



Monday Memo – October 20, 2014

Awards and Recognition

- A number of faculty, staff and residents were recognized at the Department's Annual Dinner on Friday evening at Cyprian Keyes:
- **Karen Rayla**, Administrative Coordinator for the Family Medicine Clerkship, was recognized with a Special Recognition Award for her many contributions to our Department and students.

Five faculty received Educational Excellence Awards for their outstanding contributions to the education of our residents and students in the past year:

- **Stephanie Carter-Henry** was recognized for her accomplishments as Education Director at the Hahnemann Family Health Center, including her contributions to the residency's Physician as Leader curriculum and to the evolving role of the Chief Resident, as well as for her direction of the Third Year Clerkship at HFHC
- **Allison Hargreaves** was recognized for her leadership in the transformation of the Worcester residency's Family Medicine Inpatient Teaching Service, as well as her development of a robust teaching experience for residents in her role as Medical Director at the Holden Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
- **Mary Lindholm** was recognized for her leadership as Director of the Department's Third Year Family Medicine clerkship, which continues as one of the highest rated clerkships in the third year, as well as her work as Assistant Director of the Community Faculty Development Center
- **Patty Ruze** was recognized for her untiring work to maintain the continuity of clinical electives and longitudinal preceptor student placements in the Massachusetts correctional health system, as well as her contributions to the development of a new Optional Enrichment Elective on Criminal Justice Health
- **Ginny Van Duynes** was recognized for the leadership role she has provided as Associate Director of Women's Health for the Worcester Family Medicine, resulting in a reorganization of the MCH curriculum, providing a standardized workshop and didactic schedule ensuring a sound educational experience for all

Two Chair's Awards were announced in recognition of extraordinary performance:

- **Rick Sacra** was recognized for his longstanding commitment to the people of Liberia as a physician at ELWA Hospital in Monrovia
- **The faculty, residents and staff of the Fitchburg Family Practice** were recognized for their perseverance and dedication to the residency and to their patients during a year of transition to a new practice. The transition of the residency and its practice had been identified as a "Must Do/Can't Fail Department priority for 2014. Those recognized included leaders Nic Apostoleris and Jim Ledwith, staff Carol Roberts and Elaine Desjardins, faculty Margarita Castro-Zarraga, Felix Chang, Cheryl Divito, Mary DiGangi, Sharon Machado, Peter McConarty, Abhijeet Patil, Michele Pugnaire, and Stefan Topolski; and second and third year residents Christine Wang Ashour, Crystal Benjamin, Benjamin Calef, Kavita Deshpande, Cassandra Dorvil, Corrine Grant, Edward Jackman, Jeremy Morrison, Jennifer Smith, Jeff Wang, Jonathan Yoder

Congratulations to all!

- **Heather-Lyn Haley** has been selected to receive a 2014 Life Leadership Service Award from the Institute for Global Leadership. The award will be presented by IGL Director Virginia Swain at an event on November 20 at All Saints Church, Irving St, Worcester. For more info and to RSVP, see <http://www.socialweb.net/Events/176196.lasso>.
- Earlier this month in Chicago, lead author, **Rocco, Perla, EdD** (Assistant Professor in Quantitative Health Sciences and Family Medicine & Community Health) and his team were recognized by the National Association for Healthcare Quality (NAHQ) for their article, "[Whole Patient Measure of Safety: Using Administrative Data to Assess the Probability of Highly Undesirable Events During Hospitalization.](#)" Dr. Perla is also founding Director of the Regional Innovation Network at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Presentations

- **Bill Foley** was course director for an osteopathic conference sponsored by the Massachusetts Osteopathic Society entitled "*The Sacred Nature of Osteopathy: How Nature Heals.*" The course was held at the Warren Conference Center in Ashland, MA on October 4th and 5th and attracted both DOs and MDs from all across the country.
- **Hugh Silk** was an invited expert representing family medicine at the 5th Annual Symposium on Oral Health and Primary Care hosted by the National Interprofessional Initiative on Oral Health in Carmel CA on Oct 5-7. Hugh was also an Invited Speaker at the American Dental Association's (ADA) Annual Conference in San Antonio, TX on October 10 speaking on "Making the Medical-Dental Connection in Your Practice" as part of an Interprofessional presentation.

Publications

- In the October edition of Family Medicine, Hugh Silk reviewed Frederick M. Barken's book, *Out of Practice: Fighting for Primary Care Medicine in America*. You can read the review at <http://www.stfm.org/Portals/49/Documents/FMPDF/FamilyMedicineVol46Issue9Silk729.pdf>.

Media

- **Sandy Blount** gave an extensive interview to the Simmons School of Social Work Field Educator, including what he thinks is an important process of building bridges to other disciplines for Integrated Primary Care: <http://bit.ly/1sTKrtu>

Events

- **Katharine Barnard** (oboe), **Kristin Mallett** (trombone) and **Mary Lindholm** (French horn) will be participating in the opening concert of the Seven Hills Symphony on November 14 at 7:30 in the Blais Pavilion of the Lazare Research Building on the University campus. The concert opens the Symphony's

tenth season. The Symphony includes many members of the UMass faculty and student body as well as other talented participants from the community. Come support Katharine, Kristin and Mary and enjoy an excellent concert.