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Dermatology Newsletter

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Letter from the Chair

Aimee Smidt, MD, FAAD, FAAP



What a year this has been. We have so much to be proud of – and so much to reflect upon.

This summer we graduated our first class of residents from the new program.

Congratulations Drs. Logue and Tchanque-Fossuo! (see pages 4 and 5).

We have welcomed three new PGY2 residents in July, and a new faculty member this fall (**welcome back to New Mexico, Dr. Nikki Konstantinov!**).

We are so excited by our continued growth and evolution, especially in light of the context of the pandemic and how it challenged so many facets of our lives.

We have so many other successes to share – from hosting our first CME conference for primary care providers, to launching a partnership in Gallup, and having our trainees and faculty recognized for excellence in their clinical, educational, diversity/equity/inclusivity and research endeavors.

As the state of New Mexico officially “reopens,” we look forward to connecting again with you, our valued colleagues, alumni/ae, donors and friends.

I wish you a safe and happy summer, and as always, please reach out at any time. Here’s to the new academic year!

Faculty and Staff Updates

Dr. Nikifor Konstantinov will be joining the Department of Dermatology October 18, 2021. We look forward to him joining our dermatology team!

"Although I have roots in New Mexico, my background is a bit more complex! My family is from Bulgaria, yet I was born in Copenhagen, Denmark. I moved to Albuquerque from New York in middle school and lived in New Mexico through medical school. I graduated from the combined BA/MD program at UNM in 2016! I continued my training in internal medicine-dermatology at the University of Minnesota for yet another combined program, where my academic interests are in complex medical dermatology, with a particular interest in connective tissue diseases, inpatient dermatology, global health and innovative diagnostics within the field. I have a passion for the outdoors, soccer and music! In my free time I play several instruments, write, and rock climb!"

Nikifor Konstantinov, MD



Azucena Villa

Azucena Villa joined the Department of Dermatology as our Department Administrator C1 in February 2021. She has been an employee with UNM for over 15 years, where she has developed extensive experience in administration and operations. She is currently working on receiving her Master's Degree in Public Administration. She enjoys traveling and spending time with her family. We are excited to have her as part of our team!

Department Publications & Presentations

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Yoon, D.J., Kaur, R., Gallegos, A., West, K., Yang, H., Schaefer, S., Tchanque-Fossuo, C., Dahle, S.E., & Isseroff, R.R. (2021). Adverse effects of topical timolol: Safety concerns and implications for dermatologic use. *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology*, 84(1), 199-200. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jaad.2020.04.101>

Congratulations, Dermatology Class of 2021

Catherine Tchanque-Fossuo, MD MS

"I am privileged to have had the opportunity to begin residency in the UNM dermatology residency training program. Residency is truthfully a transformative experience at many levels and being chosen to pioneer a new program was quite exhilarating! Indeed, I began my training with my colleague Dr. Mary Beth Logue, with an intense sense of purpose and zeal to contribute as the first building block to a residency that would impact forthcoming peers. As such, I benefited from the direct interaction with faculty, who were enthusiastically vested in our success, always encouraging us to own every single patient and confidently formulate a plan of care from day one.



Kodachromes and dermatopathology slides may have seemed like nebulous areas to master at the beginning, but as the residency progressed, confidence and prospect were discernible. Then came another set of residents during my second and third year, who continued to shape the program. The evolution of our resident-led didactics took an amazing turn with more responsibility for seniors to lead the juniors, all the while keeping a sense of camaraderie.

Throughout the years, we have hosted nationally recognized speakers, attended conferences and benefited from exceptional workshops that are still valuable tools that I continue to use today. I have experienced interesting and challenging clinical patient presentations/cases, and despite COVID, our program continues to witness incredibly rich pathologies that are only described in textbooks! I am grateful for the patients that have allowed me to learn so much and grow. I am grateful for the faculty, and the entire support team who have directly and indirectly contributed to the foundation and success that I am living today."



Mary E. Logue, MD

"As a graduate from UNM SOM, I was incredibly grateful to have the opportunity to match to my home program and pursue training in what I consider to be the best specialty in medicine. It was uniquely challenging to be the first of a class without any seniors to lead the way, but I was lucky to have an incredible co-resident on our journey up a very, very steep learning curve! Catherine has been an incredible colleague, best friend and sister. I unexpectedly lost my father first year, experienced the impacts of COVID second year, became chief third year, then got married and had a wonderful baby boy months before graduation.

I am grateful to our faculty for dedicating their time and careers to my learning; for sharing their passions and supporting mine; for pushing me to be the best clinician. It has been an honor to learn and serve New Mexico's incredibly unique patient population. I feel especially prepared for the next chapter of my career (but still grateful faculty are happy to be on my speed dial!). If you would've asked "first-year me" at the microscope if I'd be able to identify endometriosis or chondroid syringomas at low power, I would've laughed. Despite the challenge, I reflect fondly on the long Tuesday nights Catherine and I would spend at the resident scope trying to learn what felt like a foreign language - the blind leading the blind! But as Catherine always said, we'd "see the light" with Drs. Elwood and Stepenaskie the next day (so grateful for their patience and senses of humor!). I may not be able to return to Gallup, NM to practice, but I look forward to a rural practice in Minot, North Dakota."

Meet Our Class of 2024 Residents



Evan Choate, MD

Born and raised in Los Angeles, Dr. Evan Choate graduated magna cum laude from the local liberal arts institution, Occidental College. After a detour into teaching at a learning enrichment center and later project management at Blue Shield of California, Evan obtained his medical degree from the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, where he honed his interests in complex medical dermatology, multidisciplinary practice, and medical education. An avid soccer fan, Evan looks forward to spending his free time cheering on New Mexico United and playing pick-up soccer, as well as exploring the high desert natural wonders and cuisine that NM offers.

Dr. Drew Mitchell is looking forward to starting his next phase of training at UNM. He is originally from Indianapolis where he studied Economics as an undergraduate at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. Post-graduation he attended medical school at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, after which he moved to Boston to complete his internship at Beth Israel Deaconess. He is excited about finally starting Dermatology and the warm weather that Albuquerque promises. In his free time, Drew enjoys golfing, going to the movies, reading and trying new food and wine with his girlfriend, Chelsea. He is interested in general dermatology and dermatopathology.



Drew Mitchell, MD



Katherine Park, MD

Dr. Katherine Park, who prefers to go by Kate, was born and raised in College Station, Texas, where she attended Texas A&M University. She majored in Biochemistry and Genetics and minored in French, before moving to Houston for medical school at Baylor College of Medicine. During medical school, she completed a research year at MD Anderson Cancer Center studying Cutaneous T-cell Lymphoma and further developed her interests in dermatology and dermatopathology. She stayed at Baylor for her intern year and is very much looking forward to starting her dermatology residency at

UNM. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking, gardening, exercising, playing the double bass, and spending time with her two cats, Schrodinger and Higgs-Boson.

Grand Rounds 2020-2021

Thank you to all our Grand Rounds speakers for 2020-2021



Naiara Barbosa, MD
UNM



Anthony Fleg, MD
UNM



Charles Phillips, MD
UNM



Lindy Fox, MD
UCSF



Warren Heymann, MD
Cooper University



Berry Resnik, MD
Resnik Skin Institute

Continuing The Excellence! Join Us by Zoom or In Person

TENTATIVE GRAND ROUND SPEAKERS FOR THE 2021-2022 ACADEMIC YEAR:

Jennifer Huang, MD, Harvard Medical School

Sergei Grando, MD, University of California, Irvine

Lynn Mckinley Grant, MA, MD, Howard University

Nina Wallerstein, MD, The University of New Mexico

And More....

Your financial support furthers our mission to provide our community with these Grand Rounds educational opportunities. Please follow this link if you would like to help:
<https://www.unmfund.org/fund/dermatology-chairs-fund>

Upcoming Events

GRAND ROUNDS (CME)

INVITED LECTURES ALTERNATING WITH PATIENT PRESENTATIONS

EVERY FRIDAY OF THE MONTH (EXCEPT MAJOR HOLIDAYS/MEETINGS)

8 - 9 a.m.

9 - 10 a.m.

Journal Club/Additional Lecture

1021 Medical Arts Avenue NE

Albuquerque, NM 87131

or via Zoom

Please check our [website](#) for the updated calendar



AAD ALUMNI REUNION 2022

Boston, MA - Stay Tuned!

7th annual Walter Burgdorf MD Memorial Lectureship/Alumni Conference and NM Dermatology & Dermatologic Surgery Society Fall Meeting (CME)



SEPTEMBER 17-18, 2021

ALBUQUERQUE, NM & BY ZOOM

Guest Speakers:

UNM: Joaquin Brieva, MD &

NMDDSS: TBD

Community & Alumni Events

NEW MEXICO DERMATOLOGY & DERMATOLOGIC SURGERY SOCIETY SPRING MEETING APRIL 30-MAY 1, 2021



Thank you to all who joined virtually this year!

We hosted an afternoon of didactics including presentations by our medical students and residents.

On Saturday, guest speaker Dr. Dirk Elston gave two excellent presentations via Zoom, on Cutaneous Infections and Skin Signs of Systemic Disease.

Though it was disappointing we could not be with everyone in person, we learned so much virtually!

We (barring unforeseen circumstances) will be holding the **Fall meeting in person and via Zoom in conjunction with the 7th Annual Walter Burgdorf Lectureship.**

We are looking forward to seeing you in person again!

COMMUNITY UPDATES

AAD SHADE STRUCTURE GRANT

Congratulations to **St. Charles Borromeo School** for being selected as a grant winner for the 2021 American Academy of Dermatology's (AAD) Shade Structure Program.

Our Senior Resident, **Dr. Catherine Tchanque-Fossuo** led this effort with sponsorship from **Dr. John Durkin, Dr. Emily Altman and Dr. Aimee Smidt.**

GREAT WORK!

DR. VINCENT MUSCARELLA BOOK DONATION

Thank you to **Dr. Vincent Muscarella** for donating his personal collection to **The University of New Mexico Health Sciences Library and Informatics Center** to serve as resources to residents and medical students.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Updates

DEI Department Representatives **Dr. Naiara Barbosa & Dr. Alba Posligua-Alban**



The Department of Dermatology at the UNM School of Medicine continues to emphasize its stance against racism and discrimination. We reaffirm our commitment to a workplace that promotes diversity, equity and inclusion.

As part of this commitment, we have started multiple initiatives:

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Our faculty have been involved in multiple local and national DEI committees and task force, including the following:

- Dr. Naiara Barbosa was selected as a Faculty Representative at Large Member on the HSC Inclusive Excellence Council (IEC)
- SOCS Underrepresentation of Skin of Color Images in Dermatology Task Force
- Collaboration with ACMS Diversity Task Force

UNDERREPRESENTED MINORITY STUDENT MENTORING

The goal of these initiatives is to increase our department's participation in mentoring URM students and residents.

- AAD Diversity Mentorship Program mentor
- Skin Color Society Mentorship Program mentor
- Latino Medical Student Association mentor
- UNM Minorities in Community Medicine mentor

Available scholarship to support 1-2 URM visiting medical students to rotate at our dermatology rotation.

DIALOGUES ON DIVERSITY

Open forums that serve as a safe place where faculty, trainees and staff can gather to talk, listen, and learn from each other.

Please join us on the following dates:

JULY 9, SEPTEMBER 10, NOVEMBER 5 & DECEMBER 3

Zoom Info:

<https://zoom.us/j/91345393915?pwd=NDhYL1JicU9lN2RpcWZXYnZuS1BMUT09>

Passcode: diversity

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION GRAND ROUNDS

The goal of this GR is to increase knowledge and quality of dermatologic care for skin of color and minority/underserved populations.

Upcoming event: Tentative 10/29/2021

8 a.m. MST: Using the Arts to Improve Diagnostic Skills

9 a.m. MST: Resident Workshop topic/title: Diversity and Community Engagement

Dr. Lynn McKinley-Grant, MD

Adjunct Consultant

Diversity and Community Engagement

Department of Dermatology

Duke University School of Medicine

ANTI-RACISM GRAND ROUNDS

The goal of this GR is to increase awareness of issues (social, cultural, racial, etc.) faced by underserved or minority groups, in our community or broader, that affect health care or contribute to health disparities.

Upcoming event: 11/05/2021 presented by Dr. Nina Wallerstein and Dr. Carlos Linares

Academic Dermatology Positions



The Department of Dermatology at The University of New Mexico School of Medicine seeks qualified individuals for **two full-time faculty positions - Pediatric Dermatology and General Dermatology** - to join an innovative group environment.

We serve a large, diverse, medically complex population and are a consultative resource for the state of New Mexico and the Four Corners region of the Southwest.

The Department provides many services including: general and pediatric dermatology, phototherapy, laser, dermatologic/Mohs surgery and aesthetic services.

We have a strong partnership with both Dermatopathology and community physicians.

Responsibilities include primarily outpatient Dermatology and evening/weekend call coverage for inpatient hospital consultations.

Teledermatology is an evolving development as well. Opportunities for clinical research are available.

UNM Health Sciences Center (HSC) is New Mexico's only academic health complex and is located in beautiful Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Resources are prioritized into four mission areas of education, research, patient care and community outreach - all targeted toward the objective of delivering the highest level of health care to the people of New Mexico. Opportunities abound for multidisciplinary scholarship and research through collaborations with scholars across the arts and sciences disciplines, law and population health as well as robust community organizations.

The UNM School of Medicine is celebrated for its innovations in medical education and is a national leader in diversity in both the physician workforce and its student body.

Candidates with attributes that support our mission include demonstrable experience promoting inclusion in the workforce, modeling cultural humility, commitment to guiding underrepresented/minority learners into professional success, and striving to use social determinants of health to address health disparities for individuals and communities. We as an institution value community engagement, as evidenced by our national recognition in rural and family medicine training programs and our groundbreaking BA/MD Programs that provide pathways for students from urban, rural and tribal New Mexico to pursue a medical career. The Department of Dermatology is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion and uses these standards as measures of excellence.

New Mexico is a recreation and art destination.

Albuquerque is a beautiful city with mountains to the east and a mesa to the west with breathtaking sunsets, lakes, rivers, deserts and mountain ranges. It is ideal for outdoor activities and sports all year-round including running, hiking, biking and skiing. New Mexico is multicultural and multilingual with 22 American Indian tribes and nations as well as vibrant Latinx, Black American and Asian American communities with excellent local cuisine, unique architecture and multiple cultural and historic sites. NM is dense with internationally famous artists, craft breweries and wineries, and an ever-expanding film industry.

A Comprehensive Benefit Package including paid professional liability insurance, medical/dental/vision plan, retirement, annual and professional leave, continuing education tuition and dependent tuition program, and a competitive salary with incentive is offered.

Apply at unmjobs.unm.edu and search for the following posting numbers:

Pediatric Dermatologist: Req15251

General Dermatologist: Req15746

Please Contact Us With Questions!

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Dr. Aimee Smidt, MD, Chair: Asmidt@salud.unm.edu

We Value Your Support Ways You Can Give



Edgar Ben Smith, MD Resident Fund

This endowment provides aid to trainees involved in academic research and presentations. This fund is used at the discretion of the department chair to support the needs of Dermatology Residents. We are honored to offer this tribute to E.B. Smith through an endowed fund, and aim to increase it with your support.

www.unmfund.org/fund/dr-ben-smith/

Visit Our Website For More Ways To Give

Vascular Anomalies Clinic Fund

The Multidisciplinary Vascular Anomalies Clinic's collaborative clinical team, the only such center in New Mexico, brings together providers from multiple medical and surgical services, all of whom specialize in vascular anomalies/birthmarks. We care for children and adults with vascular tumors (such as hemangiomas) and misdevelopments (such as venous, lymphatic or arteriovenous malformations).

This fund will support scholarly activity, community outreach events, education and research endeavors.

www.unmfund.org/fund/vascular-anomalies-clinic-team-fund/

Ryan F. Daniell Fund

This fund was created to honor the legacy of Ryan F. Daniell, who left us too early because of melanoma. It was Ryan's hope that his struggle with the disease would lead to increased awareness, early detection and accessible treatment for all New Mexicans. His family established this fund in his name, and they welcome your partnership.

www.unmfund.org/fund/ryan-f-daniell

