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**Volume 4, Issue 1****Our Department on a National Level**

by Crystal Jenkins, M.D.

**Outstanding Presentations**

Each year, the University of Florida is well represented at national conferences, including the College of American Pathologists (CAP) and United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology (USCAP), in both attendance and national recognition of resident accomplishments. Two of our graduating fellows were recently awarded for remarkable research in their respective fields.

Dr. Rachel Redman, Cytopathology Fellow 2006-2007, received the American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology Thomas V. Sedlacek, M.D. Prize for the "Best Paper on a Clinical Care Issue in Lower Genital Tract Disease." She was awarded this honor for her platform presentation entitled "p16ink4a is Helpful in Discriminating Between CIN 1 and Equivocal Lesions of the Cervix," which was presented at the Society's annual meeting in March of 2006. Her research supports the routine use of p16ink4a immunohistochemical evaluation of cervical biopsies for better discrimination of non-HPV associated lesions from HPV-related lesions. Co-authors included Drs. Irina Rufforny, Edward J. Wilkinson, Chen Liu, and Nicole A. Massoll. Look for the full article in a future edition of *Archives of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine*.

Dr. Jingxin Qiu, Neuropathology Fellow 2005-2007, received the Rubinstein Award for the "Best Paper in Neuro-oncology," presented at the annual meeting of the American Association of Neuropathologists this past April for his work entitled "Grade-Dependent Expression and Subcellular Distribution of JAZ in Human Gliomas." Findings in this study indicated a potential correlation of hypoxia/ischemia, nuclear JAZ signal, and glioblastoma multiforme invasiveness and aggressiveness, suggesting that JAZ may play a role in glioma tumorigenesis and could be a potential target for glioma therapy. Co-authors included Drs. Mingli Yang, W. Stratford May, Chen Liu, William Friedman, and Anthony Yachnis. Dr. Qiu will be representing the University of Florida at the upcoming AMGEN Oncology Young Investigators Forum this September as part of the 11th Annual Florida Cancer Conference. He is one of eight young investigators giving an oral presentation.

**Interacting with our Nation's Decision Makers**

In addition to our presence at national meetings, two of our faculty members have extended the department's influence to national government.

Nancy Hardt, M.D., Professor of Pathology and Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Florida, is currently a Robert Wood Johnson (RWJ) Health Policy Fellow and is working in the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives with Nancy Pelosi (D-CA). Dr. Hardt is the first RWJ Fellow to serve directly under the Speaker of the House and has been afforded a unique opportunity to advise on some of the critical health

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**Promotions and Departmental Changes**

by Manette Monroe, M.D.

The Pathology department is proud to acknowledge the promotion of three of our faculty to the position of full professor: Drs. Anthony Yachnis, Martha Campbell-Thompson and Laurence Morel.

Dr. Anthony Yachnis became a member of the faculty in 1993. He received his M.D. degree from George Washington University School of Medicine in 1986 and completed residency and fellowship training in Anatomic Pathology and Neuropathology at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Yachnis is the current the Director of Anatomic Pathology, following in the footsteps of Dr. Edward Wilkinson. His other accomplishments include Senior Associate Editor of *Laboratory Investigation* and Pathology Instructor of the Year for the UF-COM three years in a row. He is also a frequent invited speaker at USCAP, AANP, and AAN conferences. He has authored numerous scholarly publications as well as chapters in premier pathology textbooks.

Dr. Martha Campbell-Thompson received her D.V.M. and Ph.D. from the University of Florida. She joined the Department of Pathology in 2001 and has been the Director of the Molecular Pathology and Immunology Core Laboratory since 2004. She is also the Associate Director of

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## Meet the 2007 Resident Class



Dr. Jennifer Bowers was a long time resident of Hampton, Virginia, though born in Dayton, Ohio. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Classical Civilization from the College of William and Mary. From there, she enrolled in the Masters of Biomedical Science Program at Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, Virginia. In 2003, she matriculated into

the medical school where she was a tutor in histology for three years and an active member of the Student National Medical Association. She was also responsible for the creation of the Pathology Club, where she acted as co-chair. Her primary interest is in forensic pathology. Her outside interests include Argentine tango, cooking, and music.



Dr. Christopher Carter was born on the outskirts of Washington, D.C. before moving to Berkeley Springs, WV. He spent the rest of his formative years there, and now considers himself a West Virginian. After attending West Virginia University for his undergraduate degree, he chose to further his education there during medical school. While greatly interested in multiple fields of medicine,

he chose pathology due to its inherent variety and research aspect. Finally, though he continues to support WVU, eight years in the icy Appalachian Mountains drove him south. After making his way down from the foothills, the camaraderie and great teaching at UF convinced him to come here to continue his career. Outside of his medical endeavors, Chris enjoys coaching and teaching, athletics, picking up new hobbies, and generally any outdoor activity.



Dr. Lizette Vila is a native Floridian, born and raised in the large, multicultural city of Miami, Florida. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychobiology from the University of Miami. She came to UF for medical school where she earned her Medical Degree and was actively involved with the Pathology Interest Group. Her

interest in pathology was sparked early on when she shadowed a local pathologist during high school. Her current interests in pathology are varied and include GI/Liver pathology, gynecologic pathology, and hematopathology. Her outside interests include playing softball, learning different types of dance, cooking, and traveling. She is excited about beginning her residency training and remaining a Gator for the next four years.



Dr. Kelly Gilliland was born in Indiana and subsequently moved to Florida at the early age of three. After an extended time away, 20 years spent mostly in Texas, she finds herself back in Florida to start residency. While in Texas, she finished her B.S. in Zoology at the University of Texas in Austin, and then moved to Fort Worth to attend graduate school.

While at the University of North Texas Health Science Center, she wrote her thesis on the signaling cascade involved in a rat retina/glaucoma model and completed her M.S. in Biomedical Science. After graduate school, she worked in a functional genomics core facility in the tiny city of Smithville, TX ("Hope Floats" movie fame) and at a biotech company in Austin. She returned to Fort Worth/UNTHSC to attend medical school and graduated with her D.O. this past May. She's enjoying living close enough to walk to work and exploring Gainesville/Florida with her husband.

## Meet the 2007 Fellows

In addition to new residents, July marked the beginning for a new class of fellows. We look forward to working with our new colleagues.



**Dr. Keira Barr**  
Dermatopathology Fellow



**Dr. Christian Morosan**  
Hematopathology Fellow



**Dr. Anne Herdman**  
Gastrointestinal/Liver Fellow



**Dr. Andrew Fletcher**  
Cytopathology Fellow

## Meet Our New Faculty Members

by Chris Carter, M.D. & Lizette Vila, M.D.

We welcome Dr. Frederick Glavin and Dr. Vladimir Vincek as new Dermatopathology faculty members and Kerwin Koelheffer as a Pathology Assistant.



Dr. Glavin received his undergraduate degree from Florida State University before attending medical school at the University of Miami. After an internship year at the University of Calgary, he completed his residency in Anatomic Pathology at the University of Maryland. Following his residency, he started his career as an assistant professor at the University of Vermont. He later practiced pathology at Baylor University, then moved into the private sector for the next 20 years. Dr. Glavin decided to pursue subspecialty training in the field of dermatopathology and completed a fellowship at the Ackerman Academy of Dermatopathology in Philadelphia, PA. After working in Florida's private sector for several years, he now joins us as a new dermatopathology faculty member bringing the experience of nearly 30 years in both the academic and private sector to our program.



Dr. Vincek received his medical degree from the University of Rijeka, Croatia, and later became a post-doctorate fellow and research associate in the Department of Immunogenetics at the Max-Planck Institute in Tübingen, Germany. He served as Research Assistant Professor in the Department of

Microbiology and Immunology at the University of Miami and later received his DMSc. (Ph.D. equivalent) from the University of Rijeka. Dr. Vincek remained at the University of Miami for many years, where he was a tenured Associate Professor with appointments in the Departments of Microbiology and Immunology and Pediatrics. He completed an AP/CP residency and fellowship training in dermatopathology at the University of Miami, where he was later appointed Professor of Pathology. In 2004, he was awarded the Lewis Capland Teaching Award by the Department of Dermatology at the University of Miami. Dr. Vincek has nearly 100 publications in pathology, dermatopathology, immunology, wound healing, cutaneous infection, and melanocytic lesions. He also holds solo U.S. and international patents for novel tissue processing technology.



Kerwin Koelheffer obtained his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Miami, where his major areas of study were biology and chemistry. He joined our department in 2002, where he worked as a laboratory technician in the Diagnostic Referral Laboratory and as an autopsy assistant at Shands Hospital. Kerwin went on to pursue his Masters of Science Degree in Medical Pathology at the University of Maryland in 2005, achieving an outstanding 4.0 GPA and Letter of Commendation. Kerwin joins us in the grossing room, where he says he looks forward to continued learning and working with the other PA's.

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## Promotions and Departmental Changes

Experimental Pathology. In the six year lifetime of the core lab, Dr. Campbell-Thompson has been instrumental in the successful competitive awarding of more than \$29 million dollars in grants and is a named author of more than 100 publications. Her current areas of research interest include type 1 diabetes, gene therapy, gastrointestinal diseases and physiology. Also of note, Dr. Campbell-Thompson and her research group are developing a virtual tissue bank for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). Digital slides of tissues from patients with type 1 diabetes associated autoantibodies will be made available for JDRF researchers across the nation.

Dr. Laurence Morel earned her Ph.D. at the University Aix-Marseille, France and joined the Department of Pathology as post-doctoral fellow in 1991. She became a faculty member in 1999 and is currently the Director of Experimental Pathology. She has authored or co-authored over 100 publications and has been awarded over \$9 million dollars in grants with \$5 million as principal investigator. She is Associate Editor of *Laboratory Investigation* and was recently elected as member of the Henry Kunkel Society for Clinical Immunology. Dr. Morel's long-term research goal is to identify the genes responsible for SLE-susceptibility, characterize their contribution to autoimmunity, and to understand how their interactions result in the immunopathology of SLE. She is the world leader in the murine genetics of SLE.

In addition to these promotions, three other faculty members have assumed new responsibilities.

Dr. John Reith has been elected to the College of Medicine Faculty Council. His practice within the department focuses on musculoskeletal and gastrointestinal pathology. He is currently the Director of the Pathology Residency Program.

Dr. Martha Burt is the Associate Medical Examiner, District 8 Medical Examiner's Office and has been appointed the Director of Autopsy. She joined the faculty in 2005 after serving as Associate Medical Examiner in Miami-Dade County from 2002 to 2005.

Dr. Nicole Massoll is the new Director of Cytopathology. She became a faculty member in 2001 following her cytopathology fellowship here and has established an active fine needle aspiration (FNA) service.

We are very proud of the accomplishments of these individuals and offer our heartfelt congratulations!

## Campaign for the University of Florida/Campaign for Medicine

The University of Florida Capital Campaign is now in full swing, with completion of the internal fundraising campaign in 2006, and launching of the full fundraising campaign in September 2007. This Department of Pathology, Immunology and Laboratory Medicine has launched our own initiative under the "Campaign" umbrella: *The Raymond L. Hackett Endowment for Pathology Education*.

Besides being a revered member of our faculty for some 40 years, Dr. Hackett was a tireless supporter of pathology graduate and undergraduate training. He was a mentor to generations of pathology faculty. In recent years, Dr. Hackett himself has given financial support directly to the Pathology Residency Training Program.

It is my hope that an endowment sufficient to support the following may be established:

- General support of the Pathology Residency Training Program
- Support of educational activities for the graduate students and post-doctoral fellows in the department
- Support of initiatives in undergraduate pathology education
- Fifth year fellowship training in pathology
- Support of faculty initiatives that have a positive effect on the academic training of pathology residents, graduate students, and fellows.

The purpose of the endowment will NOT be to appoint a faculty member to a "Hackett Chair," but rather to have an endowment to support the education of future generations of practicing and investigative pathologists. Our ability to support these proposed initiatives will, of course, be dependent upon the funds raised. Above a certain level, matching state funds become available. Very importantly, broad participation with contributions of even small amounts will help us achieve these goals.

Individuals from within the Department of Pathology have committed over \$50,000 to this effort, to which is added an existing educational fund balance of about \$50,000. We thus have over \$100,000 already in place or pledged for the Hackett Endowment. Our goal is to exceed \$1,000,000 in fund-raising during this Capital Campaign.

With this Newsletter is a pledge form for the Hackett Endowment for Pathology Education. We ask all of you to give generously to this fund.

Most sincerely,

James M. Crawford, M.D., Ph.D.  
Professor and Chair



## Our Department on a National Level

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Dr. Crawford presents Sen. Kennedy with the "Friends of Pathology Award."

care issues facing our nation today. The health agenda is extremely busy as a result of the majority flip to the Democratic Party in both the House and Senate. Topics that she advises on include state child health insurance programs, Medicare payment rates, and the need for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to be given more authority over drug companies allowing for better consumer safety. Initially Dr. Hardt was a Health Aide under Sen. Jeff Bingaman (September 2006 - May 2007), but was recently recruited to work in Speaker Pelosi's office. She has decided to stay on until January 2008 to finish the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress with Speaker Pelosi. She is honored to occasionally write speeches for the Speaker herself. She also had the unique opportunity to spend time with Walter Reed veterans during this past Fourth of July celebration. Of course, after completing her fellowship she will be returning to the University of Florida, where her friends and family still reside.

Our presiding Departmental Chair, James Crawford, M.D., Ph.D., holds many national titles, including President of the Association of Pathology Chairs (APC). As President of the APC, Dr. Crawford was honored to present Senator Ted Kennedy with the inaugural APC "Friends of Pathology Award" at the Capitol this past April. The award was given in recognition of Sen. Kennedy's unfailing support of pathology. Sen. Kennedy has most recently been working with the CAP in support of the need for the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP) to continue in the vital role it serves. Contributions of the AFIP include the Tissue Repository; military, veteran, and civilian pathology consultations; and education and training activities for health professionals.

## The Grand Finale: Resident Research Day

by Diana M. Cardona, M.D.

Exceptional research presentations, educational and clinically useful lectures and an entertaining evening full of fun and laughter, what else could you ask for? Yet again, this year's Resident Research Symposium and end of the year banquet was one for the record books. The weekend event started Friday morning, when our invited guest speaker, Dr. Virginia LiVolsi presented various challenging cases to our residents and fellows during an 'unknowns' conference. Later the same day, she delivered a talk to the whole department entitled "Thyroid Nodule Diagnosis, from FNA to Frozen Section." In the evening, Dr. Anthony Yachnis and his wife, Wanda Yachnis, Esq., graciously hosted a dinner at their home, in honor of our visiting professor.

Dr. LiVolsi, Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, is a world renowned expert in thyroid pathology. She began her career at Columbia, where she completed her pathology residency and fellowship. It was there that she developed her interest in thyroid, while working closely with Dr. Carl Feind, a talented thyroid and parathyroid surgeon. It was through his nomination and support that she became a member of the American Thyroid Association. After completing her training, Dr. LiVolsi moved on to Yale, where she served as faculty for nine years. She then moved to the University of Pennsylvania, where she became head of Surgical Pathology. During this time, her accomplishments have continued to build. She is an active participant in the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology (USCAP), which culminated in her Presidency in 2004. She has also held keys positions in various other organizations, including the Arthur Purdy Stout Society of Surgical Pathologists, the Association of Directors of Anatomic and Surgical Pathology, and the Endocrine Pathology Society. Internationally, she is currently the chair of the International Pathology Panel, which has the responsibility of reviewing malignancies that have developed in individuals affected by Chernobyl. In addition to her active participation in these organizations, she has also contributed over 300 articles, and numerous chapters and books to the literary world of pathology. It was truly a pleasure and an honor to have her visit our department.

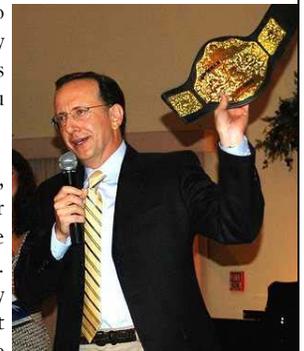
Dr. LiVolsi's participation in our weekend events continued on Saturday, when she delivered her last talk regarding issues in thyroid carcinoma and her current research at the Resident Research Symposium. However, the day began with several presentations delivered by our residents and fellows. Some of the topics presented included prognostic correlation with the amount of inflammation in hepatitis, cost effective diagnosis of *Clostridium difficile* colitis, intraoperative assessment of soft tissue tumors, diagnosis of T-cell



Drs. Yang, Turner and Redman with our invited guest, Dr. LiVolsi (2nd from right).

PTLD, beta cell regeneration in diabetic patients and the significance of sinusoidal dilatation in liver biopsies. Several of the faculty felt that this year's presentations raised the bar once again. The conclusions of the talks were of clinical importance and relevance.

The successful day concluded with the banquet, held once again at the wonderful Savannah Grande. The graduating residents and fellows were recognized by the department and presented their certificates and gifts. The graduates were honored with a picture show, highlighting events in their lives set to music befitting the individual. Additionally, the faculty received various awards voted on by the residents. This year, the Outstanding Faculty Award was presented to Dr. Christine Orlando, Associate Professor and Director of Surgical Pathology. The residents felt that her dedication to teaching, mastery of scope sessions and preparation of educational materials merited the recognition. When asked to comment, Dr. Orlando replied, "There have been moments in my career that reaffirmed the choice in becoming a pathologist and teacher as a correct one. Receiving the Outstanding Faculty award is one of those moments. It is an honor and privilege to be able to participate in the education of our pathology residents so that they too may have moments as precious as this one is to me. Thank you all so very much!"



Dr. Yachnis with his Iron Man Award, "Yo Adrian!"

Other awards included the Iron Man Award, which was bestowed upon Dr. Yachnis for his hard work and dedication to the department, the Hydra Award, given to Dr. Rachel Redman for her wonderful cytology scope sessions and the Point-Counter-Point Award, presented to the entire Hematopathology Division for their daily 'academic banter.' Drs. Butler, Cardona, Reith and Yachnis created the evening's final presentations. The entertainment included a video "Top Ten List" for ways to 'improve' our courier system, which included burros, carrier pigeons, a catapult, and our very own Dr. Andrew Fletcher on a unicycle. The ideas were creative, to say the least. And lastly, as a rebuttal to last year's faculty roast, a similar video was created by Drs. Reith and Yachnis, in which the residents and fellows became the target of the humor. The ballroom was filled with laughter.

The department would like to give special thanks to everyone who helped make this year's gala a great triumph and to our sponsors, Mr. Jay Mann and Lynn Charpentier with Aperio and Ms. Andrea Coxey with Becton Dickinson. Stay tuned for information on next year's dates and invited guest speaker. We hope to see you here!

Best wishes to our departed residents and fellows!!



Dr. Reith, residency program director, proudly gives Dr. Coco his residency training certificate.



With the year drawing to a close, it was time to say farewell to our fellows, all prior UF residents.



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### **Announcements and Upcoming Events**

by Crystal Jenkins, M.D.

Congratulations to third year resident, Dr. A. Graham Jones, for earning first place in the Junior Member Abstract division of this year's College of American Pathologists (CAP) conference. His abstract is entitled "Histopathology of 4 Month Protocol Liver Biopsy Can Predict Fibrosis Progression Among Patients Undergoing Liver Transplant for Hepatitis C." Be sure to look for resident and attending poster presentations at the upcoming CAP, ASCP and USCAP meetings as the University of Florida will be well represented at each.

The new Journal Club schedule for this academic year is finalized and EVERYONE is welcome to attend. If you are interested in more information please refer to our website, [www.pathology.ufl.edu](http://www.pathology.ufl.edu) under "Resident Calendar" or contact Dr. Graham Jones at [jonesag@pathology.ufl.edu](mailto:jonesag@pathology.ufl.edu).

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual alumni dinner will be held on Sunday, March 2, 2008 during the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology (USCAP) meeting in Denver, Colorado. The restaurant location is soon to be determined. As always, Dr. Crawford is eager to host this event in hopes to attract and meet even more department friends.

Please have a look at the resident web page on our website, [www.pathology.ufl.edu](http://www.pathology.ufl.edu) under "Residency Program" for the most up-to-date information on the residency program. Also on these same pages, is a link for Alumni information. Please check to see if your information is correct. We would also appreciate any updates on information about your fellow residents that are not listed.