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Congratulations!

Recent UIM Faculty Promotions

Congratulations to our colleagues whose promotion and/or award of tenure were recently approved by the Board of Trustees. We appreciate their service to Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and their commitment to excellence!

Kudos to [Dr. Cheilonda Johnson](#) who was promoted to assistant professor last month! We are very proud of your recent accomplishment and wish you continued success in your research, teaching and clinical endeavors.



[Cheilonda Johnson, MD](#)

Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine
Pulmonary Division

Johns Hopkins Center for Health Equity - New Course

[Dr. Tanjala Purnell](#), Assistant Professor of Surgery and Bloomberg Distinguished Professor [Dr. Lisa A. Cooper](#), launched a new course last May, “Applications of Innovative Methods in Health Equity Research.” Congratulations to a successful launch and the amazing team of Johns Hopkins Center for Health Equity faculty members who were also instrumental!





Please join us in welcoming our newly hired JHU SOM faculty underrepresented in medicine. Drop them a note via email. Take them out to lunch. Serve as a mentor/sponsor!



Chandra Baker, MD

[Dr. Chandra Baker](#), Assistant Professor of Radiology and Radiological Sciences



Jonathan Chrispin, MD

[Dr. David Benavides](#), Assistant Professor of Neurology



David Benavides, PhD

[Dr. Marisol Betensky](#), Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, All Children's Hospital, St. Petersburg, Florida



Chantel Cross, MD

[Dr. Philippines Cabahug](#), Assistant Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

[Dr. Jonathan Chrispin](#), Assistant Professor of Medicine, Cardiology

[Dr. Chantel Cross](#), Assistant Professor of Gynecology and Obstetrics, Reproductive Endocrinology



Marquita Genies, MD

[Dr. Dulce Cruz-Oliver](#), Assistant Professor of Medicine, General Internal Medicine (as of August 28, 2017)

[Dr. Marquita Genies](#), Assistant Professor of Pediatrics



Marisol Betensky, MD

[Dr. Makeida Koyi](#), Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science (JHED picture not available)

[Dr. Diego Martinez](#), Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine



Philippines Cabahug, MD



Diego Martinez, PhD

Recognition, Conference Presentations & Celebrations



Earlier this month four of our faculty participated in the annual convention of the [National Medical Association](#), which is the largest and oldest national organization representing African-American physicians and their patients in the United States (pictured from left to right):

- [Dr. Deidra Crews](#) (Medicine-Nephrology Division), Presenter, “What we eat? Where we live? Racial Disparities in the Incidence and Prevalence of Kidney Disease and Outcomes,”
- [Dr. Sherita Hill-Golden](#) (Medicine-Endocrinology and Metabolism Division), Presenter, “The Role of Chronic Stress in Development of Diabetes and Practical Interventions to Improve Outcomes.”
- [Dr. Adrienne Scott](#) (Ophthalmology - Retinal Vascular Service Division), Moderator, “Retina Symposium,” Panelist, “Meet the Experts,” and Moderator, “Axel Hansen Lecture.”
- [Dr. Fasika Woreta](#) (Ophthalmology – General Eye Service Division), Moderator, “Cornea Symposium.”

Congratulations are in order for [Dr. Tanjala Purnell](#), Assistant Professor of Surgery (pictured below), who won best poster at the recent American Transplant Congress held in Chicago. Her collaborative research on African-American adults with end-stage renal disease and how neighborhood poverty is associated with lower rates of donor kidney transplantations was recognized. Dr. Purnell also was honored by the [National Minority Quality Forum](#) as a “Top 40 under 40” recipient.





[Dr. Maria Trent](#), Professor of Pediatrics, received a commendation on her oral presentation, “Clearance of *Mycoplasma Genitalium* and *Trichomonas Vaginalis* among Adolescent and Young Adults with Pelvic Inflammatory Disease: Results from the TECHN Study” that was presented at the [STI/HIV World Congress](#) held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 11, 2017. She is also a recipient of two major awards: The 2017 Nexus Award by the [Biomarkers and Diagnostic Testing Community](#) of the [Johns Hopkins Institute for Clinical and Translational Research](#) for her Project, “Evaluating Pelvic Inflammatory Disease Outcomes by Understanding Vaginal Microbial Genomics to Develop a Precision Medicine Approach” and a [2017 Johns Hopkins Discovery Award](#) [w/Anne Burke (Medicine) and David Peloff (Education)] for their project, “Virtual Training to Increase Pediatric Provider Self-efficacy and Skill in Intrauterine Device Placement: Continuing Education without Compromising Patient Safety.”

The Johns Hopkins Medicine Dean’s Symposium “[Improving Minority Health and Achieving Health Equity](#)” was held April 12, at the National Museum of African American History and Culture in DC. Panelists included (pictured from left to right):



[Dr. Lisa Cooper](#), James F. Fries Professor of Medicine, Bloomberg Distinguished Professor; [Dr. Deidra Crews](#), Associate Professor of Medicine, Associate Vice Chair for Diversity and Inclusion, Department of Medicine; [Akila Viswanathan](#), Professor and Executive Vice Chair of Radiation Oncology and

Molecular Radiation Sciences; (Moderator) Dr. N. Anthony “Tony” Coles, Jr.; [Dina Lansey](#), Assistant Director for Diversity and Inclusion in Clinical Research, Sidney Kimmel; and Dr. Zachary Enumah, Resident, Department of Surgery.

Congratulations to our recently named Robert E. Meyerhoff Assistant Professors!



[Dr. Arthur “Jason” Vaught](#)
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology



[Dr. Jonathan Chrispin](#)
Department of Medicine

Farewell Letter

Next month, I will begin a new chapter in my career. I have had the distinct pleasure of serving in an administrative role for the last five years, initially serving as the assistant dean upon my arrival in 2012 and as the associate dean of diversity for the last four and a half years. It has been an extraordinary and rewarding experience for me.

Working with colleagues within the School of Medicine along with others throughout the University in efforts to diversify our faculty and provide cultural competency training across the spectrum – faculty, trainees, staff and students, I am gratified by what we accomplished together.

I truly appreciate the kind words, well wishes, and gifts I have received from so many of you over the last couple of weeks as well as the various send-off celebrations.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this role. Continue moving the needle! I wish you all the best.

Chiquita A. Collins, PhD

