



# JOHNS HOPKINS

## M E D I C I N E

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#### APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

##### **Promotion to Associate Professor of Medicine:**

Albert C. Lardo, Ph.D., March 1, 2008, Cardiology

Vsevolod Y. Polotsky, M.D., Ph.D. March 1, 2008, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine

##### **Promotion to Associate Professor of Medicine, part time:**

Eric A. Engels, M.D., M.P.H., March 1, 2008, Infectious Diseases

##### **Reinstatement as Associate Professor of Medicine, part time:**

Morton M. Mower, M.D., July 1, 2007, Cardiology

##### **Appointment as Instructor in Medicine, part time:**

John Cmar, M.D., March 1, 2008, Johns Hopkins/Sinai

Effective dates noted above. New academic appointments are approved as indicated; new clinical appointments may still be pending. 3.24.08

#### AWARDS AND HONORS

**Cynthia Boyd**, Division of Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology, has been awarded a career development award from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Physician Faculty Scholars program. The award is intended to strengthen the leadership and academic productivity of junior medical school faculty dedicated to improving health and health care. The foundation awards \$300,000 over three years. Her research project is entitled "Treatment Burden in Older Adults with Multimorbidity."

**Francis Giardiello**, Division of Gastroenterology, is the recipient of the 2008 American Gastroenterological Association (AGA) Distinguished Educator Award. This highly sought after prestigious award recognizes an individual for his/her achievements as an outstanding educator over a lifelong career. Dr. Giardiello will receive this award at the AGA Clinical Plenary Session of Digestive Disease Week (DDW) on May 19th.

**Shamayra Smail** was awarded a 2008 United Negro College Fund-Merck Graduate Science Research Dissertation Fellowship. Ms. Smail, a graduate student in the Pathobiology Training Program, studies the molecular events that lead to lymphoid leukemia in the laboratory of Dr. Linda Resar in the Division of Hematology. The UNCF-Merck Dissertation Fellowship is a prestigious honor that will support Ms. Smail's work on microRNAs (miRNAs) that are dysregulated by HMG-I in lymphoid transformation.

**Mike Weisfeldt**, chairman, has been named the recipient of the 2008 Diversity Award by the Association of Professors of Medicine, an organization whose members come from across the United States and Canada. Weisfeldt is the second recipient of the award, created last year to recognize outstanding achievements in improving diversity in academic

medical centers. The award recognizes efforts that Weisfeldt has made a hallmark of his tenure since he took over as director six years ago and began to implement a formal program to increase diversity among residents, fellows and the professorial ranks.

**Baligh Yehia**, a Junior Assistant Resident, has been selected to serve on the ACP Council of Associates, representing the Northeast Region. The Council is composed of 14 members, 3 which represent the NE, with a mission of enhancing postgraduate internal medicine training. They work on such issues as medical education, practice environment, as well as advocacy for residents and fellows.

#### NEW GRANTS

**Diane Becker**, Division of General Internal Medicine, received a 5 year multimillion grant funded by the NIH to address long-term medication and primary care access for low income JHMI and Bayview patients discharged with a CAD dx. Title is: "Patient Navigators: Secondary Prevention in Underserved Coronary Disease Patients"  
Total costs (5 years) = \$3,101,473

**Kevin Kwong**, Division of Allergy & Clinical Immunology, received the 2008 AAAAI Interest Section Research Award. These awards are funded by the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI). Dr. Kwong was chosen for his project, "Activation of bronchopulmonary afferent C fibers by serine protease allergens". \$25,000 July 1, 2008

**Yuh-Jung (John) Tsai**, Clinical Fellow in the Division of Allergy & Clinical Immunology, received an Award for Outstanding Research Published in the Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology from the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI) for his publication, "The PTGDR gene is not associated with asthma in 3 ethnically diverse populations." The Award was created to recognize ground-breaking research and excellent writing by the new generation of allergy researchers and clinicians.