



Barbara Lakshminarayan, Erik Swenson, and Lakshmi at the John Butler Lecture.

I am very pleased to announce a new endowment in honor of **S. Lakshminarayan**. The Lakshminarayan Fellows Fund has been established through the efforts of Erik Swenson and the generosity of the Thomas H. Maren Foundation. The fund will be used to allow fellows to take advantage of unique research training opportunities in support of their career advancement. The fund honors Lakshmi's many contributions to the Division, most particularly his generous and unstinting support of the fellowship program and its participants.

I would like to thank Mr. **Grey Carter** for his recent donation securing the base endowment level for a research fund focusing on ALI/ARDS. The fund will be named "The Margaret Manley Carter Endowed Fund for ALI/ARDS Research" to memorialize Mr. Carter's late wife who died as a result of ARDS.

Congratulations to **Renee Stapleton** who joined the faculty as Assistant Professor of Medicine on January 2, 2007.

Best wishes for a health new year,

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A Resurgence of Tuberculosis (Interest) in the Division.

The last several years have seen a strong resurgence of interest in tuberculosis (TB) and related mycobacterial diseases in our Division. PCCM faculty and fellows are now active in many aspects of mycobacterial disease control, clinical care, education, advocacy, and research.

Control: Masa Narita is the TB Control Officer for Public Health Seattle & King County and member of the Harborview section working closely with David Park on local and national efforts. Dave chairs Harborview's TB Control Committee and the two coordinate evaluation and treatment of TB patients in the community. Masa and Dave also provide expert control and management advice on the TB "warm-line" managed by the Francis J. Curry Western Regional Tuberculosis Medical Consultation and Training Center in San Francisco.

Clinical Care: Dave and Masa, along with Shawn Skerrett and Katy Horan established a clinic at Harborview to serve the challenging non-tuberculous mycobacterial (NTM) diseases patient population. The monthly clinic welcomes referrals of suspected or documented cases of non-HIV-related NTM pulmonary disease from the community. For information, contact clinic coordinator Kirstin Moe (kmoe@u.washington.edu).

Education and Advocacy: The American Lung Association of Washington (ALAW) and Firland Foundation are partners in supporting TB activities including a 2-day intensive Tuberculosis CME course led by Masa and Dave. Accredited by the Curry Center, it draws participants from throughout the region with future presentations planned in Eastern Washington. The organizations co-fund the Washington State TB Advisory Council, dedicated to advocacy and education efforts and co-chaired by Dave. The Firland Foundation is sponsoring a Visiting Professorship in Tuberculosis and Related Mycobacterial Diseases to bring clinical and research experts in TB and related fields to Seattle for lectures and interactions. The steering committee welcomes suggestions about potential speakers (dvp@u.washington.edu).

Research: Ongoing activities include CDC-sponsored clinical projects in TB control directed by Masa. Katy recently completed her fellowship investigating the genetic epidemiology of TB and NTM disease. David Horne, Senior Fellow, is embarking on a study of humoral responses during the treatment of TB. Tanyalak Parimon, Senior Fellow, is investigating TB-induced macrophage cytokine responses. Dave recently joined the Firland Foundation Board of Directors and will chair their grants committee. Information about the Firland Foundation and its grants program is found at their website <http://www.firland.org/foundation>.

ALUMNI UPDATE

STEVE CRAWFORD was recently appointed Medical Director for the CIGNA Lifesource Transplant Network. The CIGNA Lifesource Transplant Network provides transplant care in more than 65 transplant centers throughout the country, making it the nation's largest transplant program. Steve joined the U.S. Navy in 2001 where he served as a Commander in the United States Navy Medical Corps and will remain on Independent Ready Reserve until November 2009.

BOB KEMPAINEN is at the University of Minnesota in the clinician-scholar track. He directs the medical student second year respiratory pathophysiology course and cares for patients in the Cystic Fibrosis center.

KITTY BUSBY is at the University of New Mexico and has served as both fellowship director and section chief at the VA.

The Idaho Pulmonary Associates in Boise continues to grow and now includes a number of UW alumni; **JIM SOUZA**, **BILL DITTRICH**, **WENDI NORRIS**, **SAADIA AKHTAR**, and **KATE SUTHERLAND**.

UPCOMING EVENTS / SAVE THE DATE

- The annual **VANSEAPORT** meeting will be held February 18-20, 2007 at White Pass, WA. For more information, please contact Erik Swenson, eswenson@u.washington.edu.
- The American Lung Association of Washington will hold its Seattle **Asthma Walk** fundraiser on May 6, 2007 at Husky Stadium. Thank you to Teal Hallstrand (tealh@u.washington.edu) and Bill Shecket (wcshec@u.washington.edu) for volunteering to lead the UWMC/CHRC team as part of the ALAW's Asthma Walk Leadership Committee.
- The annual Seattle ATS bash will be held on May 21, 2007 at a San Francisco location to be determined.
- **Summer Lung Day** will be held on June 15, 2007 at the Urban Horticulture Center on the UW campus. Please contact Dave Pierson, (djp@u.washington.edu) if you have questions about this annual event.

Please update us on your current activities at pccmalum@u.washington.edu. We also have an Alumni website where you can update your contact information and keep up with our growing network <http://fmrc.pulmcc.washington.edu/alumni/index.php>.

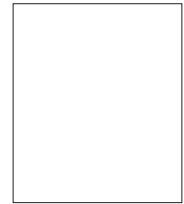
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2006-2007 DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

Tom Martin was appointed chair of the Subspecialty Board on Pulmonary Disease of the American Board of Internal Medicine. Tom will serve in this position until June 2008.

Bill Parks was selected to present his research at the Science in Medicine lecture series sponsored by the School of Medicine. Bill's lecture entitled "Proteolytic Pathways in Immunity" occurred on January 17, 2007.

Dave Park has been nominated as ACCP Governor for Washington. The Governor serves a two-year term working with ACCP staff and local members. Dave was also recently appointed to the Firland Foundation Board of Directors.

Dave Pierson will be presented with the ATS Distinguished Achievement Award at the 2007 meeting in San Francisco. This award recognizes Dave's outstanding and numerous contributions to fighting respiratory disease through research, education, patient care, and advocacy.

Louis Boitano is recipient of the 2006 Respironics Fellowship in Non-Invasive Respiratory Care. Louis presented his award-

winning abstract at the AARC International Respiratory Congress in Las Vegas last month.

Gordon Rubenfeld has been appointed Associate Editor of the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine.

Randy Curtis has been selected to be a member of the National Advisory Council for the National Institute of Nursing Research. Additionally, Randy recently presented "Talking with Doctors about End-of-Life Care" as part of the Seattle Public Library Medical Lecture series in January.

David Au was awarded a site in the NHLBI Long-Term Oxygen Treatment Trial. The purpose of the trial is to test the effects of continuous oxygen therapy on mortality for individuals with moderate hypoxemia. David is the P.I., with Randy Curtis, Bruce Culver, and Anne Mahoney serving as co-investigators.

Vince Fan received approval to initiate a 1-year feasibility trial of the BREATH study and started enrolling patients as one of six participating sites.



Monica Fawthrop and David Au enjoying the 2006 ALAW Gala.

Jason Chien was selected to receive funding from the Cancer Center Support Grant by the leadership of the SCCA.

The Firland Foundation has generously provided a gift to establish the **Firland Foundation Visiting Professorship in Tuberculosis and Mycobacterial Disease**. This annual program will bring a world expert on TB to Seattle for a grand rounds presentation and the opportunity to meet with trainees and researchers in the region.