

# Nephrology Division Newsletter

## July - October 2021

### Announcements

- **Dr. R. Curtis Morris, Jr**, Professor Emeritus in the Division of Nephrology, passed away on July 9, 2021. Dr. Morris came to UCSF in 1961 as a third-year medicine resident, joined the faculty in 1964 and had a long and illustrious career. He served as director of the UCSF General Clinical Research Center (GCRC) from 1974-1998. For his numerous seminal research discoveries related acidosis, bone mineral metabolism and salt-sensitive hypertension, Dr. Morris was inducted into the American Society of Clinical Investigation (ASCI) and the Association of American Physicians (AAP). With his long-time collaborator Dr. Tony Sebastian, he was honored with the ASN Belding Scribner award (2002) and the UCSF Distinguished Clinical Research Lecture (2005).
- We bid a fond farewell to **Cherie Ros** who left as our Assistant Division Manager to go to Division of Preventative Sciences as their new Division Manager.
- Congratulations to **Farshad Palad** for his promotion to Senior Clinical Research Coordinator (CRC) and to **Kim Gorcyca** for her promotion to Administrative Officer III.

We extend warm welcomes to:

- **Rose-ann Thomas** is a new CRC joining Dr. Chi-yuan Hsu's research team. Rose-ann has a B.S. from Harvard College, a Master of Laws from Peking University and is pursuing a career transition to research/clinical medicine.
- **Diana Etwaru** is a new CRC working for Dr. Meyeon Park. Diana recently graduated from the UCSF Global Health M.S. program and before that was a Neuroscience major at UC Santa Cruz. She will be working on projects related to polycystic kidney disease.
- **Isabelle Lopez** is a recent graduate from Scripps College with a BA in Molecular Biology. She had helped in the submission of our new joint nephrology/(non-malignant) urology/(benign) hematology U2C/TL1 training grant application before subsequently joining Dr. Elaine Ku's research team as a CRC.
- **Maribeth Ruperto** is our new Assistant Division Manager. Maribeth has over 14 years of finance and research administration experience, most recently as Associate Director of Finance and Admin at UCSF Institutes of Regeneration Medicine and Human Genetics.
- **Shereda Julian** is our new Research Financial Analyst who will be supporting several Division of Nephrology faculty members with large portfolios. Shereda has fifteen years of experience in Research Administration at a higher education institution and will split her time between Nephrology and the Department of Medicine central office.
- **Dr. Raymond Hsu** presented "Update and Case Presentation on Lupus Nephritis" at the August 26<sup>th</sup> National Kidney Foundation Northern CA Journal Club.
- **Dr. Elaine Ku** has become co-director of UCSF Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics Training in Clinical Research (TICR) Program.
- **Drs. Cynthia Delgado, Chi-yuan Hsu** and other UCSF faculty members including **Dr. Neil Powe** have been interviewed by a number of news outlets nationally (e.g. <https://www.statnews.com/2021/09/23/expert-panel-recommends-against-use-of-race-based-tool-in-assessment-of-kidney-function/>) and locally (e.g. <https://www.ucsf.edu/news/2021/10/421546/ucsf-leads-national-effort-improve-racial-equity-kidney-medicine>) regarding their roles as leaders and researchers leading the way to reduce reliance on race in the estimation of glomerular filtration rate.

## Fellowship Program

- Our 2021-2022 new first-year ACGME fellows are **Drs. Jesse Ikeme, Mitra Jamshidian, David Li, Amrita Mahesh, Vanessa-Giselle Peschard, and Jenni Tang**. **Drs. Alex Dinh, Sana Shaikh and Tiffany Truong** are our new Kidney Transplant Fellows. Welcome to UCSF.
- Congratulations to **Drs. Chi Chu, Gabriel Lobe and Adrian Whelan**, recent fellowship graduates, who joined our faculty. **Dr. Chi Chu** will be based at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital, **Dr. Gabriel Loeb** at UCSF Health (General Nephrology) and **Dr. Adrian Whelan** at UCSF Health (Kidney Transplant Unit).
- **Debbie Chen, MD** got her F32 funded (DK130543). This will run from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.
- **Dr. Dana Larsen** is interviewed in an ASN podcast from August 13, 2021 titled “Advice for New Nephrology Fellows” <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/asn-podcast/id1266744495>.
- **Dr. Jonathan Amatruda** first-authored “Urine Alpha-1-Microglobulin Levels and Acute Kidney Injury, Mortality, and Cardiovascular Events following Cardiac Surgery.” Am J Nephrol. 2021 September. DOI: 10.1159/000518240.
- **Dr. Sana Shaikh** first-authored “The Resurgence of Urine Microscopy” as an “Innovations in Education” piece in the ASN publication Kidney News (vol 13; issue 7: page 20).
- **Dr. Matthew Breeggemann** is a recipient of the Karen L. Campbell, PhD, Trainee Support Program for Fellows. Award recipients receive complimentary registration to the upcoming ASN Annual Meeting.

## Accomplishments and Awards

- **Drs. Leticia Rolon and Naomi Aker** received the 2020-2021 Bridges Curriculum Foundations 1 and 2 Teaching Awards from UCSF School of Medicine for “Inspirational Teaching” and “Outstanding Coach” respectively.
- UCSF Haile Debas Academy of Medical Educators has selected **Dr. Chi Chu** to receive their annual peer-nominated Excellence in Teaching Award for 2021.
- **Dr. Ruth Dubin** has 2 new R01s. “Proteomics of Cardiovascular Risk: The Multiethnic Study of Atherosclerosis” (R01HL159081) and “Elucidating the Biology of Cardiovascular Risk in Hemodialysis Patients Using Proteomics” (R01HL153499).

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

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