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## Statement from the Chair

To our Alumni, Donors, and Friends:

The academic year is coming to an end and a new one begins in July 2018. We in the UNM Department of Dermatology are truly beyond elated that we have regained ACGME accreditation status for training residents. We are so thrilled to anticipate having residents start in our totally redesigned program! A tremendous THANK YOU to our hardworking faculty and to all of you in our Dermatology family who have provided support, to allow us to achieve what we have to date. We so value your contributions.



Other highlights and updates since our Winter Edition:

- ◆ We are now comprised of 6 full time faculty physicians and 2 Advanced Practice Providers (PA-C and NP) at the UNMH clinic and one full time faculty physician at the VA site, with 4 jointly appointed faculty in Internal Medicine/ Allergy-Immunology, Family-Community Medicine and Pathology. We are interviewing for additional VA faculty and will be developing services at the UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center this summer. We plan to further expand our breadth of clinical expertise by continuing to grow our faculty over the next two years.
- ◆ With the amazing energy and leadership of Dr. Emily Altman, and the organized assistance of our administrative staff (Mary “Liz” Torres, Lalita Lopez de Gauntt and Katharine Rebolledo) we sailed through a flurry of activity as we hosted the ACGME site visit (Jan 2018), learned of our accreditation status (April 2018) and completed two interview sessions (April and May) for 2018 and 2019 residency candidates. Our goal for the new training program is to be recognized as one of the best in the nation.
- ◆ We are continuing to expand our Teledermatology services and anticipate new contracts and a budding partnership with outlying communities in New Mexico, via Preceptorship in Medicine rural experiences for medical students.
- ◆ Grand Rounds will increase to weekly sessions as of July 2018, for CME credit, and we have booked nationally recognized speakers for the upcoming year. A special thank you to Dr. Deb Atkins (UNM SOM ‘01) and Epiphany Dermatology for their donations specifically helping to sponsor Grand Rounds this year.

If you live locally, please plan to come meet and welcome the faculty, new residents and administrative staff at my home on the afternoon of Saturday August 18th (see below for details). For all of you, I thank you again for your continued support and encouragement. We have made tremendous strides and will continue to do so in this upcoming academic year. If you have any questions, or would like to know how you can contribute, please reach out to me at any time.

**Aimee Smidt, MD, FAAD, FAAP; Chair, Department of Dermatology,**

**Associate Professor, Departments of Dermatology and Pediatrics; UNM School of Medicine**

## Meet Our New Providers and Faculty!

### Naiara Barbosa, MD

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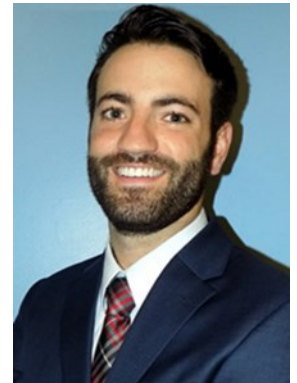


Originally from Brazil, Dr. Naiara Barbosa received her MD from the University of Vermont College of Medicine and completed her residency at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. She is completing her fellowship in Micrographic Surgery and Dermatologic Oncology and will make her way to New Mexico to join the faculty in mid-July. She will serve as Director of Mohs Surgery and Dermatologic Oncology, and will also lead our residency surgical training curriculum. We will be sending a separate notice with information for referral for her clinical services.

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### John Durkin, MD

Dr. John Durkin will be joining the Department in early July 2018. Dr. Durkin received his MD from the University of Pittsburgh. He is completing his residency at Drexel University where has served as Chief Resident. His specific areas of clinical interest include digital imaging and diagnostic techniques, such dermoscopy, optical coherence tomography and confocal digital microscopy, for pigmented lesions and melanoma, hereditary cancer syndromes, and noninvasive treatment of skin cancer. He will also be providing services and educating our residents on aesthetic practices and will serve as our Director of Undergraduate Medical Education for rotating medical students.



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### Loren Zech, MD, Ph.D



Dr. Loren Zech completed his dermatology residency training at the Washington Hospital Center and the Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, D.C., where he served as Chief Resident, following his medical internship at the Washington Hospital Center. Since graduating in 2014, he has been board-certified and in private practice in Tucson, AZ. He holds a PhD in Philosophy, and will be jointly appointed with the UNM Philosophy Department to help lead the BA-MD program. His clinical areas of expertise include dermatoethics, hidradenitis suppurativa, and psychodermatology.

# Meet Our New Residents!

## Mary Beth Logue, MD



Originally from Illinois, Dr. Mary Beth Logue attended the University of New Mexico as an undergraduate, stayed to complete her MD at UNM, and was very involved with the Department as a student. She is currently completing her intern year in Pediatrics at the Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, MO. She also works at their Clinica Hispana de Cuidados de Salud (CHICOS Clinic) to work with primarily Spanish speaking patients and attendings to refine her Spanish-speaking skills. She is very much looking forward to returning to New Mexico and to starting her residency training in Dermatology.

## Catherine Tchanque-Fossuo, MD, MS

Dr. Catherine Tschanque-Fossuo is originally from Cameroon. She received her MD at Michigan State University and completed a residency in General Surgery at Providence Hospital in Southfield, Michigan. She went on to complete fellowships in Plastic Surgery Research at the University of Michigan, Burn and Critical Care at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, and Postdoctoral Clinical Wound at UC Davis School of Medicine. It was during her fellowship at Johns Hopkins where she discovered her true passion for skin disease and is excited to be joining us to formally train in Dermatology.



### Other Current Faculty and Providers:

Dr Aimee Smidt	Dr Osman Dokmeci (Internal Medicine-Allergy/Immunology)
Dr Emily Altman	Dr Daniel Stulberg (FCM)
Dr Therese Holguin	Dr Shelly Stepenaskie (Dermatopathology)
Dr Romeo Morales	Dr Hillary Elwood (Dermatopathology)
Natalie Mills PA-C	Rebecca Smith Sealy-NP

Please plan to join us to welcome our new faculty and residents:

Saturday August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 3-7 pm

At the home of Dr. Aimee Smidt

6405 Avenida la Cuchilla NW, Los Ranchos NM 87107

# Community & Alumni Events

**THANK YOU** to all who attended the **Annual Reunion at the AAD Conference** event in San Diego, CA in February 2018, sponsored in large by a donation made by Dr. Marshall Shuler. Please plan to join us in March 2019! Details to follow.



Dr Romeo Morales (Current VA Faculty) and Dr. Marshall Shuler (Grad '10)



Dr Danielle (Hawkins) Nelson (Grad '15) and Dr. Aimee Smidt (UNM Faculty and Chair)



Dr. Barrett Zlotoff (Former Faculty, Grad '06) with Drs. Mark and Danielle Nelson



Dr. Doug Johnson '82 and Dr. Angeline Dao '82

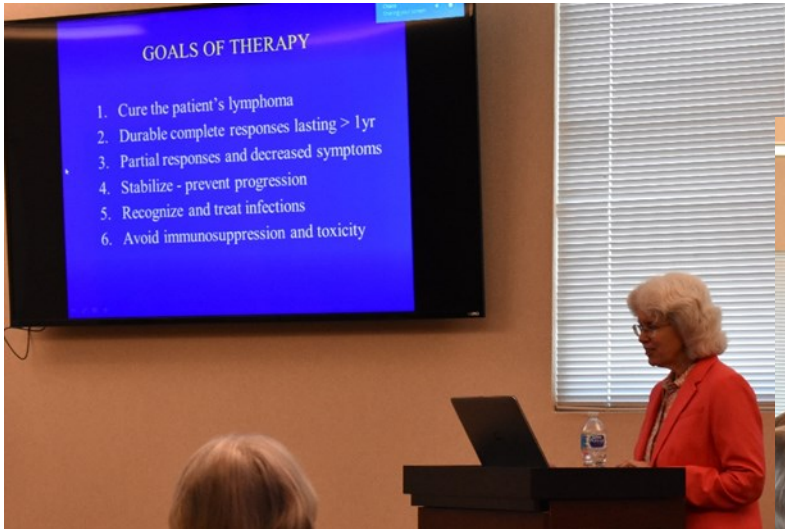


Dr. Andy Ondo and Dr. Michael Contreras(Grad '01)

# Community & Alumni Events Cont.

## New Mexico Dermatological Society Semiannual Meeting

Thank you to all who came to gather in April 2018 for the NMDS semiannual meeting - it was a tremendous weekend! On Friday, six excellent cases were presented, including two by UNM medical students and one by a UNM BA-MD undergraduate student. On Saturday, we hosted Dr. Madeleine Duvic of MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston TX, who provided two informative presentations and led a lively discussion on the management and treatment of Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma



Dr. Madeleine Duvic of MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston TX



Dr. Amanda Harper, President of NMDS



Dinner at Hotel Andaluz where 21 providers joined in to welcome Dr. Duvic



# Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

- ◆ **Grand Rounds (Invited Lectures alternating with Patient Presentations)**

Will occur every Friday of the month starting July 6, 2018 (CME)

Location: 1021 Medical Arts Avenue NE, Albuquerque, NM 87131

Time: 8:00 - 9:00am

Please check our [website](#) for the updated calendar and plan to join us!

- ◆ **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dr. Walter Burgdorf Lectureship & NMDS Meeting (CME)**

**Guest Speaker Dr. Antonio Torrelo, Children’s Hospital del Nino Jesus, Madrid, Spain**

**October 19-20, 2018**

Location:

Friday 10/19/18 (4-6pm): UNM Dermatology, 1021 Medical Arts Ave NE ABQ NM, 87131

Friday Dinner: TBD

Sat 10/20/18 (8am-12): Tricore Reference Labs (1001 Woodward PI NE ABQ, NM 87102)

Alumni Events to follow of Saturday afternoon: TBD

Alumni Light Dinner/Reception: 5pm at the home of Aimee Smidt-More details to follow.

- ◆ **New Mexico Dermatological Spring Meeting (CME)**

**Guest Speaker Dr. Mark Lebwohl, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, NY, NY**

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**

Location:

February 22<sup>nd</sup> 4-6pm: 1021 Medical Arts Avenue NE Albuquerque, NM, 87131

6pm: Social Dinner

Location: TBD

February 23<sup>rd</sup> 8am-Noon: Tricore Reference Laboratory (1001 Woodward PI NE Albuquerque, NM 87102)

- ◆ **AAD Annual Meeting - March 1-5, 2019**

Location: Washington, D.C.

Alumni Reception - TBD

## Department of Dermatology

### Vision

The Department of Dermatology will ensure that all people in New Mexico have access to the highest quality dermatologic care that is often unattainable elsewhere in the state, and will provide excellent education and collaborative research in cutaneous health and disease.

### Values

- ◇ The Department of Dermatology will continue to serve our patients and the public with integrity and accountability.
- ◇ We strive to recognize, cultivate and promote all forms of diversity; to fully understand the needs of our communities and to make a difference for them; and to advance clinical, academic, and research excellence in dermatology.
- ◇ We are committed to perform our duties with compassion and respect for our patients, learners, and colleagues; always to conduct ourselves with professionalism, and to enjoy working together on this mission.

## Thank You!



Dr. Aimee Smidt (Chair), Kriti Mishra (Medical Student), Dr. Marianne Berwick (Dual Faculty)

**The UNM Department of Dermatology has been so successful in our rebuilding effort, largely due to 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. One of our current major projects, paid for through the medical school, UNM Hospital, and your additional dollars, is a renovation of the Ben Smith Library/ Conference Room, provider work room, staff kitchen/breakroom, and academic offices, which have not been updated in many years. This will most certainly provide a better learning environment for our faculty, staff and trainees and will be complete this summer. **There are many other initiatives we would like to embark on, so we hope that you will consider giving, as we rely on your dollars to continue to pursue excellence in all of the mission areas of the Department.**

We can ensure your gift goes to the exact intention you choose, whether it be for general departmental needs, education, research, residents and students specifically, or to assist with achieving the Chair's vision of success. **We value any donation at any level. Please contact Ken Thompson at 505-362-3310, by email at [Kenneth.Thompson@unmfund.org](mailto:Kenneth.Thompson@unmfund.org) or visit our website.**

If you haven't given before, please consider doing so this year. If you have a track record of giving, we are so very thankful that you continue.

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