



# WINTER NEWSLETTER 2018



Pictured L-R: Dr. John Durkin, Kathy Freise, PhD, Dr. Loren Zech, Rebecca Smith-Sealy, NP, Dr. Emily Altman, Dr. Aimee Smidt, Dr. Mary Beth Logue, Dr. Naiara Barbosa, Dr. Catherine Tchanque-Fossuo, Dr. Therese Holguin, Katharine Rebolledo, MBA. Not pictured: Dr. Romeo Morales, Lalita Lopez de Gauntt

## From Our Chair



Aimee Smidt, MD, FAAD, FAAP

To our Alumni, Donors, and Friends:

The year is quickly coming to an end and 2019 will soon be upon us. I truly don't know where the time goes! We in the UNM Department of Dermatology are thrilled to have had our two new PGY2 residents start with our program this past July. They have been incredible to work with and our faculty are so privileged and energized to teach and train the future of dermatology in New Mexico once again. THANK YOU to all of you in our dermatology community who have provided support and encouragement - we could not have done it without you.

I wholeheartedly thank you again for your continued support, and I wish you the very best of the holiday season. To health, happiness, meaningful work, friends and family.

# Department Updates

Here's what's been going on since our Summer Edition:



## SUGGESTIONS OR FEEDBACK?

If you have suggestions on what you would like to see in this newsletter, or any other feedback you would like to share in general, please know I am available to you at any time.

- We are now comprised of two residents, six faculty and one nurse practitioner working at the UNM Hospital clinic and with a new presence at UNM Cancer Center, one faculty member at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, four jointly appointed faculty and numerous valued volunteer faculty. We are interviewing for a full-time department administrator to lead our two School of Medicine staff. We are also interviewing for additional VA and pediatric dermatology faculty. Please let us know of any interested candidates, especially for the VA position!
- With the incredible energy, dedication and leadership of associate program director Emily Altman, MD, our training program has gotten off to an amazing start. After a dedicated "Boot Camp" of didactics in July, August and September, our two truly outstanding residents have hit the ground running. We have selected our two residents (outside the Match) for July 2019 and will be interviewing for 2020 in mid-January for a total of six positions over three years. Our goal for the new training program is to be recognized as one of the best in the nation - and to expand!
- We are continuing to develop our Teledermatology services and anticipate new contracts with the assistance of the UNM Medical Group's Center for Telehealth, under the new leadership of Dr. Howard Yonas.
- Weekly Grand Rounds continues, and we have booked remarkable speakers this year including, among others, Dr. Bill James (UPenn), Dr. Beverly Faulkner-Jones (Harvard), Dr. Ken Katz (Kaiser), Dr. Jane Bellet (Duke) and Dr. Edward Cowen (NIH). We schedule a networking dinner for residents and faculty so we can get to know speakers more personally, and show them our special brand of New Mexican hospitality. We also highlight the exceptional work of our own faculty and the HSC community during these sessions. Again, special thanks for donations helping to sponsor Grand Rounds this year. We use dedicated money from the Chairs Fund to promote this program, and contributions are always welcome to continue this effort. Please plan to come to a session if you haven't yet! Breakfast and 1-hour CME credit are provided.
- In October, we hosted the Third Annual Walter Burgdorf Memorial Lectureship/Alumni Conference in conjunction with the New Mexico Dermatological Society with esteemed speaker Dr. Antonio Torrelo from Madrid, Spain, and excellent case presentations by our trainees. It was a wonderful weekend to convene with friends. Please plan to come to the next one in late September 2019 - I truly believe they will only get better! With gratitude especially to Dr. Brenda Dintiman for starting this tradition, and to everyone who has contributed.



## 2018 Highlights

### FACULTY RETREAT

In August, we convened the newly assembled faculty along with several of our valued Volunteer and Joint Appointment faculty to spend a full day, with a focus on our collective mission, vision, values, SWOT analysis and ways to move our Department forward together. With the assistance of Bruce Polsky, who has moderated such retreats for organizations like the Mayo Clinic and the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology, we came away with a unified purpose and a much better understanding of how to achieve our goals.



### UPDATED MISSION & VISION

#### OUR MISSION

**DELIVERING EXPERT, COMPASSIONATE CARE FOR THE PEOPLE OF NEW MEXICO AND LEADING EDUCATION, RESEARCH, AND TRAINING IN DERMATOLOGY.**

#### OUR VISION

**TRANSFORMING DERMATOLOGY IN NEW MEXICO.**

### Providers and Residents

- Dr. Aimee Smidt
- Dr. Therese Holguin
- Dr. Emily Altman
- Dr. Romeo Morales
- Dr. John Durkin
- Dr. Naiara Barbosa
- Dr. Loren Zech
- Rebecca Smith-Sealy, NP
- Dr. Catherine Tchanque-Fossuo (Resident)
- Dr. Mary Beth Logue (Resident)
- Dr. Shelly Stepenaskie (Dermatopathology)
- Dr. Hillary Elwood (Dermatopathology)
- Dr. Marianne Berwick (Joint Appointment)
- Dr. Osman Dokmeci (Joint Appointment)
- Dr. Daniel Stulberg (Joint Appointment)

## 3RD ANNUAL WALTER BURGENDORF

### MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP

#### ALUMNI CONFERENCE AND NEW MEXICO DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING

OCTOBER 2018

Thank you to all who came to gather this fall – it was an outstanding weekend. On Friday, six excellent cases were presented, including three by medical students and two by our new residents. On Friday night, we dined at Seasons Rotisserie & Grill and remembered Wally and his huge impact on the field of dermatology, and on us personally as well. It was wonderful to be joined by two of his former nurses, Joyce Mullen and Heidi Schulz. On Saturday morning, Dr. Antonio Torrelo of Hospital de Nino Jesus in Madrid, Spain, a world-renowned pediatric dermatologist, gave excellent presentations on autoinflammatory skin disorders and mosaicism. Afterward, alumni enjoyed wine tasting and other local activities and then gathered at the Smidt home for an evening of warmth, friendship, memories and tacos! Thank you to Ken Thompson (UNM Foundation) and Amanda Bassett (Chief Advancement and External Relations Officer, UNM School of Medicine) for making the weekend so successful, and such fun.



## AAD ALUMNI REUNION 2018

SAVE THE DATE FOR 2019

Thank you to all who attended the Annual Reunion at the AAD Conference event in San Diego in February 2018, sponsored in large part by a donation made by Dr. Marshall Shuler.

Please plan to join us for the 2019 Reunion at the Dirty Habit (the same restaurant we chose when AAD was held in D.C. before, but operating under a different name).

**Saturday, March 2, 2019. 6 to 8 p.m.**

**Dirty Habit, located at 555 8th Street NW, Washington, D.C.**

# 'TIS THE SEASON

**CELEBRATE WITH US!**

**WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER 5, 2018  
6:30 PM**

**EL PINTO RESTAURANT  
10500 4TH ST NW  
ALBUQUERQUE NM 87114**

**RSVP BY DECEMBER 1ST TO  
[HSC-DERMATOLOGY@SALUD.UNM.EDU](mailto:HSC-DERMATOLOGY@SALUD.UNM.EDU)**

If you live locally, please join the faculty, residents and administrative staff for a holiday get-together.

We will also be celebrating the completion of our 2018 ACGME Site Visit the same day!





## Upcoming Events

### GRAND ROUNDS (CME)

INVITED LECTURES ALTERNATING WITH  
PATIENT PRESENTATIONS

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

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
1021 Medical Arts Avenue NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87131  
Please check our [website](#) for the updated calendar

### NM DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY SPRING MEETING (CME)

GUEST SPEAKER DR. MARK LEBWOHL  
ICAHN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT MOUNT  
SINAI, NEW YORK

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22 - 23, 2019

CASE PRESENTATIONS  
Friday, 2/22: 4:00pm - 6:00pm  
UNM Department of Dermatology  
1021 Medical Arts Ave. NE Albuquerque, NM 87102

SOCIAL DINNER  
Friday, 2/22: 6:30pm  
Artichoke Café  
424 Central Ave SE  
Albuquerque, NM 87102

LECTURES & DISCUSSION by MARK LEBWOHL, MD  
Saturday, 2/23: 9:00 - 11:30am  
Continental Breakfast starting at 8am  
Tricore Reference Laboratory  
1001 Woodward Pl NE Albuquerque, NM 87102

### AAD ANNUAL MEETING ALUMNI GATHERING

MARCH 2, 2019  
6:00 - 8:00PM  
Dirty Habit DC  
555 8th St NW  
Washington, DC 20004

### 4TH ANNUAL WALTER BURGDORF LECTURESHIP & NEW MEXICO DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING (CME)

TENTATIVE - SEPTEMBER 27-28, 2019

Guest Speakers Dr. Bruce Thiers (MUSC)  
and Dr. Jeffrey Callen (University of Louisville)

# THANK YOU for your support

The UNM Department of Dermatology counts on the support and sponsorship of you, our valued alumni, volunteers, community partners and friends. With your donations, we have been able to successfully recruit new faculty, gain reaccreditation status for the residency program and provide excellent continuing medical education and fun alumni gatherings. We have also completed a major renovation of the facility at 1021 Medical Arts Avenue, including the Ben Smith Library/Conference Room, provider work room, staff kitchen/breakroom and academic offices, which had not been updated in many years. Now, we are awaiting new artwork to install! This provides a better learning and working environment for our faculty, staff and trainees, but it is still not ideal to provide better access for our population and all of the ongoing work in our education and research mission areas.

There are many other initiatives we would like to embark on, including a major expansion of our clinical spaces and enhanced funding for the residency training program (books, equipment, educational and meeting opportunities) and faculty scholarly and research initiatives. We hope that you will consider giving this tax year; we rely on your dollars to continue to pursue excellence and our vision to transform dermatology in New Mexico.

We can ensure your gift goes to the exact intention you choose and we value any donation at any level. Please contact Ken Thompson at 505-362-3310, [Kenneth.Thompson@unmfund.org](mailto:Kenneth.Thompson@unmfund.org) or [click here](#) to give online.

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