



## EDUCATION NEWS

### Progress Toward Expansion of the Four Year Track

The expansion to the four-year track in Tulsa is making great headway! The inaugural class of 25-30 medical students will be here in August. With the start date only months away, my intent, with assistance from **Dr. Sheila Crow**, **Dr. Meredith Davison** and **Kim Johnson**, is to provide periodic updates on the progress in facilities, curriculum and student services.

#### *Facility Update from Kim Johnson, Project Manager*



You may have noticed construction in the parking lot behind the administration building on the Schusterman Center campus. This will be the new two-story, 15,735 square foot Tandy Education Center. The new education center includes classrooms, small learning areas, and student lounges. Uniquely designed, the facility will allow students to experience health care in real-life situations using computer simulated and human interaction situations. The first floor houses exam rooms, classrooms and even a home setting. The second floor includes a student break room, collaboration areas and learning modules. The building is scheduled to open this summer.

#### *Curriculum Update by Sheila Crow, Ph.D.*

Last month, the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine curriculum committees approved the appointments of several Site Directors for the preclinical portion of the SCM educational track. Typically, the first two years of medical school are spent studying basic science laying the groundwork for the last two clinical years. The Site Directors appointed include **Dr. Kent Teague** (basic science courses), **Dr. Sam Martin** (Patients, Physicians, & Society I), **Dr. Mark Fox** (Patients, Physicians, & Society II), and **Dr. Mike Weisz** (Clinical Medicine I & II). Other appointments included **Dr. Janelle Whitt** (Community Health Elective), **Dr. Sheila Crow** (Humanities), and **Dr. Meredith Davison** (Prologue).

Basic science courses will be delivered primarily via distance education, in conjunction with the OKC campus, while clinical skills learning will take place live on the Tulsa campus. Classrooms and gross anatomy labs on both campuses have undergone renovations and are now equipped with the latest technology for distance education. Distance education pilot testing began last August in preparation for the new classes.

#### *Student Services by Meredith Davison, Ph.D.*

Applications have been strong with approximately 500 individuals expressing an interest in being a member of the inaugural class of 2019. After many interviews, 25 have been offered a seat in the class and 20 have already accepted. More offers will be made following completion of the admissions selection process in early February. The SCM Scholarship Committee has offered two full and four partial merit scholarships to incoming members of the Class of 2019, and two more scholarships will be offered when the admissions' process is complete.

The SCM Student Advisory Committee, consisting of MS2, MS3, MS4, recent graduates, and PA students, has been involved in many aspects of planning for the new medical student's needs. They have been invaluable in helping design the student modules and study rooms which will be located on the second floor of the new Tandy Education Center. Additionally, they are meeting regularly to plan extracurricular activities, including a mentor program, interest groups, and social programs, for the incoming medical students.

Two new staff persons have been added to the SCM Student Services Office: Mike Conrad was named Preclinical Student Coordinator and Madison Lewis joined the office as an Administrative Assistant. Both of the new staff have been training with their counterparts in Oklahoma City as well as learning about the Tulsa campus.

### **SCM Website**

The [SCM's website](#) has migrated to the new design consistent with OU Physicians-Tulsa and our residency pages. The new cleaner look makes navigation easier and is mobile friendly. Thank you to **Aaron Anderson**, OU-Tulsa's interactive media specialist, for all his efforts in assisting with this migration. If you see anything outdated, please send that information to **Karen Mulkey** at [Karen-mulkey@ouhsc.edu](mailto:Karen-mulkey@ouhsc.edu). Your assistance in keeping our online information up to date is much appreciated!

### **Department of Emergency Medicine in the News**

**Bill Justice**, Tactical Medicine Coordinator and Associate Director of the Oklahoma Center for Prehospital Disaster Medicine, made news in Kauai, Hawaii's, *Star Advertiser*. The article described a two-day program for first responders to surfers hosted by Kapiolani Community College. Mr. Justice oversaw the program called "Tactical Combat Casualty" in which the more than 70 participants learned what to do when disaster strikes.

## **PATIENT CARE**

### **Tisdale Specialty Clinic Receives OHCA Tier 3 Recognition**

Recently, OU Physicians-Tulsa's OU Wayman Tisdale Specialty Health Clinic received Tier 3 Patient-Centered Medical Home Recognition from the Oklahoma Health Care Authority. Thank you and congratulations to all OUP-Tulsa staff and providers who strive daily to improve the healthcare of our community!

### **Risk Management Office Changes**

**Amy Patton, RN**, has joined OU Physicians Office of Liability and Risk Management as Clinical Risk Manager in Tulsa. Ms. Patton has ten years of hospital and clinic experience in medical/surgical, cardiology, gastroenterology, occupational health and internal medicine. Most recently, she served as a Nurse Auditor and Clinical Outcomes Educator. She offices in the Schusterman Building, Suite 2G14 and can be reached at 918-660-3628 (office), 918-636-0754 (cell) or [amy-patton@ouhsc.edu](mailto:amy-patton@ouhsc.edu). Please call her with any reports, *whether in the inpatient or ambulatory settings*, regarding near misses, patient care events, claims, or if you are contacted by an attorney or investigator.



In addition, **Kelly Kimberling, MJ, CPHRM**, Assistant Director of OU Physicians Office of Liability and Risk Management, is at your service. She offices on the Tulsa campus, part-time in 2E22. Ms. Kimberling can be reached at 918-660-3634 (office), 405-830-4072 (cell) or [Kelly-kimberling@ouhsc.edu](mailto:Kelly-kimberling@ouhsc.edu). Ms. Kimberling has a Master of Jurisprudence in Health Law and is a Certified Professional in Healthcare Risk Management (CPHRM). Kelly manages the Professional Liability, Patient Safety and Risk Management offices for both the Oklahoma City and Tulsa campuses.

## OU Physicians-Tulsa Doctors Named to Notable Lists

Several of our OU Physicians-Tulsa doctors were once again named to distinguished physician lists. The ad below appears in *TulsaPeople* January issue. Congratulations to all these compassionate and dedicated physicians!



**Left to Right:** Ondria Gleason, M.D., Psychiatry; Jill Warnock, M.D. Psychiatry; William Yarborough, M.D., Internal Medicine; Fred Garfinkel, M.D., Pulmonology; David Jelley, M.D., Pediatric Endocrinology; Martina Jelley, M.D., Internal Medicine; Bryan Touchet, M.D., Psychiatry; Michael Weisz, M.D., Internal Medicine; Lamont Cavanagh, M.D., Sport Medicine; Maricalae Ledbetter, M.D., Child and Adolescent Psychiatry; John Tipton, M.D., Family Medicine; Nancy Inhole, M.D., Pediatrics; Pranay Kathuria, M.D., Nephrology; John Blebea, M.D., Vascular Surgery; Karl Hoskison, M.D., Internal Medicine; John Cattaneo, M.D., Neurology. **Not Pictured:** Nora Doyle, M.D., Maternal and Fetal Medicine; Mark Fox, M.D., Internal Medicine/Pediatrics; Michael Gardner, M.D., Maternal and Fetal Medicine; Edward Gills, M.D., Family Medicine; Ronald Saizow, M.D., Internal Medicine; Douglas Stewart, D.O., Pediatrics

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## Faculty Updates

### Dr. John Schumann Appointed Interim President of OU-Tulsa



President Boren has appointed [Dr. John Schumann](#), Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, as Interim President of OU-Tulsa. Dr. Schumann joined the faculty in 2011 and holds the Gussman Chair in Internal Medicine. He served as director of the Internal Medicine residency program and Vice Chair of the department's education program. Dr. Schumann is the author of the health blog, [GlassHospital](#). In his writing, he aims to demystify medicine and bring transparency to health care and health care policy. His essays are frequently reposted on leading health and patient advocacy blogs across the country. He has also written for national publications and has made appearances on national radio programs. I look forward to working with Dr. Schumann as he takes on this new role.

### Department of OB/GYN

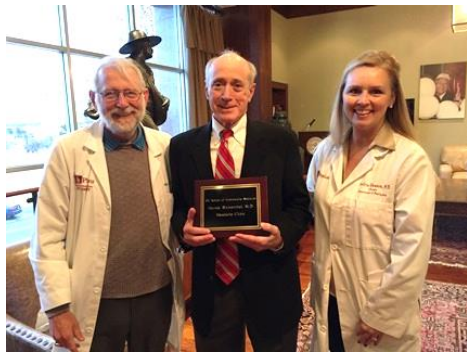


Last month, **Dr. Michael Gardner** announced his resignation as Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. We are grateful to Dr. Gardner for his dedicated service to the department and to OU Physicians and wish him and **Dr. Nora Doyle** the best, as they transition to the next phase of their careers.

I have appointed [Dr. Karen Gold](#), Director of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency Program, to serve as Interim Chair for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, effective February 1. I am grateful to Dr. Gold for agreeing to take on this additional responsibility. She brings with her a wealth of over 20 years of clinical experience and is board certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology and in Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery. I look forward to working with Dr. Gold during this time of transition.

## Dr. Harvey Blumenthal Retires after 40 Years

A reception was held last month to honor **Dr. Harvey Blumenthal's** 40 years as a volunteer faculty member. A neurologist, Dr. Blumenthal taught countless students and resident physicians and provided exceptional care to patients in Tulsa. **Dr. Mike Weisz**, Professor of Internal Medicine, honored Dr. Blumenthal by naming the Headache Clinic the "OU School of Community Medicine Harvey Blumenthal, M.D. Headache Clinic." Dr. Blumenthal has been instrumental in many academic endeavors, and we wish him well in retirement.



## New Faculty



**Marcilee Ledbetter, M.D., MPH, FAPA**, board certified child and adolescent psychiatrist, has rejoined the Department of Psychiatry. Dr. Ledbetter received her medical degree from University of Oklahoma College of Medicine. She completed an internship in pediatrics before starting a residency in psychiatry at Hahnemann University in Philadelphia. Following residency, she completed a fellowship in child and adolescent psychiatry at the University of Chicago. Dr. Ledbetter holds a Master of Public Health degree. Initially, Dr. Ledbetter will be seeing patients in the Fostering Hope Clinic and those in residential care at Parkside Psychiatric Hospital.



**Laura Ross, M.D.** has joined the Department of Pediatrics. Dr. Ross recently served as Assistant Professor in the Department of General Pediatrics at Children's Mercy Hospital and Clinics in Kansas City, MO. She is graduate of the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester, MA. She completed her pediatric residency at the Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City. She is board certified in pediatrics.



**Jan Slater, J.D., MBA**, has been appointed Clinical Instructor in the Bioethics Center, Department of Pediatrics. Ms. Slater recently served as Executive Director of the Oklahoma Center for Healthcare Improvement. Prior to that, Ms. Slater served as CEO at Oklahoma State University Medical Center and as Corporate Legal Counsel for St. John Health System. She received her Jurist Doctorate and Master of Business Administration from the University of Tulsa.

## In Remembrance



We were saddened to learn that **Timothy King**, a recently hired nurse at the Wayman Tisdale Specialty Health Clinic, passed away unexpectedly on January 16 from a brain aneurysm. A celebration of Tim's life will be held Friday, January 23 at 12:30 p.m. at Floral Haven, in Broken Arrow. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to LifeShare Oklahoma ([www.lifeshareoklahoma.org](http://www.lifeshareoklahoma.org)), House of Hope (918-786-2930), or Alcoholics Anonymous (918-627-2224). Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mr. King's family.

**NEW EMPLOYEES**

	<p><b>Tracey Burnett, LPN</b> Call Center Float OU Physicians</p>		<p><b>Laura Campbell</b> Residency Program Coordinator Department of Surgery</p>
	<p><b>Shana Coulter, LPN</b> Family Medicine OU Physicians</p>		<p><b>Renea Creekpau, LPN</b> Call Center Float OU Physicians</p>
	<p><b>Nancy Enkelmann</b> Staff Assistant Office, Graduate Medical Education</p>		<p><b>Crystal Goree</b> Patient Service Rep III Pediatrics OU Physicians</p>
	<p><b>Autumn Harper, MSW</b> Social Service Specialist Pediatric Clinic OU Physicians</p>		<p><b>Machell Hastings, RN</b> Health@Work Family Medicine OU Physicians</p>
	<p><b>Debra Hawkins Roberts, LPN</b> Family Medicine OU Physicians</p>		<p><b>Marie Kraus, RN</b> Surgical Specialty Center OU Physicians</p>
	<p><b>Sam Kirzner, B.S.</b> Research Assistant Family Medicine</p>		<p><b>Jennifer Koep, LPN</b> Women's Health OU Physicians</p>
	<p><b>Veronica Lopez</b> Call Center OU Physicians</p>		<p><b>Courtney Taft, LPN</b> Wayman Tisdale Specialty Health Clinic OU Physicians</p>

Thank you for all you do! Best wishes in 2015!

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