UM Dermatology News

2014 HOLIDAY PARTY

A special “thank you” to our faculty, staff, residents and friends who attended this year's holiday party. It was such a pleasure to celebrate the end of a great year. We look forward to a new year full of accomplishment, opportunities and many more newfound friendships.
The end of 2014 marked a historical change for our Department. **Dr. Lawrence Schachner**, the Department’s 3rd Chair, announced his decision to step down effective December 1, 2014. We owe Dr. Schachner a tremendous debt of gratitude for leading our Department with excellence over the past decade. Dr. Schachner remains active in the Department, specifically in Pediatric Dermatology and has been appointed Senior Associate Dean of the Miller School of Medicine and Executive Director of Development.

We welcome our Interim Chair, **Dr. Robert Kirsner** and look forward to many exciting opportunities to further grow our amazing Department.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. PAOLO ROMANELLI FOR BEING PUBLISHED IN JAAD.**


**DR. KIRSNER HONORED WITH THOMAS G. PEARSON, EDD MEMORIAL EDUCATION AWARD**

Dr. Robert Kirsner has been chosen as the recipient of the 2014 Thomas G. Pearson, EdD Memorial Education Award. The Award recognizes an Academy member who has made great contributions to the Academy’s educational mission in terms of significant donation of time, contribution to the development of educational programs, and coordination of educational activities.

**TWO FELLOWS WIN PRIZES AT FSDS MEETING**

During the 33rd annual meeting of the Florida Society of Dermatologic Surgeons (FSDS) in Orlando, two of our research fellows, Dr. Robert D. Griffith and Dr. Leyre Falto-Aizpurua took the 1st and 2nd place prizes, outcompeting residents from other institutions. They both represented the University of Miami extremely well.

**DR. NOURI EDITS MONTHLY QUIZ IN JID**

Dr. Keyvan Nouri edits a monthly quiz in the Journal of Investigative Dermatology that intends to highlight the relevance of basic science publications to the dermatologic surgery community.

**MARJANA TOMIC-CANIC, PH.D., ELECTED TO NIH BIG DATA TO KNOWLEDGE MULTI-COUNCIL WORKING GROUP**

Dr. Tomic-Canic has been elected to the NIH Big Data to Knowledge (BD2K) Multi-Council Working Group. The committee provides trans-NIH programmatic input and serves as an advisory group regarding grant initiatives related to BD2K projects.

**DRS. KIRSNER AND TOMIC-CANIC SPEAK AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

Dr. Marjana Tomic-Canic was elected Vice President of the Wound Healing Society in April 2014. Dr. Kirsner and Dr. Tomic were invited speakers at the International Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy 2014 (ICAAC) conference held in Washington DC and both were on organizing committee of the Innovations in Wound Healing meeting that will take place in Hawks Cay in December.

**PROFESSOR DAVIS TO SERVE ON PANEL OF EXPERTS FOR THE ARMY**

Professor Stephen Davis was asked to serve on a panel of external experts to review the Army’s investment in Extremity Trauma, Maxillofacial Trauma, and Burn Injury.

**STUDENT RESEARCHER HONORED WITH A DOZEN ACCOLADES IN TWO YEARS**

Shailee Patel, who took those two years off from medical school to work in the laboratory of Marjana Tomic-Canic, Ph.D., earned 12 honorable distinctions during her research tenure.

**HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF WOMEN IN ACADEMIC MEDICINE**

Dr. Tongyu Cao Wikramanayake was one of 21 women honored by UM’s Women in Academic Medicine for her career accomplishments. Congratulations, Dr. Cao!

**RESIDENT WINS IMPORTANT AWARD AT CARIBBEAN DERMATOLOGY SYMPOSIUM**

Dr. Arsalan Shabbir is the Winner of the 2015 Beiersdorf “Resident of Distinction” competition.

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**NEW EMPLOYEES**

We had the good fortune of hiring the following amazing individuals:

- **Ailin Vila Granda (10/2014)** — Research Associate in Dr. Joaquin Jimenez’s Lab
- **Adriana Galvis (10/2014)** — Postdoctoral Associate in Dr. Dragana Ajdic’s Lab
- **Darilys Amor (10/2014)** — LPN in our UMH clinic
- **Roberto Pena (10/2014)** — Medical Assistant in our UMH clinic
- **Claudia Gutierrez (3/2014)** — LPN in our UMH clinic
- **Vanessa Petit (11/2014)** — Research Assistant in Dr. Joaquin Jimenez’s Lab
- **Alexander Higa (12/2014)** — Research Associate in Prof. Steve Davis’ Lab
- **Merylin Garcia (12/2014)** — Medical Assistant in our UMH clinic
- **Yadira Mendoza (1/2015)** — Medical Assistant in our UMH clinic

Welcome to our Dermatology family! We look forward to your many contributions.
Dear University of Miami Faculty and Staff,

We have reached a crucial point in the project and would like to formally announce an important decision. As you know, a critical component of the Workday HR and Payroll implementation is payroll testing. It’s vital that payroll is accurate before we implement this system.

Additional issues emerged in subsequent testing phases which require further investigation and resolution as it relates to the payroll process associated with University of Miami Hospital (UMH). In order to ensure UMH payroll is accurate, the Workday Executive Steering Committee (ESC) has made the decision to split the Workday HR implementation into two phases.

The first phase, which will be implemented on March 25th, will include all faculty, staff, and student employees at the Gables and Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science (RSMAS) campuses, the Miller School of Medicine and UHealth specialty hospitals (UMHC and ABLEH), and our satellite facilities.

We are getting close to the phase one implementation of Workday HR and Payroll, and are gearing up to migrate data, as well as provide training, checklists, and tips based on your system role. We are confident that phase one will be a great success, and that you will be as excited as we are about what we can achieve with Workday.

It has been important to maintain open and transparent communications with you throughout the Workday implementation, and we will continue to do that. If you have any questions, please email us at workday@miami.edu and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Please visit the project website for additional information and updates.

Thank you for your support of this important initiative, and for your efforts to uphold our common purpose to transform lives through teaching, research, and service.

Sincerely,

Steve Cawley  
Vice President for Information Technology and CIO

Nerissa E. Morris  
Vice President for Human Resources

John R. Shipley  
Vice President of Finance and Treasurer

Have questions? Ask a Workday expert by emailing: workday@miami.edu
UM DERMATOLOGY FACEBOOK PAGE

Our Department has recently launched its new Facebook page. Faculty and staff can now stay informed by visiting our Facebook page for the latest news, events, as well as connect with colleagues.

WORKDAY GOES LIVE 3/26/15

Important—Effective March 26th, employees will no longer be able to use Kronos to clock in/out. Employees will use Workday to register their time electronically. As the implementation dates gets closer, you will receive an email with further information and instructions. Have questions? Ask at Workday expert at: workday@miami.edu. You may also visit the Workday Project website.

SUNSMART SPRINT 5K RUN/WALK FOR MELANOMA AWARENESS

Our Department and the wonderfully talented UM medical students are hosting the SunSmart 5K to celebrate heart & skin health! Proceeds from the race will go to support two different causes; one is melanoma skin cancer research at the University of Miami via the Anna Fund and the other is a program called Team for Life that helps get life-saving heart devices out into Miami. University of Miami dermatologists will be at the race to give Free Post-Race Skin Cancer Screenings within private booths. Running is known to be good for your health and your heart. Bring your family and friends, race for great causes, and start the day having improved your own heart and skin health!

Join us on February 21st at Crandon Park South. The race starts promptly at 7:30 a.m. If you’d like to sign up, please visit www.SunSmart5k.com. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Stephanie Davis at 305-243-6045 or via email at sdavis4@med.miami.edu.
This coming January 12th, 2015, marks the Fifth Anniversary of the 2010 Earthquake that devastated Port-Au-Prince, Haiti. On behalf of Project Medishare for Haiti, we would like to extend our gratitude to Dr. John Macdonald for his continued hard work and dedication at the Field Hospital during those tragic days as well as many of our residents and staff (Radel Dupeiron, Gloria Sanin and Mayte Ocejo) whose commitment to service is unsurpassed.

Dr. John Macdonald is the Medical Director of Wound Healing at the Bernard Mevs Hospital in Haiti. Two recent graduates from the class of 2014, Drs. Adriane Vega Pompa and Brian Morrison have expanded our community services by developing a Skin Clinic in Haiti working with Haitian-trained dermatologists to increase patient availability in clinic and to help provide superior care to patients at Bernard Mevs Hospital. Dr. Vega Pompa recently spoke to the Miami Society of Dermatology & Cutaneous Surgery on her experience and the initiative. Current residents Drs. Tejas Patel and Alan Zhou have taken recent trips to Haiti. During their most recent trip, they saw hundreds of patients and took many biopsies of challenging cases, which were read by UM Dermatopathologists. They also saw inpatient consultations, assisted in the wound clinic at Bernard Mevs Hospital and lectured to local physicians and healthcare workers about dermatologic topics.

PROFESSOR DAVID TAPLIN FUND

Dr. Lawrence Schachner, Chair Emeritus, Senior Associate Dean and Executive Director of Development, visited Professor David Taplin for the Holidays. The Department of Dermatology along with the Department of Public Health Sciences is planning a tribute for David and has started a fundraising endeavor to keep the spirit of David’s contributions and international involvement alive by naming a bench in Dermatology in David’s original lab in his honor and to support international travel for epidemiologic study. Professor Taplin and his family are excited about the opportunity to memorialize Professor Taplin’s research and field work.

ANNIVERSARIES

Perez, Carmen—12/27/1996 (18 years)
Betancourt, Peggy—7/24/98 (16 years)
Alfonso, Maria—11/19/1999 (15 years)
Laboy, Sandra—8/9/2001 (13 years)
Baldeolmar, Lucy—9/6/2001 (13 years)
Kittles, Carol—10/20/2003 (11 years)
Blandon, Azucena—10/4/2004 (10 years)
Borrego, Israel—12/17/2004 (10 years)
Martinez, Sam—9/23/2005 (9 years)
Suarez, Jennifer—11/18/2005 (9 years)
Gonzalez, Barbara—7/28/2006 (8 years)
Rodriguez, Luis—10/1/2006 (8 years)
Valdes, Jose—11/2/2007 (7 years)
Ortiz, Maria Luis—10/27/2008 (6 years)
Morejon, Maria Jose—8/6/2010 (4 years)
Martinez, Maritza—9/3/2010 (4 years)
Salazar, Jackie—10/1/2010 (4 years)
Dominguez Torres, Maria —10/15/2010 (4 years)
Flores, Morobia—11/26/2010 (4 years)
Lens, Assuan—7/6/2012 (2 years)
Calcines, Monica—9/13/2013 rehire date (1 year)
Baquerizo Nole, Katherine L.—7/29/2013 (1 year)
Natesan, Shanmugasundaram—9/9/2013 (1 year)
Delgado, Maria De Los Angeles—10/28/2013 (1 year)
Liang, Liang—12/2/2013 (1 year)
Dupeiron, Radel—12/9/2013 rehire date (1 year)
Vujanac, Milos—12/9/2013 (1 year)
RESIDENTS CORNER

BABY NEWS

We are pleased to announce the following new members of our Dermatology family:

Dr. Elizabeth Lebrun Nestor gave birth to her son, Max Nestor.

Dr. Jacquelyn Dosal gave birth to her daughter, Caroline Lourdes, in November 2014.

Dr. Mercedes Gonzalez gave birth to her daughter Margarita Gonzalez in the Fall of 2014.

Ruth Torres gave birth to her son, Seth Abraham, in January 2015.

Congratulations to all the happy parents! We cant wait to meet your little bundles of joy.
It was a pleasure seeing so many familiar faces and catching up with our dermatology family at the annual Thanksgiving Potluck.

A special thank you to the faculty and staff who so generously contributed towards the main dishes as well as those who made the savory dishes we all enjoyed. We hope to see you again next year.
DEPARTMENT OF DERMATOLOGY & CUTANEOUS SURGERY

EDUCATION MISSION STATEMENT

To develop leaders in dermatology, who as independent thinkers and lifelong learners will lead the field of dermatology through ethical evidence based practice, with innovative ideas and by the performance of novel high quality research.

JOSE (LANDY) GONZALEZ  SENIOR PROFESSIONAL CODER—

Jose (Landy) Gonzalez is an outstanding employee who brings a high degree of energy, commitment, flexibility, and professionalism to his job. His consistent audit controls and communication with faculty and co-workers has improved coding within our department. He has been essential in organizing work/study groups for upcoming ICD-10 conversion and takes pride in supporting the coders as they prepare for the exams. His dedication and commitment to providing the best possible outcome for the department is evident in his exemplary performance. He has worked tirelessly and we appreciate him very much.

MILOS VUJANAC SR. RESEARCH ASSOCIATE 2 — Milos joined our Department as part of Dr. Dragana Ajdic’s team in December 2013. In this short time, he has produced scientific data that is being prepared to publish in August 2014. Milos always goes above and beyond his regular duties, willingly accepts to work on new projects and enjoys helping his colleagues. He has been exceptionally responsible and a reliable researcher and great team player. Further, his attendance is impeccable. We are lucky to have him as part of our team!

BILLING EMPLOYEES PASS IMPORTANT EXAM

A hearty congratulations to our billing staff members who successfully passed their billing certification exam.

- Jose (Landy) Gonzalez—Certified Professional Medical Auditor and Certified Professional Coder
- Sam Martinez—Certified Professional Coder
- Lucy Baldelomar—ICD-10 examination

We are very proud of you and thank you for your hard work and dedication.