



Monday Memo – April 13, 2015

Grants

- Residents Ivonne McLean (Barre), and Cassandra Dorvil (Fitchburg), and Olga Valdman applied and received a \$5000 Travel Grant from the UMass Medical School Office of Global Health to work on “Teen Pregnancy in Nicaragua”

Presentations

- Noah Rosenberg and Olga Valdman are co-authors of a poster presentation, “A Comparative Cost-Benefit Analysis of Medical Equipment Sterilization Methods in a Rural Nicaraguan Clinic”, presented at the Consortium of Universities for Global Health Conference March 25-28

- Felix Chang was an invited speaker on “Acupuncture for Pain Control: Evidence Base Medicine”, at the 7th Annual Complementary and Integrative Therapies EXPO organized by the UMass Integrative Health Academic Interest Group, held on March 30. We also note that Felix recently passed the Boards of Integrated Holistic Medicine.

Publications

- Hugh Silk had an edited version of a Thursday Morning Memo, “The Power of a Handshake”, published in the Spring 2015 edition of Intima: A Journal of Narrative Medicine. See <http://www.theintima.org/new-page-20>

- A recent Thursday Morning Memo written by Lisa Gussak was published in Family Medicine: “A new way of hearing”, *Fam Med. 2015 Apr;47(4):315-6 PMID: 25853604* [PubMed – in process]

- Suzanne Cashman and Judy Savageau are among the co-authors of “Preventive behaviors and Knowledge of Tick-Borne Illnesses: Results of a Survey from an Endemic Area”, *Journal of Public Health Management Practice, 2015, 21(3), E16-E23*. First authors of this publication were Sara Valente, Daniel Wemple and Sebastian Ramos, based on work done by them as fourth year students in the summer research fellowship program at UMMS.

· Several faculty and residents were published in the March/April edition of Worcester Medicine in an issue focused on Art and Medicine:

· Mary Cooper (HFHC): “The Storm”

Hugh Silk and Joanne Dannenhoffer (Barre): “Reflective Writing in Family Medicine”

Sherrilyn Sethi, “UMMS Family Medicine Worcester Art Museum/Medical Humanities Curriculum”

Awards

· Mattie Castiel was named 2015 Community Clinician of the Year by the Worcester District Medical Society at its 2015 Annual Business meeting on April 8. Officers of the WDMS include our own Frederic Baker, President, and Jay Broadhurst, Vice President.

Katherine Atkinson was named the recipient of the Massachusetts Academy of Family Physicians' 2015 Family Medicine Educator of the Year award in recognition of her exemplary clinical teaching of medical students in the specialty of Family Medicine. An alumnus of our Worcester residency program, Kate has served as the Medical Director at the Atkinson Family Practice in Amherst, Massachusetts, and is an assistant professor in our Department.