We hosted over 15 faculty from local and regional universities for our annual Graduate Showcase Event last week, to highlight our eight PhD programs. In September, we celebrated the work and achievements of our postdoctoral fellows and instructors with a week filled with social events, professional development lectures and more (see below). We are looking forward to the upcoming School of Graduate Studies Research Day on October 31, during which we will honor the 2019 SGSHS Distinguished Alumnus, Dr. Barbara Alexander. As you will notice, this issue is filled with the many accomplishments of our trainees and faculty (pages 2-4). Congratulations on these many awards, publications and other honors!

2019 Post-doc (& Instructor) Appreciation Week
Meredith Cobb
MD/PhD program, Experimental Therapeutics and Pharmacology
Poster award, Council on Hypertension Scientific Sessions, American Heart Association

Laura Coats
PhD program, Physiology and Biophysics
Poster award, Council on Hypertension Scientific Sessions, American Heart Association

Austin Zamarripa
PhD program, Physiology and Biophysics
Poster award, Council on Hypertension Scientific Sessions, American Heart Association

Sydney Vita
PhD program, Neuroscience
Awarded the Dee S. and Patricia Osborne Endowed Scholarship in the Neurosciences

Redin Spann
PhD program, Neuroscience
Joseph Erlanger Trainee Award, Experimental Biology meeting

Olivia Travis
PhD program, Experimental Therapeutics and Pharmacology
American Heart Association Council on Hypertension New Investigator Award

Danielle Porter
PhD program, Neuroscience
Danielle received a travel award to attend the prestigious SPINES, Summer Program in Neuroscience, Excellence and Success

Maria Jones-Muhammad
PhD program, Neuroscience
Received an HTN New Investigator Travel Award to attend the American Heart Association Council on Hypertension Scientific Sessions Meeting

Successful Dissertation Defenses

Kathleen Rhodes
PhD Program, Nursing
“Exploring the Relationships between Stress and Transition Readiness on Patient-Centered Outcomes in Young Adults with Inflammatory Bowel Disease”

Erika Williams
PhD Program, Physiology & Biophysics
“Renal angioplasty and therapeutic angiogenesis for renovascular disease: a novel treatment strategy”

Primm-Singleton Travel Award to the College on Problems of Drug Dependence conference

American Heart Association Council on Hypertension New Investigator Award

Awarded the Dee S. and Patricia Osborne Endowed Scholarship in the Neurosciences

Received a travel award to attend the prestigious SPINES, Summer Program in Neuroscience, Excellence and Success
Office of POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES

KUDOS

Dr. Lais Berro
Postdoctoral fellow, Psychiatry and Human Behavior
Invited Member of the NIH Advisory Committee to the Director (ACD) Working Group on Rigor and Reproducibility in Animal Research

Dr. Pallabi Pal
Postdoctoral fellow Biomedical Materials Science
Dr. Pal is the first author of “Drug-loaded Elastin-like polypeptide-Collagen Hydrogels with High Modulus for Bone Tissue Engineering”, which has been published in the journal Macromolecular Bioscience. The journal also has selected one of the lab’s images for the back cover. Click here to read the paper.

Dr. John Clemmer
Instructor, Physiology & Biophysics
Poster award, Council on Hypertension Scientific Sessions, American Heart Association

Dr. Xuan Li
Postdoctoral fellow, Physiology & Biophysics
Received an American Heart Association travel grant to attend the Basic Cardiovascular Sciences (BCVS) Scientific Sessions in Boston, MA.

Dr. Kristin Carter
Resident, Surgery
Student, Master of Science in Clinical Investigation program
During her first year in the MSCI program, Dr. Carter has presented at 12 conferences and has 5 publications, all reflecting collaborations between surgeons and basic scientists. This is a shining example of team science, and how bringing together the powerful basic science and clinical resources at UMMC leads directly to advances in the care of our patients.

Grant Deadlines
National Institutes of Health (NIH)
National Research Service Award (F series): December 8
Research Career Development (K series): October 12
Visit grants.nih.gov for more information

American Heart Association (AHA)
Career Development Award: October 15
Click HERE for more information.

Professional Development
Are you preparing a manuscript for publication? The American Physiological Society will be sponsoring a professional skills training course, “Writing and Reviewing for Scientific Journals,” for trainees and early career investigators from January 23-26, 2020 in Orlando, FL. Click HERE for more info.

New! Postdoctoral Trainee Professional Skills Travel Program
The SGSHS is excited to announce this new program for our postdoctoral fellows. Postdocs can apply for travel assistance from the SGSHS to attend a workshop for professional development. Contact Shanna Moulds, Director of Operations, at smoulds@umc.edu for more information about this program.

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Dr. Denise Cornelius  
Emergency Medicine  
- Elected as a Fellow of American Heart Association  
- New Investigator of the Year Discovery Award winner (UMMC)  
- Silver level Excellence in Research Award winner (UMMC)

Dr. Fan Fan  
Pharmacology and Toxicology  
- Kidney Council New Investigator Award - Council on Hypertension Scientific Sessions  
- Gold level Excellence in Research Award Winner (UMMC)

Dr. Deborah Konkle-Parker  
Medicine, Infectious Diseases  
Platinum level Excellence in Research Award Winner (UMMC)

Dr. Bernadette Grayson  
Neurobiology and Anatomical Sciences  
Gold level Excellence in Research Award Winner (UMMC)

Dr. Michael Roach  
Biomedical Materials Science  
Silver level Excellence in Research Award Winner (UMMC)

Dr. Josh Speed  
Physiology and Biophysics  
Silver level Excellence in Research Award Winner (UMMC)

Dr. Frank Spradley  
Surgery  
Silver level Excellence in Research Award Winner (UMMC)

Dr. Junming Wang  
Pathology  
Silver level Excellence in Research Award Winner (UMMC)

Dr. James Shaffery  
Psychiatry and Human Behavior  
- Received a Basic IRSP award ($30,000) for “Discriminating between anxiolytic and sedative actions of Benzodiazepine-type compounds”  
- Appointed as Chair of the Pipeline Development Committee for the national Sleep Research Society

Dr. Lorena Amaral  
Pharmacology and Toxicology  
- Poster Award at AHA Council on Hypertension Scientific Sessions  
- Finalist for Stephanie Watts Career Development Award - Council on Hypertension Scientific Sessions

Dr. Licy Yanes Cardozo  
Cell and Molecular Biology  
Gold level Excellence in Research Award Winner (UMMC)

Dr. Bradley Walters  
Neurobiology and Anatomical Sciences  
Gold level Excellence in Research Award Winner (UMMC)

Dr. Sally Huskinson  
Psychiatry and Human Behavior  
Silver level Excellence in Research Award Winner (UMMC)

Dr. Charlotte Hobbs  
Pediatrics - Infectious Diseases  
Silver level Excellence in Research Award Winner (UMMC)

Dr. Kedra Wallace  
Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Silver level Excellence in Research Award Winner (UMMC)

Dr. Keli Xu  
Neurobiology and Anatomical Sciences  
Silver level Excellence in Research Award Winner (UMMC)

Dr. Shou-Ching Tang  
Cancer Center and Research Institute  
Outstanding Achievement in Clinical Research Award - Excellence in Research Awards (UMMC)
**NEW GRADUATE FACULTY**

Dr. Julie Sanford  
Dean, School of Nursing

"Dr. Sanford has over $7 million in federal Health Resources and Services Administration funding and was named co-principal investigator of the $2.7 million HRSA-funded Undergraduate Primary Care and Rural Education Project at JMU last academic year. In 2017, she was designated as a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing, a title held by only 2,400 nursing professionals recognized for their accomplishments as leaders in education, management, practice and research. Most recently, she was elected to the Board of Directors for the American Association of Colleges of Nursing." Click here to read the complete eCV article about Dr. Sanford.

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**Holiday Open House**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

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**Holiday Open House**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

**Making Strides Against Breast Cancer** walk. Click here to sign up for the SGSHS team.

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