



Congratulations to Cynthia Gries and Sean Kassim as the first recipients of funding from the Lakshminarayan Fellows endowment Fund established last fall. Cynthia will be participating in the European Respiratory Society course on Lung Transplantation as part of her ongoing fellowship training. Sean will be participating in an upcoming Gordon Research Conference on the topic of Matrix Metalloproteinases.

Gordon Rubinfeld recently announced that he has accepted a position as Chief, Program in Trauma, Critical Care, and Emergency Medicine at Sunnybrook Hospital and Professor of Medicine in the Department of Critical Care at the University of Toronto. Gordon will be leaving the UW at the end of July and we wish him the very best.

In July, we will welcome a new class of fellows into our training program including several from the UW residency program. Our current class of third year fellows have been very successful in securing extramural funding for continued training, or faculty positions in which to continue their academic careers.

Please update us on your current activities at [pccmalum@u.washington.edu](mailto: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>.

A very special thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Len Hudson ALAW Endowed Chair campaign.

I hope to see you at ATS,

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## Former UW PCCM Fellows Excel as Leaders in Medical Education

In addition to training outstanding researchers, our division has a long history of developing leaders in medical education. Currently, there are 12 Division faculty members in the UW SOM's clinician-educator track, including 5 at UWMC, 5 at Harborview, and 2 at the Boise VA. Although we do not have specific funding for it, for more than a decade we have had an informal "clinician-educator" track for fellows who wished to pursue that pathway to an academic career. On average, about one fellow from every other year's entering class has pursued this training track.



Paula Carvalho using simulation to train housestaff.

**Here is a sampling of current positions and activities among the dozen or so former fellows who presently hold full-time clinician-educator faculty positions at other institutions around the country.**

**Kitty Busby** is director of the PCCM fellowship program at the University of New Mexico. An associate professor of medicine, Kitty is also the section head at the Albuquerque VA. She notes that UNM is fairly supportive of faculty development in the clinician-educator pathway, and offers a 6-month medical education scholars program.

**Bob Kempainen**, Assistant Professor in the Division of Pulmonary, Allergy, and Critical Care at the University of Minnesota, reports that he has also received division and university support as a clinician-educator. In addition to working clinically about two-thirds of his time, Bob directs the Minneapolis equivalent of HuBio 541, the 2nd-year respiratory pathophysiology course, as well as the student and resident rotations at UMMC.

**Larry Klima** is Associate Program Director for the internal medicine residency program, director of housestaff simulator training, and involved in the Residents as Educators Curriculum at the University of Florida in Gainesville. After assuming his present position, Larry played a major role in getting Florida's residency off of ACGME probation—an activity with which we at the UW can sympathize. He recently moved to the Department of Ambulatory Care and is continuing his position in the medicine residency.

Among several other Division alumni currently working as clinician-educators, **Catherine Monti** is director of the PCCM fellowship program and director of the MICU at the John Stroger Hospital of Cook County in Chicago, and **Brownie Schoene** is Clinical Professor of Medicine and director of the internal medicine residency at the University of California, San Diego.

## UPCOMING EVENTS / SAVE THE DATE

- The AARC and members of the Division will be hosting a reception in honor of David Pierson as recipient of the American Thoracic Society's Distinguished Achievement Award on May 20, 2007 at 7:30 pm. Location: Salon at Hotel Rex, 562 Sutter Street, San Francisco, 415-443-4464
- The annual Seattle ATS bash will be held on May 21, 2007 at 7 pm. Location: North Beach Restaurant, 1512 Stockton St, San Francisco, 415-392-1700. *This is a new location from that previously announced.*
- 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](mailto:djp@u.washington.edu)) if you have questions about this annual event.
- The Francis J. Curry National Tuberculosis Center will hold a 2-day TB Intensive in Seattle June 21-22, 2007. Please contact Dave Park ([drp@u.washington.edu](mailto:drp@u.washington.edu)) or Masa Narita ([masa.narita@metrokc.gov](mailto:masa.narita@metrokc.gov)) for further information about this CME course.

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Please send your comments or human-interest stories to Monica Fawthrop at [mfawthro@u.washington.edu](mailto:mfawthro@u.washington.edu).



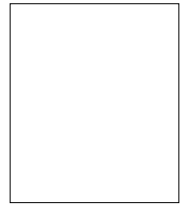
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## 2006-2007 DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

**Pradeep Singh** was selected as a Burroughs Wellcome Fund Clinical Scientist Award in Translational Research. This highly competitive 5-year award begins July 2007. Additionally, Pradeep's work using gallium as a Trojan horse to attack drug-resistant *P. aeruginosa* was recently published in The Journal of Clinical Investigation and featured in a Science editorial.

**Margaret Neff** was presented with LifeCenter Northwest's 2007 Organ Donation Individual Excellence Award. This was the first year that LCNW gave this award to honor an individual who has gone above and beyond to contribute to LifeCenter Northwest's mission of saving lives through organ donation.

**Bill Parks** is vice president and president-elect of the American Society for Matrix Biology and will be president in 2008. He has been serving as secretary/treasurer of the society, which represents more than 1,100 professionals in the field of extracellular matrix science worldwide.

**Tom Martin** been chosen to receive the William J. Martin, II Distinguished Achievement Award from the American Thoracic Society honoring a person who displays innovative spirit, outstanding leadership skills, impressive history in public service, and passion for patients.

**Dave Park** has been appointed the American College of Chest Physician's Governor for Washington.

**Elizabeth Nielsen**, Research Coordinator with Randy Curtis' program, is a member of the behavioral sciences Human Subjects Review Committee. Elizabeth was invited to lend her expertise in developing and conducting human subjects research.

**Gordon Rubinfeld** has been selected to receive the Public Advisory Roundtable Excellence Award from the American Thoracic Society. The Excellence Award honors a person who has significantly improved the lives of patients with pulmonary illness.

**Paula Carvalho** participated recently in the first Institute for Surgical and Interventional Simulation (ISIS) telemedicine courses for WWAMI students on airway management and central line placement. She is establishing the initial satellite program in the WWAMI region.

**Mark Tonelli** was quoted in Time magazine's article "Are Doctors Just Playing Hunches?" on the subject of evidence-based medicine. Dr. Tonelli's interests include the ethics and philosophy of medicine, as well as the role of evidence in practice. He is the author of "Integrating evidence into clinical practice: an alternative to evidence-based approaches" (J Eval Clin Pract, June 2006).

**Randy Curtis** was appointed to the National Advisory Council of the National Institute of Nursing Research, which reviews grant applications and makes recommendations about the institute's intramural research activities.

**Teal Hallstrand** and **Mark Wurfel** are co-chairing an ATS post-graduate course entitled "Tools of the Trade for Translational Research".