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Message from the Chair

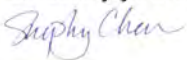
Dear Duke Derm Friends and Colleagues,

This year brings many changes and uncertainty to academic medical centers. Duke is not immune, and thus it is even more important to be committed to what we do best. We continue taking outstanding care of patients, supported by new technologies and care paradigms. Imagine artificial intelligence in our clinics! We are educating the next generation of physicians including those who are pursuing non-dermatology fields. After all, our colleagues in emergency medicine, family medicine, pediatrics – you name it, they probably see skin – need some comfort level in knowing what to refer to dermatology and what they can take a first pass at treating. We are also expanding our research footprint by bringing in

one of the nation's top skin microbiome researchers. Already many translational projects are being planned. Lastly, we are committed to our community. It is our responsibility to identify and address inequities in access to skin health. As you read this letter, I hope that you are proud as am I, to be a part of Duke Dermatology.

More than ever, we need your support. Please consider being part of our education team or donating to our department so that we can weather this imminent storm and continue to deliver in our missions.

Sincerely yours,



Suephy C. Chen
Chair, Department of Dermatology



Greetings from Duke Dermatology 2024-2025

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Education Corner

by Erin Lesesky, MD; Amber Fresco, MD; and Melodi Javid Whitley, MD, PhD

Welcome to the Duke Dermatology Residency Education Corner! In this section, we will highlight different aspects of our residency program to keep you informed about current events, changes, and unique educational opportunities. In this issue, we are excited to highlight recent innovations in our residency research curriculum.

Dr. Melodi Javid Whitley, Assistant Program Director of Trainee Research, has led the way to revamping our residency research curriculum to include a rigorous and formalized Resident Scholarly Activity that spans the three years of residency. The goal of this new curricular change is to develop dermatologists with skills to execute longitudinal academic projects that contribute positively to the dermatologic community and elevate patient care. Scholarly Activity in this setting can be broadly interpreted as a project that involves innovative research, educational activities, or community engagement.

Residents partner with mentors within the Dermatology Department during their first year as they propose research ideas, which are subsequently vetted by a Resident Scholarly Activity Oversight Committee consisting of clinical and research faculty. The ideas are refined, and progress is



Resident Research Retreat 2024

monitored throughout the second and third years at specified intervals. Proposals, works in progress, and final scholarly activity results are shared annually at the Resident Research Retreat, an exciting in-person and zoom hybrid event for students, residents, and faculty held in the spring of each year.

Our current second year residents will be the first residents of our program to complete the new Resident Scholarly Activity curriculum. They are currently leading creative projects including: development of a Dermatology Capstone course for non-Dermatology medical students; assessing usefulness of hydroxyzine for perioperative anxiety in Mohs surgery;

measuring the usefulness of a standardized after visit summary with recommendations for sunscreens used in skin of color; exploring patient preferences for communication of pathology results; and evaluating the association between pediatric dermatology visit attendance with distance from clinic appointment. Our residents have worked hard to develop these projects while balancing their busy clinical and academic requirements.

We look forward to the outstanding contributions our residents are sure to make within our institution and in the wider field of dermatology!



Erin Lesesky, MD
Program Director



Amber Fresco, MD
Associate Program Director



Melodi Javid Whitley, MD, PhD
Assistant Program Director of
Research

Resident Highlight: Meet Dr. Amy Petty



Dr. Petty, one of our third year residents, recently shared with us her thoughts on becoming a dermatologist, her training at Duke, and a very fun fact about her.

Tell us about the road that brought you to Duke Dermatology.

It has been a long journey! I started my undergraduate training at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC where I fell in love with biomedical research. I then did a one-year research fellowship at Dana Farber Research Institute in Boston while applying for MD/PhD programs. Luckily, I ended up at my top choice at Duke Medical Scientist Training Program. I fell in love with immunology and dermatology during these 9 years of graduate training and decided to pursue a career in dermatology. I was very fortunate to be able to match at Duke Dermatology for this phase of my training and have loved every second of it.



Dr. Amy Petty and Dr. Surya Patel

years, Duke has provided me a rich curriculum that allowed me to learn the most important aspects of dermatology so I can take good care of patients. In addition to that, my training has taught me to continue to raise questions, to investigate and to learn more. A moment of growth I felt this past year was acknowledging what I didn't know and committing time to learn more about it.

What are some of the challenges you have found in your training? How have you addressed them?

I think finding the right work-life balance has always been a personal struggle. I came into residency with one small child and had another child during residency. While the program has been more than supportive, I often found it hard to not feel the "mom guilt" while being at work and completely separating myself from work while I am home with my children. I addressed this by being very mindful of the boundaries I set at work and at home and working towards higher efficiency so I can leave work at work. It has not been perfect, but I think I am making strides.

What inspired you to pursue a career in Medicine/Dermatology?

I have always loved science since I was very young. Figuring out the how's and why's behind every problem has always been my primary motivation. I am the first person in my family to graduate college and medical school, so I didn't have any exposure to medicine until college. The experiences of shadowing physicians and volunteering in hospital units really affirmed my desire to have a career in medicine. In terms of dermatology, I think I was drawn to it because of all the great role models I met who are caring physicians, excellent clinicians and brilliant researchers. I did my continuity clinic with Dr. Marano and Dr. Cardones who both took the time to mentor me when I was a medical student. That made me feel that dermatology was the right choice for me as the perfect combination of my career interests.

Why Duke for your residency?

It was an easy choice for me! I did my medical and graduate training at Duke, so I already knew of the high-quality medical care and research conducted here. Additionally, I truly loved and respected all the faculty here who are world-class educators and also so selfless with their time in training the next generation of physicians. I knew that I would receive the best training and enjoy my time while working hard for 3 years.

What have been the most satisfying aspects of your training at Duke?

The most satisfying aspects of my training are learning vast knowledge in the world of dermatology and continuing to aspire to contribute more to it. In the past few

Community Engagement Update

by Sarah Wolfe, MD

Our Duke Dermatology faculty, residents and medical students have been hard at work this past year meeting the needs of underserved communities through research, mentorship, and advocacy. I'll highlight a few of those here. **Dr. Tara Jaleel** has published on racial and ethnic disparities in hidradenitis suppurativa (1) while continuing active research through 5 clinical trials for hidradenitis suppurativa. **Dr. Jade Lewis**, who recently completed military service as a physician with the Navy, assists in conducting these clinical trials as the Skin of Color Research fellow with Dr. Jaleel.



Dr. Tara Jaleel

Dr. Michelle Pavlis contributed to an assessment demonstrating that rural residence and living in an area with a shortage of health professionals was associated with greater depth of melanoma at diagnosis (2).

Dr. Russ Hall contributed to a review in the Journal of Investigative Dermatology examining the historical taxonomies used to classify people, particularly through skin-color-based races, which influenced the development of modern biology and medicine (3). The article provides actions for institutions to reduce the consequences of racial and ethnic classifications to improve biomedical research and patient care.



Dr. Russ Hall



Dr. Jade Lewis

Third year resident **Dr. Marla Rodriguez Vazquez** has continued advocacy for Latinx individuals in dermatology. She co-created the Latinx Dermatology Group (@Latinxderm on Instagram) during medical school with the purpose to share and create mentorship, research, and leadership opportunities for Latinx college and medical students. She continues to contribute to the group emphasizing that Latinx trainees are needed in dermatology. She emphasizes the positive impact of shared language with patients who are Spanish-only speaking including greater confidence that patients understand care plans.



Dr. Marla Rodriguez Vazquez



Dr. Michelle Pavlis

Second year resident **Dr. Brittainy Hereford** is working on a scholarly project to improve usage of sunscreen among patients of color where patient education is often lacking. The project involves identifying sunscreens that better blend with darker skin tones and creating patient education materials advocating for the use of sunscreen in all skin types. Dr. Hereford also engages with trainees and represented Duke Dermatology in recruitment at the annual Student National Medical Association (SNMA) conference in New Orleans last year. SNMA is a national student organization supporting underrepresented minority medical students. Dr. Hereford remarks that the well-attended conference is a great opportunity for trainees, especially those from medical schools without Dermatology programs, to find mentors and to meet people who have achieved what they hope to achieve.



Dr. Brittainy Hereford

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Expanding Dermatology Education

by Daren Simkin, MD

In an ongoing effort to expand the department's educational impact within the School of Medicine, **Dr. Eman Hijab**, PGY3 and I have created an elective course for graduating medical students entitled, "Dermatology for the Non-Dermatologist".

This eight-week evening course combines asynchronous (recorded) lectures with weekly synchronous (live) interactive sessions led by Duke Dermatology faculty and trainees. The curriculum provides a strong foundation for assessment and management of high yield dermatologic conditions that may be encountered in clinical practice. This year, we have nine fourth-year students enrolled, constituting nearly 10% of the graduating class, who are applying to specialties ranging from Obstetrics and Gynecology to Emergency Medicine to Ophthalmology to Radiology. By all accounts, the course has been a great success thus far, and we'd like to extend our sincere thanks to the many members of our department who have contributed.



Dr. Eman Hijab



Meet Our Incoming Class



Dr. Alana Ferreira



Dr. Emily Granger



Dr. Jennifer Jacobs



Dr. Jeremy Martinez



Dr. Paul Shim



Clinical Operations Update

by *Matilda Nicholas, MD, PhD*

Duke Dermatology has maintained its focus on world-class care this year, with continued expertise in many subspecialties, including pediatric dermatology, patch testing/contact dermatitis, immunodermatology, oncodermatology, transplant dermatology, laser and cosmetics, and innovative virtual care.

Our virtual care program has flourished under **Dr. Jamison's** leadership and we are able to achieve much more timely and appropriate care for patients with more acute needs by leveraging the most up to date technology.

We recently relocated our narrow band UVB treatment clinic from the main campus, which presented many issues for patients in parking and walking, to our Dawson/North Chapel Hill clinic and are now busier than ever.

Hopefully by the spring, we will be able to offer total body imaging/mole mapping with a new Fotofinder system. It has been a long and bumpy road but we are very excited to be able to offer this important and valuable service to patients.

We have made strides in patient and physician experience as we have reworked templates and scheduling to best meet our goal of right patient, right clinician, right time; built a patient messaging and inbasket support system to get patients care more rapidly and reduce clinician burnout; expanded clinical pharmacist support; created a new nurse care coordinator role; and Duke just rolled out an AI scribing program—exciting times!

As always, don't hesitate to reach out if we can be of any help to your patients!



Dr. Megan Jamison



Recent Promotions



Dr. Anne Marano has been promoted to Associate Professor of Dermatology - Career Track.



Dr. Jennifer Zhang has been promoted to Professor in Dermatology with Tenure.

Duke Dermatology CRU Update

by Kristy Averette MSN, RN, CCRP



The Dermatology Clinical Research Unit (CRU) has had a very busy 2024! Our unit opened 8 new clinical trials while continuing other ongoing trials which demonstrates consistent growth as well as diversification of the indications served.



CRU Team - from left right: Kristy Averette, Jessica Oxendine, Erin Campo, Emma Jackson, Connor Whatley

In 2024 our CRU team designed a Future Research Participant Database that participants self-enroll to indicate their interest in participating in our studies in the future. This serves to reach patients outside of the Duke system in under served areas, as well as healthy control volunteers for studies. Our CRU has participated in community events as one way to promote enrollment into the database, and we already have over 100 individuals in this database!

This year, we welcomed our new CRU Medical Director, **Dr. Anne Marano!** We are grateful for her enthusiasm in this new role and excited for the many changes and efficiencies that we are working on together to help make research a more integrated part of our clinical care and more accessible to both our patients and faculty!

We also welcomed the newest member of our CRU team, **Emma Jackson.** Our dedicated team members are one of the reasons we have achieved so much this year, and the cornerstone of our success. We look forward to 2025 being another year of growth and excellence.



Dr. Anne Marano is Our New CRU Director

by Anne Marano, MD



I am so excited to take on this new challenge of Clinical Research Unit (CRU) director for Duke Dermatology! I hope to bring forth my strengths in clinical administrative leadership as a medical director of Duke South Durham and also as a principal investigator (PI) on multiple industry sponsored clinical trials to support the CRU staff and PIs. I was very involved in the opening and operations of clinical trials at Duke South Durham and am extremely proud of the opportunities we now offer our PIs and patients at this site. In that growth mindset, I hope to expand our clinical trials program at Duke and work with

other faculty members to facilitate their research goals. From the PI perspective, I am working with the finance team and DHIP and our PIs to make sure we have a streamlined process for PIs getting time and financial credit for their work. This work is in process and a big undertaking, but one that I feel is vital to ensure that PIs can worry about what matters, which is their patients and their research, all within the getting credit for work model in the new DHIP compensation model. Furthermore, I want to work to put Duke Dermatology on the medical dermatology research map by working with my colleagues in other Duke departments and in dermatology at the AAD, APD, MDS, RDS, and others to collaborate on research and think of us as a site for trials. I work closely with the UNC CRU and am hoping to facilitate future collaborations with them as well so we can get back to our collegiality in research. To this end, I am hoping to be a PI myself on multiple trials so that I can serve as a knowledge and practical resource for faculty who want this as part of their career – for me, this is a major avenue for professional and academic satisfaction that has afforded me and my patients multiple opportunities. Happy to talk research with other faculty members anytime!



Research Update

by Jennifer Zhang, PhD

We are pleased to share with you updates from Duke Dermatology basic research labs. The mission of our labs is twofold:

- To develop new knowledge that advances skin biology and cancer biology through basic science research.
- To provide educational opportunities for the next generation of basic and translation researchers, as well as other health care workers.

Read on to learn about the research being conducted in our labs:

- **Lechler Lab**, a national leader in cell biology research, has gained deep insights into how epidermal cells divide and remain connected to each other and also talk to sensory nerve cells.
- **Li Lab** continues to explore how cancer cells hide themselves from immune cells and resists radiotherapy. One of their recent findings has resulted in a clinical trial of utilizing an anti-cholesterol agent for lung cancer treatment.
- **Oh Lab** is one of the few labs that made many of the initial discoveries connecting cutaneous microbiome to skin diseases. As a recent highlight of our department and Duke Microbiome center, Oh lab is breaking through many of the limitations of microbiome studies and developing new tools to propel “omics discoveries” to mechanistic insights.
- **Zhang Lab** has recently made new insights into how specific type of immune cells may be manipulated to enhance immunity against cancer and characterized several molecules important for keeping keratinocyte in a healthy state.

In addition to our lab work, **Dr. Tara Jaleel** has nicely established her niche in exploring how hormones may contribute to Hidradenitis Suppurativa, bringing a clinical question to the bench-side research.

We are very excited about the amazing work of our research team and we look forward to continue sharing news of our progress.



Community Engagement Update

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Our faculty and trainees continue to embrace our mission to address health disparities and to improve dermatology care for our diverse patient populations.

1. Jaleel T, Mitchell B, Burge R, Cohee A, Wallinger H, Truman I, Keal A, Middleton-Dalby C, Barlow S, Patel D. Exploring racial and ethnic disparities in the hidradenitis suppurativa patient disease journey: Results from a real-world study in Europe and the USA. *J Dermatol.* 2024 Dec;51(12):1547-1558.
2. Flynn MS, Gayed M, Lebhari J, Jacobs J, Bailey-Burke C, Tissera K, Liu B, Green C, Pavlis MB, Mosca PJ. Association of rurality and health professional shortages with the clinicopathologic characteristics of melanoma in North Carolina. *J Rural Health.* 2024 Oct 3.
3. Horsley V, Dadzie OE, Hall R, Jablonski NG. Disentangling Race from Skin Color in Modern Biology and Medicine. *J Invest Dermatol.* 2025 Feb;145(2):240-248.

2024 Streicher Award Winners

The Streicher Award, established in 2004 in honor of Mike Streicher - a former Duke Derm's Business Manager - recognizes those members of the department the provide "Exceptional service to our Patients, Clinicians, and Support Team.



July 2024



Tongva Beckwith, CMA
Duke South Durham



Angelica Whitfield, CMA
Patterson Place

December 2024



Tina Aldridge
Service Access Team Leader
Wakefield Mohs



Wendy Brown
Financial Mgmt Analyst
Business Office

Congratulations!

Stay tuned for details about our 2025 Pinnell Event
More information coming soon!


Pinnell 2024

PINNELL SYMPOSIUM

ImmunoOncology: Detection, Treatments, Mechanisms, and Toxicities



Michael Sargen
National Cancer Institute
National Institutes of Health
Deciphering the etiology of skin malignancies through large-scale epidemiologic and multi-omic profiling



Niroshana Anandasabapathy
Weill Cornell Medicine
Shared mechanisms of Anti-PD1 efficacy in tumor, and toxicity in tissue



Eugene R. Semenov
Mass General/Harvard
Dermatology in the era of Immunotherapy: from skin toxicities to melanoma prognostication

The Great Hall, Trent Semans Center
Duke University

September 6, 2024
8:00 am - 5:00 p.m.

Pinnell 2023

PINNELL SYMPOSIUM



Tamia Harris-Tryon
Associate Professor of Dermatology
UT Southwestern Medical Ctr.
"Dissecting Host-Microbial Interactions at the Skin Surface"



Sarah E. Millar
Senior Associate Dean for Basic Research
Mount Sinai
"Mechanisms of Skin Patterning and Regeneration"



Andrew Ji
Assistant Professor of Dermatology
Mount Sinai
"Insights from Single-cell and Spatial Transcriptomic Analyses of Human Skin"

The Great Hall, Trent Semans Center
Duke University

October 27, 2023
8:00 am - 5:00 p.m.



Update from the Whitley Lab

by Melodi Whitley, MD, PhD

It has been a busy year in the Whitley Lab. Dr. Whitley assumed the role of Director of Biobanking and has been working alongside **Ranita Silver** (Research Technician II) to jumpstart collaborative translational studies across the department. We have also welcomed MSIII student **Darartu Gamada** to our team who is working on defining skin cancer

risk and oncogenesis in solid organ transplant recipients on different types of immunosuppressants. This is following up on our 2024 study, *De novo belatacept does not reduce the rate of skin cancer in renal transplant recipients compared to standard therapy*, led by recent Duke Dermatology residency graduate, Olivia Jew, MD.

Additionally, we are particularly proud of our recent manuscript, *A report on the safety of acitretin use in patients with renal failure on haemodialysis*, published in Clinical and Experimental Dermatology with incoming dermatology resident **Paul Shim, MD** as lead author, and now referenced widely by those caring for high-risk skin cancer patients. Dr. Whitley is also part of a team leading an international working group of transplant nephrologists and dermatologists developing guidelines for skin cancer treatment and prevention in this high-risk population. We look forward to another year of clinical and translational research aimed at improving our understanding, prevention, and treatment of skin cancer in solid organ transplant recipients.



Ranita Silver



Darartu Gamada



Dr. Paul Shim



Kudos!



Dr. Tara Jaleel has been accepted into the Duke Clinical Leadership Program (DCLP),



Dr. Elise Olsen's articles have over 10750 citations, which places her in the top 5% for citations within the Doximity community.



Dr. Jennifer Zhang's proposal: Investigation of crosstalk between skin cells and microbiome has been awarded \$50,000 for a 1-year grant period by the Duke Microbiome Center.

Alumni Highlight: Dr. Jennifer Segal

Dr. Jennifer Segal is a board-certified dermatologist and founder of Metropolitan Dermatology Institute, a private practice located in Houston, TX, where she specializes in cosmetic dermatology, including soft tissue fillers, the neuromodulators Botox and Dysport, chemical peels, and laser treatments. She received her M.D. from Duke University School of Medicine in 2002, and completed her residency in 2006. She currently serves on the School of Medicine Board of Visitors.



**Dr. Jennifer Segal and
Dr. Scott Smith**

What made you choose Dermatology as your career path?

All roads led to dermatology for me. I have always had an interest in cancer research and therapy, and this was heightened by my mother's diagnosis of melanoma. Her dermatologist, Dr. Kathy Fields, an invaluable mentor and friend, encouraged me to pursue dermatology, and I am delighted that I did. In addition to exciting, procedurally based days in clinic and the perfect balance of my two loves, family (my two sons, Ezra and Nathan, are my joy!) and patient care, dermatology has enabled me to treat and educate about the disease that took my mother, which is especially meaningful for me.

What was the best part of training at Duke Derm?

There are many great things about my training at Duke Derm, but by far the best part was getting to train with my wonderful co-resident, Dr. Scott Smith! We have now worked together in Houston for nine years.

What are you most proud of from your time at Duke?

I am proud of the standard of care that was instilled in me and developed during my time at Duke. While many systems, procedures, protocols and therapies have changed over the years, my commitment to excellence in patient care and my ability to achieve that because of my training at Duke remain constant.

Describe the characteristics of the people with whom you most enjoyed working at Duke Derm

The opportunity to train with the attendings I worked with at Duke has been invaluable. I draw on their examples every day, and I am truly grateful. In addition to performing at the highest level of expertise in their fields, the faculty who shaped my training at Duke are characterized by clinical and academic integrity, dedication to patient care, and moral character.

How do you envision your continued engagement with Duke Derm?

It gives me great pleasure to have the opportunity to give back to Duke Dermatology in any way I can. I am very excited about the opportunity to work with the Duke residents in the years ahead.

What advice do you have for current trainees and students considering a career in Dermatology?

Work hard and take it all in. The opportunity to train at Duke is very special. Don't leave early. As I always tell my sons, show up (on time), work hard, and say thank you. Duke training can influence your life in wonderful and important ways—it certainly has done so for me.

Check out our Alumni resources on page 13

Comings and Goings - New Colleagues

We welcomed two new Faculty members in the last year:



Robert Johr, MD

Dr. Johr is a native New Yorker where he was born and raised. Prior to moving to North Carolina in 2016 to be closer to family, he practiced general medical and surgical dermatology in Boca Raton, Florida, in a solo private practice which he founded in 1979. During these years, Dr. Johr also practiced academic dermatology at the University of

Miami Miller School of Medicine (UM) in Miami, Florida, where he held positions as clinical professor of dermatology and associate clinical professor of pediatrics and served as one of the principal attendings at the Jackson Memorial Pediatric Dermatology Clinic as well as the Director of the Pigmented Lesion Clinic at the Sylvester Cancer Center at UM.

Read more about Dr. Johr on page 13



Julia Oh, PhD

Dr. Oh grew up in Carrboro and went to Chapel Hill High School before leaving the area for 25 years crossing the country to Harvard for her undergraduate, Stanford for her Ph.D., then studying the skin microbiome at the National Institutes of Health as a postdoctoral fellow before starting her independent lab as an Assistant and

Associate Professor at the Jackson Laboratory in CT, before coming to the Dermatology Department at Duke as Professor. Her lab uses cutting-edge computational and experimental tools to study the human skin microbiome in health and disease with the goal of developing skin microbiome therapeutics to treat skin disease and skin aging. Dr. Oh is really excited about the opportunities for translational science with her fellow clinical and research colleagues in the department.



Comings and Goings - Departures

One of our colleagues is moving on:



Rabina Walsh, MD

After eight years at Duke Derm, Dr. Rabina Walsh will be leaving at the end of the academic year. We are extremely grateful for Dr. Walsh's contributions to the department and we wish her the best in her future endeavors.

Comings and Goings - New Colleagues

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Dr. Johr is passionate about helping his patients maintain healthy skin and has a particular clinical focus in the early detection and treatment of skin cancers.

As was one of the earliest adopters of dermoscopy in the United States, Dr. Johr is widely regarded as a national expert. (For the non-derm reader, dermoscopy is a specialized technique, in which a hand-held device using polarized light is used to analyze moles and other skin lesions. Dermoscopy is invaluable in helping to establish a diagnosis and to guide clinical decision-making, such as whether to biopsy a lesion or not to rule out skin cancer. Dermoscopy can serve as a lifesaving tool in difficult-to-diagnose cases and, as a non-invasive technique, may also spare a patient from unnecessary biopsy by providing invaluable clinical information).

He started teaching the technique in the late 1990s as the founding dermoscopy course director at national meetings of the American Academy of Dermatology. Indeed, over the ensuing decades, Dr. Johr can be credited with having taught this vital technique to countless dermatologist colleagues, residents, and medical students.

Dr. Johr is very excited to continue his clinical and academic career with us at Duke Dermatology where he will continue to employ dermoscopy to help his patients maintain healthy skin free from skin cancer and to teach medical students and the next generation of dermatologists.



Alumni Resources

Check out Duke Derm's Alumni page:

<https://duke.is/DermAlum>

Check out past newsletters:

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Share your updates with us!

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- Scan the QR Code below to submit updates





Dermatology Retreat

In late January our clinicians, basic science, clinic, CRU, and business office gathered for a retreat.

We enjoyed lunch with our colleagues, learned more about our clinicians and about the research being conducted in our department. We also participated in a team building activity. Enjoy some photos of the day!



Our winning team!



Resident Highlight

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What activities are you involved in outside the program?

Raising two small children. Spending time with my husband and parents. Traveling whenever possible. Exploring the growing food scene in Durham. Netflix.

What is the next for you after completing your training?

I will be an Assistant Professor of Dermatology at the University of Kansas Medical Center. I will also be involved with the residency program there as the assistant program director of research.

What is fun fact that most people don't know about you?

I will tell two and people can decide which one is more fun:

#1: I was a translator at the 2008 Beijing Olympics in China. I watched Michael Phelps and team USA win all of their swimming metals because I worked at the swimming stadium.

#2: In college, I worked at Cracker Barrel as a waitress for 4 years.



Dermatology Residents 2024-2025

Where are they going next?



Dr. Amy Blum
Joining the VA in Garner, NC



Dr. Stefan Hansen
Pediatric Dermatology Fellowship at UNC



Dr. Surya Patel
Joining the faculty at Duke



Dr. Amy Petty
Joining the Faculty at University of Kansas Medical Center



Dr. Marla Rodriguez Vazquez
Opening her own practice in Puerto Rico

Good luck, Class of 2025!

Thank you for reading!

We hope you enjoyed the 2025 issue of Duke Dermatology's newsletter.

We also hope that you will remain engaged with the department by attending our Pinnell Event (more details coming soon) and Duke/UNC reunion (see details on page 17).

We thank you for the continued support, which helps us carry the legacy of our training programs every day when you care for your patients, make groundbreaking scientific discoveries, and lead in the field of dermatology. We hope you will help us continue to train, challenge, and prepare our Duke residents and fellows of today to follow in your footsteps, while providing quality care to patients here at Duke.

By supporting The Callaway Fund, you help keep us at the forefront of technological advances vital for patient care and teaching. The fund also supports resident research activities, including travel to present their research at national meetings, and enhances resident education through an active Visiting Professor Program. Every contribution, no matter the amount, helps our program continue to excel and our trainees to learn, grow, and thrive.

By supporting the Legacy Teaching Fund, you can help us provide one or more annual awards to faculty members who best display dedication to, and excellence in the teaching of residents, fellows, and others. The endowment will give Duke Dermatology the ability to reward faculty for their outstanding work training the next generation of dermatologists. The Legacy Dermatology Teaching Fund emphasizes that education is a priority for our department equal to those activities that generate revenue.

By supporting the Blum Lectureship Fund, you can help us continue the tradition of learning from leading experts in dermatology and offering our residents the opportunity to network.

We thank you for your support throughout the years and we look forward to continue working with you to keep Duke Dermatology as a leader in the field.

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during the

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Dermatology*

Saturday, March 8, 2025

5:30-7:30 p.m.

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