



Welcome to our new class of fellows who joined the division for training in Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine in July. They are a very strong class from residency programs including the UW, University of Michigan, Case Western, Harvard, and Northwestern.

Carrie Chun and Ollie Tai left the UW to accept positions at Scripps and the Everett Clinic, respectively. Their classmates, who completed ACGME training in June, have remained to continue research training or clinical work with the division.

I would like to thank Laurie Al-Naser, Kirstin Moe, and Lynn Schnapp for all their work on the Asthma Walk. The division had a great turnout of faculty, fellows, staff and family to participate.

Please mark your calendar for the Seattle John Butler Endowed Lecture which will take place on Monday, April 27, 2009 at the new South Lake Union campus. Dr. Michael Matthay, UCSF, will be the featured speaker.

Again, I am grateful to everyone who has donated to the ALAW Len Hudson Chair since our last newsletter: David Vogel, Peter Farrell, John and Judith Luce, Scott Barnhart and Ourania Malliris, Bill and Andrea Thompson, Bob Coffey, Jim and Rita Vincent, Bruce Davidson and Bridget Haupt, Rando Wick, John Graffe, Dave Corley and Peggy Krieg, Rob and Susan Sandblom, Tammy and Albert Abuan, Kate Sutherland, Feroza Daroowalla, Tony and Ingrid Gerbino, Chuck Sherman, Cecily Clemons, John and Margaret Marini, Griff and Sarah Blackmon, Bill and Mary Watts, Andy Luks, and Noreen Henig (additional second donation).

I would like to recognize, in particular, the contributions of Bruce and Joanne Montgomery. Bruce has supported these efforts both financially and by giving his time as Chair for this campaign. We are planning a donor recognition ceremony in conjunction with the John Butler lecture noted above.

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## Boise VA

In 1983, John Butler established a clinical training and practice site at the Boise VA under the leadership of Nirmal Charan, MD. In the 25 years since its inception, Boise section members have continued to be active research collaborators and academic colleagues with the University of Washington Division faculty. This partnership has been beneficial to both institutions, by attracting academic faculty to Boise and providing a crucial service for Idaho with medical education for the regional WWAMI (Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho) program.

Section members currently include Drs. Charan, Paula Carvalho (Section Head), Bill Thompson, and Tanyalak Parimon. Boise faculty are recognized for their commitment to providing outstanding clinical care to Boise area veterans and managing significant clinical loads. Faculty provide patient care in the ICU, respond to pulmonary consultation requests, assess sleep disorders, assist in emergency room coverage, and hold leadership positions at the VA.

The Boise Fellowship program is unique training opportunity (1). Trainees rotate through diverse services and work closely with community physicians. A large number of Boise area physicians have trained at the VA, and many credit their education at the VA hospital for their return to Idaho to practice medicine, which is consistent with the WWAMI philosophy of retaining physicians in their home states. Overall, the veteran population has embraced the medical students, residents, and fellows and has treated them with patience and kindness. In turn, many physicians remember their veteran patients with affection and respect for decades after their encounters.

After Dr. Butler's death in 1992, section members established the John Butler Lung Foundation to sponsor an annual conference in his honor. The conference format reflects section members' commitment to teaching and community involvement. Sessions highlight pulmonary and critical care topics and are open to the community.

1. P. Carvalho, W.H. Thompson, M. TonelliMD, R. Glenny, and N.B. Charan. Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine: A Possible Solution to the National Shortage? AJRCCM ATS abstract 2006



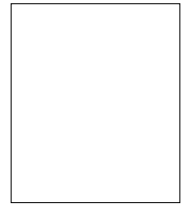
Robb Glenny with Boise VA section members (L-R) Tanyalak Parimon, Paula Carvalho, Nirmal Charan (retired), and Bill Thompson.

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## 2008 DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to the following faculty who were recently promoted:

- **Bill Altemeier** to Associate Professor
- **Gus Matute-Bello** to Associate Professor
- **Paula Carvalho** to Professor

**Peter Chen** and **Andy Luks** were appointed as Assistant Professors effective September 1, 2008.

**Bridgit Bell, Soumya Parimi, Chris Slatore, Teresa Wagner, and Eoin West** were all appointed as Acting Instructors over the Summer and Fall.

**Margaret Neff** accepted the position of Associate Medical Director at Harborview Medical Center.

**Dave Pierson** received the 2008 Leonard D. Hudson Lifetime Achievement Award at the Boise John Butler Lung Conference on October 3, 2008.

**Dave Ralph** received the inaugural Chief Resident Award in recognition of his commitment to housestaff teaching.

**Josh Benditt** was selected to present the Maragret Pfrommer Memorial Lecture in Long-term Mechanical Ventilation at this year's ACCP meeting in Philadelphia.

**April Huziker** received the Ordal Award for the best undergraduate research project by a Microbiology major. April conducts her research in Pradeep Singh's lab.

**Lynn Schnapp** was selected for consideration of the NSF's Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring.

**Randy Curtis** received the ATS Behavioral Science Assembly's 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award.

**Dao Nguyen**, a fellow in Pradeep Singh's laboratory was featured at the UW Early Career Award Recognition Symposium for her Burroughs Wellcome Fund Career Award.

**Greg Holt, Sean Gill, Anne Lipke, and Colin Cooke** were all selected to receive funding through the Division's mini-grant mechanism. This year's mini-grants were



**Rick Albert, Dave Pierson, Len Hudson, Lakshmi, and Marvin Schwarz** at the 2008 JB Lung Conference.

funded by the Carter Endowment for ARDS/ALI research, the Steward Endowment for COPD and Cancer research, and the Mills Family Endowment for Respiratory research.

**Sean Gill** presented "How strawberries, shampoo, and salt demonstrate DNA extraction in action" at the Pacific Science Center's Life Sciences Research Weekend November 7-9.