



JOHNS HOPKINS

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE
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Faculty Appointments and Promotions
Major Awarded Grants & Honors
SEPTEMBER 2006

Promotion to Associate Professor of Medicine:

Susan J. Bartlett, Ph.D., October 1, 2006, Rheumatology
Michael P. Boyle, M.D., October 1, 2006, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine
Vincenzo Casolaro, M.D., Ph.D., October 1, 2006, Allergy and Clinical Immunology
Gregory M. Lucas, M.D., October 1, 2006, Infectious Diseases

Appointment as Assistant Professor of Medicine:

John M. Abraham, Ph.D., July 1, 2006, Gastroenterology and Hepatology
Yuriko Mori, M.D., July 1, 2006, Gastroenterology and Hepatology
Fumiaki Sato, M.D., July 1, 2006, Gastroenterology and Hepatology

Appointment as Assistant Professor of Medicine, part time:

Henry George Fein, M.D., July 1, 2006, Sinai/Johns Hopkins

Promotion to Assistant Professor of Medicine:

Bryan M. Lau, Ph.D., July 1, 2006, General Internal Medicine
Kristen A. Riekert, Ph.D., July 1, 2006, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine

Appointment as Instructor in Medicine:

Ravin J. Garg, M.D., August 15, 2006, General Internal Medicine
Kathleen R. Page, M.D., October 1, 2006, Infectious Diseases
Padmini D. Ranasinghe, M.B.B.S., M.P.H., October 15, 2006, General Internal Medicine
Zishan K. Siddiqui, M.D., October 15, 2006, General Internal Medicine

Appointment as Research Associate in Medicine:

Grace Link Barnes, M.P.H., July 1, 2006, Infectious Diseases
Zhe Jin, M.D., Ph.D., October 1, 2006, Gastroenterology and Hepatology
Manchang Liu, M.D., Ph.D., September 1, 2006, Nephrology
Jong Myun Park, Ph.D., October 1, 2006, Rheumatology
Mary Frances Hite Philp, M.S., September 1, 2006, Infectious Diseases
Kakali Sarkar, Ph.D., September 18, 2006, Cell Engineering

Appointment as Visiting Scientist in Medicine:

Carmen Delgado Canencia, Ph.D., September 1, 2006, Cardiology
Annette Fritscher-Ravens, M.D., July 10, 2006, Gastroenterology and Hepatology
Anding Shen, Ph.D., July 26, 2006, Infectious Diseases
Hui Xue, M.D., October 5, 2006, Gastroenterology and Hepatology

Effective dates noted above. New academic appointments are approved as indicated; new clinical appointments may still be pending. 9.19.06

Marcia Canto, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, has just been awarded a \$500,000 grant to support the first multicenter national American screening study of individuals with an inherited predisposition for pancreatic cancer. The grant is funded by Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research which aims to refine screening methods for early detection of the disease.

On June 23, 2006, it was announced that **Ying-Jun Cao**, a Clinical Pharmacology postdoctoral fellow, was the recipient of the first-ever American Society for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics (ASCPT) Young Investigator Award (YIA). This was a highly competitive career development award application process and he will receive \$35,000 for the period July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007. His research plan involved an innovative study addressing an important clinical issue that could lead to more effective utilization of the available therapeutic armamentarium against HIV to prevent progression and transmission. His mentor is Dr. Craig Hendrix, Director of the Drug Development Unit (Clinical Pharmacology Division).

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) awarded a multi-year task order contract to **Jodi Segal**, Division of General Internal Medicine, and colleagues for "Broad-based Support for the DEcIDE Research Network." The work will involve research on patient safety and effectiveness topics related to AHRQ's Effective Health Care Program, as well as development of new methodological approaches for analyzing observational data, and education of stakeholders about the program's research findings. The award is for \$499,999 for the period of September 27, 2006 through September 15, 2008.

Mingzhao Xing, Division of Endocrinology, was among three to be named innovators of the year by the Baltimore business newspaper, The Daily Record. The awards "seek and recognize Maryland organizations and individuals who have demonstrated the spirit of innovation by creating products, services or programs that benefit their businesses, industries or communities," according to the paper. Dr. Xing and his team discovered that a mutation in the BRAF gene - associated with tumor growth when activated - is associated with poorer clinical outcomes among papillary thyroid cancer patients. They then developed a novel molecular diagnostic method that permits clinicians to predict the outcomes of patients with this cancer, allowing more effective treatment.

Lawrence Appel, Division of General Internal Medicine. U01 Research Project Cooperative Agreement from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, entitled "Integrated Clinical-Behavioral Interventions to Accomplish Weight Loss". Budget Period: 09/25/06-06/30/11.

Kathleen Barnes, Division of Allergy and Clinical Immunology. R01 Research Grant from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, entitled "Genome-Wide Association Studies of Asthma in Populations of African Descent". Budget Period 09/25/06-07/31/09.

Rachel Chong, Division of Endocrinology. Mentored Patient-Oriented K23 Research Grant from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, entitled "Cortisol, Endogenous Opioids and Alcoholism". Budget Period: 09/01/06-08/31/11.

Mark Donowitz, Division of Gastroenterology. P01 Research Program Project from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, entitled "Transporters and Trafficking in Polarized Epithelial Cells". Budget Period 09/15/06-08/31/09.

Kevin Fontaine, Division of Rheumatology. R01 award from NIH - National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, entitled "Lifestyle Physical Activity for Fibromyalgia". Project Period: 07/10/2006 - 06/30/2010, Direct costs = ~\$600,000.

Kelly Gebo, Division of Infectious Diseases. R01 Research Grant from the National Institute on Aging, entitled "Clinical Outcomes in Elderly HIV Patients". Budget Period 09/30/06-08/31/07.

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