



# DEAN'S Quarterly

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## Faculty Honors

Raising our school's profile in the region, the nation and the world

### Anesthesiology

**Michael S. Czekajlo, M.D.**, was awarded the J. William Fulbright Professorship by the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board for the academic year 2010-2011.

### Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

**Suzanne E. Barbour, Ph.D.**, was honored with the VCU Presidential Award for Community Multicultural Enrichment (PACME) Award, which recognizes members of the university and health system communities who have contributed to diversity and cross-cultural relations.

**Robert F. Diegelmann, Ph.D.**, has been elected vice president of the Wound Healing Society.

**Sarah Spiegel, Ph.D.**, has been named a committee member of the Journal of *Biological Chemistry*. She will be returning to the editorial board of the journal for a five-year term.

### Dean's Office

**Michelle Whitehurst-Cook, M.D.**, received the 2010 Rural Healthcare Workforce Individual Award for Distinguished Service by the Virginia's State Rural Health Plan.

### Internal Medicine

**Jinghua Bie, Ph.D.**, a postdoctoral candidate, was one of the five finalists for the Junior Investigator Award for Women at the Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology 2010 Scientific Sessions for her abstract entitled "Reconstitution with bone marrow from Cholesteryl ester hydrolase transgenic mice attenuates progression of diet-induced atherosclerosis in LDLR<sup>-/-</sup> mice." She was recognized at the Women's Leadership Luncheon as well as the Council Dinner held in San Francisco in April.

**Stephanie Call, M.D.**, was featured in *Richmond Magazine's* Top Docs issue, April 2010, for her teaching and mentoring of students.

**Curtis Sessler, M.D.**, will be the CHEST 2010 Roger C. Bone Memorial Lecture Recipient awarded by the American College of Chest Physicians.

### Legal Medicine

**Marcella F. Fierro, M.D.**, emeritus faculty, received an honorary Doctor of Science degree from D'Youville College, Buffalo, NY.

## Neurosurgery

**Paul Dent, Ph.D.**, has been named vice chair for research in the Department of Neurosurgery.

**Harold F. Young, M.D.**, was honored for his lifetime achievement in neurosurgery in *Richmond Magazine's* Top Docs issue, April, 2010.

## Pharmacology and Toxicology

**David Gewirtz, Ph.D.**, has been appointed to the editorial board of *Molecular Cancer* and as an associate editor for the journals *Autophagy* and *Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics*.

## Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

**Jeffrey S. Kreutzer, Ph.D.**, will receive the Distinguished Lifetime Contribution to Neuropsychology Award from the National Academy of Neuropsychology in October, 2010.

**Paul H. Wehman, Ph.D.** was awarded the Kenneth L. Estabrooke Distinguished Research Scientist Award by the Kessler Rehabilitation Foundation.

## Physiology and Biophysics

**Clive Baumgarten, Ph.D.**, has been recognized by the American Heart Association as a Richmond Heart Hero for dedicating his career to advancing the science that saves lives.

**Linda S. Costanzo, Ph.D.**, was commended for her outstanding dedication to teaching medical students by the Virginia General Assembly. The Senate Joint Resolution No. 241 was agreed to by the Senate on March 10, agreed to by the House of Delegates on March 11 and presented to her on April 14 by the elected leaders of the first-year class.

## *New Faculty*

Expanding our expertise and opportunities for collaboration

### Obstetrics and Gynecology

**David P. Chelmow, M.D.**, has been named professor and chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, effective Sept. 1. He will join the VCU faculty following 18 years at Tufts University School of Medicine, where he currently is professor and vice chair for research and education and residency program director for Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Tufts University Affiliated Hospitals.

Chelmow earned his undergraduate degree from Williams College, and his medical degree from the Yale University School of Medicine. He completed residency training in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of California, San Francisco. Chelmow's clinical research interest is in general study design, epidemiology, biostatistics and evidence-based medicine, with a focus on uterine myomas, cesarean section techniques and the impact of gynecologic conditions on work performance.