Coming up soon will include suturing session at the CSITE, and a subspecialty teaching session.

If you have any questions or comments do not hesitate to speak with Dr. Tyler Muffly. He is available via cell phone at 720 – 810 – 9863.

Residency Program

Two residents in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology have been selected to win a Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award: Javier Gonzalez, MD (PGY2) and Gabby Whitmore, MD (PGY2).

The Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award recognizes residents who demonstrate excellence in teaching and in delivering compassionate, relationship-centered care. Third-year students nominate residents who they feel are deserving of the award, and a committee of junior medical students chooses the winning residents from the pool of nominations. This was an extraordinarily competitive year for the award, as 16 residents were nominated, and Drs. Gonzalez and Whitmore represent the highest example of humanism in medicine.

****2018 Student Clinicians Ceremony****

Friday, April 20th

12 noon – 1:30 pm

Ed 2 South, Room 1102 (600-seat auditorium)

Dr. Jennifer Hodges will be taking over as the Assistant Residency Program Director for MFM start in April. She will be taking over for Dr. Nick Behrendt who is transitioning to Children's full-time. Thank you Nick for all of your contributions in this role!

We had another great showing at the annual APGO/CREOG conference this year! Here are some of our contributions (Elaine, Maryam and Tricia – please chime in if I've missed something):

- Discussion Den:
Smooth Sailing: The Benefits of a Preliminary Internship Position
Meredith Alston, MD; Elaine Stickrath, MD
- Focus Breakfast:
Sailing the Seas of Curriculum Reform: How to Utilize New Educational Tools to Implement a Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology (PAG) Curriculum into Your Residency Program
Patricia Huguelet, MD
- Oral Abstracts:
Changing Tides Ahead: Career Expectations of Obstetrics and Gynecology Residents and Future Residents
Meredith Alston, MD; Jessica Ehrig MD; Amanda Allshouse MS
Piloting a Resident-Oriented Leadership Training Program Using the Leadership Observation and Feedback Tool (LOFT)
Kelsey Jones, MS; Meredith Alston MD; Amanda Allshouse MS; Nanette Santoro MD
- Poster Presentation:
Impact of a Structured Resident Research Program on Scholarly Productivity
Maryam Guiahi MD MSc, Meredith Alston MD, Torri Metz MD MS

Fellowship Program

The Fellowship Program has been busy prepping for interviews this summer, and our incoming fellows.

December 2017

Medical Student Program

The third year medical students will return from their Winter Break to restart block #6 of their Women's Care rotation on January 2, 2018. Please welcome them back to your service!

A HUGE thank you to Deborah Jackson for her guidance and institutional knowledge with the Women's Care Clerkship. Thank you to the entire faculty for teaching our medical students.

Please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Muffly (tyler.muffly@dhha.org, (720) 810-9863) or Dr. Cohen (Rebecca.h.cohen@ucdenver.edu) regarding any medical student questions or concerns.

The Medical Student Education Team New Year's resolutions include:

- Streamlining the third year medical student orientation and mid-point sessions to optimize more time on the wards.
- Advising the eight CU medical students applying to OBGYN residency who will complete the Match on Friday, March 16th, 2018
- Faculty development for letters of recommendation key phrases and 1-minute teaching techniques.

Residency Program

Residency interviews are completed! Thank you to everyone who helped with the interview process. Rank Meeting Monday, January 29th from 3-5pm in the 7th floor board room. CREOG exams January 18th & 19th.

Fellowship Program

We are proud to announce all of our Fellowships have had a great match this year, and we are looking forward to welcoming our newest group of fellows in July of 2018! Have a happy holiday.

November 2017

Medical Student Highlights

A huge thank you to Dr. Jane Limmer for her service as the Medical Student Director and helping transition Dr. Cohen and Dr. Muffly starting October 20, 2017. Deborah Jackson has been the glue that is keeping the clerkship together and we thank her.

Future OBGYNs at work - We have eight medical students from CU applying to residency in OB/GYN this year. The match has been very competitive to date and our applicants are faring well during the interview process. Mark your calendar for Match Day: Friday, March 16, 2018.

Soliciting feedback - Dr. Muffly will be attending each division meeting in the next three months to receive feedback on medical students and ideas for improvements to the undergraduate medical education experience.

Dates of Note - Medical students will be off service starting on **December 11** and returning in **January 2**. Please adjust your service as necessary.

Residency Highlights

The Residency Program is in the middle of interview season! The remaining interview dates are Dec, 1, 4 and 11. The resident interview rank meeting is on January 29th at 3pm in AO1 7000 board room.

We are excited to announce our Resident Research Day and the Graduation Banquet guest speaker, Barbara Levy, MD. Dr. Levy is the Vice President of Health Policy with ACOG. Research Day and the Banquet are on June 1, 2018.

Please join us in congratulating our Chief Residents on their fellowship positions!

Shannon Son, MD: MFM, University of Utah
 Jenny McKinney, MD: MFM, Baylor University
 Aakriti Carrubba, MD: MIGS, Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville
 Sarah Peterson, MD: Family Planning, Stanford University
 Liz Robison, MD: Urogynecology, Ohio State

Fellowship Highlights

Applicants can start applying December 1st for GynOnc, REI and MFM fellowships!

We are excited to announce our new incoming fellows for 2018:

GynOnc: Brandon Sawyer, MD from University of California, Irvine
 REI: Thanh Luu, MD from the Cleveland Clinic
 MFM: Chloe Nielsen, MD from Northwestern McGaw & Emily Willner, MD from Beth Israel
 Deaconess Medical Center
 Family Planning: Ariel Sklar, MD from Northwestern McGaw University

September 2017

Medical Student Highlights

Congratulations to our new education directors! Dr. Tyler Muffly, Clerkship Director, and Dr. Rebecca Cohen our Assistant Clerkship Director! Also, Dr. Nicki Nguyen Medical Student Clerkship Site Director at Denver Health.

Residency Highlights

Welcome to Dr. Christine Conageski our UCH Associate Residency Program Director!

Fellowship Highlights

Fellowship Match Day is 10/4 at 10am.

August 2017

Residency Highlights

Liz Robison, MD matched into Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery at the University of Ohio. Dr Robison is the first person to apply to a Urogyn Fellowship from the University of Colorado OBGYN residency in 10 years.

Fellowship Highlights

Fellowship interviews are underway, Match Day is October 4th.

June 2017

Medical Students Highlights

At the annual School of Medicine Honors Convocation, Dr. Tyler Muffly received the "Outstanding Clinical Teacher" award from the graduating class of 2017. This is a tremendous honor!

Thank you to the residents and faculty who came to the Medical Student Meet and Greet on 5/24 at Dr. Jane Limmer's home. We have a great group of rising 4th-years who are planning to pursue Ob/Gyn, and they enjoyed meeting folks from our Department!

Residency Highlights

Congratulations to Dr. Meredith Alston for being this year's winner of the Academy's Medical Educator award for Excellence in Educational Administration and Leadership. This award is given for those faculty and staff whose educational vision, commitment or caring have made a real difference in the SOM. She will be recognized at the Academy of Medical Educator's Celebration on Tuesday July 11, from 5:00 – 6:00 in the Chester Ridgeway Board Room located in Academic Office One, 7th Floor.

Fellowship Highlights

The new Fellows Curriculum will start this academic year. There will be four sessions per year focusing on topics that span the sub-specialties. The first year will include lectures on the following topics: Academic Promotion, Contract Negotiation, Billing, and Learner Feedback

April 2017

Medical Student Highlights

Congratulations to the CU School of Medicine Medical Students who matched in Ob/Gyn!

Student	Placement
Robin Christian	Rutgers-NJ Medical Newark, New Jersey
Brianna Dix	St. Joseph Hospital Denver, Colorado
Chelsea Giagni	Lehigh Valley Hospital Allentown, Pennsylvania
Margaret Heerwagen	University of New Mexico Albuquerque, New Mexico
Alida Ovrutsky	University Hospital Aurora, Colorado
Jennifer Sternberg	University of Southern California Los Angeles, California

Join us for the CU SOM OB/GYN Applicants Meet & Greet on Wednesday, May 16th at 5:30pm. deborah.jackson@ucdenver.edu for more information.

March 2017

Residency Highlights

The Residency Program is excited to announce another amazing match!

Applicant Name	Medical School
Alyson Banegas	University of New Mexico
Rosella Bissonnette	Louisiana State University
Elizabeth Clain	Albert Einstein
Lindsay Goad	University of Iowa
Alida Ovrutsky	University of Colorado
Heather Patel	Texas Tech University
Kelsey Petrie	University of Washington
Carrie Wilson	Northwestern University
Joanna Wong	Tufts University
Mary (Wulff) Kinyoun	University of Nebraska

February 2017

Residency Highlights

Match Day is March 17th!

Fellowship Highlights

Please join us in congratulating Rachel Rodel, MFM Fellow, in receiving the Child Maternal Health mentored pilot grant award from the CCTSI.

Maternal Fetal Medicine, Gynecologic Oncology, and Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility fellowships are all now ACGME accredited!

December 2016

Residency Highlights

Residency interviews are completed! Rank Meeting 1/23 3-5 pm, 7th floor board room! CREOG exams 1/26 and 1/27.

Fellowship Highlights

All three fellowships Gyn Onc, REI and MFM have been approved by the GMEC and are now working on their ACGME applications.

Medical Student Highlights

Dr. Christine Conageski has been selected as the new Assistant Block Director for Women's Care. We are thrilled to have her continue working on our team!

We will be hosting a Retreat for Medical Student Education on Wednesday 1/25/17 from 8:30-12:30, in the Nighthorse Campbell Building, room 304-305. All are welcome! Please let Deborah Jackson know if you would like to join us!

November 2016

Residency Highlights

Resident interviews are half way done! Remaining interview dates are December 2, 9, and 12.

Fellowship Highlights

All three fellowships Gyn Onc, REI and MFM have been approved by the GMEC and are now working on their ACGME applications.

Medical Student Highlights

We will be hosting a retreat for Improving the Women's Care Clerkship for 3rd-year students. The date is TBD but should be the last week of January 2017. Please let us know if you would like to attend!

October 2016

We'd like to welcome Meredith Alston, MD, our new Vice Chair of Education!

Residency Highlights

Please join us in congratulating Dr. David Doo and Dr. Erin Blake who both matched at their first choice for Gynecologic Oncology fellowship! David will be going to the University of Alabama Birmingham and Erin will be going to the University of Southern California.

Residency interviews start next month! Interviews are scheduled for: November 11, November 14, November 18, December 2, December 9 and December 12.

Fellowship Highlights

We'd like to welcome our new 2017 fellows starting next year:

The Division of Gynecologic Oncology welcomes Lindsay Wheeler, MD from Stanford University.

The Division of Family Planning welcomes Angela Marchin, MD from Ohio State University.

The Division of Maternal Fetal Medicine welcomes Johnathan Steller, MD from University of California, Irvine, and Anne Porter, MD from Washington University, St. Louis.

The Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility welcomes Cassie Rocca, MD from the Brigham and Women's Hospital.

The division of Gynecologic Oncology was approved by our GMEC office and they will be working on the ACGME application. Maternal Fetal Medicine and Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility will go up to GMEC in October or November.

August 2016

Residency Highlights

Residency recruitment season will soon be upon us! Please contact Christine Raffaelli if you're interested in participating in the process. Here are the scheduled dates for interviews: November 11, November 14, November 18, December 2, December 9 and December 12.

Fellowship Highlights

Fellowship interviews are ongoing until September 19th. Match Day is October 5th.

Medical Student Highlights

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Jane Limmer on her new position as the new Women's Care Block Director! Dr. Christine Conageski is the Interim Co-Director. We have 9 students applying for Ob/Gyn Residency this year!

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