Announcements

2020 Department of Medicine Research Day

This year’s Department of Medicine Research Day, held virtually October 15, had a record attendance of more than 350 researchers, faculty, staff, and medical students. Presenters from across the department’s 10 divisions shared the exciting basic, translational, and clinical research currently being conducted. The event included two Featured Research talks, oral presentations, poster presentations, a keynote, and a presentation of awards.

The event’s keynote address was titled, “Hemolytic anemia as a mechanism for vasculopathy and pulmonary hypertension in sickle cell disease and other hemolytic conditions,” and was delivered by Mark Gladwin, MD, chair of the University of Pittsburgh’s Department of Medicine and director of the Vascular Medicine Institute.

Congratulations to this year’s Research Day award winners!

Fall 2020 CFDE Series: Imagining Different Readers for Different Kinds of Writing

This fall, the CFDE is curating our community’s best advice for faculty who want to take their scholarship public. This series of 3- to 5-minute videos and additional resources will roll out over the semester.
Watch Carol Clark, senior science communicator, offer her top tips for talking about your science in the 3 minutes 45 second video.

New website launched to virtually celebrate Emory’s many open access initiatives

International Open Access Week is an advocacy event organized by the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC), which is working across the globe with governments, higher education institutions, and researchers to increase knowledge of, engagement with, and participation in open access (OA), defined as “the free, immediate, online availability of research articles coupled with the rights to use these articles fully in the digital environment.” Visit the new Open Access at Emory website

Georgia Department of Public Health Daily Status Report

Here you will find information on COVID-19 in the State of Georgia including, confirmed cases, ICU admissions, hospitalizations, and deaths. Charts present the number of newly confirmed COVID-19 cases over time and are meant to aid understanding whether the outbreak is growing, leveling off, or declining to help guide COVID-19 response. Check it out

Highlighted Resource

NIH Open Mike Monthly email from the NIH Office of Extramural Research in which Mike Lauer, Deputy Director for Extramural Research, provides helpful extramural news & grant tips. Keep abreast of policy changes, funding rates and analysis, and more by subscribing here.

Anti-Racism Action Series

On Monday, July 13, 2020, the DOM hosted a Town Hall for research faculty, staff, and trainees to discuss the impact of the many recent instances of racism and violence against people of color. As an outcome, this NEW series was created to share and encourage the Emory Research community to take part in weekly anti-racism action steps.

Learn & Contribute

DISMANLTING RACISM IN THE LEGAL SYSTEM

We have learned about the school-to-prison pipeline and how systems that begin in childhood can unjustly influence the trajectory of Black individuals’ lives. Now we will identify ways to get involved in addressing these injustices moving forward.
The easiest way to address these racial injustices is by learning about and contributing to preexisting programs that:

1. **Invest in Black communities and youth:**
   - **In Atlanta/Georgia:** Cool Girls
   - **Nationally:** Black Girls Code

2. **Reduce the industrialization of police departments, jails, and prisons**
   - **In Atlanta/Georgia:** Close the Jail ATL—Communities Over Cages
   - **Nationally:** Movement for Black Lives—Defund the Police

3. **Provide council and services for under-resourced and underrepresented individuals in the legal system**
   - **In Atlanta/Georgia:** Southern Center for Human Rights
   - **Nationally:** Equal Justice Initiative

4. **Advocate for policies that will dismantle the systems that contribute to the school-to-prison pipeline**
   - **In Atlanta/Georgia:** Gwinnett StoPP
   - **Nationally:** Fair Fight

These are only a few examples but a great place to get started!

For more resources and information, please visit **DOM DEI/RYSE**.

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**RAS News**

**Upcoming NIH Deadlines:**

**Due November 5th:**
- R01 – renewal, resubmission, revision
- U01 – renewal, resubmission, revision

**Due November 12th:**
- K series – renewal, resubmission, revision

**Due November 16th:**
- R03, R21, R33, R21/R33, R34, R36, U34, UH2, UH3, UH2/UH3
  - renewal, resubmission, revision

**Due December 8th:**
- F Series Fellowships – new, renewal, resubmission

If interested in submitting a proposal, please reach out to the DOM RAS Pre-Award domraspreaward@emory.edu and include the following information in your email:

1. Due Date; 2. Sponsor; 3. Project Duration; 4. Please provide the RFA/PA or link from the sponsor

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**Need help navigating the DOM Research Administration Service (RAS) Unit?**

The team has issued a one-page document to assist you in working your way through the grant submission process. [Read more](#)

**Contact the RAS Pre-Award Team**
Please notify DOM RAS Pre-Award team of any upcoming applications at least 45 days in advance.

Remember to notify the team of any upcoming applications at least 30 days in advance.

**Funding & Award Opportunities**

A searchable [External Funding Opportunities Database](#) has been compiled from FOAs in the weekly *What's Up in DOM Research* newsletter. *Emory credentials required to view.*

**Administrative Supplements to Existing NIH Grants and Cooperative Agreements (Parent Admin Supp Clinical Trial Optional)**
**Deadline: Open (Expires July 24, 2023)**
The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to notify Program Directors/Principal Investigators (PD(s)/PI(s)) holding specific types of NIH research grants that funds may be available for administrative supplements to meet increased costs that are within the scope of the approved award, but were unforeseen when the new or renewal application or grant progress report for non-competing continuation support was submitted. [Learn more](#)

**Community-engaged Learning Grants**
**Deadline: Monday, November 2**
The purpose of this FOA is to support activities related to well-structured community-engaged experiences in courses or academic programs. [Learn more](#)

**Emerging Infections Network – Research for Preventing, Detecting, and Managing Travelers who Acquire Infectious Diseases Abroad**
**Deadlines: Monday, November 16 (LOI); Wednesday, December 18 (Full application)**
The purpose of this notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) is to support research activities that will assist with the prevention, detection, and management of international travelers who become ill during or after travel. The project must have a focus on travel and tropical medicine providers with the capability to participate in research to determine the disease prevention strategies, burden, severity, optimal diagnostics, treatment interventions, and outcomes of infectious diseases acquired while travelling abroad. [Learn more](#)
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation – Research Grants  
**Deadline: Monday, December 7**  
The purpose of this FOA is to encourage the development of new information that contributes to the understanding of the basic etiology and pathogenesis of CF. [Learn more](#)

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation – Pilot and Feasibility Awards  
**Deadline: Monday, December 7**  
These awards are for developing and testing new hypotheses and/or methods, and supporting promising new investigators as they establish themselves in research areas relevant to cystic fibrosis. [Learn more](#)

Clinician Educator Grant – William and Sandra Bennet Clinical Scholars Program  
**Deadline: Wednesday, December 9**  
The purpose of this FOA is to produce the next generation of clinician educators by supporting aspiring nephrology educators to conduct a project to advance all facets of nephrology education and teaching. [Learn more](#)

ACG/American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy: Epidemiologic Research Award in Gastrointestinal Endoscopy  
**Deadline: Friday, December 11**  
This Research Award provides support for projects involving studies on the use and outcomes of gastrointestinal (GI) endoscopy using the GI Quality Improvement Consortium (GIQuIC). [Learn more](#)

Global TravEpiNet (GTEN): The heading home healthy program and global travelers’ health national research center consortium, guidance and outreach programs  
**Deadline: Friday, December 18**  
The purpose of this NOFO is to: 1) increase the proportion of international travelers who receive a pre-travel health consultation with recommended preventative services before traveling to areas of risk for select infectious diseases; and 2) increase the quality of the healthcare advice in the pre-travel health consultation. This NOFO will support research activities in an active, nationwide network of clinics providing pre-travel health services to persons with travel destinations outside the United States, including those travelers at high-risk for illness or injury while on travel. [Learn more](#)

GA CTSA KL2 Program: Clinical and Translational Research Career Development Program for Junior Faculty Member  
**Deadline: March 1, 2021**  
The purpose of this FOA is to support and enhance career development for junior faculty (MD, PhD, MD/PhD, or PharmD) committed to a career in clinical and/or translational research. [Learn more](#)
**Congratulatory Corner**

**Roberto Pacifici (Endocrinology)** received a sub-award from NIH/Harvard for a project entitled, “The Gut Microbiome and Bone Microarchitecture.”

**Carlos Del Rio (PI) and Jonathan Colasanti (Co-I) (Infectious Diseases)** received a sub-award from NIH/University of Miami for a project entitled, “Florida Node Alliance of National Drug Abuse Treatment Clinical Trials Network.”

**Sam Lim (Rheumatology)** received funding from Genentech for a project entitled, “A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multicenter study to evaluate the efficacy and safety of Obinutuzumab in patients with Class III or IV Lupus Nephritis.”

**Vasilis C. Babaliaros (Cardiology)** received funding from Edwards Lifescience for a project entitled, “TRISCEND Study.”

Have you or a colleague recently received an award or grant funding?

**Recent Notable Publications**

**Igho Ofotokun (Infectious Diseases)**

**Igho Ofotokun, Anandi Sheth, Cecile Lahiri (Infectious Diseases)**

**Ken H Liu, Mary Nellis, Karan Uppal, Dean P Jones (Pulmonary)**
Jeanie Park (Nephrology)

F. Eun-Hyung Lee, Doan C Nguyen (Pulmonary), Ignacio Sanz (Immunology)

Events

Health Services Research Center Lunch & Learn Series
Wednesday, October 21 | noon – 1 p.m.
Presentation title: "An integrated population health research agenda for addressing disparities in maternal morbidity and mortality" Presenter: Sheree Boulet, DrPH, MPH Learn more | Register

Emory SOM FAALI Lecture Series: Using REDCap to manage clinical data
Thursday, October 22 | noon – 1 p.m.
This presentation will highlight general eData capture, longitudinal studies, repeating instructions and events, and calculated fields within the context of clinical research. Register

The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation Informational Webinar for the 2021 Clinical Scientist Development Award Competition
Monday, October 26 | 4:00 p.m.
Deadlines: November 13 (Pre-proposal application)
A webinar and live Q&A with the Medical Research Program to review instructions and administrative requirements for pre-proposal applications for the 2021 Clinical Scientist Development Award. Pre-proposal applications are being sought from physician scientists in their first faculty position conducting clinical research in any disease area. Register

DOM Divisional Research Faculty Huddles
All DOM researchers are welcome to attend Divisional Research Huddles to discuss COVID-19 related updates.
Geriatrics and Gerontology | Tuesday, October 27 | 3 – 4 p.m.
Geriatrics and Gerontology will offer these huddles on the fourth Tuesday of each month through January 2021. Please contact Naquia Mitchell for Zoom link.

Blue Sky Group: COVID-19 and Health Equity
Tuesday, October 27 | 4 – 5:30 p.m. via Zoom
Join researchers and clinicians from across the Georgia CTSA for a session on COVID-19 and Health Equity. Discuss impact of COVID-19 on health disparities and possible long-term consequences, ways to mitigate, and ideas for cross-institutional collaborative research projects. Share your experience, learn from others, enjoy opportunities for interdisciplinary networking and find potential collaborators! Register
VECD Fogarty Global Health Fellowship
Applications due November 2
This outstanding program offers a year-abroad opportunity for US and low- or middle-income countries postdocs and doctoral students to develop research skills in a global health research setting. The entire spectrum of science is possible and relevant in LMIC settings, including basic, clinical, translational, population, and implementation science. Learn more | Questions

Researcher Survival Skills: Project Management
Thursday, November 5 | 1 – 4 p.m.
This session will teach participants a way of thinking and a set of tools that can help them plan so they are better equipped to meet project goals and navigate conflict. Speaker: Steve Walton, Professor in the Practice of Information Systems & Operations Management, Goizueta Business School. Register

Southeast Regional Clinical & Translational Science Conference
March 4 – 5, 2021
Call for Abstracts Due Monday, November 9
The goal of the Southeast Regional Clinical & Translational Science Conference is to bring together researchers from across the southeast region to present the best new clinical and translational research and build collaborative relationships. Learn more

Lunch with a Leader Series
Want an opportunity to have an informal lunch via Zoom with one of our DOM Vice Chairs? These small group will provide a unique forum to connect with colleagues from across divisions and with departmental leadership. Spots are limited, so registration is required and closes a week prior. Learn more
Kathy Griendling PhD – Vice Chair, Research and Faculty Development
Wednesday, November 11 | noon – 1 p.m. Register

2021 Schmidt Science Fellows, in partnership with the Rhodes Trust
Deadline: Monday, November 30 at 5 p.m.
Schmidt Science Fellows, in partnership with the Rhodes Trust, aims to develop the next generation of science leaders to transcend disciplines, advance discovery, and solve the world’s most pressing problems. Successful Fellows are expected to combine scientific curiosity with extraordinary academic achievement. Learn more

Researcher Survival Skills: Strategies for preparing a competitive research grant submission
Wednesday, December 2 | 1 – 5 p.m.
Learn great writing tips to improve the impact of your proposal, hear about how reviewers critique your science and more. Presented by: Lawrence Boise, PhD; Anita Corbett, PhD; Kathy Griendling, PhD; Gregory Lesinski, PhD, MPH. Register
What is your professional background?
I received my Bachelor of Science degree in immunology and infectious disease from Penn State University and my PhD in virology from Harvard University. I did my postdoctoral training in Mike Farzan’s lab at The Scripps Research Institute in Jupiter, FL. I was also a Ruth L. Kirschstein Fellow from 2016-2018 and received a K99/R00 Pathway to Independence Award in 2019.

In what division do you work, and who is your mentor?
I am an assistant professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases and an affiliate scientist at the Yerkes National Primate Research Center in the Division of Microbiology and Immunology. My mentor is Dr. Guido Silvestre.

Briefly describe your research. Why is it important?
My research focuses on using gene therapy to prevent and treat HIV infection. Specifically, I work on engineering new adeno-associated virus (AAV) vectors to express HIV inhibitors from muscle tissue. AAV is a very promising gene therapy vector, recently getting FDA approval for its first medical application. Using gene therapy vectors to treat other diseases may provide an alternative to patients taking daily antiretrovirals or needing monthly antibody infusions.

What do you like most about Emory?
Even though I have only been at Emory for a short period of time, I am already in talks to be part of multiple cross-discipline collaborations. The huge amount of translational and clinical applications of biological research is invigorating.

What is your favorite movie or TV show?
For shows, I enjoy watching 'Bob’s Burgers,' 'Archer,' and 'Westworld,' and for movies 'The Prestige,' 'Lucky Number Slevin,' and the 'Lord of the Rings' trilogy.
What do you like to do in your spare time?
I use my spare time for playing video games, watching sports, going on walks with my wife, and volunteering at animal shelters.

What is a fun fact about you?
Even though I have a fear of heights, I have gone sky diving twice.

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