Welcome to the Summer 2016 Newsletter! As you can see, there is a lot going on in the Department. We continue to grow, we now have a total of 91 faculty, 74 staff, 25 residents and 3 fellows working in the Department. The recruitment process for the new Chair continues, with five candidates invited for interviews over the coming couple of months.

This is the time of year when we say fond farewells to graduates from our Family Medicine Residency program and MEDEX PA program, many of whom will be staying in the Pacific Northwest. Our 30th WWAMI Faculty Development Fellowship class also graduated, adding to the over 300 faculty who have completed this fellowship. The 1st year medical students finished the first year of the new medical school curriculum, which seems to have gone very well. And next month, 60 new medical students will start at the expanded UW-Gonzaga University site (co-located with our Spokane MEDEX program). Recognitions of our educators have included awards to Dr Raye Maestas as AAFP Educator of the Year, and Dr Amanda Kost named as STFM Medical Journalism Fellow.

Faculty and staff are involved in a wide range of outreach and service activities check out these highlights: the MEDEX Tacoma faculty providing a free monthly foot clinic to the homeless and underserved in Tacoma, Jen Carrol from the MEDEX program serving as medical staff to the USA Diving Team, Dr Jon Drezner and the Sports Medicine Section’s work on screening student athletes for cardiac risks, the Family Medicine Interest Group winning 3rd place nationally in its outreach to tobacco cessation, and Dr Abigail Halperin’s award for her longstanding work on tobacco cessation.
Research and scholarly activities continue to be prominent across the Department, at the last count nearly 50 publications already in 2016! Dr Davis Patterson was awarded a major new grant from HRSA to strengthen rural primary care education and workforce, and Dr Cyndy Snyder has been awarded a K award from AHRQ to understand racial biases among healthcare providers and promote culturally relevant health care services for families of color. Our Primary Care Innovation Lab was launched recently, and is bringing together primary care clinicians and researchers, with tech companies and entrepreneurs it is already generating a lot of interest.

Finally, with the weather improving (kind of), I hope that you all find some time over the summer to enjoy some time with family and friends! Meanwhile, please keep us updated with any news or events!

With best wishes!

Matthew Thompson
Helen D. Cohen endowed Professor
Interim Chair, Department of Family Medicine

Department Highlights

Building Trust Between The Homeless & The Medical Community

For three years the MEDEX Northwest Tacoma site has partnered with Urban Grace Church to offer a free monthly foot clinic to the underserved and homeless in the downtown Tacoma community. Read more here.

Amanda Kost, MD, Named 2016 STFM Medical Journalism Fellow

Amanda Kost, MD, has been selected for the 2016 STFM Fellowship in Medical Journalism. Her fellowship starts in June and goes until May 2017.

“I hope to learn the ins and outs of the editorial process,” said Dr Kost, explaining what she looks forward to
and department administration offices.

Promotions

Congrats to the following faculty on their recent promotions!

**Dr. Judy Pauwels** to Professor

**Dr. Diane Timberlake** to Clinical Professor

**Dr. Jackie Raetz** to Associate Professor

On the Calendar

**44th Annual Advances in Family Medicine and Primary Care CME Course**
September 12-16, 2016
UW Health Sciences Center

**Sports Medicine Grand Rounds**
4th Wednesdays of Each Month
Husky Football Team Room, Hec Edmunson Pavillion
7:15 AM 8:45 AM

**Family Medicine Grand Rounds**
First Wednesday of every

learning during her yearlong fellowship. “I’ve been on the author side and on the reviewer side, but really want to see what goes on behind the scenes to curate and create each issue of Family Medicine.” [Read more.]

MEDEX PA Provider To USA Diving Team

Jen Carrol PA-C, part-time didactic faculty at MEDEX, served as medical staff to USA Diving Team at FINA/NVC meet. [Read the full story here.]

Bike Everywhere Month!

Congrats to everyone who took the Bike Everywhere challenge in May! Pictured above are members of our Roosevelt Commons Team, "Your Pace or Mine";(L to R) Amy Clark, Sandra Raynor, Mariah Kindle, Melinda Siegel, Cynthia Coulthard, Robin Ferry.

Awards & Recognition
Raye Maestas Awarded WAFP Educator of the Year Award

Raye Maestas is the preeminent educator of educators. She has been directing and teaching students since 1986, rising from clinical instructor to full professor. Raye occupies several important and prominent leadership roles in the University of Washington Department of Family Medicine, including Head of the Denali College, Associate Chair of the Introduction to Clinical Medicine course for first year medical students, Co-Director of the Primary Care Practicum, and she was recently named as Assistant Dean of Student Affairs at UWSOM. Her leadership has been particularly instrumental in the launch of the curriculum renewal. Her extensive work with the curricular design and development of the colleges program has connected UWSOM with similar mentoring programs nationwide. Her work in the Clinical I course includes development of student self-paced and digital distance learning. Her most recently published research encompasses development of preceptor bedside teaching working with early learners. She has presented on this topic as part of the WRITE regional curriculum and is a sought-after presenter, both on the national and regional levels. Read more here.

Cyndy Snyder receives AHRQ's Patient-Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR) Institutional Award (K12)

This project focuses on exploring the racialized experiences of multiracial individuals and families in the healthcare setting and the extent to which those experiences impact patient satisfaction outcomes, health-seeking behaviors, and patients’ provider preference. This study aims to further understand racial microaggressions and racial biases among healthcare providers and promote the provision of culturally relevant and responsive healthcare services for individuals and families of color, particularly the growing population of multiracial individuals and families.
UW takes third place in FMIG Tar Wars

The FMIG at the University of Washington School of Medicine gave more Tar Wars presentations and reached more students -- 480 -- than it had in any previous year. Fourth-year medical student Brianne Rowan told AAFP News that the school's Tar Wars program is unique because it works with City Year AmeriCorps members to contact low-income schools so the program reaches the students who need this anti-tobacco message the most. Read more.

Roger A. Rosenblatt Community Service Award

Each year the Academy presents a community service award to a member of the King County Academy of Family Physician that best exemplifies service to the community over and above their normal duties as a family physician. In 2015, the award was named after the late Roger A. Rosenblatt, Professor and Vice-Chair of Family Medicine at the University of Washington School of Medicine and a truly outstanding family physician and community member. This year, the outstanding physician and award winner is: Abigail Halperin M.D, M.P.H. Congratulations! Read more.

Congratulations to our 2016 UW Family Medicine Residency Program Award Recipients! Read the full list of accomplishments and awards here.
Congrats to William R. Phillips for receiving an Honorable Mention in this year's STFM Poetry and Prose Contest for his poem, "Final Touches"!

Section Updates

WWAMI Network

In May we graduated our 30th class of Faculty Development Fellows. Since 1987 over 300 faculty from WWAMI residency programs have committed to our year long Fellowship program to gain resources, experiences and guidance for successful careers as full-time teachers in family medicine.

In collaboration with Madigan Army Medical Center, the Network started a new teleconference faculty development cohort series. The Spring Faculty Development Conference on May 11-12 launched the series and will be followed up by monthly teleconference sessions and an in-person conference in November.

Two of our Network Program Directors, Justin Glass, MD and Brandon Mickelson, DO graduated from the National Institute for Program Director Development (NIPDD). The Network also had two Gold Award winners from AFMRD for Program Director Achievement, Roxanne Fahrerwald, MD and David Ruiz, MD.

Palliative Care

Celeste Richardson was our first MEDEX student on our UWMC PC service in June/July 2016. She graduates in August 2016. We hope to have more MEDEX students as learners on our service in the future.

The inaugural UWMC PC/Ethics Grand Rounds will be July 13. Dr Melissa Bender, Dr Lu Marchand, Dr Denise Dudzinski, Chair of Ethics, and Gino Gianola, MEDEX faculty, will lead the case based discussion on palliative sedation.

Dr Melissa Bender has spearheaded efforts at UWMC for creation of an updated and educationally useful comfort care order set, a new palliative care PCA order set, and our first palliative sedation policy. These efforts will increase
the safety and effectiveness of palliative care at UWMC and HMC. Go live is hoped in the summer/fall of 2016.

**Research**

UW DFM has been awarded a five-year $3.7 million “Academic Units for Primary Care Training Enhancement” cooperative agreement with HRSA’s Bureau of Health Workforce to fund the collaborative for Rural Primary care Research, Education, and Practice (Rural PREP). Led by Project Director Davis Patterson, PhD, UW research assistant professor of Family Medicine, and Associate Director Randy Longenecker, MD, collaborators include the UW Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, the WWAMI Area Health Education Center, and the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine’s Department of Family Medicine and its Office of Rural and Underserved Programs, as well as other partners. Rural PREP’s goals are to (1) conduct research on rural health professions education and foster research conducted by others—students, residents, faculty, and clinicians; (2) disseminate best practices and evidence to strengthen the primary care workforce in rural places; and (3) develop and engage with communities of practice and research to improve rural primary care education and service delivery.

The Society of Family Planning Research Fund has selected Dr. Emily Godfrey’s Interdisciplinary Innovation proposal “Building a National Contraceptive Registry for Multiple Complex Medical Conditions: Improving contraceptive care for women through engagement” for funding. This project will lay groundwork for developing a proof-of-concept contraceptive registry with patients and advocacy organizations as stewards and establish a Cystic Fibrosis Research Advisory Panel (CF-RAP).

**UW CHWS**

Bianca Frogner and Sue Skillman authored and presented a report on career pathways into middle-skilled jobs for the National Academy of Sciences.

Sue Skillman is leading a project called, “Washington Health Workforce Sentinel Network,” funded through the parent grant, Healthier Washington, which is one of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) State Innovation Models (SIM).

**WWAMI RHRC**
Holly Andrilla was invited to present on rural ORT access at WHO meeting (Vienna, June 2016) and contribute to developing a model for treatment of opioid use disorder in rural places.