

Chairman's Chat

Reproductive Medicine

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Recent Department Accomplishments

Highest NIH Ranking in Department History!!!

Congratulations to all Department of Reproductive Medicine investigators. In 2016, the Department of Reproductive Medicine moved from number 7 to number 3 in NIH funding rankings for OB/GYN departments! Table below.

From the BLUE RIDGE INSTITUTE for MEDICAL RESEARCH	BRIMR.ORG
Name	Ob/Gyn
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO	\$16,862,975
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY AT CHICAGO	\$11,370,060
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO	\$7,412,173
GEORGIA REGENTS UNIVERSITY	\$7,265,073
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM	\$6,910,555
WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY	\$5,039,802
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA	\$4,850,880
UNIV OF NORTH CAROLINA CHAPEL HILL	\$4,554,570
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES	\$4,256,176
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER	\$4,019,471

Details can be found at:

http://www.brimr.org/NIH_Awards/2016/NIH_Awards_2016.htm

This is the highest ranking we have ever achieved. Principal investigators contributing to the total include Pam Mellon, Miles Wilkinson, Louise Laurent, Emily Lukacz, David Schlaepfer, Irene Su, Charles Nager, Kellie Breen, Marianna

Alperin, and Hanne Hoffmann, but many other investigators who are not PI's contribute to the success especially those on the Center grant. Special thanks to Nastaran Afari and Michael Morales for all the

Faculty Accomplishments

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Jamie Resnik was just appointed to the Editorial Board of the Green Journal. This is a very select position with great honor and a lot of work.

Chris Miller received the PACE Faculty of the Year award given by the PACE program to the faculty who give exemplary service to the PACE program.

Congratulations, Jamie and Chris!

administrative support to submit these in a timely fashion.

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A Good Round of Recent NIH Grant Reviews

Congratulations to Marianna Alperin for receiving a first percentile ranking for her first RO1 NIH grant proposal submission of Pelvic floor architecture and function. This is an amazing achievement. I have yet to find anyone who has ever heard of receiving such a high score on their first RO1 submission.

Congratulations also to Sasha Kauffman for receiving a third percentile ranking for his puberty RO1 grant proposal submission. This was the result of hard work with lots of revisions and resubmissions and he wants to thank all his lab members and colleagues.

Louise Laurent has a subcontract on a grant submitted by Dolores Divizio at Cedars Sinai that received a 3rd percentile score. The grant was a response to an NIH program announcement to Assess the Rigor and Reproducibility of Exosome-Derived Analyses for Cancer Detection (R01).

Successful Resident Match

We had a successful resident match in March and all of our UCSD medical students who wanted Ob/Gyn residencies matched in Ob/Gyn. Great work was done by Yvette and Justin. Please join us in welcoming our newest colleagues.

See photos at end of newsletter

UCSD Resident and Faculty Reunion at ACOG May 6th



Save the Date (Sunday, May 6th) for a chance to catch up with old faculty, and graduated fellows and residents when we host a get together on May 6 of the ACOG annual meeting here in San Diego. Drinks and hearty appetizers will be served. The details are listed below but respond to the EVITE coming from Justin:

Stone Brewing Tap Room
795 J Street
San Diego, CA 92101
619-727-4452
Sunday, May 6th, 2017
6pm – 8pm

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New Faculty

Growth and geographic diversity will be very important for the UC San Diego Health System in the next decade. Our clinical enterprise is pushing all segments to grow and the strategic initiatives for our department will be growth and geographic diversity. This is especially important as the health system tries to compete for large contracts. In response to the Health System requests, we have been recruiting for outreach efforts to TriCity and the Temecula Valley area. Please welcome the following new colleagues to our Department:

Gyn Oncology

Ramez Eskander – our former resident who went to UC Irvine to complete his fellowship. Ramez was then hired on as faculty at UC Irvine where he has been doing gyn oncology outreach

work there. He starts back with us April 17th and will be working at the Moores Cancer Center as well as Tri-City Medical Center.

Pratibha Binder – is currently a fellow in Gyn Oncology at Washington University School of Medicine in St Louis and will be joining the Gyn Oncology division in October. It is anticipated that Pratibha will be providing Gyn Oncology services in the Temecula Valley area in addition to Moore's Cancer Center.

Hospitalist

Alice Sutton – comes to us from George Washington University where she most recently was an Administrative Chief resident. Alice will be replacing Dana McQueen who will be starting an REI fellowship this summer. We want to thank Dana for all her hard work.

3rd ANNUAL ROBERT RESNIK DISTINGUISHED VISITING PROFESSOR



Mark your calendars for the 3rd annual Robert Resnik Distinguished Visiting Professor address. This year's visiting professor and guest speaker at the Resident Research Presentation on Wed June 7th is:

Charles J. Lockwood, M.D.,
M.H.C.M.

Senior Vice President, USF
Health

Dean, Morsani College of
Medicine

Professor, Obstetrics &
Gynecology and Public Health
University of South Florida

Dr. Lockwood is a well-known perinatal specialist and is known to many generalists as Editor-in-chief of Contemporary Ob/Gyn. Please plan to attend on Wednesday afternoon.

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Reproductive Medicine Interns Class of 2021



Christina Lam
Brown University



Emily Ngan
Duke University



Kelsey Pinson
New York University



**Mariana Ramos-
Rivera**
University of Florida



Lydia Russell-Roy
University of North Carolina

Department Website



Cynthia Peña is working to upgrade our departmental website. Please respond to her requests to improve our department's material. Thanks.

ECOB Office Move

First wave of the move will be April 28. Other waves follow in the subsequent weeks. It will be nice to have almost all of us in nearby vicinity.