

## DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY MEDICINE & PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENCES

Tweet from Interim Chair,  
Tsveti Markova MD, FAAFP



Thank you, DFMPHS, for the warm and enthusiastic welcome! I love the energy, ideas and collective talent!!



Department of Family Medicine and Public Health Sciences

### Mission Statement

We are committed to improving the health, well-being, and environment of individuals, families, and communities by advancing the science and practice of family medicine and public health through innovation and excellence in research and education.

### Acronym Soup



**MAFP**—Michigan Academy of Family Physicians

The state's largest specialty physician association with more than 3,400 members. MAFP is dedicated to assisting family physicians and their practices as they work to ensure high-quality, cost-effective health care for patients of all ages.

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## DFMPHS WELCOMES TSVETI MARKOVA, MD, FAAFP AS INTERIM CHAIR

The Department of Family Medicine and Public Health Sciences is pleased to welcome Dr. Tsveti Markova as its Interim Chair. Dr. Markova is the associate dean of Graduate Medical Education and a Professor in the Department of Family Medicine and Public Health Sciences.



Dr. Markova has been a faculty member since 1997. She received her medical degree from the Medical University of Varna in Bulgaria in 1992. She completed a family medicine residency at North Oakland Medical Centers in

Pontiac, Michigan and two fellowships, the first with the National Institute for Program Directors Development with the American Academy of Family Physicians and the second with the Hedwig van

Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine Program for Women. In 2013 she was a scholar in the Program for Leading Innovations in Healthcare and Education at the Harvard Macy Institute.

Throughout her career, she has received many teaching awards both internally and

externally. Dr. Markova is actively engaged at the national, state and regional levels through the Association of American Medical Colleges Group on Resident Affairs, the Alliance of Independent Academic Medical Centers, Michigan Academy of Family Physician and Southeast Michigan Center for Medical Education, among others. She has written more than 50 peer-reviewed publications on medical education innovation, learning environment and teamwork, quality improvement and health care disparities.

Welcome to the family!!!

## NEW MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN BIostatISTICS PROGRAM TO START IN FALL

The Wayne State University School of Medicine is accepting applications for its new master of public health in biostatistics concentration, with classes beginning in fall of 2014.

Students will receive fundamental training in the public health sciences, core biostatistical theory and methodol-

ogy to eventually apply statistical methods to biological and public health research.

The Practicum will provide hands-on training in which students can begin to use their developing statistical skills working for health departments, non-profit organizations, insurance companies, and businesses.

*Article excerpts from SOM Prognosis E-News February 21, 2013*

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Dr. Dennis Tsilimingras was interviewed and quoted in the April 19, 2014 *Detroit News* issue. The article titled "Michigan health systems seek cure of dearth of doctors" explains to readers that due to the loan debt for medical students upon graduation, many are looking for higher income specialties instead of primary care.

Dr. Tsilimingras makes sure his students know about the Michigan State Loan Repayment Program, funded by a federal/state/local partnership. Participants provide full-time primary health care services in not-for-profit health clinics in underserved areas for two years in exchange for the program paying a percentage of their student loans.

## DFMPHS WELCOMES A NEW FACULTY MEMBER

The Department of Family Medicine and Public Health Sciences (DFMPHS) and the Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (IEHS) are excited to welcome Samson Jamesdaniel, M.D., Ph.D. Jamesdaniel joins DFMPHS-IEHS as an assistant professor on tenure track. He joins us from the Department of Communicative Disorders and Sciences at the State University of New York at Buffalo where he was a Research Assistant Professor. He earned a Ph.D. in physiology at the University of Madras in Chennai, India and completed his M.D. in alternative medicine at Talilnadu D.MGR Medical University in Chennai. Dr. Jamesdaniel is also trained in Occupational and Environmental Medicine.



"My research focuses on redox sensitive molecular mechanisms underlying the adverse health impacts of noise, a pervasive environmental stressor. Noise induces oxidative stress to affect physiological as well as psychological well-being," said Dr. Jamesdaniel. "Since proteins determine the functional state of a cell, I employ a proteomic approach to elucidate signaling mechanisms/pathways that regulate noise-induced hearing impairment as well as stress response. I use a similar approach to investigate drug-induced and age-related oxidative stress and functional impairment of the central as well as peripheral auditory system."

Dr. Jamesdaniel is the recipient of a number of awards, including the distinguished Marie Curie Fellowship.

Dr. Jamesdaniel will expand his current research to also involve translational environmental health research focus-

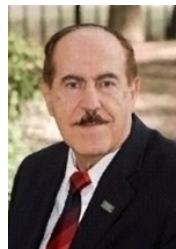
ing on urban environmental exposures and hearing impairment. In addition, he is an active member of the Occupational and Environmental Health Committee currently engaged in developing new MPH electives in environmental health, with an ultimate goal of developing an environmental health concentration.

Dr. Jamesdaniel will share his time between DFMPHS and IEHS, and has an office at both institutions.

We are extremely grateful that Dr. Jamesdaniel has chosen to join our family. He is an important part of Wayne's focus on strengthening its urban health focus through enhancing translational and applied research.

## HIKMET JAMIL AWARDED DISTINCTION GRADE BY ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS

Hikmet Jamil, MD, PhD was awarded Distinction Grade, a special status by the Faculty of Public Health of the Royal College of Physicians. The Faculty of Public Health is the premiere public health organization of the United Kingdom. Dr. Jamil was awarded the distinction as a recognition of his dedication to enhancing public health worldwide,



and, specifically in Iraq.

Dr. Jamil's work has previously resulted in a "Special Tribute" from Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder and the Legislature for his studies involving the health disorders of

Iraqi refugees and immigrants. He also received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Iraqi Medical Sciences Association.

Dr. Jamil has been invited to accept his award during the FPH 2014 Annual Conference on July 2 and 3 in Manchester, England.

Congratulations to Dr. Jamil for this prestigious recognition.

For more information, please see the March 6, 2014 *SOM Prognosis E-News*



Since our last newsletter, the following DFMPHS team members welcomed an addition to their family:

Todd Lucas, PhD from the Woodward Gardens office, and his wife Kelly, welcomed a baby daughter, Daniella Ann, on December 12. She weighed in at 6 lbs. 11 oz. and joins big sister, Sammie.

Erin Hendriks, MD from the Crittenton FMC and her husband Marc, welcomed a baby boy, David Frank, on January 2. He weighed in at 4 lbs. 4 oz. and joins big sister, Abigail.

Bengt and Judith Arnetz became first time grandparents to a baby girl, Nora Olivia. Their daughter Lisa and her husband Klas welcomed the 7 lb. 9 oz. bundle of joy on April 30.

Rose Moschelli, Program Coordinator (Crittenton FM & TY Programs) and her husband Matt, welcomed a baby girl, Marina Kay, on May 28. She weighed in at 7 lbs. 8 oz. and joins big brother, Carmine.

Congratulations to all!

## BEST DOCTORS IN AMERICA

Wayne State University Physician Group announced 99 of its physicians were recognized on the Best Doctors in America® list for 2014. The list is determined by impartial peer review and is awarded to only five percent of doctors who excel in their specialties.

The Department of Family Medicine and Public Health Sciences is honored to recognize its faculty members: Dr. Kevin Deighton, Dr. Nejla Israel, Dr. Tsveti Markova, Dr. Kendra Schwartz and Dr. Frederick Rosin.

Congratulations!!



Kevin Deighton, MD



Kendra Schwartz, MD, MSPH



Nejla Israel, MD



Frederick Rosin, MD



Tsveti Markova, MD, FFAFP



## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

We are pleased to announce that Todd Lucas has been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor and granted continuing tenure in the Department of Family Medicine & Public Health Sciences.



Dr. Lucas received his PhD in Psychology from WSU in 2005 and completed his post-doctoral training at the Center for Behavioral and Decision Sciences at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He joined DFMPHS in 2007.

He has received a number of teaching awards including the School of Medicine Faculty Teaching Excellence Award in 2012 and the School of Medicine Faculty Research Excellence Award in 2010.

Dr. Lucas has made significant contributions to the scientific research community and has established himself as an independent researcher through funding.

In his ongoing program of research on psychosocial causes of health disparities, Dr. Lucas and his colleagues have been particularly interested in how per-

ceptions of fairness impact health behaviors and stress responses that contribute to health and illness. New directions in this program are starting to examine whether fairness can be used as the basis of psychosocial interventions aimed at alleviating health disparities in cancer and cardiovascular illness.

Congratulations and continued success to Dr. Lucas.



## Applause!



Congratulations to the following DFMPHS faculty who celebrated significant years of service with Wayne State University.

Kim Campbell-Voytal, PhD - 15  
James Blessman, MD - 25  
Anne Victoria Neale, PhD - 30

We wish them continued professional success!!!

## Applause! Applause!

Dr. Bengt Arnetz, CURES (Center for Urban Responses to Environmental Stressors) member, and his colleagues (DFMPHS and IEHS) have been selected for 3-year P30 EHS Core Center funding from NIH.

Congratulations!!

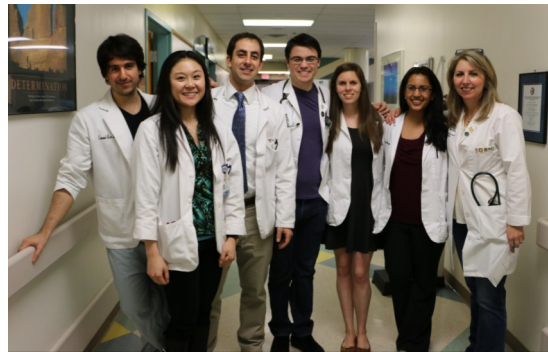


Shred-it, our former monthly confidential recycle vendor, presented the WWG DFMPHS with a certificate verifying that our recycle efforts have saved 61.60 trees from destruction in 2013—compared to 27.01 trees in 2012. Great job!

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## FIVE YEARS OF LEADERS FOR THE SRFC MEET FOR THE FIRST TIME

The Robert R. Frank Student Run Free Clinic (SRFC) is currently entering its fifth year. For the first time, at a recent clinic day, the current year and previous years student leadership members met for the first time giving way to this historic photo. The photo highlights the students' ongoing commitment to and involvement in the clinic as they progress through their years of training and evolve from early learners into leadership and teaching roles.



Pictured from L to R: Esmaeel Dadashzadeh (2010); Mio Nakamuro & Dave Altschuler (2011); Steve Amantangelo (2012); Kaitlin Kenny; 2014 Swati Bajpayee (2014); and Dr. Margit Chadwell

The clinic's grand opening in 2010 marked the beginning of an exciting opportunity for students of Wayne State University's School of Medicine to serve their community while

learning valuable real-world clinical skills. Housed in the DFMPHS, the Robert R. Frank SRFC is modeled after a Family Medicine approach to care built on continuity.

For most of our patients, this has been the only access to primary care available to them. The clinic is funded entirely by donations and fundraisers organized by the

students with some support for laboratory services from the Alumni Association.

A sincere thank you goes to the DFMPHS faculty and staff who were instrumental in the launch of the clinic and who continue to support its mission through generous donations of teaching and administrative time, medical supplies, and contributions. Your steady support has contributed greatly to the success of SRFC, impacting our community and the students we serve.

For more information about the SRFC, contact Dr. Margit Chadwell at [mchadwel@med.wayne.edu](mailto:mchadwel@med.wayne.edu)

## RICHARD SEVERSON, PHD NAMED PROFESSOR EMERITUS

Richard Severson, PhD has been awarded Emeritus status by the Provost. Dr. Severson retired from the DFMPHS in 2011 but continues as part-time faculty within the MPH program.



Professor Emeritus is an honorary rank bestowed upon faculty members who have had a long and distin-

guished career of which Dr. Severson has had.

Throughout his career, Dr. Severson has almost 200 peer-reviewed publications of original observations, review articles, and editorials/commentaries and continues to be active with his publications. He has served in some capacity on 21 NIH grants and 8 addi-

tional grants from other national agencies. He has made substantial contributions in research and continues to teach Epidemiology classes. In 2011 while under his direction as Director, our MPH Program was accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health.

Our congratulations to Rick Severson on this well-deserved recognition.

# WSU PRESIDENT WILSON PRESENTS DURING NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK 2014

Wayne State's Public Health Student Organization (PHSO) was honored to welcome Wayne State University's president, Dr. M. Roy Wilson, MD, MS as a keynote speaker on Monday, April 7 to kickoff a week long of events during National Public Health Week. Dr. Wilson's presentation discussed "Health Disparities, Why Should We Care?"

Dr. Wilson opened his presentation with a definition of health disparities as "A particular type of health difference (in a specific group of people as compared to the general population) that is closely linked with social, economic, and/or environmental disadvantage." During the hour long presentation that was attended by many faculty, students and colleagues, attendees heard about the equity and justice, economics

and quality issues of health disparities.

Other National Public Health Week 2014 events organized by Wayne State's PHSO included:

Tuesday, April 8—"Move Well with PHSO" - everyone was invited to the Mort Harris Rec Center for fitness classes at Noon and 7:30 PM

Wednesday, April 9—American Public Health Association Twitter Chat

Thursday, April 10—Eat Well with PHSO

Friday, April 11—"Bridges to Equity Lecture: Racism and Bias in Healthcare: Let's Talk About It"

National Public Health Week takes place each year during the first full week of April. The American Public Health Association first organized the

national public health week in 1995 "as a time to recognize the contributions of public health and highlight issues that are important to improving our national health."

Congratulations to the DFMPHS faculty, staff and Student Organization for a successful week of events.

For more information about National Public Health Week visit [www.apha.org](http://www.apha.org).

For more information about the Masters of Public Health Program, please contact [MPHprogram@med.wayne.edu](mailto:MPHprogram@med.wayne.edu)

Wayne State's Public Health Student Organization Presents...

**National Public Health Week 2014**

We are honored to present our keynote speaker:

**Dr. M. Roy Wilson, M.D., M.S., President of Wayne State University**

"Health Disparities, Why Should We Care?"

Date: Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 2014

Time: 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Student Center Hillberry A&B (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

Refreshments will be provided, as well as an opportunity for continued interaction and discussion.

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