

# IN THE LIMELIGHT

Faculty and student honors and accolades



**Laurence H. Baker, D.O.**, deputy director of the U-M Comprehensive Cancer Center, associate chief of the Division of Hematology/Oncology, and professor of internal medicine and pharmacology, has received the Sarcoma Foundation of America's Nobility in Science

Award. Baker was honored May 22 in New York for his 34-year commitment to the advancement of scientific knowledge about sarcoma.



**Kate Barald, Ph.D.**, professor of biomedical engineering and of cell and developmental biology, and associate director of the Program in Biomedical Sciences, is the recipient of the inaugural Distinguished Graduate Mentor Award from the Horace H. Rackham School of

Graduate Studies. The award honors scholars and/or artists with a demonstrated commitment to fostering the intellectual, creative, scholarly and professional growth of their graduate students. Barald also received the 22nd Annual Sarah Goddard Power Award from the Academic Women's Caucus. The award highlights the significant achievement of faculty members who have contributed to the betterment of women in the areas of distinguished leadership, scholarship and other activities related to their professional lives.



**N. Reed Dunnick, M.D.**, the Fred Jenner Hodges Professor and chair of the Department of Radiology, is one of three recipients of the American Roentgen Ray Society's (ARRS) Gold Medal for Distinguished Service to Radiology. Dunnick, president of the Academy of Radiology Research and a trustee of the American Board of Radiology, received ARRS' top award during a ceremony at the organization's 106th annual meeting in Vancouver.



**Eva L. Feldman (M.D. 1983, Ph.D. 1979)**, the Russell N. DeJong Professor of Neurology, was honored by the American Diabetes Association April 27 at the 14th Annual Commitment for a Cure Gala at The Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn, Michigan. Feldman was one of four recip-

## The Robert C. and Veronica Atkins Professorship in Metabolism

On May 8 at the U-M Museum of Art, **Charles F. Burant, M.D.**, was inaugurated as the first Robert C. and Veronica Atkins Professor of Metabolism. A leading specialist in the areas of metabolism and diabetes clinical care and research, Burant's clinical interests include the treatment of insulin resistance and type 2 diabetes, the metabolic syndrome, and the search for new ways to treat these diseases. He is leading an effort to identify the adult pancreatic stem cell and determine how its production is regulated in type 1 and type 2 diabetes. Burant arrived at the U-M in 1998 as an associate professor of medicine and molecular and integrative physiology.

An opera singer for more than 10 years and a master gourmet cook, Veronica Atkins co-authored the book, *Dr. Atkins' Quick and Easy New Diet Cookbook*, with her husband. **Robert Atkins, M.D.**, majored in pre-med at the U-M and earned a Bachelor of Arts; he received his medical degree from the Cornell University Medical School in 1955. He was one of the pioneers of complementary medicine in the United States and a famous and enduring nutrition expert. Atkins, who died in 2002 as the result of injuries suffered in a fall, was the recipient of the World Organization of Alternative Medicine's Recognition of Achievement Award.

**Robert Kelch,  
Veronica Atkins  
and Charles  
Burant**



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Jay Hess (right) with wife, Robin, and children, Andrew and Leah

## The Carl Vernon Weller Professorship in Pathology

**Jay Hess, M.D.**, became the Carl Vernon Weller Professor of Pathology May 25 at the Towsley Center. Hess, who became the fifth chair of the Department of Pathology 75 years after Weller was chair, is an expert on the genetic and molecular changes that lead to cancer, and is leading the expansion of molecular diagnostics, proteomics and informatics within the department. Board-certified in hematology and in anatomic pathology, Hess was a charter member of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Cancer and Molecular Pathobiology Study Section. He is principal investigator or co-investigator for several current NIH-funded research studies.

**Carl Vernon Weller, M.D.**, is an important figure in the history of the Department of Pathology and in the Medical School. By 1931, the Pathology Service in University Hospital was made full-time, and Weller became chair of the department, a position he held until his death in 1956. Weller expanded the diagnostic aid and consultation service in tissue pathology for the physicians of the state of Michigan. In addition to his professional accomplishments, Weller saw his son, Thomas H. Weller, M.D., share a 1954 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for his work on viral research.

ipients of 2006 Excellence in Leadership Awards at the gala, which paid tribute to local business leaders, medical professionals and families who have made a difference in diabetes education, research and outreach.



**Gary Freed, M.D.**, the Percy J. Murphy and Mary C. Murphy Professor in Pediatrics for Child Health Delivery, and professor of pediatrics and communicable diseases, has been appointed chair of the National Vaccine Advisory Committee of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The group, authorized by Congress, advises the secretary of HHS on national immunization policy for adults and children. Freed, who also is a professor of health management and policy in the School of Public Health, in May became president of the Society for Pediatric Research — the largest pediatric research society in the United States.



**Carmen R. Green, M.D.** (Residency 1992), associate professor of anesthesiology in the Medical School, is one of seven recipients selected for the prestigious Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellowship for 2006-07. Administered by the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, the program is designed to develop the capacities of outstanding mid-career health professionals in academic and community-based settings by providing them with an understanding of the health policy process. Each year, fellows are selected on a competitive basis and leave their academic settings and practices to spend a year in Washington, D.C.



**William H. Herman, M.D.** (Residency 1982), the Stefan S. Fajans/GlaxoSmithKline Professor of Diabetes at the Medical School and director of the Michigan Diabetes Research and Training Center, received the Kelly West Award for Outstanding Achievement in Epidemiology June 11 at the annual Scientific Sessions of the American Diabetes Association. After receiving the award for significant contributions to the field of diabetes epidemiology, Herman discussed how the results of population studies of diabetes can help guide clinical and public health practice. ➤



**Timothy R.B. Johnson, M.D.** (Residency 1979), the Bates Professor of Diseases of Women and Children, and professor and chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, has been named editor of the *International Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics*. The journal, the official publication of the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics, publishes articles on all aspects of basic and clinical research in the fields of obstetrics and gynecology and related subjects, with emphasis on matters of worldwide interest.



**Sewon Kang (M.D. 1987)**, professor of dermatology, received the Society of Investigative Dermatology Galderma Acne Research Award at the organization's 67th Annual Meeting May 3-6 in Philadelphia. The award, given to an investigator who published the best paper in acne research during the previous 18 months, was created to encourage new research in acne, as well as to encourage young investigators to specialize in this area of research.



**Paul R. Kileny, Ph.D.**, professor of otolaryngology and director of audiology and electrophysiology and the Hearing Rehabilitation Program, received the prestigious Presidential Citation from the American Otological Society (AOS). The AOS is the second-oldest medical society in the United States, and its mission includes the goal of advancing and promoting medical and surgical otology, including the rehabilitation of the hearing impaired.



**Paul Lichter (M.D. 1964, Residency 1968)**, chair and the F. Bruce Fralick Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, and director of the Kellogg Eye Center, received the A. Anagnostakis and A. Trantas Gold Medal of Merit and Honor from the Greek Glaucoma Society at the 13th International Glaucoma Congress in Athens. The annual meeting was established to allow internationally known glaucoma specialists to share new developments in treatment and research with ophthalmologists from around the world.



**Miriam Meisler, Ph.D.**, professor of human genetics, is the recipient of the 2006 Distinguished Faculty Lectureship Award in Biomedical Research – the highest award given by the Medical School for research. Meisler presented her lecture, "Human Neurological Disease: Insights from Mutant Mice," June 21 in the auditorium of the Biomedical Science Research Building.



**Juanita Merchant, M.D., Ph.D.**, professor of internal medicine, and of molecular and integrative physiology, has been appointed to the Advisory Council of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, part of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services. Merchant joins the Digestive Diseases and Nutrition Subcommittee through 2009.

## The Reed O. Dingman Collegiate Professorship in Plastic Surgery

**William M. Kuzon Jr., M.D.**, was installed as the first Reed O. Dingman Collegiate Professor of Plastic Surgery June 8 during an inauguration ceremony at the Biomedical Science Research Building.

Kuzon, a professor of surgery and section head of plastic surgery, has established a diverse clinical practice with an emphasis on complex reconstructive surgery for patients with facial paralysis, defects after oncologic resection and ventral hernias. He also is an associate research professor in the Institute of Gerontology and director of the Integrated Plastic Surgery Residency Program.

The professorship honors **Reed Dingman's** (M.D. 1936, Residency 1945) pioneering contributions to the profession of plastic and reconstructive surgery, as well as his scholarly achievements, his role as a researcher and his leadership of admiring colleagues. But it especially recognizes his compassion in caring for thousands of patients throughout his 50-year career, as well as his commitment to education. He founded the Plastic Surgery Section in the Department of Surgery and acted as head from 1964-76, and again from 1982 until his death in 1985.

Two people helped make the Dingman Professorship possible. **Harvey Lemmen**, a former president of Meijer Inc., a grocery store chain, underwent more than a dozen reconstructive operations for a cleft palate, all with Dingman as chief surgeon. Another major supporter of the Dingman Professorship is **Donald Wallace, M.D.**, Dingman's nephew. Wallace earned his Bachelor of Science and medical degrees at the University, where his uncle encouraged him to pursue medicine, especially plastic surgery.



Photo: Gregory Fox

**William Kuzon and Allen Lichter**



**Anna Molofsky**, an M.D./Ph.D. candidate in the Medical Scientist Training Program and the Department of Cell and Molecular Biology in the Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, and **Daniel R. Rhodes**, an M.D./Ph.D. candidate in the Medical Scientist Training Program, the Bioinformatics Program, and the Cancer Biology Training Program, are recipients of the 2006 Harold W.

**Molofsky**



Weintraub Graduate Student Award from the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. Sixteen recipients were selected on the basis of the quality, originality and significance of their work, and participated in a scientific symposium in May at the Hutchinson Center in Seattle.

**Rhodes**

**Carl Schneider**, J.D., professor of internal medicine and the Chauncey Stillman Professor for



Ethics, Morality, and the Practice of Law in the Law School, has been appointed by President George W. Bush to the Council on Bioethics. The council is an 18-member group of distinguished physicians, attorneys, researchers and scholars, which advises the president on ethical issues related to advances in biomedical science and technology. ➤

Photo: Martin Vloet



**Wendy Williams Powers and Rick Williams (children of R. Jamison and Betty Williams), Yehoash Raphael, Allen Lichter and Chair of the Department of Otolaryngology Gregory Wolf**

## The R. Jamison and Betty J. Williams Professorship in Otolaryngology

**Yehoash Raphael**, Ph.D., was inaugurated June 22 at the Michigan League as the first R. Jamison and Betty J. Williams Professor of Otolaryngology. Raphael has been on the faculty of the Kresge Hearing Research Institute since 1990 and currently is director of the Otopathology Laboratory. His research is focused on the preservation of hearing and restoration of inner-ear structure and function. Raphael's work involves both the auditory and the vestibular (balance) portions of the ear, and he has shown that introducing foreign genes into the inner ear can help protect hair cells and auditory neurons against degeneration.

**R. Jamison Williams** received his Bachelor of Science in engineering in 1929 from the University of Michigan, where he was

a star lineman on the football team and a member of numerous honor societies and fraternities, including Sigma Xi. Among his many philanthropic activities, Williams was director of the United Foundation for Southeastern Michigan, director at Harper Grace Hospital in Detroit, and a member of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce. **Betty Williams** was active in civic and cultural activities. Among her efforts, she founded and served as president of the Junior League of Birmingham and later became vice president and director of the Junior League nationwide. Together, they founded the Jamison Williams Foundation to support educational and artistic endeavors and organizations.



**Alexandra Stern**, Ph.D., associate director of the U-M Center for the History of Medicine, and assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology, and of American culture, in November received the 2006 Arthur Visellear Prize from the Medical Care Section of the American Public Health Association for her book, *Eugenic Nation: Faults and Frontiers of Better Breeding in Modern America*. The prize is awarded for the best book on public health history.



**Denise Galluf Tate**, Ph.D., professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation, and co-director of the Model Spinal Cord Injury Care Program, has been named to the Advisory Committee for Injury Prevention and Control, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The committee, on which Tate will serve through 2010, provides advice to the secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, and directors of the CDC and NCIPC regarding feasible goals for the prevention and control of injury.



**Tanyaporn Wansom**, a fourth-year medical student, received a 2006-07 Fogarty International Center/Ellison Overseas Fellowship in Global Health and Clinical Research. The first U-M student to receive this prestigious fellowship, she was selected from more than 136 applicants following a three-day conference hosted by the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. Wansom is spending a year in Chiang Mai, Thailand, where she will participate in clinical care and research related to illicit drug use and HIV/AIDS. [m](#)

## The David A. Bloom Professorship in Urology

On July 12 at the Ford Amphitheatre, longtime U-M supporters **Brian and Mary Campbell** honored two faculty members in the Department of Urology – **David A. Bloom**, M.D., and **J. Stuart Wolf**, M.D. – with the inauguration of the David A. Bloom Professorship in Urology.

Bloom, the first Jack Lapidus Professor of Urology, is a widely-recognized authority in the field of pediatric urology. The Medical School's associate dean for faculty affairs, he served as chief of pediatric urology in the Department of Surgery from 1984-2001, was a member of the Medical School Admissions Committee for 15 years, and twice has served on the Executive Committee on Clinical Affairs.

Wolf, the first Bloom Professor, is a highly skilled surgeon and clinical investigator who is an associate professor of surgery and director of the Division of Minimally Invasive Urology. A winner of multiple departmental awards for teaching excellence, he is listed in *Best Doctors in America*.

**Brian Campbell** is chairman and CEO of Kaydon Corporation, a leading international designer and manufacturer of custom-engineered, critical performance products. **Mary Lincoln Campbell**, who earned her bachelor's degree and M.B.A. from the U-M, is a general partner and founder of EDF Ventures, a venture capital firm seeking early-stage investment opportunities in health care and technology. She also leads the firm's fund-raising efforts.



Photo: Martin Voelt

**Allen Lichter, David Bloom, J. Stuart Wolf, Brian Campbell and Mary Campbell**

## Hurvitz to Chair PM&R

**Edward A. Hurvitz**, M.D., associate professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation, became chair of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation September 1.



Hurvitz joined the U-M faculty in 1988 with a focus on pediatric and adolescent rehabilitation services. His clinical interests include pediatric onset disabilities such as cerebral palsy and spina bifida, neuromusculoskeletal problems, and electrodiagnosis. In the research arena, Hurvitz works to improve the treatment of spasticity, stroke and traumatic injuries in the pediatric population.

The PM&R director of pediatric rehabilitation research, Hurvitz has been principle investigator or co-director of a number of research grants and training grants, including one from the National Institutes of Health for \$1.3 million awarded in May.

A recipient of his department's Silver Crutch Excellence in Teaching Award, Hurvitz is an educator of fellows, residents and students alike, including providing research mentoring for fellows and students in rehabilitation, as well as in kinesiology. He has been the department's director of medical education since 2001.

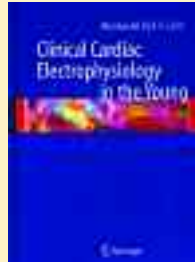
Active in numerous professional societies, Hurvitz is a reviewer for the *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*, and is a frequently invited national lecturer. He is author of more than 85 articles and abstracts and seven book chapters.

Hurvitz received his medical degree in 1984 from the Wayne State University School of Medicine, performing his residency in physical medicine and rehabilitation at Sinai Hospital in Detroit. He then completed two fellowships at the U-M, first in pediatric rehabilitation, and then as a rehabilitation fellow through the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research.

—Mary Beth Reilly

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