DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENCES

CONGRATULATES DR. GEORGE DEAN AS A SCHOOL OF MEDICINE TRAILBLAZER AWARD RECIPIENT

We offer our warmest congratulations to George Dean, MD upon receiving the Wayne State University School of Medicine Trailblazer Award during the Sesquicentennial Gala on September 22, 2018 at the MGM Grand Detroit.

Dr. Dean received an undergraduate degree from Wayne State University (WSU) in 1953 and his medical degree from the School of Medicine (SOM) in 1956. Dr. Dean is one of the founding fathers of the Family Medicine specialty. After joining the WSU SOM as a clinical faculty member, he worked with his colleagues to establish the American Board of Family Practice, known today as the American Board of Family Medicine. Dr. Dean then successfully lobbied WSU SOM to create a Department of Family Medicine, which has since trained numerous talented physicians. Additionally, Dr. Dean was instrumental in establishing Family Medicine departments at the University of Michigan Health System and Michigan State University. A devoted member of the faculty, Dr. Dean has served as an associate professor in the Department of Family Medicine while maintaining his successful Family Medicine practice in Southfield. He has also been extremely active with the Wayne County Academy of Family Physicians and was president of the Michigan Academy of Family Physicians. Because of his work, Dr. Dean has received many peer-nominated awards, including Michigan’s Family Physician of the Year Award in 1985, a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Michigan Academy of Family Physicians in 2006, and an Archie Award of Excellence from the Michigan Academy of Family Physicians in 2007.

The Trailblazer Award celebrates the rich tradition of WSU SOM innovators. It recognizes alumni and faculty who, through their perseverance and dedication, have forged paths through previously unexplored territory to become pioneers in their field of medicine and medical research.

Congratulations Dr. Dean!

For more information about Dr. Dean’s life and accomplishments, read the October 3 SOM news article here

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DR. DAWN MISRA RECEIVES $1.8 MILLION AWARD TO STUDY PATERNAL ROLE IN ADVERSE BIRTH OUTCOMES IN BLACK FAMILIES

Dr. Dawn Misra, PhD. Professor and Associate Chair in the Department of Family Medicine and Public Health Sciences, is the Principal Investigator for a new NIH grant entitled Paternal Role in Adverse Birth Outcomes in Black Families (community title: “Fathers Matter”).

The grant is funded at $1.8 million over 4 years starting September, 2018. This study complements the recently funded NIH R01 Social stressors and Inflammation: A Mixed Methods Approach to Preterm Birth (Carmen Giurgescu PI, Dawn Misra, Co-I) in that 400 fathers of the babies (to be born) of pregnant Black women in that study will be recruited for the proposed study.

Available research is limited in the extent to which it examines the role of babies’ fathers in the lives of pregnant women. The few studies that have explored paternal effects on birth outcomes have generally excluded understanding the dynamic, complex, and often correlated maternal-paternal relationship. Given the significance placed on the father’s role as a provider, studies have often have been limited to an examination of paternal age, occupation, or socioeconomic status. Innovative aspects of the newly funded study include direct collection of data from fathers, assessment of the mother-father relationship, and inclusion of measures rarely studied, particularly as related to fathers, such as discrimination, neighborhood environment, and telomere length across the life course.

Both fathers and mothers will be interviewed during the prenatal period and within the first week after birth. Complex processes are at work in the lives of pregnant Black parents. Little attention has been given to understanding the role of fathers related to birth outcomes. Understanding paternal contributions to birth outcomes could expand service, intervention, and policy efforts beyond mothers.

DR. YOUCHENG LIU CONTRACTS NEW NIOSH STUDY ASSESSING ELASTOMERIC RESPIRATORS IN HEALTHCARE DELIVERY SETTINGS

Dr. Youcheng Liu, MD, ScD, MPH. Associate Professor in the Department of Family Medicine & Public Health Sciences is the Principal Investigator for a new contract study from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) at the CDC. The study is entitled Assessing Elastomeric Respirators in Healthcare Delivery Settings. It is funded at $392,130 over 2 years September, 2018. The Co-Is in this study are Dr. Jinping Xu and Dr. Samiran Ghosh in the DFMPHS, and Dr. Robert Sherwin and Dr. Marc Rosenthal from the Department of Emergency Medicine.

This contract was awarded in response to a CDC/NIOSH solicitation. The demand for the respiratory protective devices worn by U.S. healthcare personnel during a large respiratory infectious disease outbreak, such as an influenza pandemic, is expected to far exceed domestic supplies. Therefore, there will possibly be a shortage of disposable respirators such as N95 which is currently used. To solve the supply problem in healthcare delivery settings during a public health emergency, reusable elastomeric respirators are proposed for use. However, reusable elastomeric respirators are infrequently used in U.S. healthcare delivery organizations. Most healthcare personnel have little or no experience with them. There is a need to better understand whether, and in what settings, elastomeric respirators could be used in the context of patient care, especially during public health emergencies when there is an increase in demand for N95s and other respiratory protective devices. The purpose of this study is to determine the feasibility and capability of a local healthcare delivery organization to routinely use reusable respirators and/or rapidly convert to their use during a public health emergency.
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The Department of Family Medicine and Public Health Sciences would like to thank Dr. Ann Lewicki for the renewal of her annual donation to the MPH Program fund for student scholarly activities. Our students benefit immensely from your generosity.

Important Dates

All-Faculty Meeting Dates:
November 14, 2018
February 20, 2019
April 17, 2019 (DFMPHS Annual Research Day)
June 19, 2019

Upcoming WSU Holiday Closures:
Thanksgiving-Nov. 22 & 23, 2018
Christmas/New Years—Dec. 24, 2018–January 1, 2019
Dr. MLK Jr. Birthday-Jan 21, 2019

MICHIGAN AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER RECEIVES $1.1 MILLION IN GRANTS FROM U.S. HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (HRSA)

The Michigan Area Health Education Center (MI-AHEC), a program of Wayne State University that seeks to increase access to quality primary care providers in underserved communities, has been awarded $1.1 million in grant funds from the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration. The majority of the funds ($956,000) will be used to continue to strengthen its statewide network of 5 regional centers and provide an unprecedented number of health care career preparation initiatives, clinical experiences and continuing education programs for health care professionals in communities throughout the state. HRSA also supplied $230,000 to Michigan AHEC for a one-time supplemental funding award to be used for workforce training activities to support opioid use disorder diagnosis, prevention and treatment.

“The continued support by HRSA is a testament to the high quality services provided by AHEC for the health of Michigan,” said Tsveti Markova, MD, FAAP, co-principal investigator of Michigan AHEC, chair and professor in the Department of Family Medicine and Public Health Sciences and associate dean for Graduate Medical Education at the School of Medicine.

“The interprofessional nature of our Michigan AHEC has been lauded by HRSA nationwide as a forward thinking AHEC program,” added Ramona Benkert, PhD, MSN, co-principal investigator of the Michigan AHEC, associate dean of Academic and Clinical Affairs and associate professor of the College of Nursing. HRSA has awarded consecutive yearly grants to Michigan AHEC since 2010.

Michigan AHEC Partners include Wayne State University’s College of Nursing, School of Medicine, Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and School of Social Work; Central Michigan University; Western Michigan University; Northern Michigan University; the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry; Covenant Community Care and Mid-Michigan Community Health Services.

For more information about MI-AHEC, click on the logo below.

This article was excerpted from the SOM News on September 6, 2018.
Jinping Xu, MD and Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health Sciences was awarded a one-year, $56,000 award from the DMC Foundation to launch “Radiation Oncologists’ Treatment Recommendations for Low-Risk Prostate Cancer,” a survey of radiation oncologists in Michigan and Georgia. The survey will ask physicians to share their views and experiences using active surveillance (AS) instead of radiation therapy for the management of patients newly diagnosed with low-risk prostate cancer. Active surveillance appears to be safe and effective, and has been included in practice guidelines as an appropriate – sometimes preferred – initial strategy for low-risk prostate cancer (LPC).

Prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed non-skin cancer in men. Ninety percent of PSA screen-detected prostate cancers are localized; more than half are low-risk, small-volume tumors unlikely to become life-threatening. Aggressive treatments like surgery or radiation may provide little survival benefit for such tumors while putting men at risk of substantial adverse effects, including impotence, urinary incontinence and bowel problems. However, the majority of the men, including African-Americans in particular, receive aggressive therapy instead of active surveillance. Dr. Xu wants to find out why.

“Decreasing overtreatment and its associated morbidity in men with low-risk localized prostate cancer is a critically important public health issue given the large number of men affected and the high risk for adverse outcomes. AS offers the opportunity to delay or avoid curative treatment and associated side effects unless the cancer progresses,” says Dr. Xu.

Excerpted from WSU news dated July 6, 2018. Click here for more information.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Angulique Outlaw, PhD, Associate Professor in the Division of Behavioral Sciences, was awarded continued funding by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) for HIV prevention services for minority male youth and young adults (HIV testing and risk reduction supplies, group-level prevention programming, community outreach and education, and social media outreach). The funding was awarded through the University of Michigan, in collaboration with Dr. Kristi Garamel, Assistant Professor, University of Michigan, to develop and pilot test messages for a computerized tobacco cessation intervention for youth living with HIV.

Keep up the good work!

Congratulations to Dr. Outlaw!
Dr. James Meza Publishes Book on the Healing Ritual in Western Medicine


The book’s description reads as follows: The dominance of ‘illness narratives’ in narrative healing studies has tended to mean that the focus centers around the healing of the individual. Meza proposes that this emphasis is misplaced and the true focus of cultural healing should lie in managing the disruption of disease and death (cultural or biological) to the individual’s relationship with society. Using a novel combination of narrative theory and cognitive anthropology to represent the ethnography is a valuable contribution in a field where ethnographic records related to medical clinical encounters are scarce.

Dr. Meza has been an assistant professor (full time, affiliate) in the Department of Family Medicine & Public Health Sciences since 2003. Dr. Meza serves as a small group instructor for the introductory clinical medicine course taken by all 1st year students and he also precepts students in the continuity and family medicine clerkships.

If you are interested in more information about Dr. Meza’s work, please contact him at jmeza@med.wayne.edu.

Purchase Dr. Meza’s book with a 20% discount at www.routledge.com by entering the code FLR40 at checkout.

Congratulations to Dr. Meza on his latest publication.

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Dr. Fatin Sahhar, clinical assistant professor (voluntary) and the staff at the DMC Family Medicine residency program located at Thea Bowman Community Health Center are collecting used books for children on an ongoing basis.

This book drive is an ongoing effort to get books into the hands of ‘little ones’. However, adult books will also be accepted.

Please forward any donations to Judy Magdalenic, 3939 Woodward Gardens, Room 313.
The Division of Population Health within the Department of Family Medicine and Public Health Sciences would like to share recent accomplishments.

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- **Kendra Schwartz, MD, MSPH**—Elected to the SOM Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate in July 2018.

- **Dennis Tsilimingras, MD, MPH**—Invited to participate as a consultant on a Florida nursing home patient safety grant from the Chair of the Department of Geriatrics at the Florida State University College of Medicine.

- **Victoria Neale, PhD, MPH**—Serves as Deputy Editor of the *Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine* (JABFM), and works with Phil Lupo, MLIS, Managing Editor, in the editorial office housed in the DFMPHS.

- **Michael McLeod, JD, MPH**—Serves on the community advisory board of the Detroit Health Department's Fathers Forward initiative. The primary goal of the initiative is to improve the health of Detroit-area fathers and other men who fulfill a parental role. On September 15, Fathers Forward hosted a well-attended 3-on-3 basketball tournament for dads and kids at the S.A.Y. Detroit Play Center. In addition to experiencing spirited competition, players and spectators accessed health information and health screenings from a variety of nonprofit organizations.

**Fathers Forward Initiative**

3-on-3 Basketball Event

*PHOTOS COURTESY OF: Tank Lester*
MPH STUDENTS AWARDED EMERGING HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Mayuri Aivale and Jihan Aiyash know that completing coursework is just the beginning of their journey as public health professionals, and seek out public health conferences and professional experiences to enhance their classroom learning.

Last summer Mayuri was a Detroit Mayor’s Summer Policy Associate and Detroit Health Department Intern. Jihan is our APHA liaison and will be making two presentations at the APHA Annual Meeting in November: “What’s location got to do with it? A spatial analysis of child blood lead levels, race and socioeconomic characteristics in metro Detroit” and a panel presentation “Let’s talk about sex: A literature review on sexual health equity and fetishization of women with physical disabilities”.

Most recently, Mayuri and Jihan received the Michigan Public Health Association (MPHA) Emerging Health Professional Scholarship. The scholarship will pay for registration to the 2018 Michigan Premiere Public Health Conference “Public Health 3.0: Becoming a Health Strategist” in October and a one year MPHA membership.

Congratulations to both students and a special thanks to MPH Program Manager Elissa Firestone who wrote their strong letters of recommendation which, along with their accomplishments, resulted in their being recognized with this scholarship.

Pictured here are the 2018 Detroit Mayor’s Summer Policy Associate Interns. Wayne State University MPH student Mayuri Aivale stands to the left of Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan (center).
Below are the most recent publications from our faculty, whose names are bolded.


- Ellis, D.A., Carcone, A., Slatcher, R & Sibinga, E. (2018) Feasibility of Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction for Older Adolescents and Young Adults with Poorly Controlled Type 1 Diabetes. Health Psychology and Behavioral Medicine, 6, 1-14, DOI:10.1080/21642850.2017.1415810


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**WSU SCHOOL OF MEDICINE 2018 COLLEGE TEACHING AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following Family Medicine & Public Health Sciences faculty on being awarded the WSU School of Medicine 2018 College Teaching Awards. They will receive their award on November 15th at the SOM Faculty Awards and P&T Ceremony.

Kimberly Campbell-Voytal, PhD  
Julie Gleason-Cornstock PhD, MCHES  
Kendra Schwartz, MD, MSPH

This is a well-deserved honor!