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Distinguished Johns Hopkins Alumni and Faculty Honored at Awards and Portrait Presentation

BALTIMORE – Hundreds gathered at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine on June 9 for the Award and Portrait Presentation, held during Biennial Meeting and Reunion Weekend 2017. Awards recognized the outstanding achievements of distinguished Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine alumni and faculty, and portraits honored the influential members of the Johns Hopkins Medicine family.

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PORTRAIT HONOREES

J. Raymond DePaulo, M.D. - Dr. DePaulo was the Henry Phipps Professor and Director of the Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and Psychiatrist-in-Chief at The Johns Hopkins Hospital from 2002 through 2016. He is a University Distinguished Service Professor and Co-Director of the Johns Hopkins Mood Disorders Center in the Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences and has been an active clinician, teacher and researcher throughout his 39 years on the Johns Hopkins faculty.

George J. Dover, M.D. - Dr. Dover, a University Distinguished Service Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, is a world-renowned expert in the biology and treatment of Sickle Cell Disease (SCD). His research helped define the genetics of fetal hemoglobin production in normal and SCD individuals. From 1996 to 2016, he served as the eighth Director of the Department of Pediatrics, the Given Foundation Professor of Pediatrics, Pediatrician-in-Chief of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, and Director of the Johns Hopkins Children’s Center. During his tenure, he led faculty and staff in the development and design of the David Rubenstein Pediatric Outpatient Center and the Charlotte R. Bloomberg Children’s Center.

Ruth R. Faden, Ph.D., M.P.H. - As founder of the Berman Institute of Bioethics, Dr. Ruth Faden transformed an interest group of faculty dispersed across Johns Hopkins University into one of the most preeminent bioethics programs in the world. Twenty years later, the Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics has over 35 faculty, 25 staff, and alumni in leadership positions throughout the field. Dr. Faden’s current research focuses on justice theory, and related ethical problems in national and global food policy, learning health care systems, health systems design and priority setting, and women’s health.
Irwin M. Freedberg, M.D. - Dr. Irwin M. Freedberg served as the inaugural director of the Johns Hopkins Department of Dermatology from 1977 to 1981. Dr. Freedberg’s research focused on keratin and keratinocyte biology, and the National Institutes of Health supported his work for over four decades. Dr. Freedberg was deeply committed to his students, residents, fellows, and junior faculty, providing guidance and mentorship in both their professional and personal lives. After Dr. Freedberg’s tenure at Johns Hopkins, he went on to serve as chairman of New York University’s dermatology department from 1981 until he stepped down in June of 2005. Dr. Freedberg died one month later at the age of 74.

Jonathan S. Lewin, M.D. - Dr. Lewin served as the Martin Donner Professor and Chairman of the Russell H. Morgan Department of Radiology and Radiological Science at Johns Hopkins University and the Radiologist-in-Chief at Johns Hopkins Hospital from 2004 until 2016. He has been a pioneer in interventional and intraoperative MR imaging and has published more than 200 peer-reviewed scientific manuscripts and 60 book chapters, reviews, commentaries and other invited papers. Dr. Lewin is an inventor on more than 25 patents, and has been principal investigator and co-principal investigator on National Institutes of Health (NIH) and other federal and state grants with awards of more than 10 million dollars, as well as a co-investigator on a number of other grants and projects. He is currently the Executive Vice President for Health Affairs, Emory University; Executive Director, Woodruff Health Sciences Center; and the President, CEO and Chairman of the Board, Emory Healthcare.

Richard O’Brien, M.D., Ph.D. - Until 2014, Dr. Richard J. “Rich” O’Brien served as Professor of Neurology, Neuroscience and Medicine and chair of the Department of Neurology at Johns Hopkins Bayview. He was also an associate dean for research at Johns Hopkins Medicine. While at Hopkins, his research focused on the effect of aging and neurodegenerative disorders on brain plasticity in animals and humans. In addition to his research, Dr. O’Brien was an active clinician, treating patients with neurodegenerative and cerebrospinal fluid disorders. He joined the Duke University School of Medicine as the first chair of the Department of Neurology on July 1, 2014, and was awarded the Disque Deane University Professorship in Neuroscience in 2015.

Alessandro Olivi, M.D. - During his tenure at Johns Hopkins (1991-2016), Dr. Olivi was Professor of Neurosurgery and Oncology, Chairman of Neurosurgery at the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, Vice Chairman of Neurosurgery at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, and Director of the Division of Neurosurgical Oncology. As the Chairman of Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, he helped transform the institution from a community hospital to a leading academic center for neurosurgery and was instrumental in establishing in that hospital a new Neuroscience Critical Care Unit and in developing, in collaboration with various technology industries, an advanced integrated computer tomography dual operating room suite with navigation capabilities. He is currently the Director of the Istituto di Neurochirurgia at the Università Cattolica e del Sacro Cuore in Rome.

Jeffrey B. Palmer, M.D. - Dr. Palmer, Professor Emeritus of Physical Medicine, is an extraordinary physician, pioneering researcher, and visionary leader who served as the Lawrence Cardinal Shehan Professor and Director of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and the Physiatrist-in-Chief of The Johns Hopkins Hospital
from 2004 to 2014. During Dr. Palmer’s decade of leadership, the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation advanced the scientific basis of physical medicine and rehabilitation, trained outstanding clinicians and scientists, and improved the scope and quality of patient care.

**Thomas T. Provost, M.D.** - Dr. Provost began his career at Johns Hopkins Medicine in 1972, and was named Chairman and Noxell Professor of the Department of Dermatology in 1981. He was an internationally acclaimed investigative dermatologist, renowned for his expertise in autoimmune-blighting and connective tissue diseases. Dr. Provost was a member and co-founder of the Medical Dermatology Society (founded 1994), and a member of the Society of Investigative Dermatology. He also served as a member of the Scientific Advisory Board for the American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association, and was a member of the Academy of Dermatology, as well as the American Dermatological Association. After his long tenure as Noxell Chair, which ended in 1996, Dr. Provost stayed on as a faculty member, mentoring scores of residents and fellows, until his death in April 2012. He was 74 years old.

**Judy A. Reitz, Sc.D.** - Dr. Reitz retired in June 2016 as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for The Johns Hopkins Hospital and Vice President of Operations Integration for the Johns Hopkins Health System, and served as Vice President for Quality Improvement for Johns Hopkins Medicine. As Executive Vice President of The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Dr. Reitz was the sixth person to hold that post and the first woman appointed to that position at The Johns Hopkins Hospital. Dr. Reitz has held positions of increasing responsibility for Johns Hopkins since 1981, when she began her career at The Johns Hopkins Hospital as Director of Nursing Practice. She currently holds a part-time position in Johns Hopkins Medicine’s Armstrong Institute for Patient Safety and Quality.

**AWARD RECIPIENTS**

**2017 JHU School of Medicine Distinguished Medical Alumni Award**

**Alain G. Bertoni, M.D. (Med '95 & BSPH '99)** - Dr. Bertoni is an alumnus of the Class of 1995 from the School of Medicine and completed his M.P.H. from the Bloomberg School of Public Health in 1999. His internal medicine training was from 1995-1998 with the Osler Medical Service and from 1998-2001 he was post-doctoral fellow in general internal medicine/epidemiology. He joined the Wake Forest School of Medicine faculty in 2001, is Professor and Chair of the Department of Epidemiology & Prevention, and appointed in the Department of Internal Medicine.

**Robert J. D’Amato, M.D., Ph.D. (A&S ’83, Med ’86 & ’88)** - Dr. D’Amato received his B.A, M.D. and Ph.D. in Neuroscience from Johns Hopkins University. Dr. D’Amato became a Professor of Ophthalmology at Harvard Medical School in 2010 and currently holds the Judah Folkman Chair in Surgery at Boston Children’s Hospital.

**Dan M. Granoff, M.D. (A&S ’65, Med ’68)** - Dr. Granoff is a graduate from the Krieger School of Arts and Science, Class of 1965, and an alumnus from the School of Medicine, Class of 1968. He currently holds the Clorox Endowed Chair and is Director of the Center for Immunobiology and Vaccine Development at UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital, Oakland, California. In 2014, he was the
recipient of the Maurice Hilleman/Merck Laureate award by the American Society of Microbiology for outstanding contributions to vaccine discovery and development.

J. Mario Molina, M.D., (Resident ’87) - A former resident at The Johns Hopkins Hospital, he has an honorary doctorate from Claremont Graduate University. Modern Healthcare listed him among the 100 most influential people in health care. He is a board member for the America’s Health Insurance Plans, the Aquarium of the Pacific and an Overseer of the Huntington Library. He is a trustee of Johns Hopkins Medicine and served on the Visiting Committee for the Harvard Medical School and the Harvard Dental School.

Alfred P. Sanfilippo, M.D., Ph.D., (Former Faculty, Pathology) - As the Baxley Professor and Director of Pathology at Hopkins, he recruited 75 new faculty, formed Johns Hopkins Medical Labs, and led the creation of the Johns Hopkins Comprehensive Transplant Center, serving as its first Director of Research. He is currently the Director of the Emory-Georgia Tech Healthcare Innovation Program, Professor in the Emory University’s School of Medicine and School of Public Health, and medical Director of The Marcus Foundation.

Christine Edry Seidman, M.D. (Resident ’81) - Dr. Seidman is the Thomas W. Smith Professor of Medicine and Genetics at Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women’s Hospital (Department of Medicine), an Investigator of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, and a Senior Associate member of the Broad Institute. Dr. Seidman research program has pioneered the discovery of genetic causes of hypertrophic and dilated cardiomyopathies and congenital heart disease. Her groundbreaking work on these human heart disorders has enabled early and accurate gene-based diagnosis and identified therapeutic targets, including several that are in clinical development.

Doris A Stoffers, M.D, Ph.D. (A&S ’84, Med ’91) - Dr. Stoffers completed her undergraduate degree in Chemistry from the Krieger School of Arts and Science in 1984, her medical degree and a doctorate of philosophy from the School of Medicine in 1991. She is the Sylvan H. Eisman Professor of Medicine and a member of the Institute for Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. She was elected to the American Society of Clinical Investigation in 2007 and to the Association of American Physicians in 2012. In 2013 she received the Ernst Oppenheimer Award from the Endocrine Society.

JHU Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award (2016)

Arthur P. Grollman, M.D. (Med ’59) - Dr. Grollman is Distinguished Professor of Pharmacological Sciences, Evelyn G. Glick Professor of Experimental Medicine, and Director of the Leo and Judy Zickler Laboratory of Chemical Biology (LCB) at Stony Brook University. Under his leadership, Pharmacological Sciences at Stony Brook ranked consistently among the top Departments of Pharmacology in the country. Throughout his career, Dr. Grollman has made significant contributions to basic and translational biomedical research. His research has focused on consequences of DNA damage as it relates to chemical carcinogenesis, DNA repair, and environmental toxicology.

William G. Nelson V, M.D., Ph.D. (Med ’87, Faculty) - In 1987, Dr. Nelson completed his degree and Ph.D. training at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, followed by Internal Medicine residency training and Medical Oncology fellowship at The Johns Hopkins Hospital. Dr. Nelson, who
joined the Johns Hopkins faculty in 1992, is a Professor of Oncology, Urology, Pharmacology, Medicine, Pathology, Radiation Oncology, and Environmental Health Sciences. He serves as the Marion I. Knott Director and Professor of Oncology and Director of the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins and has become a recognized leader in cancer research.

JHU Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award (2017)

Henry D Abraham, M.D. (Med ’67) - Dr. Abraham’s honors include the IRIS, Peabody and Emmy Awards for Best Public Television Programs in 1978, 1979 and 1982. A founding member of Physicians for Social Responsibility and the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, Dr. Abraham was an author of the constitution of those organizations, and in 1985 shared in the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize at Oslo. In 2007 he was elected Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. In 2014 he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Muhlenberg College.

Rebecca Aslakson, M.D., Ph.D. (BSPH ’13, Faculty) - Dr. Aslakson completed anesthesia residency at Massachusetts General Hospital and surgical critical care fellowship at The Johns Hopkins Hospital, where she has been faculty since. In 2013, she obtained her Ph.D. in Clinical Investigations from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Dr. Aslakson is an active researcher and clinician; her goal is to improve delivery of palliative medicine, particularly to perioperative and critically ill populations. Dr. Aslakson has received national awards including the 2015 AAHPM Early Career Investigator Award and the 2014 ASA Presidential Scholar Award.

Kenneth J. Pienta, M.D. (A&S ’83, Med ’86, Faculty) - Dr. Pienta is the Donald S. Coffey Professor of Urology and serves as the Director of Research at the James Buchanan Brady Urological Institute of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He is also a Professor in the Departments of Oncology and Pharmacology and Molecular Science. He serves as a faculty member in the Cellular and Molecular Medicine Program at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and is a Professor of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering in the Whiting School of Engineering at The Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Pienta is a two-time American Cancer Society Clinical Research Professor Award recipient.

Steven P. Schulman, M.D. (Med ’81, Faculty) - Dr. Schulman fulfilled his training in internal medicine and chief residency, as well as his cardiology fellowship at Hopkins. Dr. Schulman joined the faculty in 1988 and became Director of the Coronary Care Unit (CCU) in 1992, where he led several clinical trials looking to improve care in patients with acute myocardial infarction. He has won numerous teaching awards from Hopkins residents and fellows over the years and in July 2012, Dr. Schulman became the Cardiology Fellowship Program Director at Johns Hopkins.

Dorry L. Segev, M.D., Ph.D. (Med ’96, BSPH ’09, Faculty) - Dr. Dorry Segev. Dr. Segev received his medical degree from the School of Medicine in 1996 and earned his Ph.D from the Bloomberg School of Public Health in 2009. He is now the Marjory K. and Thomas Pozefsky Professor of Surgery and Epidemiology, Associate Vice Chair of Surgery, and the founding director of the Epidemiology Research Group in Organ Transplantation. He was recently awarded a Global Thinkers award from
Foreign Policy and the American Society of Transplantation's prestigious Clinical Science Investigator Award. His work has directly influenced policy, including two Congressional bills, and he recently received a letter of recognition from President Obama for his work “to successfully increase access to life-saving organ transplants.”

Elizabeth A. Small, M.D. (Med ’77) - Dr. Small received her bachelor's in biological sciences at Wellesley College and her medical degree at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 1977. She established the Elizabeth A. Small Endowed Scholarship Fund in 1998 and to date 19 awards have been given. Additionally, Dr. Small supports the Hopkins chapter of American Medical Women’s Association (AMWA), providing grants for women interested in primary care in underserved urban areas. Dr. Small remains involved in the Johns Hopkins Department of Dermatology, serving in an advisory role on the Chairman’s Circle for Dr. Sewon Kang, Noxell Professor and Chair.

Global Achievement Award

Richard Axel, M.D. (Med ’71) - Dr. Richard Axel is a molecular biologist and University Professor in the Department of Neuroscience at Columbia University and investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. His work on the olfactory system won him and Linda Buck, a former postdoctoral research scientist in his group, the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 2004.

Paul Sekyere-Nyantakyi, M.D. (Med ’97) - Dr. Sekyere-Nyantakyi returned after graduation to Ghana to establish Quest Healthcare, a private healthcare company in Ghana that provides medical diagnostic/preventive medicine services to private and public clinics and hospitals. The Laboratories are the leading private medical laboratory service in Ghana, processing more than 1000 patient samples daily. The Lab runs free screening for Hepatitis B annually on World Hepatitis Day. In 2011, 2012, and 2013 the lab won the gold category of the Ghana-Africa Business Awards.

JHU Alumni Association Heritage Award

Richard G Bennett, M.D. (Med ’82, Faculty, Bayview Trustee) - Dr. Bennett is the President of Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, and a Professor of Medicine at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. As a Johns Hopkins faculty member for more than 30 years, he was the Lublin Professor in Geriatric Medicine. In 2003, Dr. Bennett was named Vice President of Medical Affairs at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, and subsequently, Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer, before being appointed President in 2009. He also championed building a diverse and inclusive culture on the Bayview campus and received the 2011 Johns Hopkins Diversity Recognition Award.

Gregg L Semenza, M.D., Ph.D. (Faculty) - Dr. Semenza is currently an American Cancer Society Research Professor and the C. Michael Armstrong Professor at Johns Hopkins with appointments in Genetic Medicine, Pediatrics, Medicine, Oncology, Radiation Oncology, and Biological Chemistry; since 2003, he has served as founding Director of the Vascular Program in the Johns Hopkins Institute for Cell Engineering. He has received the Canada-Gairdner International Award, Lefoulon-
Delalande Grand Prix Scientifique from the Institut de France, Wiley Prize for Biomedical Sciences, and last year, the Albert Lasker Basic Medical Research Award.

Community Hero Award

Jane A Oski, M.D., M.P.H. (Med '91, BSPH '09) - Dr. Oski has been practicing general pediatrics and public health on the Navajo Nation since 1994. She has been involved in “traditionalist” care providing inpatient and outpatient care as well as school-based care for teens in Tuba City, AZ. Under her leadership, the school-based clinics began providing tele-behavioral health to address a significant unmet need. Her greatest pride comes from the work she has been engaged in with the communities of the Navajo and Hopi tribes and partnering with her long-term colleagues at the Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health.

Johns Hopkins Medical & Surgical Association Samuel P. Asper Award for Achievement in Advancing International Medical Education

Nicole Shilkofski, M.D. (Faculty) - In 2011, Dr. Shilkofski moved to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to assume the position of founding vice dean for education of Perdana University Graduate School of Medicine, in collaboration with the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, a position she held for 4 years. During this time, she was responsible for curriculum development for Malaysian and international students and contextualization of the Johns Hopkins Genes to Society curriculum for Southeast Asian settings. While living in Asia, she also developed educational and research programs in the Philippines and Burma, focusing on community level providers and midwives, integrating education in maternal and neonatal resuscitation for prevention of birth asphyxia and post-partum hemorrhage.

Johns Hopkins Women’s Medical Alumnae Association Hall of Fame Inductees

Patricia Charache, M.D. (Faculty) - In 1992, Dr. Charache became the 30th woman named as full Professor in the School of Medicine, and soon after, became Deputy Director of Clinical Affairs, Physician Adviser, and Director of Quality Improvement for the Department of Pathology (1993-96). She was the Program Director of Quality Assessment and Outcomes Research Programs from 1998 until her retirement. For her outstanding service for advancing the field of microbiology and for her service to the American Society for Microbiology, Dr. Charache received one of the most prestigious awards bestowed upon a clinical microbiologist by the ASM, the bioMérieux Sonnenwirth Award for Excellence in Clinical Microbiology. She worked tirelessly and courageously to advocate for professional development of all faculty, especially women. Her insightful dedication to mentorship launched the careers of many professionals. Some of her protégés became prestigious academicians and laboratory directors. Dr. Charache died in 2015.

Catherine DeAngelis, M.D., M.P.H. (Faculty) - Dr. DeAngelis completed her pediatrics training in the Harriet Lane at Johns Hopkins, and returned to Hopkins in 1978 after her first faculty position at Columbia University. She served as head of the general pediatrics and adolescent medicine division
where the concept of an academic general pediatric division flourished. In 1984, she was promoted to full professor, the twelfth woman to attain this distinction in the school’s history. As Vice Dean for Academic Affairs and Faculty, she spearheaded the curriculum change in the medical school that led to students’ involvement with patients in community clinics beginning in their first year. In 2000, she became the first woman Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) where she was “JAMA Mama” until 2011.