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and faculty honors through
your chairman's office.*

Faculty Honors

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

Emergency Medicine

Samuel Bartle, M.D., assistant professor, has been appointed by Governor Terry McAuliffe to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board and will be Vice President of American Academy of Pediatrics Virginia Chapter.

Joseph Ornato, M.D., professor and chair, was honored with the Hans Dahl National Award for Achievement in Resuscitation Science by the Citizen CPR Foundation in June.

Internal Medicine

VCU's Cystic Fibrosis adult care program has been approved for accreditation as a Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Adult Program. This means VCU will be granted access to the foundation's resources and will be able to participate in the foundation's clinical research trials.

Pathology

Gregory Miller, Ph.D., professor, was honored with the Robert Schaffer Award for Outstanding Achievements in the Development of Standards for Use in Labora by the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine in June. This award honors an individual who has made outstanding and unique contributions to the advancement of reference methods and/or reference materials for Laboratory Medicine to facilitate improved quality of clinical diagnostics and therapies, which would in turn lead to reduced costs and improved patient care.

Pharmacology and Toxicology

Robert Balster, Ph.D., is the recipient of the Presidential Medallion given at the annual Faculty Convocation. The Presidential Medallion is a high honor bestowed by VCU in recognition of outstanding contributions by a member of the university community and recognizes extraordinary achievement in the world of learning and dedication to the University.

William L. Dewey, Ph.D., and **Charles O'Keeffe** were honored as 2014 National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) International Program Awards of Excellence winners. The NIDA International Program presented a Special Recognition award to Dr. Dewey, professor and chair of Pharmacology and Toxicology, for excellence in scientific accomplishments and his devoted service to the addiction research community. Professor Charles O'Keeffe received the Award of Excellence in

International Leadership for his role in advising three U.S. presidents on international health and drug policy issues and as a frequent consultant to the World Health Organization and other U.N. agencies. The 2014 Awards of Excellence winners were announced on June 14 at the 19th annual NIDA International Forum in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Surgery

Marc Posner, M.D., professor and chair of the Division of Transplantation Surgery, is the recipient of the 2014 Distinguished Service Award presented at the 2014 Faculty Convocation. This award recognizes superior service to the University, the profession and/or the wider community.

Harry Bear, M.D., Ph.D., has been appointed to serve on the Board of Directors of the NSABP Foundation, Inc. The National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project Foundation is the world's leading cooperative group for designing and conducting large-scale breast and colorectal cancer clinical trials.

New Faculty

Expanding our expertise and opportunities for collaboration

Biostatistics

Nak-Kyeong Kim, Ph.D., joined the department as assistant professor in February. He earned his Ph.D. from Purdue University. Dr. Kim came to VCU from Old Dominion University. His areas of interest include biostatistics in genomics, statistical modeling for ChIP-seq data and other next-generation sequencing data, Bayesian modeling and Markov chain Monte Carlo methods, transcription factor binding sites identification in DNA sequence, and protein motif identification.

Internal Medicine

Phoebe Ashley, M.D., joined the department as an assistant professor in September. She earned her medical degree and completed her residency training at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Dr. Ashley completed her fellowship in cardiovascular medicine at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center. She came to VCU from Providence Cardiology Associates.

Roshanak Markley, M.D., joined the department as an assistant professor in July. She earned her medical degree from the University of Georgia and completed her residency training at VCU. Dr. Markley completed her fellowship in cardiovascular medicine at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Her areas of interest include identification of risk factors that determine decrease survival following TAVR referral, risk stratification of patients with aortic stenosis at the time of referral for therapeutic intervention.

Surgery

Gabor Bagameri, M.D., joined the department as an assistant professor in June. He earned his medical degree from Semmelweis University, Budapest, Hungary, and completed his fellowship in vascular cardiothoracic surgery at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Bagameri came to VCU from Mid-Atlantic Cardiothoracic Surgeons, Ltd., Norfolk, VA. His research interest include disease of the aorta.

Student Honors

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The VCU Student Family Medicine Association was chosen as the recipient of a 2014 American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Program of Excellence Award by the American Academy of Family Physicians in June. **Judy Gary, M.Ed.**, assistant professor, is the Association's faculty sponsor. The group has received this award for the past seven years.

Class of 2017's Michael Krouse was the recipient of a summer scholarship through the GE Foundation and National Medical Fellowships, Inc., GE-NMF Primary Care Leadership Program. This innovative service-learning program is aimed at getting students who are interested in primary care exposed to community health centers and working with underserved populations.

Class of 2017's Celeste Lipkes was the second place winner of the **William Carlos Williams Poetry Competition**. **She was one of three** invited to read her poetry at an awards ceremony at Northeast Ohio Medical University in April.