

WILLIAM CHEY, M.D. (Fellowship 1993), professor of internal medicine and director of the U-M GI Physiology Laboratory and the Michigan Bowel Control Program, has been named one of America's best gastroenterologists by Becker's ASC. The organization selected 75 gastroenterologists for the honor based on awards they received from major organizations in the field, leadership in those organizations, work on journals and other publications, or distinguished service in a GI ambulatory surgery center.

N. REED DUNNICK, M.D., was named by the American Society for Radiation Oncology as its 2010 honorary member, the highest honor bestowed upon distinguished cancer researchers and leaders in disciplines other than radiation oncology, radiation physics or radiobiology. Dunnick is the Fred Jenner Hodges Professor of Radiology and chair of the Department of Radiology.

THOMAS GELEHRTER, M.D., received the Excellence in Human Genetics Education Award from the American Society of Human Genetics in Novem-

ber. A professor emeritus of human genetics and of internal medicine, he was recognized for his outstanding work as a physician, scientist and scholar, and for being an exemplary teacher and mentor during the last 40 years.

DAVID GINSBURG, M.D., received the Distinguished Research in the Biomedical Sciences Award from the Association of American Medical Colleges. Ginsburg is the James V. Neel Distinguished University Professor, Warner Lambert/Parke-Davis Professor of Medicine, and professor in the departments of internal medicine, pediatrics and human genetics. His research involves finding better ways to treat inherited bleeding and clotting diseases, with a focus on von Willebrand Disease.

CARMEN R. GREEN, M.D. (Residency 1992), professor of anesthesiology, of obstetrics and gynecology and of health management and policy, has been honored with fellowships in two prestigious institutions — the Gerontological Society of America and the New York Academy of Medicine. Green also serves as principal investigator for the

Michigan Pain Outcomes Study Team, attending physician in the Multidisciplinary Pain Center, director of the Health Disparities Research Program for the Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research, and director for the Dissemination and Health Policy Core for the Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research.

HOPE HAEFNER (M.D. 1985), professor of obstetrics and gynecology, was named president of the American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology at the organization's annual meeting on March 26. A member of ASCCP since 1993, she will focus her presidency on promoting education about lower genital tract disease.

N. LYNN HENRY, M.D., Ph.D., assistant professor of internal medicine, has been named one of five new Damon Runyon Clinical Investigators by the Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation. The distinction is given to early-career physician-scientists conducting patient-oriented cancer research at major research centers under the mentorship of the nation's

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Faculty Profile] Carol Kauffman: A Lifetime of Achievement

EVEN THOUGH NO ONE IN HER FAMILY HAD GONE to college, Carol Kauffman knew she wanted to be a doctor since eighth grade. After earning her M.D. from the U-M in 1969 and completing her internship and residency here, a fellowship in infectious diseases at the University of Cincinnati sparked and sealed a lifelong interest in that specialty, and launched a prominent career — 33 years of which have been spent as a faculty member at the U-M.

A professor of internal medicine since 1981 and chief of the Infectious Diseases Section at the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System since 1977, Kauffman also has coordinated the infectious diseases/microbiology sequence in the Medical School since 1992. Her career at Michigan has been the classic “triple threat,” earning her a reputation as one of the world’s leading experts on infectious diseases — fungal diseases in particular — whose opinion is regularly sought by physicians internationally. She was honored with the Greatest Internist in Michigan Award for her outstanding clinical expertise and compassionate patient care. And, as Richard Mosely, M.D., professor of internal medicine and chief of the medical service at the VA, wrote in support of Kauffman’s candidacy for the Medical School’s Lifetime Achievement Award in Medical Education, “... she has seemingly effortlessly dedicated herself and her career foremost to medical education and has been recognized for these efforts by every award conceivable, save one.”

Kauffman received the Lifetime Achievement Award in Medical Education in 2010.

Indeed, the honors and awards Kauffman has accrued comprise more than a half-page of her CV. They include the school’s prestigious Elizabeth C. Crosby Award for Excellence in Basic Science Teaching, which she has won four times over three decades, and the Richard D. Judge Award for Medical Student Teaching. Perhaps the awards that best speak to her commitment to education have come from students themselves: the Silver Shovel Award for Excellence in Teaching, from the Galens Medical Society; and, from the class of 1998, the Medical Student Award for Teaching Excellence.

“I enjoy being in front of a class, teaching them what I think it’s important that they know,” Kauffman says. Even though her teaching approach emphasizes the small group teaching format, she says she likewise enjoys a big lecture hall. She calls the VA “a great place to teach students. The veterans treat them like doctors-in-training and look up to them. It’s a confidence builder for students when someone trusts and believes in them, so they learn a lot of medicine coming here.”

It’s worth noting that Kauffman’s stellar career had its origins in an era when many doors were not open to women. Michigan’s quota on female medical students when Kauffman applied was 10 percent. “You knew it was going to be a struggle,” she says, looking back. But when colleagues brandish terms like “unremitting dedication” and “relentless pursuit” in describing Kauffman, and a lifetime of recognized achievements is considered, and — most importantly — when one considers the thousands of Michigan medical students, residents and fellows she’s helped train, it becomes clear that a closed door has never been something to stop Carol Kauffman. —JEFF MORTIMER WITH RICK KRUPINSKI



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leading scientists and clinicians. Henry treats breast cancer patients and conducts clinical research into pain symptoms caused by estrogen-reducing treatments, in an effort to prevent or treat the symptoms, thereby improving the quality of life for survivors.

LORI ISOM, Ph.D., professor of pharmacology and of molecular and integrative physiology, and director of the Program in Biomedical Sciences, has been elected as a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Isom was honored for her discovery of the role of sodium-channel beta subunits in cell adhesion, axonal architecture, and severe myoclonic epilepsy of infancy, as well as for her innovative leadership in graduate education.

MARIANA KAPLAN, M.D. (Fellowship 1998), associate professor of medicine in the Division of Rheumatology, received the Henry Kunkel Young Investigator Award from the American College of Rheumatology in November. The award is given to a physician-scientist age 45 or younger who has made

outstanding independent contributions to basic or clinical research in the field.

MARTIN G. MYERS JR., M.D., Ph.D., is the recipient of the 2011 Ernst Oppenheimer Award from the Endocrine Society, given to an investigator younger than 49 in recognition of meritorious accomplishment in basic or clinical endocrinology. The Marilyn H. Vincent Professor of Diabetes Research, associate professor of internal medicine and of molecular and integrative physiology, Myers was honored for his work researching leptin, a protein hormone that plays a key role in metabolic control.

SOPHIE PACZESNY, M.D., assistant professor of pediatrics and communicable diseases, received the 2011 Amy Strelzer Manasevit Award from the American Society for Blood and Marrow Transplant. The award is the highest honor a junior investigator can receive from the blood and marrow transplant community.

ORA HIRSCH PESCOVITZ, M.D., U-M executive vice president for medical affairs and CEO of the U-M Health Sys-

tem, is the 2011 recipient of the Robert H. Williams Distinguished Leadership Award from the Endocrine Society. A nationally-known pediatric endocrinologist and researcher, Pescovitz was recognized for her contributions to endocrinology through leadership, teaching and research, as well as for her mentorship of trainees and associates. Her research involves the physiologic and molecular mechanisms responsible for disorders of growth and puberty, with a focus on development of novel therapies for these conditions.

ALAN SUGAR (M.D. 1969, Residency 1970), associate chair and professor of ophthalmology and visual sciences, received the Paton Society Award from the Eye Bank Association of America. The award is presented annually to an ophthalmologist in recognition of contributions to the eye bank's development. A cornea surgeon, Sugar serves as medical director of the Michigan Eye Bank and Transplantation Center, and is principal investigator of the Corneal Donor Study, a national multi-center prospective study funded by the National Eye Institute. —MF



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