



# DEAN'S Quarterly

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## Faculty Honors

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

### Anatomy and Neurobiology

**John T. Povlishock, Ph.D., professor and chair**, has been awarded an honorary degree by the University of Pécs in Hungary. At a March 10 ceremony, the University of Pécs recognized Povlishock's contributions to the university's and country's understanding of traumatic brain injury.

### Internal Medicine

**Denise Borden, M.D., assistant professor**, will be recognized as an Unsung Hero by the Virginia Health Care Foundation for her outstanding contributions to the VCU Primary Care Psychology Program in May.

**John Nixon, M.D., professor**, will receive the Award of Meritorious Achievement from the American Heart Association in June for his exceptional contributions as editor of the two editions of "The AHA Clinical Cardiac Consult Book."

**Arun Sanyal, M.D., professor and chair of the Division of Gastroenterology and holder of the Caravati Chair**, was appointed to the NIH's hepatobiliary pathophysiology study section. He will begin his service in October.

### Neurology

**John M. Pellock, M.D., professor and chair of the Division of Child Neurology**, was named president of the American Epilepsy Society during the organization's 64th annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas, in December.

### Orthopaedic Surgery

**Thomas P. Loughran, M.D., associate professor and the medical director of VCU's Sports Medicine Clinic**, was inducted into the VCU Athletics' Hall of Fame for his service as the school's team physician for more than 25 years.

### Pharmacology and Toxicology

**Hamid Akbarali, Ph.D., professor**, has been chosen for the Outstanding Achievement in Basic or Clinical Sciences Award as part of the Masters in Gerontology Program in cooperation with the American Gastroenterology Association. The award will be presented on May 9 at their annual meeting in Chicago.

**Joseph Borzelleca, Ph.D., emeriti professor**, was given the Society of Toxicology's Founders Award at its annual meeting in Washington, D.C. He has been honored for his outstanding leadership in fostering recognition of the role of toxicological sciences in

safety decision-making through the development and application of state-of-the-art approaches that elucidate the distinctions for humans between safe and unsafe levels of exposures to chemical and physical agents.

### Physiology and Biophysics

**Clive M. Baumgarten, Ph.D., professor**, was recognized as a Heart Hero by the American Heart Association's Richmond Chapter in February for his studies in electrophysiology of cardiac ion channels and for passing his expertise on to medical students and young researchers.

### Psychiatry

**Joel Silverman, M.D., professor and chair**, has been appointed to the Board of Regents of The American College of Psychiatrists, a not-for-profit honorary association dedicated to providing continuing education to its members and promoting the latest advances in the field. The Board of Regents is the executive council of the association.

### Radiology

**Mary A. Turner, M.D., professor**, was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Society of Gastrointestinal Radiologists in March in recognition of her outstanding contributions to radiology and to the Society in the areas of clinical service, teaching and research.

## *New Faculty*

Expanding our expertise and opportunities for collaboration

### Anesthesiology

**John F. Butterworth IV, M.D.**, has been named professor and chair of the Department of Anesthesiology, effective June 6, 2011. Butterworth has served as the R.K. Stoelting professor and chair of anesthesiology at the Indiana University School of Medicine for six years. Before that, he was professor and head of the section on cardiothoracic anesthesiology at Wake Forest University, where he was on the faculty from 1985-2005. He has served on the American Society of Anesthesiologists and is a member of the Board of Trustees of the International Anesthesia Research Society.

His research interests include the mechanisms and side effects of local anesthetics and clinical pharmacology and outcomes in cardiovascular anesthesia. He is the author of two books and editor of a third, "Fundamental Principles and Practices of Anaesthesia." He also has authored 132 original articles and 35 book chapters. He is currently a member of the editorial boards of Pain Research and Treatment and Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine and is an associate editor of Anesthesiology and of Anesthesia and Analgesia.

A Richmond native, Butterworth received his undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia and his medical degree from the VCU School of Medicine in 1979. He was the trauma research fellow in the then Division of Neurosurgery from 1979-80. He completed his internship in surgery at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center and his residency training in anesthesiology at Brigham and Women's Hospital in 1984.

## *Student Honors*

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**Richard M. Hubbard, Class of 2013**, was honored by the American Medical Association Foundation with its 2011 Excellence in Medicine Leadership Award for his founding of the Basic Needs Program that cares for

fatherless children in Bangladesh. This is the most recent recognition for Hubbard, who was also honored last fall by the Medical Society of Virginia Foundation's Annual Salute to Service Awards.

**Laura E. Wise, Ph.D.**, a postdoctoral research associate in the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology, is the recipient of a Young Investigator Award from The National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression. Wise will use the award to study sex differences in stress-related disorders and the role of the endogenous cannabinoid system. NARSAD's Young Investigator Award Program provides support for the most promising young scientists conducting neurobiological research. Both basic and clinical investigators are supported, but research must be relevant to schizophrenia, major affective disorders or other serious mental illnesses.