From the Chair

It has been a very quick five years since Linda and I moved to Mississippi! It has been a whirlwind of activity and a tremendous amount of fun. I would therefore like to thank each and every one of our faculty and administrative team for their total commitment to our program, including our residents, medical students, and patients. I also would like to offer special thanks to Drs. Schulmeier, Duong, and Walker who have taken over the didactic dermatopathology teaching following my accepting the role of Interim Chair of Pathology which gobbled up every spare moment of my time. Our faculty and affiliate faculty have developed a residency program that can compete with programs across the country in the areas of breadth of education, faculty with an interest in teaching, complexity and volume of patients we see. Finally, I would like to thank Steve Helms who has been serving as Interim Vice Chair of Dermatology during this period. To the best of my knowledge, Steve is the busiest “half-time” academic dermatologist in the country.

In conclusion, with a lot of hard work over five years, I think our team has produced a top-notch residency program, and we will continue to strive to take good care of our patients with a dash of Southern hospitality.

Bob Brodell, MD
Professor and Chair
UMMC Department of Dermatology

The UMMC Department of Dermatology is making good progress toward a goal of developing a world-class department. Our mission is clear:

1. to enhance the patient-centered care provided by dermatologists in Mississippi
2. to focus on subspecialty care needs of patients and to support our dermatology colleagues throughout the state
3. to provide high quality educational programming for medical students and residents
4. to provide timely and focused continuing medical education (CME) for dermatologists and other health care providers in the State of Mississippi and throughout the region
5. to develop basic science, translational and clinical research programs that extend the knowledge base of dermatology
Welcome Dr. Ashley Emerson

We would like to announce that Dr. Ashley Emerson will be joining the faculty this fall. Dr. Emerson received her Bachelor of Science from the University of Mississippi before attending medical school at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. After graduating in 2013, Dr. Emerson completed her intern year at UMMC in internal medicine and then her dermatology residency at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans, Louisiana, where she also was Chief Resident from 2016-2017. Outside of medicine, she enjoys college football, Bikram yoga, and learning how to play the guitar.

Residency Program Update

We have very sadly bid goodbye to our second graduating class of residents, Drs. Michael Cosulich and Lauren Craig. Dr. Cosulich has joined Cosulich Dermatology in Wall, New Jersey, and will also be joining us part-time at UMMC as a faculty instructor with special emphasis in surgery. Dr. Craig is headed to Washington D.C. to join Integrated Dermatology of K Street. We wish them both the best of luck!

We would like to welcome our new residents, Drs. Madelyn King, Caroline Doo, Mark Braswell, and Thy Huynh who have lived and trained from many regions around the United States. All are excellent candidates with superb credentials who will contribute much to the residency program and the future of dermatology practice. We are pleased to have you learn a bit more about them as below.

Fantastic Lineup of Upcoming Grand Rounds Speakers

- **9/25/17** – Neal Bhatia, MD
  Director of Clinical Dermatology Therapeutics
  Clinical Research, Associate Clinical Professor, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, Torrance, CA

- **10/30/17** – Jane Grant-Kels, MD
  Professor and Founding Chair, Department of Dermatology, University of Connecticut

- **11/27/17** – Suzanne Olbricht, MD
  Associate Professor, Harvard Medical School, Chair, Department of Dermatology, Lahey Hospital and Medical Center, Burlington, MA
  President Elect of the AAD
Mark Braswell
Mark was raised in Grenada, Miss., before relocating with his family to Hoover, Ala. He graduated summa cum laude from Mississippi College with a bachelor’s degree before attending medical school at Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences, where he graduated magna cum laude. He re-commissioned as an active duty officer in the Air Force after graduating medical school and completed his transitional year internship at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas. After completing his internship, he served as a general medical officer at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Outside of medicine, he enjoys spending time with his wife, Melissa, and his 4-year-old daughter, Abigail; running; and playing ping pong. He is excited to be back in Mississippi and provide care to the great people of the state.

Caroline Doo
Caroline was born and raised in Fresno, Calif. She relocated to the Midwest to complete her combined undergraduate and medical training at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, where she graduated magna cum laude and was inducted as a junior member to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. She completed her internship in Internal Medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center and is now excited to join the Dermatology family. In her free time, she enjoys photography, trying new foods, and spending time with her family and friends.

Thy Huynh
Thy was born in Saigon, Vietnam, and grew up in sweet home Montgomery, Ala. She completed her undergraduate degree at Sewanee: University of the South, where she graduated summa cum laude in Biology and International Studies. She attended the University of Alabama School of Medicine in addition to spending a year as an NIH Translational Science Research Fellow. Always exploring and learning, Thy completed a pediatrics preliminary year at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles then subsequently pursued a two-year pediatric dermatology research fellowship at Northwestern University/Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago. Outside of work, she loves spending time with her husband Jimmy and their sweet dog Muddy, coffee, tennis, Pilates, and traveling the world to see the most beautiful landscapes and eat delicious food. Thy is happy to be back in the South, close to family and friends and excited to take care of the Mississippi population, especially the little ones!

Madelyn King
Madelyn was born and raised in Mobile, Ala. She attended the University of Alabama where she graduated with a bachelor of science in biology. She returned to her hometown to earn her M.D. at the University of South Alabama College of Medicine. There she received the Clyde G. Huggins Research award and was inducted as a junior member to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society. She is very excited to be joining the University of Mississippi’s Department of Dermatology. In her free time she enjoys spending time with family and friends and being outdoors.

Resident, Teaching Awards

Dr. Maureen Offiah was awarded the 2016-17 Resident Teaching Award for making learning easy and fun for medical students and inspiring interest in the field of dermatology. M-4 students who rotated throughout the year selected Dr. Offiah for the award.

The 2016-17 Resident Research Award went to Dr. Anna Wile for the enormous impact her writing and research has on physicians and their patients.

The 2016-17 Resident Quality Improvement Award was given to Dr. Anna Wile, whose QI Moment research and presentation had the greatest impact on preventing harm to our patients.

Drs. Allison Cruse and Chelsea Mockbee were awarded the 2016-17 Resident Professionalism Award for inspiring trust and confidence through compassionate care.

Dr. Lauren Craig was awarded the Heart in Service Award, for her ability to add compassion and empathy to her teaching and patient care.

The residents voted to give Dr. Julie Wyatt the 2016-17 Faculty Teaching Award for being an energetic, dedicated, creative and inspiring dermatologist who strives for excellence in teaching, research and clinical care.

The residents also voted to give the 2016-17 Affiliate Faculty Teaching Award to Dr. Ralph Daniel, a truly kind and caring physician, whose dedication to teaching and mentorship brings out the best in his students.
Office of Medical Education Trailblazer Award
Dr. Jeremy Jackson received the Trailblazer Teaching Award Pin from the Office of Medical Education in recognition of his ability to engage, inspire and mentor learners. Dr. Jackson also won the award for demonstrating educational leadership through collaboration with other teachers to enrich the scholarship of teaching and learning.

AAD Native American Grant
Dr. Anna Wile was selected for the AAD’s Native American Health Service Resident Rotation. The program provides grants to dermatology residents to participate in a rural health elective in Chinle, Arizona. Residents selected provide dermatologic care to the Navajo Nation population at the Indian Health Service and work with primary health care providers to assist with diagnosis and management of dermatologic diseases. Anna will travel to Arizona in March 2018.

Dr. Michael Cosulich wins UMMC Resident of the Year
Dr. Michael Cosulich was honored with the 2017 Robert S. Caldwell, M.D., Memorial Award during UMMC’s Quality Leadership Rounds May 24. Bestowed by the Medical Assurance Company of Mississippi, the Caldwell Award is given in recognition of excellence in medical care, record keeping, and leadership. The award also is given to an avid teacher of medical students and fellow residents and comes with a $1,000 monetary gift.

Dr. Cosulich received the award in part for his exceptional work on the “Mississippi Dermatology Manual,” a general guide for management of common dermatological diseases, including photos, Epic codes, and important phone numbers.

“The manual is an example of an investment of an incredible amount of time to highlight for residents important information about our department and scientific information that can be applied to help our patients,” said Dr. Robert Brodell, professor and chair of the Department of Dermatology. He added, “Michael is a team player. Like LeBron James, he makes everyone around him better by modeling professionalism.”

GWIMS Trailblazer Award
The UMMC chapter of the Group on Women in Medicine and Science (GWIMS) recently awarded Dr. Robert Brodell with the Trailblazer Award. The award recognizes male allies in the ongoing advancement of women in UMMC schools, honoring their support of women-specific initiatives, contributing to work-life balance improvements, mentoring and promoting women, and developing leadership training opportunities for women.
Partnership with Magnolia Regional Health Center

Thanks to a special collaboration with Magnolia Regional Health Center, funding has been obtained to support a residency position for a rural dermatologist to provide care for an underserved area of Mississippi. Dan Harber, a University of Mississippi Medical School graduate and Tishomingo native, will fill the new residency position in July 2018 after finishing his preliminary medicine year at Louisiana State University Health Science Center in New Orleans.

Southern Dermatology Consortium Research Day

Dr. Anna Wile won the C. Ralph Daniel first place research award during the Second Annual Resident Research Day March 25, 2017. Dr. Wile’s presentation was titled, “Facial Follicular Spicules in a Transplant Patient.” Along with Dr. Wile, residents from Tulane University, University of Arkansas, University of Tennessee-Memphis, and the University of Alabama-Birmingham presented a wide range of research projects. Thank you to Drs. Sabra Sullivan, C. Ralph Daniel, Jim Turner, and Matthew Meckfessel for serving as judges, and thank you to Dr. Daniel for his generosity funding prizes for the winning residents! A special thank you to Galderma for sponsoring the research day event.

Mississippi Nigeria Education and Medical Exchange (MNEME)

In October 2017, four faculty members, several residents and nurses from the UMMC Department of Dermatology will travel to Nigeria for a four-week voluntary medical mission and education exchange in Enugu State. Nigeria is the most populous country in Africa, and one of the most populous in the world, with over 184 million people. There are fewer than 130 dermatologists and only two fellowship-trained dermatopathologists practicing in the country.

Specifically, the mission of MNEME is:
1. Teach dermatology to medical students, residents, and other physicians, as well as serve as long term mentors to those who may be interested in pursuing a career in dermatology.
2. Provide free medical and surgical dermatological services to the most underserved and economically disadvantaged population in Enugu State.
3. Hopefully form a long term working relationship with the academic medical center/s in Enugu State, and make this a sustainable project that will be repeated yearly.

Maureen Offiah is a PGY-4 dermatology chief resident whose home country is Nigeria. She is the primary coordinator of this project. Dr. Offiah will be spending the month of October in Nigeria as her third year elective rotation, while the faculty and other team members will spend one week each volunteering.
Community Service Projects

Relay for Life
The Department of Dermatology helped raise awareness and money for the American Cancer Society during Relay for Life April 28. Department residents, faculty and staff, along with members of the Dermatology Interest Group, joined together to raise over $4,000 for the ACS.

Community Talk
Drs. Chelsea Mockbee and Robert Brodell gave a Melanoma Awareness Talk at Terry Grove Missionary Baptist Church on March 30, 2017. They discussed the importance of sun protection, the ABCDEs of melanoma, and various presentations of melanoma including acral lentiginous melanoma.

Cancer Screening
On May 16, multiple members of the Department of Dermatology, with others from different departments and organizations and several medical students, volunteered their time to provide the third annual free SPOTme® Skin Cancer Screening event and screened 76 UMMC employees and their family members. Forty-three patients were referred for evaluation and possible biopsy.

Haiti Trip
In the fall of 2016, members of the UMMC faculty and staff traveled to Haiti on a humanitarian mission with Hispaniola Mountain Ministries. There, they provided medical care in a remote village in Anse-à-Pitres, Haiti, seeing between 50-75 people each day in clinic. After clinic, the team visited in the community and delivered tarps for shelter. The group included Dr. Jeremy Jackson and his family; Scott McKenzie, PharmD; and dermatology nurses Tracy Breeden, RN, and Amanda Stewart, RN.
Publications


Byrd AC. Infectious Disease Update. Lecture presented at: What's New in Medical and Surgical Dermatology: Update 2017; April 28, 2017; Jackson, MS.

Helms SE. Ten Tips to Know About Contact Dermatitis. Lecture presented at: Mississippi State Medical Association CME with Mickey; November 22, 2016; Orlando, FL.

Helms SE. Contact Dermatitis. Lecture presented at: Dermatology Symposium: Diagnostic and Treatment Pearls for Primary Care; February 18, 2017; Jackson, MS.

Helms SE. Interactive Session I. Lecture presented at: Dermatology Symposium: Diagnostic and Treatment Pearls for Primary Care; February 18, 2017; Jackson, MS.

Helms SE. Interactive Session II. Lecture presented at: Dermatology Symposium: Diagnostic and Treatment Pearls for Primary Care; February 18, 2017; Jackson, MS.

Helms SE. MOC Self-Assessment: Psoriasis, Systemic Medications. Lecture presented at: American Academy of Dermatology 72nd Annual Meeting; March 4, 2017; Orlando, FL.

Helms SE. Diagnosis, Treatment, and Prevention of Errors. Lecture presented at: American Academy of Dermatology 72nd Annual Meeting; March 7, 2017; Orlando, FL.

Helms SE. Ten Tips for Contact Dermatitis. Lecture presented at: What's New in Medical and Surgical Dermatology: Update 2017; April 28, 2017; Jackson, MS.

Brodell RT. 60 Tips in 60 Minutes - Acne, Psoriasis, Eczema and Office Management. Lecture presented at: Winter Clinical Dermatology Conference; January 14, 2017; Kohala Coast, HI.

Brodell RT. Pearls from a Master. Lecture presented at: Winter Clinical Dermatology Conference; January 15, 2017; Kohala Coast, HI.

Brodell RT. Elewski B. Finding a Way Forward. Lecture presented at: University of Alabama at Birmingham Department of Dermatology retreat; February 5, 2017; Birmingham, AL.

Brodell RT. Dermatologic Diagnosis: Three Diagnostic Pearls. Lecture presented at: Diagnostic and Treatment Pearls for Primary Care; February 18, 2017; Jackson, MS.