

# Rising Stars!



Errol Bush, MD

intraperitoneal chemotherapy, or HIPEC, which involves flooding the cavity with a warm chemotherapy solution—catching errant malignant cells and small, imperceptible tumors before they develop a foothold in the abdomen or metastasize elsewhere in the body.



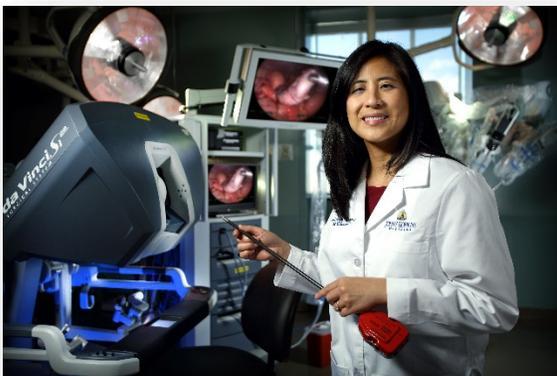
Three surgeons on the move! [Errol Bush, MD](#), a lung transplant and thoracic surgeon joined the Johns Hopkins faculty in November 2015, as the director of the Advanced Lung Disease and Lung transplant Program. He is collaborating with a team of researchers investigating novel therapies to use of ex vivo lung perfusion (EVLV), a technique to dramatically increase the supply of suitable lungs for transplantation.

[Fabian Johnston, MD, MHS](#), a surgical oncologist, joined the Johns Hopkins faculty in 2016, uses a novel technique known as hyperthermic



Fabian Johnston, MD

[Gina Adrales, MD, MPH](#), Associate Professor of Surgery, joined the Johns Hopkins faculty in May 2016 and is the Director of the Division of Minimally Invasive Surgery, with clinical expertise in gastroesophageal reflux disease, gallbladder disease, achalasia, splenectomy, bariatric surgery, colorectal surgery (open and laparoscopic), and open and laparoscopic hernia repair (inguinal, ventral, incisional, umbilical, hiatal and paraesophageal). Dr. Adrales has served in leadership roles in the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons, the American Hernia Society, and the Association of Women Surgeons.



Gina Adrales, MD, MPH

# OPPORTUNITY



Dawn LaPorte, MD

## JHU SOM Faculty Grooming the Next Generation of Physician Scientists

In order to create a diverse biomedical workforce, we must have a diverse pipeline! [Dawn LaPorte, MD](#), and [Lynne Jones, PhD](#), faculty members and researchers in the Johns Hopkins Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, are very active in the Perry Initiative which introduces many young women to the specialty of orthopaedics. [The Perry Initiative](#) aims to reach out to young women to encourage them to develop interest and pursue careers in the fields of orthopaedic surgery and engineering. The organization partners with leading health care institutions like Johns Hopkins to host lectures and workshops throughout the country for female high school/medical students.



Lynne Jones, PhD

## Recognition & Achievement



Doug Robinson, PhD

[Doug Robinson, PhD](#), professor in the Department of Cell Biology, has been named the 2017 Ruth Kirschstein Diversity in Science Award Recipient, established by the [American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology \(ASBMB\)](#) to honor an

outstanding scientist who has shown a strong commitment to the encouragement of under-represented minorities to enter the scientific enterprise and/or to the effective mentorship of those within it.

Dr. Robinson oversees The Summer Academic Research Experience (SARE) seeks to develop exceptional high school students, typically from disadvantaged backgrounds (low income, single parent household, a parent incarcerated or suffering from addiction, abuse, and/or homelessness), by introducing them to biomedical research. The students who go through the program are known as "SARE Scholars". To date, 100% who have reached college age have matriculated into 4-year college programs with 100% receiving partial or full financial support, and 50% have chosen STEM or health-related majors. The most senior SARE scholar alum is currently applying to medical school, and another is considering graduate doctoral programs upon college graduation.



[Health Careers Opportunity Program \(HCOP\)](#) and [Doctoral Diversity Program \(DDP\)](#) scholars and mentors gather at Dr. Robinson's home.

## Johns Hopkins University Diversity Recognition Award Nominations – Deadline March 15, 2017

[The Johns Hopkins University Diversity Leadership Council](#) (DLC) is seeking nominations for its 15th annual [Diversity Recognition Awards](#). These awards recognize exceptional contributions of faculty, staff, and students in advancing and celebrating diversity and inclusiveness at Johns Hopkins. Nomination forms can be found [here](#).

Faculty, staff, and students from all divisions of Johns Hopkins are eligible to receive the award. Current members of the DLC are not eligible to be nominated. Previous award recipients are eligible six years following receiving their last award.

Individuals may nominate themselves, or be nominated by any member of the Johns Hopkins community. The criteria for this award are: a demonstrated commitment to the advancement of diversity, inclusion, and/or multiculturalism and specific efforts and activities supporting diversity and inclusion that are above and beyond expectations given the nominee's regular roles and responsibilities. Former JHUSOM award recipients include:

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- ✓ Adriana Andrade (Medicine)
- ✓ Alicia Arbaje, MD (Medicine)
- ✓ Renee Blanding, MD (Anesthesiology & Critical Care Medicine)
- ✓ Amanda Brown, PhD (Neurology)
- ✓ Deidra Crews, MD (Medicine)
- ✓ Rafael Guerrero-Preston, PhD (Otolaryngology)
- ✓ Anthony Kalloo, MD (Medicine)
- ✓ Rachel Levine, MD (Medicine)
- ✓ Kathleen Page, MD (Medicine)
- ✓ Damani Piggott, MD (Medicine)
- ✓ Maria Trent, MD (Pediatrics)

## Conferences & Events

Training Workshop to Ensure Diversity, Inclusion and Meaningful Participation In Clinical Trials, The ABC Cardiovascular Disease Study (A CME Program) - The Association of Black Cardiologists (ABC), Morehouse School of Medicine in collaboration with the Research Centers in Minority Institutions Translational Research Network (RTRN), and the U.S. FDA Office of Minority Health will host "Ensuring Diversity, Inclusion and Meaningful Participation in Clinical Trials: The Model of the ABC Cardiovascular Study (A CME Program)." The training workshop will be held **March 10 and 11, 2017, in Atlanta, Georgia**. Access registration info [here](#).

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## Sixth Annual Symposium on the Social Determinants of Health

Baltimore's Youth – Reducing Vulnerability to Improve Our Future  
**April 3, 2017, 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

The Social Determinants of Health Symposium is an annual, day-long event that brings together national experts, local community leaders, city residents, and faculty and students from Baltimore colleges and universities to examine a pressing topic related to the root causes of health. Sponsored by the JHU Provost Office and the Johns Hopkins Urban Health Institute.

For more information and to register, [click here](#).

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## Notable Trailblazer – Bridging the Gap

As Black History Month comes to a close, in the spirit of honoring pioneers and their impact on diversity and academic medicine, we celebrate [Dr. Robert Higgins](#), Director of Surgery, William Stewart Halsted Professor of Surgery and Surgeon-in-Chief, recently recognized and interviewed by our local news channel, WMAR - ABC. You can view the interview [here](#).

You are an inspiration to all of us!

