



# JOHNS HOPKINS

## M E D I C I N E

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Faculty Appointments and Promotions  
Major Awarded Grants & Honors  
SEPTEMBER 2009**

### **APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS**

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

Sara E. Cosgrove, MD, October 1, 2009, Infectious Diseases  
Andrea L. Cox, MD, PhD, October 1, 2009, Infectious Diseases

#### **Appointment as Assistant Professor of Medicine:**

Peter Abadir, MD, July 1, 2009, Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology  
Zakary D. Berger, MD, PhD, September 1, 2009, General Internal Medicine  
Dionissios Neofytos, MD, July 1, 2009, Infectious Diseases

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

Stephen C. Mathai, MD, MHS, August 1, 2009, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine  
Tariq Shafi, MBBS, MHS, July 1, 2009, Nephrology

#### **Appointment as Assistant Professor of Medicine, part time:**

Juan Rivera, MD, MHS, July 1, 2009, Cardiology

#### **Appointment as Adjunct Assistant Professor of Medicine, part time:**

Richard Bland Williams, MD, July 1, 2009, Gastroenterology and Hepatology

#### **Promotion to Adjunct Assistant Professor of Medicine, part time:**

Xavier Dray, MD, July 1, 2009, Gastroenterology and Hepatology

#### **Appointment as Instructor in Medicine:**

Devon A. Dobrosielski, PhD, July 31, 2009, Cardiology

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

Joanna M. Bock, MD, September 1, 2009, General Internal Medicine  
Robyn Neblett Fanfair, MD, MPH, July 1, 2009, General Internal Medicine

#### **Promotion to Instructor in Medicine:**

Manchang Liu, MD, PhD, July 1, 2009, Nephrology  
Lisa Renee Yanek, MPH, July 1, 2009, General Internal Medicine

**Appointment as Research Associate in Medicine:**

Subrata Biswas, PhD, July 1, 2009, Cardiology

Tian-E Chen, MD, PhD, August 1, 2009, Gastroenterology and Hepatology

Arlene Dalcin, BA, July 1, 2009, General Internal Medicine

Jason Paul Kirkness, PhD, October 1, 2009, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine

Rakhila A. Murtazina, PhD., August 1, 2009, Gastroenterology and Hepatology

Otgonchimeg Rentsendorj, PhD, December 1, 2009, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine

Larisa Gennadievna Tereshchenko, MD, September 1, 2009, Cardiology

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

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

**Peter Abadir, MD, Division of Geriatrics and Gerontology**, has been selected by the American Geriatrics Society to receive the T. F. William Scholar Award. Also, Dr. Abadir has been awarded the Clinician Scientist Award. This award pays \$80,000 towards his salary and fringe benefits.

**N. Franklin Adkinson, MD, Division of Allergy and Clinical Immunology**, will be receiving the prestigious "AAAAI Distinguished Clinician Award" at the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI) national meeting. The award recognizes those who have a primary commitment to patient care and clinical investigation, focused on diagnosis, treatment and prevention of asthma and allergic disease.

**Wendy Bennett, MD, MPH, Division of General Internal Medicine**, has been awarded the Clinician Scientist Award at Hopkins. This award pays \$80,000 towards her salary and fringe benefits. Dr. Bennett will be the 2009 Richard S. Ross Clinician Scientist Award recipient.

**Bing Bingham, MD, Division of Rheumatology**, received the American College of Rheumatology Within our Reach grant for \$200,000 for 2 years.

**Fred Brancati, MD, MHS, Division of General Internal Medicine**, was awarded the Diversity Recognition award from Hopkins.

**Steve Brant, MD, Division of Gastroenterology**, has been awarded an R01 DK83553-01 grant titled "Identifying Disease Variants for Familial Crohn's Disease." The grant will be funded for two years for just over \$1,000,000 total direct costs.

**Richard Chaisson, MD and Susan Dorman, MD, Division of Infectious Diseases**, received contracts from the CDC for 10 more years of TB clinical trials as part of the TB Trials Consortium. Dr. Dorman's contract is for studies in Brazil, with leadership

and clinical pharmacology expertise provided by JHU, and Dr. Chaisson's is for studies in South Africa, with support for the involvement of Eric Nuermberger and Jacques Grosset here in Baltimore. Dr. Dorman's award is for \$13 million and Dr. Chaisson's is for \$11.8 million. Hopkins will play a major role in the future of this consortium thanks to these two new awards.

**Sarah Clever, MD, Division of General Internal Medicine,** is now the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs.

**Deidra Crews, MD, Division of Nephrology,** was awarded a prestigious Harold Amos Award from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. This Award covers 70% of her salary for four years.

**Susan Dorman, MD, Division of Infectious Diseases,** was successful in her bid along with Jerry Ellner for an NIH contract. This 7 year, \$30 million contract will support the development of a consortium of international sites to evaluate novel TB diagnostic tests that we hope will transform the clinical management of TB in disease-endemic settings.

**Jon Giles, MD, Division of Rheumatology,** received a \$200,000 per year grant, for two years, from the American College of Rheumatology, to study the pathogenesis of accelerated atherosclerosis in patients with inflammatory arthritis.

**James P. Hamilton, MD, Division of Gastroenterology,** has been awarded the Clinician Scientist Award at Hopkins. This award pays \$80,000 towards his salary and fringe benefits.

**Anthony Kalloo, MD, Division of Gastroenterology,** has been honored as a Distinguished Educator recipient for the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy.

**Steve Kravet, MD, Division of General Internal Medicine** and President of Johns Hopkins Community Physicians, recently was given the Samuel Asper, M.D. Award for Clinical Excellence by the American College of Physicians (Maryland Chapter). The late Dr. Asper was Professor of Medicine at Johns Hopkins, had served as Dean at the American University of Beirut, and had been President of the American College of Physicians. His wide reputation as "the doctor's doctor" led the American College of Physicians to establish the award for clinical excellence in his name.

**Bruce Leff, MD, Division of Geriatrics and Gerontology,** has been elected to Vice Chair of the Council of Subspecialty Societies (CSS) by the American College of Physicians. As CSS Vice Chair, Dr. Leff will also be a member of the American College of Physicians Board of Governors.

**Susan M. MacDonald, MD, Division of Allergy and Clinical Immunology**, won the Johns Hopkins Office of Women in Science and Medicine first Vice Dean's award.

**Steve Meltzer, MD, Division of Gastroenterology**, has been awarded three (simultaneous) new R01 grants: 1R01CA146799-01A1, The Role of microRNA Alterations in Barrett's Carcinogenesis, total per grant: \$1,364,201; 1R01DK087454-01, The temporal epigenomic program of Barrett's neoplastic progression, total per grant: \$1,838,950; 1R01CA133012-01A1, Inflammatory Bowel Disease-Associated Malignant Transformation, total per grant: \$1,640,000.

**Erin Michos, MD, MHS, Division of Cardiology**, has been awarded the Clinician Scientist Award at Hopkins. This award pays \$40,000 towards her salary and fringe benefits.

**Esther Oh, MD, Division of Geriatrics and Gerontology**, will receive a Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation/AFAR New Investigator Awards in Alzheimer's Disease (\$75,000 over two years). This award will support her investigation into the use of the oral glucose tolerance test as a tool in stimulating bio-markers of Alzheimer's disease.

**Alexandru Olaru, MD, Division of Gastroenterology**, has been awarded the Broad Foundation grant for IBD-0271R titled "The role of microRNA alterations in IBD-related neoplasia." The amount of funding for one year is \$149,193.

**Karran Phillips, MD, Division of General Internal Medicine**, received the David E Rogers Junior Faculty Education Award from the Society of General Internal Medicine.

**Ravi Ranjan, MD, PhD, Division of Cardiology**, has been awarded the Young Investigator Award at the Annual Heart Rhythm Society meeting that was held in May 2009.

**Steve Sozio, MD, Division of Nephrology**, has received a National Kidney Foundation Career Development Award.

**Kerry Stewart, Ed.D, Division of Cardiology**, was awarded a new grant, 1R01HL092280: Two Diets With Exercise in Abdominal Obesity: Cardiovascular Effects. The project end Date is 07/31/2011 and the total costs cost year one are \$785,169.

**Harikrishna Tandri, MD, Division of Cardiology**, has been awarded the Clinician Scientist Award at Hopkins. This award pays \$40,000 towards his salary and fringe benefits.

**Ravi Varadhan, MD**, as leader of an investigative team that includes **Drs. Carlos**

**Weiss and Cynthia Boyd from the Division of Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology, Drs. Jodi Segal, Ai Wu and Susan Zieman from General Medicine and Cardiology, and Dr. Constantine Frangakis from Dept Biostatistics, has just won a competitive award from the AHRQ to develop “Methods to Study the Heterogeneity of Treatment Effects in Comparative Effectiveness Research”, through the Johns Hopkins DEcIDE center. The award amount is \$395,862. The project will be conducted between 9/30/2009 to 01/29/2011 and will review existing approaches to address heterogeneity of treatment effects and will develop new methods to facilitate applicability of trial evidence to target populations, such as older adults, who are poorly represented in clinical trials.**

**Fred Wigley, MD, Division of Rheumatology, will receive the Distinguished Clinical Scholar Award from the American college of Rheumatology in October. Director of the Johns Hopkins Scleroderma Center, Dr. Wigley is internationally renowned for his care of and research on patients with scleroderma.**

**Armin Zadeh, MD, Division of Cardiology, has been awarded the Clinician Scientist Award at Hopkins. This award pays \$80,000 towards his salary and fringe benefits.**