Monday Memo – June 11, 2018

**Academic Appointments and Promotions**

Congratulations to the following faculty with recently completed academic appointments:

- **Joshua Tessier, DO** was recently appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department. Dr. Tessier is a 2008 graduate of Des Moines University in Iowa where he received his DO degree. In 2011 he completed his family medicine residency program at Iowa Lutheran Hospital also located in Des Moines. Prior to medical school Dr. Tessier completed a Master of Science in Clinical Laboratory Science at UMass Lowell and in 2014 completed the American College of Physician Executives (ACPE) Physician Leadership Academy at UnityPoint Health. Dr. Tessier is a member of our core residency faculty at the HealthAlliance Fitchburg Family Practice Program and serves as the Associate Residency Director. He is the former Regional Assistant Dean at UnityPoint Health and served as an Adjunct Clinical Faculty where he taught in a variety of courses.

- **Eric Rosenthal, DO** was recently appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department. Dr. Rosenthal is a 2014 graduate of the University of New England in Biddeford, Maine where he received his DO degree. In 2017 he graduated from our Fitchburg Family Medicine Residency Program having served as Chief Resident. Dr. Rosenthal is a member of our core residency faculty at the HealthAlliance Fitchburg Family Practice Residency where he precepts residents and medical students, provides didactic lectures and develops curricula. Given his strong interest in OB he is completing a non-accredited Fellowship with the UMass Department of OB/GYN to increase his expertise in operative OB and ultimately be able to share his knowledge and skills with the residents.

**Recognitions**

- Lisa Morris, director of cross cultural initiatives for MassAHEC/Center for Health Policy and Research was recognized for her service by the Board of the National Council on Interpreting in Health Care. Lisa also hosted a successful conference, Paving the Way for Health Care Access for 300+ medical interpreters and translators from across the country on June 8th and 9th in Marlboro.
Publications


- Hugh Silk, Judy Savageau, Kate Sullivan and Gail Sawosik had an article published in the June edition of Family Medicine entitled: An Update of Oral Health Curricula in US Family Medicine Residency Programs. This is part of their HRSA collaborative agreement work in conjunction with the Center for Integration of Primary Care and Oral Health with Harvard University. You can view the article at: https://journals.stfm.org/familymedicine/2018/june/silk-2017-0369/

Additional Items

- During the Fall months, Judy Savageau and Roger Luckmann conducted the first half of a series of basic research methodology workshops, covering: How to Pick a Research Project, How to Conduct a Literature Review, and Questionnaire Design/Survey Instrument Development. Sessions were well attended with over 20 attendees participating across the 3 workshops. Judy just completed the offering of 4 new workshops this Spring, covering: Developing a Data Analysis Plan, Basic Data Analysis, Disseminating Scholarly Work: How to Get Started, and Scientific Writing: Components of a Paper. We plan to repeat this series of workshops again in the Fall and are open to adding new topics of interest. We will send out a poll asking you to identify what new topics you’d like us to present. Questions can be directed to either Judy Savageau (judith.savageau@umassmed.edu) or Kate Sullivan (kate.sullivan@umassmed.edu).

- The Senior Scholars Program (a 2-3 month research elective for 4th year medical students) recently held its annual celebration. There were 32 4th year students who completed the Senior Scholars Program this year. Directed by Judy Savageau on behalf of the Ofc of Undergraduate Medical Education, there were 2 students who presented their work mentored by FMCH Faculty:
  - Betsy Tammaro (with Suzanne Cashman): Integrating the Social Determinants of Health into the Preclinical Curriculum: Qualitative Assessment of a Problem-based Learning Exercise
  - Lindsey Hildebrand (with Judy Savageau): Health Policy in a UMass Undergraduate Medical Curriculum

Several of our faculty also served as judges for this year’s poster presentations: Jack Gettens, Tasmina Hydery, Bonnie Greenwood, Melodie Wenz Gross, and Hugh Silk.
If you have a project that you think would be great for a Senior Scholars student, Judy is already recruiting and signing up students for this coming academic year. Feel free to reach out judy.savageau@umassmed.edu.