



# DEAN'S Quarterly

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## Faculty Honors

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

### Dean's Office

**Jerome F. Strauss III, M.D., Ph.D.**, dean, has been appointed chairman of the Burroughs Welcome Foundation board of directors.

### Emergency Medicine

**S. Rutherford Rose, Pharm.D., FAACT**, professor and chairman of the Division of Clinical Toxicology, has been elected to the board of trustees and as treasurer of the American Academy of Clinical Toxicology.

**Kevin R. Ward, M.D.**, was awarded the Distinguished VCU Inventor of the Year Award by VCU Tech Transfer.

### Pathology

**Gregory W. Miller, Ph.D.**, professor and director of Clinical Chemistry and Pathology Information Systems, has been elected president of the American Association for Clinical Chemistry. He will serve a one-year term as president-elect, a one-year term as president and a one-year term as past president.

### Psychiatry

**James Levenson, M.D.**, professor and department vice chair, was appointed joint editor of the Journal of Psychosomatic Research, an international journal which is the official journal of the European Association for Consultation/Liaison Psychiatry and Psychosomatics and affiliated with the International College of Psychosomatic Medicine. JPR is a multidisciplinary research journal covering all aspects of the relationships between psychology/psychiatry and medicine.

**Ken Kendler, M.D.**, the Rachel Brown Banks Distinguished Professor in Psychiatry and director of the Virginia Institute for Psychiatric and Behavioral Genetics, was appointed chairman of the American Psychiatric Association's board of trustees' DSM-5 Scientific Review Work Group. The work of this committee is "to assist the APA Trustees with their responsibility for overseeing the DSM-5 process by providing an independent scientific review process similar to that which is done by NIH Study Sections or Scientific Review Groups or by peer reviewers for refereed journals. As a result of the reviews, they will make recommendations to the Trustees about the advisability of adopting the proposed changes in DSM-5."

### Radiation Oncology

**Mitchell S. Anscher, M.D.**, professor and chair, was named the ASTRO Fellow by the

American Society of Radiation Oncology in November.

### **Surgery**

**James P. Neifeld, M.D.**, professor and chair, was given the National Institutes of Health Award of Merit for his work as a member of the PDQ Treatment Editorial Board. The award was given in recognition of his dedication and exceptional service to the NCI in developing and maintaining evidence-based PDQ cancer information summaries for health professionals and the public.

## *New Faculty*

Expanding our expertise and opportunities for collaboration

### **Healthcare Policy and Research**

**Myra Owens, Ph.D.**, joined the department as an assistant professor. She holds a Ph.D. from VCU and has research interests in health outcome measurement, applied research methods and quality assurance.

**Lindsay Sabik, Ph.D.**, joined the department as an assistant professor. She holds a Ph.D. from Harvard University and has research interests in health economics, health policy, uninsured and underserved populations, effects of non-insurance, the healthcare safety net, health care costs and cost growth.

### **Neurology**

**Sadeghian, Hamid, M.D.**, joined the department in July as an assistant professor. He received a medical degree from Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences & Health Services, Tehran, Iran and completed a neuromuscular fellowship at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. He has research interests in epidemiology, etiology, pathogenesis and treatment of neuromuscular disorders, particularly amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

**Sarah Lageman, Ph.D.**, joined the department in August as an assistant professor. She holds a Ph.D. from the University of Florida in Gainesville and held a position as assistant professor and director of the Neuropsychology Consultation Service at Emory University. She has research interests in functional neuroimaging of working memory, the impact of adjuvant chemotherapy and hormonal treatments on cognition in breast cancer patients and detection of attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder.

**Unsong Oh, M.D.**, joined the department in August as an assistant professor. He holds a medical degree from VCU and held a position as a clinical and research fellow at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. He has research interests in laboratory and clinical investigation of multiple sclerosis and HTLV-I-associated myelopathy.

**Samuel Taylor, M.D.**, joined the department in September as an assistant professor. He holds a medical degree from the University of Virginia and held a position as a fellow in sleep disorders at the University of Michigan Health System Ann Arbor. He has research interests in drowsy driving using quantitative EEG techniques.

### **Orthopaedic Surgery**

**Jessica Frankenhoff, M.D.**, joined the department as an assistant clinical professor. She holds a medical degree from Tufts University and held a position as a private practice at Surgical Affiliates of Falmouth. She has research interests in treatment of hand and wrist Injuries and is joining Dr. Jonathan Isaacs in the newly created Division of Hand Surgery in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery.

**Jibananda Satpathy, M.D.**, has joined the department as an assistant clinical professor. He holds a medical degree from Med College of Sambalpur India and was a trauma fellow in orthopaedics at the VCU Medical Center. He has research interests in adult reconstruction and will be practicing full time at Community Memorial Healthcenter in South Hill, Va. (Community Outreach).