Annual Faculty Awards

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Distinguished Faculty Award
Mary Barth Noel, MPH, PhD, RDN
Professor, Department of Family Medicine
Presented by Bengt Arnetz, MD, PhD, MPH, MScEpi, Chair, Department of Family Medicine

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Jana M. Simmons, PhD
Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Presented by Thomas D. Sharkey, PhD, Chair, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
and
John Wang, PhD, Professor, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Outstanding Clinician Award
Steven E. Roskos, MD
Associate Professor, Department of Family Medicine
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Outstanding Community Faculty Award

John Hebert III, MD, FACOG
Associate Professor, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Biology
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Distinguished Academic Staff Award

Marolee Neuberger, MS
Academic Specialist, Department of Family Medicine
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William B. Weil Jr., MD, FAAP
Endowed Distinguished Pediatric Faculty Award

Raghu Kasetty, MD
Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics and Human Development
and

Nina Mattarella, MD
Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics and Human Development
Presented by Ajovi Scott-Emuakpor, MD, Professor, Department of Pediatrics and Human Development
Distinguished Faculty Award

Mary Barth Noel, MPH, PhD, RDN, has been a faculty member in the Department of Family Medicine since 1988, serving in a range of clinical, educational, research, and administrative positions. She now holds the rank of professor. She received her PhD in Family Ecology from Michigan State University with specialization in nutrition, management, education, family, and with a Certificate for Aging Studies. Her MPH in Nutrition was earned through the University of Michigan School of Public Health. Dr. Noel maintains her certification as a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist.

Dr. Noel has co-led several large research projects related to medical education totaling several million dollars of funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration. The findings from these studies have had direct effects on both curricular and administrative aspects of the college’s medical education, such as Gateway Assessments in UME through Family Practice and Medical Errors in Medical Student Education.

Her teaching has focused on nutrition education both in the medical school and for family medicine and internal medicine residents. Within the College of Human Medicine she also has taught interviewing, doctor-patient relationships, health policy, ethics, and human development. Much of her passion for medical education has focused on curriculum development and innovation. As her research is intimately intertwined with her teaching, the results of her research have led to significant curricular innovations and developments.

Dr. Noel has participated in numerous national and regional presentations of scholarship related to medical education, often in a supporting role for both community and junior faculty members. More recently, Dr. Noel
has collaborated with Dr. Kenneth Schwartz on the effects of a ketogenic diet on patients with gliomas (primary brain tumors). Together they have received funding from the MSU Clinical and Translational Science Institute as well as the American Cancer Research Institute and recently published in the journal, *Cancer and Metabolism*. Her knowledge and experience as a clinical expert have resulted in ten book chapters, six of which were as lead author, and one book which is dedicated to topics of nutrition, nutrition and weight management, and nutrition and aging.

Dr. Noel has served in key administrative positions within the department, college, and university. Dr. Noel served as either acting associate chair or associate chair for academic programs within Family Medicine from 1997 to 2006. From 2007 to 2013, she served as senior associate chair and was responsible for key strategic decisions within the department, particularly in the absence of the chair. Dr. Noel was asked to become the faculty lead for the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) during the recent accreditation and has twice served as the College of Human Medicine grievance officer. She has been chair of the College Advisory Council to the Dean. In the past year Dr. Noel was elected chair of the University Faculty Senate, the first non-tenured faculty member to assume this position, after serving as an at-large representative to the Steering Committee, Faculty Senate, and University Council, and she has been faculty liaison to the MSU Board of Trustees since 2010.

Dr. Noel's clinical expertise in nutrition has also enabled her to provide exceptional public outreach. She serves as the lead in nutrition services for the Department of Family Medicine’s clinic. Her previous work as the executive director of the Dairy Council of Michigan, immediately prior to joining the Department of Family Medicine, firmly grounds her approach to scholarship and teaching in principles of policy and application. She has held several leadership positions within the Michigan Dietetic Association, including Parliamentarian, Nominating Committee Member, Manpower Study Member, and Nutrition Care Practices.
Jana M. Simmons, PhD, received a Bachelor’s degree in biochemistry from Alma College in 2004. She did enzymology research in the lab of Dr. Robert Hausinger in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Michigan State University and received a PhD degree in biochemistry in the summer of 2010. With the opening of the college’s Grand Rapids campus that same summer, Dr. Simmons joined the faculty of the College of Human Medicine and has been posted in Grand Rapids since that time.

Dr. Simmons has taught in a diverse array of courses in the preclinical curriculum (BMB, MMG, PSL) with content focusing on things “one cell and smaller.” She has also been active in the medical education community outside of MSU, currently serving as the secretary of the executive board in the Association of Biochemistry Educators. Dr. Simmons will participate in the Shared Discovery Curriculum as a member of the Academy as well as the Intersessions Curriculum Development Group.
Steven E. Roskos, MD, is an associate professor in the Department of Family Medicine. He received his medical degree at Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia and completed his residency at Lancaster General Hospital in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Dr. Roskos completed a Primary Care Faculty Development Fellowship with an emphasis in Curriculum Development at Michigan State University.

Dr. Roskos practiced at a Community Health Center in rural Tennessee for seven years, and then taught at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Family Medicine Residency Program before joining Michigan State in 2007. His clinical interests include full spectrum family medicine, including maternity care, hospital care, and office procedures. He is also interested in the treatment of chronic pain and international health. Dr. Roskos currently directs the MSU CHM Family Medicine Clerkship and the maternity care curriculum for the Sparrow/MSU Family Medicine Residency Program.

Dr. Roskos is a certified Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics (ALSO) instructor. He lives in East Lansing with his wife and four children.
Outstanding Community Faculty Award

John Hebert III, MD, associate professor, is from Albuquerque, New Mexico. He graduated from the University of New Mexico and Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. He completed his residency training at Hurley Medical Center, and then served as a Major in the United States Army stationed in Germany. He is a fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and is board certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the American Board of Quality Assessment and Utilization Review Physicians. He served as chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Hurley Medical Center from 1985-2011. He has been the program director of the Hurley Medical Center/MSU Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency Program and the CHM Obstetrics and Gynecology Clerkship Director from 1998 until present. He is a member of the Association of Professors of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Hebert’s passion is medical education—both graduate and undergraduate. He has taught and/or mentored over 600 CHM students and close to 100 Hurley/MSU Ob/Gyn residents. Dr. Hebert has received numerous Hurley and MSU outstanding teacher awards and is a past recipient of the Council on Resident Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology (CREOG) National Faculty Award and the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics (APGO) Medical Education Foundation Excellence in Teaching Award. He is also the recipient of the Pinnacle Award—Hurley’s highest honor accorded to its physicians. Dr. Hebert’s community interests included serving on the Board of Directors of the Flint Urban League, past president of the Flint Rotary Club, former president of the Board of Directors of Planned Parenthood of East Central Michigan, and the African American Physician’s Association of Genesee County. He is presently the president elect of the Genesee County Medical Society. His contributions have been recognized by numerous organizations. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternities.

Dr. Hebert and his wife, Nelda, have been married for 42 years and are the proud parents of four children—Nicole, Tiffany, Sean, and Brian, and now have four adorable grandchildren. Dr. Hebert and his wife enjoy spoiling their grandchildren and traveling.
Distinguished Academic Staff Award

Marolee Neuberger, MS, has served the College of Human Medicine and MSU with integrity and excellence as an academic specialist. She has made substantial contributions in the areas of advising; program, faculty, and curriculum development; administration of a critical, nationally recognized residency network; teaching; and research. Her work has been published and is recognized by peer institutions and professional organizations. Ms. Neuberger has demonstrated continuous outstanding performance in advancing net-working related to family medicine residency education across the state of Michigan. The CHM Department of Family Medicine includes more than 100 faculty and 200 residents. As director of the residency network, she has provided leadership and coordination by continually arranging outstanding educational programs, meetings, and academic projects. She has helped develop several curricula that have now become foundational, such as Teaching Introductory Medical Error to Medical Students and Coordinating the Foundation of a Consolidated Geriatric Residency Fellowship. She also implemented the Five Module 24 Hours of Instruction Development Course on Interdisciplinary Geriatric Health Literacy. Several of her projects have resulted in publications, one in Perspectives in Health Information Management in 2014 in which she was first author.

Ms. Neuberger is not only an excellent collaborator on projects, but she facilitates and encourages the participation of others. For the project “Measuring Primary Care Attributes of the MSU Family Medicine Residency Network,” all nine residency programs had to complete the physician and staff surveys to assess the extent of delivery of care as related to the core attributes of primary care: access, continuity, comprehensiveness, and community engagement. Ms. Neuberger’s steady encouragement resulted in an outstanding response rate and engagement across the state affiliate programs—an excellent example of realizing the MSU land-grant commitment to engaging community partners.

A faculty colleague shares, “Marolee Neuberger’s ability to help keep everyone on task, while always maintaining a friendly demeanor is a skill to truly admire. She is an incredibly hardworking and knowledgeable individual, making sure that everything she does is done with a superior level of excellence.”
William B. Weil Jr, MD, FAAP
Endowed Distinguished Pediatric Faculty Award

Raghunandana (Raghu) Kasetty MD, completed medical school at the University of Mysore, Karnataka, India, and completed two pediatric residencies—one at the University of Bombay in India (1991-1994) and one at Children’s Hospital of Michigan (1994-1997). He is board certified in Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics. He has served as the Pediatric Clerkship Director at the Upper Peninsula Campus since 1998. He has been honored on four different occasions with the MSU Best Teacher Award for the UP campus by CHM graduating medical students (1999, 2000, 2001, and 2007). He has remained a keen and vibrant member of the Cross-Campus Clerkship Directors Committee since his tenure began.

Dr. Kasetty promotes healthy growth and development in children to bring the best out of them. His passion is treating sick children to bring their smiles back. He believes patients come first. He works with them closely, partners with the family, and becomes a team player to plan the treatment to obtain the best possible outcome.

Dr. Kasetty has served on several hospital committees and has distinguished himself by being elected Medical Staff President at OSF St. Francis Hospital and Medical Group in Escanaba, Michigan. Dr. Kasetty has several published research papers and is active in providing educational information to his community, patients, and students. To educate the public he periodically gives talks within the community, including talks to EMTs and foster care agencies. He has written multiple articles in the local newspaper, Daily Press, on various pediatric medical topics.

Dr. Kasetty lives in Escanaba with his wife and two children.
Nina L. Mattarella, MD, received her medical degree from the College of Human Medicine as a Track II student when focal problem was the name for problem-based learning. She spent time with Drs. Weil and Kaufman in their pediatric nephrology clinic in the Clinical Center which inspired her to become a pediatrician. Her residency training was in Lansing as a GMEI pediatric resident. She had previously earned her BS, MS, and PhD from the University of Wisconsin-Madison where she studied milk proteins for her PhD thesis.

After residency Dr. Mattarella worked as a general pediatrician for Ingham Medical Center and then became the director of the Mott Children’s Health Center/Hurley Hospital Clinic in Flint, Michigan, during which time she completed the Primary Care Fellowship through OMERAD. Returning to Lansing, she was in private practice until starting the pediatric hospitalist group at Sparrow Hospital with Dr. Robert Froehlke. This adventure was followed by working for Michigan Medicaid and Children’s Special Healthcare Services as a medical consultant working to support children with chronic medical problems as well as teaching and practicing in the pediatric residency clinic as part of the Department of Pediatrics and Human Development. Over this last year she proudly returned to fulltime teaching and practicing at Michigan State University where she hopes to inspire students to become pediatricians and support children and their families.
Mentor Recognition

Tenure System Mentoring Program

William Anderson, PhD, Office of Medical Education Research and Development
James J. Galligan, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology
Kathleen Gallo, PhD, Physiology
Joseph Gardiner, PhD, Epidemiology and Biostatistics
Richard Miksicek, PhD, Physiology
Martha Mulks, PhD, Microbiology & Molecular Genetics
Narayanan Parameswaran, BVSc, PhD, Physiology
Mathew Reeves, PhD, Epidemiology and Biostatistics

Clinic Educator Mentoring Program

Susumu Inoue, MD, Pediatrics and Human Development, Flint
Steven Roskos, MD, Family Medicine, East Lansing
John vanSchagen, MD, Family Medicine, Grand Rapids

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