

# Nephrology Division Newsletter

## May - June 2021

### Announcements

- We welcome **Juan Espinoza** as a new full-time CRC supporting Meyeon Park, MD. Juan received his BS in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at UC Davis. He was working ½ time for us and ½ time for Rheumatology before coming on full time with us. We are thrilled he is now part of the division.
- We bid farewell to **Andrey Kisel** who was a CRC supporting Drs. Chris Carlos and Raymond Hsu and their colleagues in the Glomerular Disease Center. Andrey move to Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute to work as a psychiatry tech in hopes of gaining more experience towards his eventual goal of psychiatry residency.
- **Drs. Cynthia Delgado, Michelle Estrella, Elaine Ku, Meyeon Park, Neil Powe and Shuvo Roy** were all invited speakers at the National Kidney Foundation 2021 Virtual Spring Clinical meeting (April 6-10, 2021).
- **Dr. Anthony Muiru** was a co-moderator at the Virtual World Congress of Nephrology 2021 (April 16-19, 2021).
- **Leticia Rolon, MD** was selected to serve on the ABIM Nephrology Traditional Item-Writing Task Force.

### Fellowship Program

- Former UCSF renal fellow (1994-1997)(and subsequently UCSF Nephrology faculty) **Dr. Kirsten Johansen** gave the J. Michael Lazarus Lecture at the National Kidney Foundation 2021 Spring Clinical meeting. Dr. Johansen is now Chief of Chief of Nephrology at Hennepin Healthcare and co-Director of the United States Renal Data System.
- **Dr. Gabriel Loeb** was selected to be the 2021 UCSF Physician-Scientist Scholar Program awardee. This highly competitive and prestigious program was established by the School of Medicine in partnership with the clinical departments to identify and support young physician/scientists who engage in medical practice and have shown exceptional promise to launch an independent laboratory research program.
- **Chi Chu, MD** received the National Kidney Foundation Young Investigator Grant. His paper with Drs. Delphine Tuot, Neil Powe and others from the CDC CKD Surveillance Team titled “CKD Awareness Among US Adults by Future Risk of Kidney Failure” was recognized by the AJKD Editors’ Choice: NKF Mission Award at the National Kidney Foundation 2021 Virtual Spring Clinical meeting.
- **Dr. Dana Larsen** first authored: Correlating Burnout and Well-being in a Multisite Study of Internal Medicine Residents and Faculty. J Gen Intern Med. 2021 May; 36(5):1422-1426.
- On June 30<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated the completion of the Nephrology fellowship for **Drs. Omar Alam, Chi Chu, Alex Dinh, Kazem Fallahzadeh, Sepehr Keyhani, Gabriel Loeb, and Lauren Ng** (from General Nephrology Fellowship) and **Drs. Adrian Whelan and Stephan Han** (from Transplant Nephrology

Fellowship). **Drs. Lauren Ng** and **Debbie Chen** were recognized with Chief Fellows Certificates.

- **Drs. Omair Alam, John Demko, Dana Larsen** and **Ashley Martinez** received a 2020-2021 Fellow of the Year chosen by the Internal Medicine Intern Class this year. This is **John's** 2<sup>nd</sup> year receiving this honor.
- **Dr. John Demko** was also awarded the Department of Medicine ACGME Clinical Fellow of the Year Award.
- At graduation, **Dr. Jonathan Amatruda** received recognition as the 2020-2021 “Andy I. Choi, MD Memorial Scholarship” recipient. Criteria for selection include: academic promise as well as embodiment of kindness and generosity which we all so appreciated in Andy.

### Accomplishments and Awards

- According to the latest US News & World Report rankings, **UCSF** was named the #1 Internal Medicine Program in the country (<https://www.usnews.com/best-graduate-schools/top-medical-schools/internal-medicine-rankings>).
- **Dr. Anthony Muiru** received a K23 to study kidney disease and high blood pressure in rural Uganda and Kenya (K23DK119562).
- Congratulations to our Nephrology Division staff members **Roxy Fierro, Debbie Gilman, Kim Gorcyca, Cherie Ros, Gabriel Stelmack** and **Victoria Toussaint**, for receiving 2021 SPOT Awards. These awards recognize significant employee achievements and contributions for a specific project or task.
- **Nancy Tran** was the recipient of the 2021 Star Achievement Award, recognizing administrative staff for sustained, exceptional performance and significant contributions.
- **Kerry Cho, MD** was named a 2021 UCSF Dept of Medicine Master Clinician. For the last 15 years, the UCSF Department of Medicine has honored 3-4 of our most esteemed clinical faculty with this title. Master clinicians are distinguished by their commitment to clinical medicine and their superb clinical skills. They are the “doctor’s doctor.” Kerry has also been selected to join the UCSF Academic Senate Committee on Education Policy (CEP) for a term running from 2021-2024.
- **Cynthia Delgado, MD** was honored by the ASN mid-career Distinguished Leader Award. The citation recognizes Dr. Delgado’s chairing of the ASN Committee on Diversity and Inclusion and “As Co-Chair of the ASN-NKF Task Force on Reassessing the Inclusion of Race in Diagnosing Kidney Diseases, she has led a complex, thoughtful and rigorous assessment process that will serve as a model for many disciplines addressing necessary corrections to, and replacements for, race-based algorithms.”

*Congratulations to all our award-winning faculty, fellows and staff.*

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