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# Dermatology Newsletter

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# Letter from the Chair

Aimee Smidt, MD, FAAD, FAAP



To our colleagues, alumni, donors, and friends:

As 2022 comes to a close, it is a time for reflection and deep appreciation. UNM Dermatology is so thankful to you for your support of our clinical care, education, community engagement, and research missions.

We congratulate **Dr. Alba Posligua Alban PGY4** on her residency graduation this December. Dr. Posligua has contributed so much to the growth of our program but especially in regard to diversity/equity/inclusivity, clinical trials and her leadership at the VA. She will be staying on as Visiting Faculty starting in February 2023 and we are so honored to have her as part of our team.

The Department continues to grow with the addition of valuable staff, who support faculty, financial stewardship and IT. We celebrate **Kathy Freise, PhD**, our incredible Medical Education Specialist for the residency program, who was duly recognized as a 2022 recipient of the UNM School of Medicine's Dean's Staff Awards and **Dr. Dan Stulberg**, our esteemed colleague/joint faculty who has been tapped to lead the Department of Family & Community Medicine at Western Michigan University as Chair. **Dr. Evan Choate PGY3** and **Dr. Emily Altman** represented New Mexico at the AADA Legislative Conference and State Society national meeting, our Mohs faculty **Dr. Andrew Matsumoto** passed his certifying exam AND has a new family member baby girl Ren, and **Dr. Cyrelle Fermin Finan PGY4** matched in Pediatric Dermatology fellowship at her top program in Washington DC. So much to be proud of!!!

We continue our excellent **Grand Rounds with fantastic speakers** with much appreciation of your financial support of this programming with gifts to the Chair Fund. Please give us feedback on how we could make this even more accessible to you. Our **7th Annual Walter Burgdorf MD Memorial**

**Conference** was a huge success, arguably our best session yet – don't miss next year! Free **skin cancer screening events** around the state have been going strong under the leadership of **Dr. John Durkin**, supported by the Ryan Daniell Fund and the Shannon Shaw Memorial Fund. We are actively planning our **3rd Annual Dermatology for Primary Care Conference**, scheduled for June 2023, as well. We continue our productive scholarly work, publications, regional/national presentations and growing clinical trial research.

We very much need **further expansion** to meet the needs of our community; we have been actively working in alignment with UNM Health Sciences Center, UNM SoM, UNM Hospitals and UNM Foundation leadership to continue with **faculty recruitment, growth of the residency cohort** (applying to increase from 3 to 5 per year!), and a **modern facility update**. We ask for your support in these important initiatives!

In closing, I wish you all a healthy, happy, peaceful and meaningful holiday season.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Smidt".





# Welcome!



**Jaclyn Gallegos**

Jaclyn Gallegos has joined the UNM Department of Dermatology as the new Administrative Assistant to Dr. Smidt. Jaclyn is a Taos, NM native and completed her undergraduate degree in Biochemistry with minors in History and Liberal Arts at the University of New Mexico. She spent the last year living in Spain teaching English to children in secondary schools. She enjoys outdoor activities such as hiking and other interests include reading, gardening, gardening and traveling. We are very excited to have her on our dermatology administration team!

Sajina Karki is an international student from Nepal. She is currently pursuing her Master's in Business Analytics at UNM. She completed her undergraduate degree in Business Studies in her home country and has several years of experience in accounting areas such as reconciliation, taxes, audit, daily operations, payroll, reporting, and controlling. She is happy to be a part of the team and looking forward to learning and contributing in the new role as a Project Assistant-Accounting. Welcome Sajina! We are thrilled to have you!



**Sajina Karki**

## Congratulations!



Mohs faculty **Dr. Andrew Matsumoto** and his wife Casey welcomed beautiful daughter Ren on the 17th of September. He also passed his Mohs Surgery certifying board exam.

Congratulations!



So very proud of **Dr. Cyrelle Fermin Finan PGY4** who has MATCHED in Pediatric Dermatology Fellowship at Children's National in Washington, DC!

We look forward to seeing how Dr. Fermin Finan will contribute to the field in the future!



# Department Updates



**Dr. Romeo Morales**, Site Director for UNM Dermatology at VAMC was awarded an Office of Rural Health Rural Health Initiative Grant in the amount of \$500,000 for a three year project.

NM VAMC Dermatology wished to leverage the solid dermoscopy-enhanced teledermatology program to provide timely and cost-effective dermatology care to veterans near where they reside. Our dermatology team is committed to continue providing the highest quality of care that our veterans are owed.

This dermoscopy-enhanced store-and-forward technology program will assist in the imagining of dermatology services in Albuquerque. Multiple patients can be identified, grouped, and attended to by providers traveling from our hub at the NM VAMC to a community-based outpatient clinic site nearest to the veterans' home location. The overarching goal is to maintain, or perhaps expedite, dermatology care to patients within 2 weeks of consult.

**Congratulations Dr. Morales!**



**Kathy Freise, PhD**, Medical Education Specialist, is a recipient of the 2022 School of Medicine Dean's Staff Awards! 39 staff across the UNM School of Medicine were nominated and only 12 received this prestigious award. Thank you, Kathy, for all you do for residents, faculty and the Department! We APPRECIATE YOU.



**Dr. Evan Choate PGY3** received a 2022 American Academy of Dermatology (AADA) Legislative Conference Resident Scholarship Award. This provided Dr. Choate the opportunity to meet with Members of U.S. Congress and help advocate for issues important in Dermatology. **Dr. Emily Altman**, Program Director, also attended the conference, and is working diligently to grow our NM Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery Society presence nationally.



**Dr. Daniel Stulberg** has accepted the position as Chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Western Michigan University. Dr. Stulberg held a secondary appointment with UNM Dermatology during his time with UNM Family Community and Medicine. We are thrilled for Dr. Stulberg and wish him the very best.



# Celebrations



The Department of Dermatology held its last faculty/team meeting for 2022 with special guest **Dr. Patricia Finn**, new Dean of the UNM School of Medicine. Dr. Finn joined the UNM School of Medicine in September 2022. It was a pleasure meeting Dr. Finn and sharing what we as a department are proud of and areas we hope to improve in 2023 and in the near future. Thank you to Dr. Finn for joining us!



**Dr. Alba Posligua** will be joining the UNM Department of Dermatology as a Visiting Faculty starting February 2022. She graduates from the UNM Department of Dermatology in December 2022. Her clinical foci will be: Nails, Hair Loss, and Lichen Planus. We are very grateful to have Dr. Posligua stay in New Mexico, as one of the goals of our program is to retain physicians in the state.



# Department Publications & Presentations

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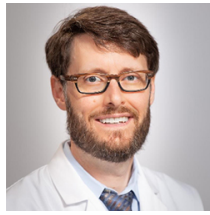


# Grand Rounds: July-December 2022

Thank you to the excellent Grand Rounds speakers who have joined us this academic year, including:



Mary Logue, MD (21')  
Trinity Health



Loren Zech, MD  
Healthy Skin  
Dermatology



Mary Hordinsky, MD  
University of  
Minnesota



Harper Price, MD  
Phoenix Children's  
Hospital



Sergei Grando, MD  
UCI Health

## Continuing The Excellence! Join Us by Zoom or In Person

### TENTATIVE GRAND ROUND SPEAKERS FOR THE 2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR:

**Nathaniel Jellinek, MD**, Lifespan Dermatology Professionals, Inc., Portsmouth, RI

**Joan Guitart, MD**, Northwestern Medicine, Chicago, IL

**Anna Bruckner, MD**, Children's Hospital Colorado, Aurora, CO

**Rebecca Mount, DVM**, Dermatology for Animals, Albuquerque, NM

**Heather Woodworth Goff, MD, MPH** UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX

**Sara Shalin, MD**, University of Arkansas Medical Sciences, Little Rock, AR

**Steven Feldman, MD, PhD**, Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist, Winston-Salem, NC

Grand Rounds are Every Friday of the  
Month (Except Major Holidays/AAD)  
8-9 a.m. MST

1021 Medical Arts Avenue NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87131  
or via Zoom

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

***Can't make the 8am sessions?  
Try attending our Quarterly Noon  
MST Sessions***

***3/3/23, and 6/2/23***

***9-10 a.m. MST  
Journal Club/Additional Lecture***

## Your Feedback Matters!

We want to hear your feedback and/or suggestions for our  
Departmental Grand Rounds.

Please contact **Kathy Freise**, Medical Education Specialist at  
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at [LaLopez@salud.unm.edu](mailto:LaLopez@salud.unm.edu). *If you would like to be added to our  
listserv, please email Lalita.*

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# Upcoming Events

## 2023 AAD Alumni Reunion

New Orleans, LA  
March 17, 2023

Details TBD

Please plan to join your colleagues and fellow alumni that weekend for a cocktail reception!



## NM Dermatology & Dermatologic Surgery Society Spring Meeting (CME)

April 28-29, 2023 \*DATE CHANGE\*

**Guest Speaker: Klaus Busam, MD**



Dr. Klaus Busam is a Dermatopathologist at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. He attended medical school at the University of Freiburg (Germany) and completed his residency at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Children's Hospital in Boston and his fellowship at Harvard. His expertise is in melanoma/pigmentary lesions and his consultative services are well recognized nationally and by our Department specifically.

## 3rd Annual Dermatology for Primary Care Conference (CME)



ALBUQUERQUE, NM

June 3, 2023

Location: UNM Health Sciences Center Domenici Center

Details are TBD but please check our [website](#) for information to share with primary care providers you know!

# Community & Alumni Events

## 7TH ANNUAL WALTER BURGDORF, MD MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP AND NM DERMATOLOGY & DERMATOLOGIC SURGERY SOCIETY FALL MEETING



Our October 14th-15th conference was a weekend full of high-quality didactics including excellent presentations from **Ilona Frieden, MD**, (Univ. of California, San Francisco) and **Warren Piette, MD** (Rush University Medical Center) along with case presentations by UNM medical students and residents and their faculty mentors. It was also wonderful to have presentations from Alumni **Barrett Zlotoff (06')** and **Marshall Shuler (10')**. We think all present would agree it was a top-notch program and we all left having learned so much.

It was also wonderful to be together again in person and virtually! Thank you to the UNM Dermatology staff who help make these meetings successful, to the UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center and Tricore Reference Laboratories for hosting us, and to NMDDSS for our strong and continued partnership.

Thank you to all who joined this year! Look for the 2023 save the date soon.

## FREE SKIN CANCER SCREENINGS 2022-2023

Gallup, NM: August 6, 2022

Carlsbad, NM: November 12, 2022



We have continued our free skin cancer screenings including most recently in Gallup and Carlsbad New Mexico. Both screenings had amazing turn-outs. 39 patients were seen in Gallup, NM on August 6th, where 17 needed a follow up, meaning they had a lesion or concerns for cancer or precancer. 60 patients were seen in Carlsbad, NM where 50% of those seen need a follow up due to concerns of cancer or precancer.

THANK YOU to all who volunteered for these events, which is a great opportunity for our students, and also to the **Ryan F. Daniell Fund** and the **Shannon Shaw Memorial Fund** which support this important work.

The next screening will be in Northern NM in 2023. Please contact **Dr. John Durkin** if you would like to volunteer in any capacity and **we welcome your donations to the Daniell Fund** to help grow this program sustainably.



# Diversity, Equity & Inclusivity Updates

DEI Department Representatives:

**Dr. Romeo Morales & Dr. Alba Posligua-Alban**

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



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR "DURM" SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS! DERMATOLOGY UNDERREPRESENTED IN MEDICINE



**Sheshanna Nguyen Phuong Khanh Phan**

I received my bachelors degree in psychobiology from UCLA, and I'm currently a medical student at Touro Nevada. As the first in my family to graduate from college and attend medical school, this scholarship helped relieve the financial load that comes with away rotations and allowed me to have an amazing rotation experience at UNM. I am thankful to have been able to connect with your residents and attending physicians along with the resilient patients of New Mexico.

Experiencing the impact of our treatments on each patient during my pediatric dermatology research year reaffirmed my desire to pursue dermatology. Nothing quite beats seeing the smile on a child's face when their skin heals or their hair begins to regrow. I hope to continue growing into a pediatric dermatologist who can serve as an educator for my community by improving health literacy in patients and guiding students.

I was born and raised in South Central Los Angeles California. I attended the University of Southern California, where I received my bachelor of arts in Spanish. After undergrad, I took a 7-year gap year and worked as a substitute teacher, while attending the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science Postbaccalaureate program. Afterward, I moved to Dayton, Ohio to attend Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine, where I am currently a 4th-year medical student. As a 1st-year medical student, I participated in the Nth Dimensions Dermatology Internship Program and worked directly with two Black female board-certified dermatologists for an immersive clinical and research experience. Through this program, I developed a passion for skin of color and hair loss.

Receiving this scholarship has made it possible for me to have the privilege of rotating here at the University of New Mexico Dermatology Program. At UNM, I have been exposed to many rare conditions and have been fortunate to learn from expert dermatologists.



**Shaveonté Graham**

## UNM DERMATOLOGY ANNUAL MENTORING DINNER GATHERING

Our DEI Annual Mentoring Dinner was a great success! We thank VA faculty **Dr. Romeo Morales** and **Dr. Alba Posligua PGY4** for their guidance and leadership this past year.

This program sponsors current UNM Dermatology residents mentoring UNM School of Medicine students to help guide them through their medical education, and ultimately to help them successfully meet their career goals. We thank **Dr. Naiara Barbosa** for implementing this important program during her prior time as faculty and we are proud to see it grow!



# Academic Dermatology Positions



The Department of Dermatology at The University of New Mexico School of Medicine **seeks qualified individuals for three full-time faculty positions** to join an innovative group environment. **Please spread the word!**

- **Pediatric Dermatology**
- **General Dermatology**
- **Dermatologist/Dermatopathologist**

**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.

**Apply at [unmjobs.unm.edu](http://unmjobs.unm.edu) and search for the following posting numbers:**

Pediatric Dermatologist: Req15251

General Dermatologist: Req15746

Dermatologist/Dermatopathologist: Req17999

**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.

**Please Contact Us With Questions!**

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Dr. Aimee Smidt, MD, Chair: [Asmidt@salud.unm.edu](mailto:Asmidt@salud.unm.edu)

**The Ramond G. Murphy VA Hospital is also hiring a Dermatology Physician. Click [Here](#) to learn more!**



# THANK YOU FOR MAKING AN IMPACT

*We appreciate your support as donors, volunteers, and community partners. By making gifts to the Department of Dermatology at UNM you made a difference by helping us train and retain physicians to deliver advanced dermatologic care and grow our educational and research efforts. We would like to recognize and extend our appreciation to our 2022 donors to date.*

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We are so proud to share our Department's accomplishments while we also try to highlight the incredible things our friends, partners, and alumni are doing in New Mexico and beyond.

Please share your feedback with us and feel free to send us updates, news, or other highlights you'd like to see included in this communication!

And again, we are truly so thankful for YOU

and your support of our Department of Dermatology mission and vision.

STAY SAFE AND WELL.



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