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Faculty and student honors and accolades



Akhtar



Narendra



Gracey

Amana Akhtar and **Derek Narendra**, members of the Class of 2009, are among 42 medical and dental students selected to participate in the Howard Hughes Medical Institute-National Institutes of Health Research Scholars Program.

They will live for a year on the NIH campus in Bethesda, Maryland, conducting research in NIH laboratories. Medical students **Lia Gracey** (Class of 2010) and **Kyle Viani** (Class of 2009) were among 69 students named HHMI Medical Fellows, receiving support for a year of full-time research at an institution of their choice. Students will pursue a diverse range of research projects in fields such as immunology, neuroscience, cell and molecular biology, developmental biology and genetics. The Research Scholars and Medical Fellows programs are part of a larger effort by HHMI to integrate basic research and clinical experience.



Amy Alderman, M.D. (Residency 2004), an assistant professor in the Section of Plastic Surgery, has been selected for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Physician Faculty Scholars Program Class of 2010. Intended to strengthen the leadership and academic productivity of junior medical school faculty who are dedicated to improving health and health care, the program provides support for three years of research, as well as national and local mentorship.



The American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery Foundation will present **Carol Bradford** (M.D. 1986, Residency 1992), professor of otolaryngology, with its Distinguished Service Award at the foundation's annual meeting in

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David Bloom Chairs Urology

David A. Bloom, M.D., the Jack Lapides Professor of Urology, became chair of the Department of Urology March 1.

A widely-recognized authority in the field of pediatric urology, Bloom joined the U-M faculty in 1984. He became the first Lapides Professor in 2002. During his time at Michigan, he has published more than 150 papers and 50 book chapters, and has served on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Pediatric Urology*, the *British Journal of Urology*, *Urology*, *Contemporary Urology*, and the *Journal of Endourology*, and has been a consultant for *Stedman's Medical Dictionary* since 1992. In 2006, U-M supporters Brian and Mary Campbell honored Bloom by establishing a professorship in his name.

Bloom earned his medical degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1971. After serving an internship in surgery at UCLA, he completed residencies in general surgery and urology, both at UCLA, in addition to a fellowship in pediatric urology at the Institute of Urology of the University of London. He was named associate professor and chief of pediatric urology at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in 1983.

Bloom has held memberships and offices in 26 professional societies, including chair of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Section on Urology; historian for the Society for Pediatric Urology; and historian for the American Association of Genitourinary Surgeons. He also is a trustee of the American Board of Urology.

Bloom, who stepped down as associate dean for faculty affairs in the Medical School in order to accommodate his new role as chair, succeeds James E. Montie (M.D. 1971), the Valassis Professor of Urologic Oncology, who is concentrating on research on the quality of care for patients with urologic cancer.



America's Top Docs for Men

The April issue of *Men's Health* listed six U-M physicians among the top doctors in their fields in the U.S.

Chosen by the magazine were **John Greden**, M.D., professor of psychiatry and executive director of the Depression Center, for top psychiatrists; **William Herman**, M.D. (Residency 1982), professor of internal medicine and director of the Michigan Diabetes Research and Training Center, for top endocrinologists; **Dana Alan Ohl** (M.D. 1982, Residency 1987),

professor of urology and co-director of the Center for Fertility and Sexuality, for top urologists; **Chung Owyang**, M.D., professor of internal medicine and director of the Digestive Health Center, for top gastroenterologists; **Thomas Schwenk** (M.D. 1975), professor and chair of family medicine, for top sports-medicine specialists; and **Alan Weder**, M.D., professor of internal medicine and co-director of the Vascular Medicine Program, for top cardiologists/internists.

The magazine ranked the physicians with the most prestige among their peers as a way to encourage men to seek better health care.

Ginsburg Elected to National Academy of Sciences

David Ginsburg, M.D., the James V. Neel Distinguished University Professor, Warner Lambert/Parke-Davis Professor of Medicine and professor of internal medicine and of human genetics, has been elected to the National Academy of Sciences in recognition of distinguished and continuing achievements in original research. Election to the academy is one of the highest honors bestowed upon scientists.

Ginsburg is the former chief of medical genetics in the Department of Internal Medicine, a past-president of the American Society for Clinical Investigation, and a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, as well as of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He also holds an appointment as an investigator with the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. Ginsburg's groundbreaking research has generated novel insights into the molecular mechanisms underlying life-threatening bleeding disorders.

The election of 72 new members for 2007 brings the total number of active members of the academy to 2,025.



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Sally A. Camper, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Human Genetics, the James V. Neel Collegiate Professor of Human Genetics and a professor in the Department of Internal Medicine, received the 2007 Roy O. Greep Award from the Endocrine Society for outstanding contributions to research in endocrinology. The Endocrine Society is an international body with 13,000 members from more than 85 countries.



William F. Chandler (M.D. 1971, Residency 1977), professor of internal medicine and of neurology, was recently appointed the Richard C. Schneider Professor of Neurosurgery for a five-year term. Chandler also serves as co-director of the Pituitary and Neuroendocrine Center.



The American Association for Cancer Research recently selected the research team of **Arul Chinnaiyan** (M.D. and Ph.D. 1999), the S.P. Hicks Collegiate Professor of Pathology and professor of urology, for its inaugural Team Science Award. Chinnaiyan's team won the award for its landmark discovery that prostate cancer harbors gene fusions which may cause the disease.



Marci Lesperance (M.D. 1988, Residency 1994), associate professor of otolaryngology, recently was honored by the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery Foundation for her work with the foundation, and was appointed chair of the academy's Pediatric Otolaryngology Education Advisory Committee, which provides continuing medical edu-

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cation and standards of care for pediatric otolaryngologists in the U.S. and internationally.



Howard Markel (M.D. 1986), Ph.D., the George E. Wantz Distinguished Professor of the History of Medicine, professor of pediatrics and communicable diseases and director of the Center for the History of Medicine, has been named one of eight contributing writers to the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. Markel's charge is to write frequent essays exploring the interactions of medicine, society and culture.



The American Thoracic Society recently honored **Marc Peters-Golden**, M.D., with an award for scientific accomplishment, recognizing his career-long commitment and contributions to basic and clinical research. Peters-Golden, who studies how lipid molecules are involved in inflammation and other body processes, is a professor of internal medicine and director of the Fellowship Program in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine.



Anand Swaroop, Ph.D., the Harold F. Falls Collegiate Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences and professor of human genetics, received the Board of Directors Award for Outstanding Research Achievement from the Foundation Fighting Blindness. The award recognizes his discovery of the gene CEP290, associated with retinal degeneration in mice.



Tate



Gilman

The Institute of Medicine selected **Denise G. Tate**, Ph.D., professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation, to serve on a committee to evaluate medical disability compensation for veterans. Also serving on the committee was **Sid Gilman**, M.D., former chair of Neurology and current director of the

Michigan Alzheimer's Disease Research Center. The committee's report was prepared at the request of the Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission and called for updating the system for evaluating veterans and their disabilities, giving special focus to conditions such as traumatic brain injury.



Tomlins



Yilmaz

Scott Tomlins, a Ph.D. candidate in pathology, and **Omer Yilmaz**, a Ph.D. candidate in cellular and molecular biology, are among 12 graduate students from North America and Asia chosen to receive the 2007 Harold M. Weintraub Graduate Student Award sponsored by the Basic Sciences Division of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. Nominations were solicited internationally. Winners were selected based on the quality, originality and significance of their work.



Bina Valsangkar, a medical student in the Class of 2009, has been awarded a prestigious Reynolds Foundation Fellowship which will enable her to pursue a master's degree in public health at the Harvard School of Public Health. The fellowship seeks to accelerate the preparation of a new generation of public leaders who can bring the insights of entrepreneurship and management to bear on social problems.



The Michigan College of Emergency Physicians' Board of Directors has named **Edward Walton**, M.D., assistant professor of emergency medicine, as the 2007 Emergency Physician of the Year. The award recognizes clinicians of unusual merit who are outstanding emergency physician role models, maintain high professional standards and clinical orientation, and are active in community service and education. [m](#)

IN PRINT

Books and journals written or edited by Medical School faculty

Edited by **Richard H. Cohan**, M.D., professor of radiology; and Stuart G. Silverman, M.D.: *CT Urography: An Atlas*. Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 2007.

Edited by **Steven M. Donn**, M.D., professor of pediatrics and communicable diseases, director of neonatal-perinatal medicine; and Thomas E. Wiswell, M.D.: *Clinics in Perinatology: Surfactant and Mechanical Ventilation*, volume 34, number 1. Saunders, March 2007.

By **Thomas R. Gest**, M.D., Ph.D., associate professor of anatomical sciences and medical education: *Clemente's Anatomy Flash Cards*. Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 2008. Also, edited by **Thomas R. Gest**; Jennifer K. Brueckner, Ph.D.; Stephen W. Carmichael, Ph.D.; Noelle A. Granger, Ph.D.; John T. Hansen, Ph.D.; and Anil H. Walji, M.D., Ph.D.: *Atlas of Human Anatomy*, fourth edition. Saunders, 2006.

Hearing Research Pioneer Merle Lawrence Dies

Merle Lawrence, Ph.D., founder of the Kresge Hearing Research Institute and professor emeritus of otolaryngology, physiology and psychology, died on January 29 at the age of 91.

Recruited to Michigan in 1952 by Dean Albert Furstenberg (M.D. 1915) to set up a laboratory for physiological acoustics, Lawrence obtained funds from the Kresge Foundation to build a facility devoted to research on the ear and hearing. He directed the Kresge Hearing Research Institute from 1961-83.

Lawrence earned a doctorate degree from Princeton University in 1941, then became a Naval aviator during World War II. After joining a Naval squadron in the South Pacific, his plane was struck by enemy fire and Lawrence was wounded. He was awarded the Silver Star Medal and the Purple Heart, among other military honors. Lawrence received numerous academic



and professional honors as well, including awards from the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, the Association for Research in Otolaryngology, the American Otological Society and the American Academy of Audiology.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Bobbie, as well as three children, five grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Merle Lawrence Research Fund, U-M Kresge Hearing Research Institute, 1301 E. Ann Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 48109-0506.

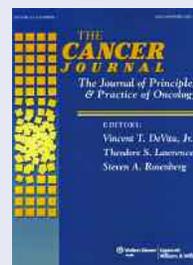
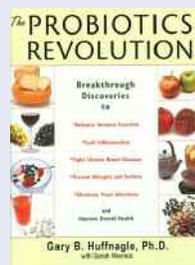
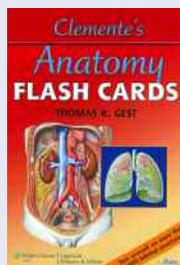
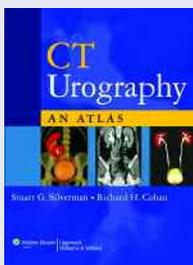
Michigan's Continuing Medical Education Program

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Correction

On page 41 of the spring 2007 issue, we identified Medical School faculty member Marilyn Roubidoux, M.D., as an associate professor of radiology. Roubidoux is, in fact, a professor of radiology. Our apologies.



By **Gary B. Huffnagle**, M.D., Ph.D., professor of internal medicine and of microbiology and immunology; and Sarah Wernick, Ph.D.: *The Probiotics Revolution: The Definitive Guide to Safe, Natural Health Solutions Using Probiotic and Prebiotic Foods and Supplements*. Bantam Books, 2007.

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Oncology, volume 13, number 1. Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, January/February 2007. Also, edited by **Theodore S. Lawrence**; Nicholas J. Petrelli, M.D.; Benjamin D. Li, M.D.; and James M. Galvin, D.Sc.: *Journal of Clinical Oncology*, volume 25, number 8. American Society of Clinical Oncology, March 2007.

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Biomechanics, and Engineering. Informa Healthcare USA, 2007.

Edited by **Linda S. Polley** (M.D. 1991, Residency 1995), associate professor of anesthesiology; and David Wlody, M.D.: *International Anesthesiology Clinics: Obstetric Anesthesia*, volume 45, number 1. Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 2007.

By **Raymond W. Ruddon** (Ph.D. 1964, M.D. 1967), professor emeritus of pharmacology: *Cancer Biology*, fourth edition. Oxford University Press, 2007. [m](#)