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A Newsletter for Alumni, Colleagues and Friends of the Department



From the Chair

One of the many qualities that I find commendable in the American culture is the desire that many of us have to show gratitude to and pride in the institutions that enabled us to pursue our professional passions. Academic institutions become our alma mater and as such we are bound to them. Alumni contribute in many ways that support the education, research and patient care missions of a department or university.

At UNC, the alumni that learned the “art of Dermatology” as residents, have continuously shown their gratitude to our Department by endowing three distinguished professor chairs: Clayton E. Wheeler, Jr., Irene & Robert “Al” Briggaman, and Louis Skinner, all of which have become instrumental in our continued growth and development.

At this time I wish to express our gratitude to another example of the commitment of our former residents to their alma mater - Dr. Laurinda Queen ('86). After 27 years in private practice in Raleigh, Dr. Queen donated her practice to the UNC Department of Dermatology on June 1, 2013.

Dr. Queen initially worked with Dr. Al Briggman in his research laboratory where she played a key role in his research efforts, publishing several papers. She was a resident with our Department from 1983-1986 and Dr. Clayton Wheeler noted that she was “above average in her diagnostic abilities and her relationships to patients.” She dedicated her professional career to caring for others. Dr. Queen’s other passion is choral singing. She is a member of the award-winning Carolina Harmony – a women’s barbershop chorus. They most recently won the International Competition in October 2012.

We are honored that Dr. Queen wanted to partner with us to make sure that her patients were well-cared for as she entered

retirement. We are delighted to be able to serve her patients in the new UNC Dermatology and Skin Cancer Center at Rex. We are looking forward to expanding at the site and offering Mohs surgery and laser procedures as well as the medical dermatology we are currently providing. As well, this site expands our educational environment.



Dr. Luis Diaz, Dr. Laurinda Queen ('86)

It is truly through the engagement and involvement of our alumni that we are able to flourish and thrive in all of our missions. In addition to the endowed professorships, there are opportunities to contribute through the Medical Foundation of NC which houses the Brooks and Clayton E. Wheeler, Jr. Educational Fund and the Alumni Fund. We welcome the opportunity to see each of you when you can join us for the UNC Duke Conference, Friday morning “hideaways”, the reunion each year at the AAD, and other special events such as when we hosted the SEC Conference. To contribute to the mission of the Department, please visit our website at <http://www.med.unc.edu/derm> and select “make a gift to UNC Derm: on the right side of the page. Under the “Giving” heading, click on “make a gift online”. Enter “dermatology” as the keyword to search for a fund, which will bring up the Dermatology Alumni Fund.

Every gift makes a difference in the lives of our patients, students, and faculty. Your support enables us to provide the best clinical care, educate our future doctors, and research new treatments and cures.

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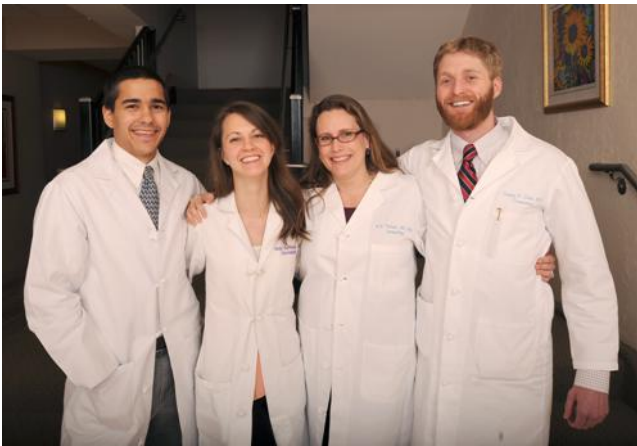


Residents' Corner

Farewell

On June 30, 2013, Drs. Anna Burkhead, Mattie Nicholas, Chris Sayed and Stephen Stahr will finish their dermatology residency training. All four physicians were honored at the Senior Resident Graduation Dinner on June 29th.

We wish all of them much joy and success in their future endeavors and pursuits.



Anna Burkhead, MD

Dr. Burkhead will be joining the faculty at Foxhall Dermatology in Washington DC.

Mattie Nicholas, MD

Dr. Nicholas will be joining the Department of Dermatology Faculty at Duke University as an Assistant Professor.

Chris Sayed, MD

Dr. Sayed will be joining the UNC Department of Dermatology on July 1st as an Assistant Professor and the Director of Medical Education.

Stephen Stahr, MD

Dr. Stahr will be joining Salisbury Dermatology in Salisbury, NC.

Welcome

On July 1, 2013, we welcomed four new residents as they began their dermatology training: Drs. Kevin Dahle, Katie Fyall, Kara Luersen and Kelly Pearson. We also welcomed Dr. Rachna Bhandari, a second year resident who transferred to UNC from the University of Buffalo.



Rachna "Ruchi" Bhandari, MD

Dr. Bhandari completed her undergraduate degree at CUNY's College of Staten Island in New York City. She earned her medical degree from SUNY Downstate Medical Center. Dr. Bhandari completed her preliminary medicine internship at Staten Island University Hospital and finished her first year of residency training at the

University of Buffalo in New York.

Kevin Dahle, MD

Dr. Dahle completed his undergraduate degree at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. He earned his medical degree from the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. Dr. Dahle completed his preliminary medicine intern year at Intermountain Medical Center in Murray, UT.



Katie Fyall-Varman, MD

Dr. Fyall earned her undergraduate degree from the University of California, San Diego, and her medical degree from the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine in Miami, FL. Dr. Fyall completed her transitional internship at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in Chattanooga, TN.

Kara Luersen-Brooks, MD

Dr. Luersen earned her undergraduate degree from Colgate University in Hamilton, NY. She received her medical degree from the University of Hawaii in Honolulu. Dr. Luersen completed her preliminary medicine internship at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Kelly Pearson, MD

Dr. Pearson received her undergraduate degree from Arizona State University in Phoenix, AZ. She earned her medical degree from the Rosalind Franklin University in Chicago, IL. Dr. Pearson completed her preliminary medicine intern year at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis, MN.

2013-2014 Chief Residents Named

Drs. Brandon Mitchell and Meghan Thomas have been named Co-Chief Residents for the 2013-2014 academic year. They both received their medical degrees from UNC Chapel Hill as well as completing their preliminary medicine internships here. Drs. Mitchell and Thomas are scheduled to complete their residency training on June 30, 2014.

We would like to thank our 2012-2013 Co-Chief Residents, Drs. Anna Burkhead and Chris Sayed for their leadership, hard work and commitment.

2013 Match Results

We are pleased to announce the results of the 2013 Match. The following individuals will be joining our residency program on July 1, 2014:

Rachel Blasiak	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Sergio Gaitan	Baylor University
Jayson Miedema	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Carolyn Ziemer	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Where Are They Now?

Tara Byer-Parsons ('07):

After graduating residency in 2007, my husband **Dan Parsons ('05)** and I moved to Charlotte, NC to be closer to my family. We joined Charlotte Medical Clinic, a multispecialty internal medicine group, which is a part of Carolinas Healthcare System. Our focus is on medical and surgical, adult and pediatric dermatology.

We truly enjoy collaborating with our partners, and we stay quite busy, as we are the only two dermatologists among our forty partners. We also have internal medicine residents from Carolinas Medical Center rotate through our clinic and give dermatology lectures to the internal medicine residents throughout the year. Dan and I also enjoy working with the Family Medicine residency program with their dermatology clinics for the underserved population of North Carolina.

On a personal note, Dan and I have welcomed two girls to our family since moving to Charlotte. Ella Grace, born in 2008, and Eva, born in 2010. We spend life outside of work keeping busy with them!

We also enjoy traveling, tennis, Pilates, biking, cooking, and of course walking our dog Moxie around Freedom Park next door. We miss all of our friends from UNC and think of our professors and colleagues often.



Dr. Tara Byer-Parsons and daughters Eva and Ella Grace

Residents' Corner (Continued)

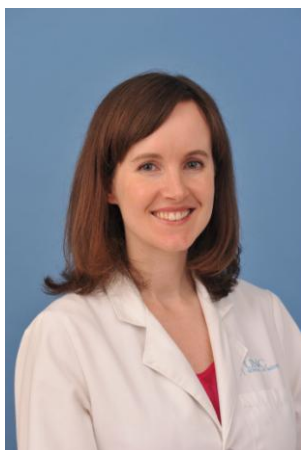
Dermatology Boards

Anna Burkhead ('13), Mattie Nicholas ('13), Chris Sayed ('13), and Stephen Stahr ('13) will be taking the American Board of Dermatology Certifying Exam in July 2013.

Shatil Amin ('12), Anne Fender ('12), Puneet Jolly ('12) and Rick McClain ('12) passed the American Board of Dermatology's Certifying Examination in August 2012. Congratulations!

Pediatric Fellowship

Dr. Shelley Cathcart, our first Pediatric Dermatology Fellow, has just finished a one-year fellowship with us. We couldn't have asked for a better inaugural fellow and wish Dr. Cathcart much success as she joins a private practice in Greensboro, NC. We are now interviewing for our next fellow who will start in July 2014.



Medical Students

Our senior elective received visiting students from the University of Virginia, Medical University of South Carolina, University of Florida, State University of New York at Buffalo, University of Texas – Southwestern, East Carolina University and Medical College of Georgia.

AAMC ORR



Dr. Edith Bowers ('15) has been selected by the Association of Professors in Dermatology to serve as a resident physician representative in the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), Organization of Resident Representatives (ORR).

The ORR provides a resident voice on policy matters before the AAMC. Edith will be asked to bring the specialty perspective of fellow resident trainees to the deliberations of the ORR.

International Electives

Residents currently have the opportunity for two international electives: Australia and Brazil.

As part of the Brazilian Exchange Program, two dermatology residents from Sao Paulo, Brazil, will be rotating in our clinic later this year. Lana Luiza da Cruz Silva will be spending the month of July with us, while Denis Miyashiro will be rotating in our clinic during the month of October, 2013. Dermatology residents Joao Avancini and Lillian Rocha rotated in our clinics during the summer of 2012. Lastly, Valeria Aoki, MD, an Associate Professor from Brazil, spent December 2012-February 2013 with us.

If any resident is interested in either of these international electives, please contact Dr. Diaz for more information.

Peru Elective

We recently hosted Erick Bravo, a 2nd year dermatology resident from the National University of San Marcos in Lima, Peru. Erick spent the months of May and June, 2013 with us.

Faculty, Alumni, and Staff News

Welcome New Faculty



Dr. Brooke Jackson will be joining our faculty as an Associate Professor on September 16, 2013. Dr. Jackson comes to us from Chicago, IL, where she was the founder and medical director of the Skin Wellness Center of Chicago. Dr. Jackson will also serve as Director of Cosmetic Services and will be working with us to offer Mohs surgery at the Rex site.



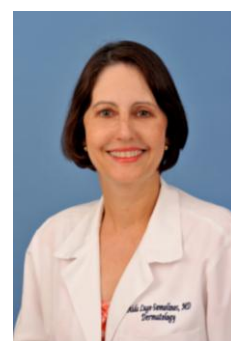
Dr. Chris Sayed ('13) joined the department July 1, 2013 as an Assistant Professor. He will also become our new Director of Medical Student Education. Dr. Sayed received his medical degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He also completed his preliminary medicine internship and residency at UNC.

Congratulations!

We are delighted and proud to announce the following faculty promotions: **Drs. Ning Li (PhD), Aída Lugo-Somolinos** and **Dean Morrell ('01)** have been promoted to the rank of Professor and **Dr. Susan Runge ('06)** has been promoted to Associate Professor.



Dr. Ning Li



Dr. Aída Lugo-Somolinos



Dr. Dean Morrell



Dr. Susan Runge

Dr. Amy Fox ('11) was appointed Associate Medical Director of the UNC Dermatology Clinic in October 2012. In this role, Dr. Fox oversees our clinical operations. To successfully meet the growing demands in our clinic, Dr. Fox is involved in everything from helping to hire, train and develop new staff members to working on quality improvement projects to supporting our growth into satellite clinics.



Faculty, Alumni, and Staff News



UNC Faculty

Lowell Goldsmith, Professor Emeritus, received the alumni achievement award from Downstate Medical Center for distinguished service to American Medicine in recognition of significant contributions to the welfare of mankind. The award was presented on May 18, 2013 on the occasion of Dr. Goldsmith's 50th anniversary of his graduation from the State University of New York, Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY.

Luis Diaz, Professor & Chair, was appointed President, Association of Professors of Dermatology (2014-2016). He will begin his term as President in 2014.

Congratulations to **Luis Diaz**, **David Rubenstein ('97)**, and **Nancy Thomas**, Professors, on being named in The Best Doctors in America ® 2013.

David Rubenstein chaired the 2013 Medical and Scientific Committee for the Dermatology Foundation. **Nancy Thomas** also served on the committee this year. The committee reviews grant applications and makes funding recommendations to the Dermatology Foundation that supports the early stage of Investigative Dermatology careers.

Craig Burkhardt ('07), Assistant Professor, was accepted into the UNC School of Medicine's Academy of Educators as an active member. This acceptance recognizes and acknowledges him as being one of the best teachers in our medical school.

Congratulations to **Donna Culton ('10)**, Clinical Instructor, for her success in obtaining the highly competitive Dermatology Foundation (DF) Career Development Award in March 2013, which provides renewal funding for up to three years.

Amy Fox ('11), Assistant Professor, was selected to the American Academy Dermatology Leadership Forum in March 2013. She was also selected to the NC Medical Society Leadership College as well as being named a Young Physician Board member of the NC Dermatology Society.

Staff



Eileen Peterson, RN, joined the Department October 29, 2012 as Nurse Manager. Eileen has been with the UNC Health Care System since 1995. Prior to joining our clinic staff, Eileen was an IVF Coordinator and Lead Nurse where she managed all office operations and coordinated all aspects of a patient's IVF process.

Our clinic staff has grown by leaps and bounds! We recently welcomed the following staff members to our clinic:

LPNs: Cathleen May Barnes, Tonya Calvin, Amy Thureson and Jan Williams

CNAs: Harriet Alston, Olivia Brown, Rykeil Norwood, Erin Pardini, Jasmine Thompson and Amanda Wise

Mohs Technicians: Jonathan Bisette, Katherine Hounshell and Cindy Michelotti

Histology Technician: Jennifer Rawle-Bailey

Administrative Reps/PBAs: Nathan Bailey, Karin Burton, Brad Cook and Phyllis White

Alumni News

Chris Adigun ('11) has stayed on at New York University as full-time faculty as an Assistant Professor, with her area of interest being nails. She was recently interviewed by Good Morning America, CBS, FOX and Univision as a medical expert on the topic of Gel manicure safety.



After more than two years at Kaiser, **Maren Shaw ('10)** will be joining the faculty at Medstar Washington Hospital Center/Georgetown University Hospital Dermatology Department.

David Woodley ('78) received an NIH R4 "Obama Challenge Grant" last year for his outstanding work in the protein replacement therapy of recessive dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa (RDEB).

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Lectures

Luis Diaz, Professor and Chair, was a speaker at the 71st Annual AAD Meeting in Miami, FL. The topic of his lecture was “Advances in Pemphigus and Pemphigoid”. He also gave an oral presentation on “Auto-Immunity & Inflammation at the Annual IID Meeting in Edinburgh, Scotland in May 2013.

Luis Diaz was an invited lecturer at the Gordon Research Conferences at Stonehill College in Easton, MA in June 2013, speaking on “Mucosal Health & Disease”.

David Rubenstein ('97), Professor, gave the following invited lectures:

- “Pemphigus: Anti-Desmosomal Autoimmune Diseases” Structure and Function of the Skin Course, 71st Annual AAD Meeting, Miami, FL, March 2013.
- “Targeting desmosome signaling for the treatment of the human autoimmune blistering disease pemphigus vulgaris”, UNC-Duke MSTP Joint Seminar, Chapel Hill, Feb. 2013.
- “Targeting signaling for the treatment of pemphigus” Proctor and Gamble Scientific Lectureship, University of Cincinnati Department of Dermatology, November 2012.
- “Signaling in Pemphigus”, Virginia Commonwealth University Department of Dermatology Grand Rounds, Richmond, VA, October 2012.

David Rubenstein was also an invited lecturer at the International Symposium on Autoimmune Bullous Disease in Lubeck, Germany, May 2013. Lecture: “Is there a role of apoptosis in the pathogenesis of pemphigus?”

Nancy Thomas, Professor, gave the following talks:

- “Genetics of Nail Unit Melanoma” at 71st Annual AAD Meeting, March 2013, Miami, FL.
- “Case-Based Overview of the Pigmented Lesion Clinic Experience” The North Carolina Association of Dermatologists Annual Meeting. January 2013, Charlotte, NC.

Research Awards

Luis Diaz, Professor and Chair, NIH RO1 Grant [8/13-7/31/18] Etiology and Pathogenesis of Pemphigus, was a successful Competitive Renewal of a 30 year old proposal.

Nancy Thomas, Professor, received an award from the Harry J. Lloyd Foundation for \$100,000/year for two years [6/13-5/31/14], detailing how new therapeutics are needed to improve the clinical management of metastatic melanoma.

Ning Li, PhD, PI, NIH five-year R01 Grant [6/12-5/31/17] Role of the Matrix Metalloproteinase in Pemphigus Autoantibody-Mediated Epidermal Injury.

Conferences and Clinical News

2013 Melanoma Patient Day Symposium

More than 150 physicians and patients gathered February 6th and 7th to learn more about melanoma. A half day symposium took place on February 6th, sponsored by the Melanoma Research Foundation, the UNC Division of Surgical Oncology and the UNC Department of Dermatology. The meeting was co-chaired by Dr. David Ollila, Professor of Surgery and **Nancy Thomas**, Robert Alan and Irene Briggaman Distinguished Professor of Dermatology.

UNC speakers for the Patient Day symposium were Drs. Ollila and Thomas, Dr. Fran Collichio, clinical professor of medicine, **Dr. Puneet Jolly ('12)**, assistant professor of dermatology, Dr. Carrie Lee, assistant professor of medicine and Dr. Rachel Aufforth, a fellow in the Department of Surgery. Guest speakers were Dr. Anne Cust from the University of Sydney in Sydney, Australia and Dr. Tiina Jakhola from the Helsinki University Central Hospital in Helsinki, Finland.

The 8th Annual UNC Conference on Melanoma: A Multidisciplinary Perspective was held on February 7th. The conference was sponsored by the UNC Department of Dermatology, the UNC Department of Surgery's Division of Surgical Oncology and the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center in partnership with the Greensboro Area Health Education Center. Course directors were Drs. David Ollila and **Nancy Thomas**.



(l-r) Drs. **Puneet Jolly ('12)**, David Ollila, **Nancy Thomas**, Ann Cust, Tim Turnham, executive director of the Melanoma Research Foundation, and Dr. Tiina Jakhola

UNC Dermatology Clinical Trials Unit

A new Pediatric Psoriasis study began enrollment in June 2013.

The Genentech Basal Cell Carcinoma (BCC) and Basal Cell Carcinoma Nevus Syndrome (BCCNS) Observational Registry is up and running. We are recruiting patients to learn more about this special population and current treatments.

We continue to recruit for our Psoriasis (adult) and Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS) studies.

We have been approved for the second Pediatric Psoriasis study (Galderma) and will soon begin screening patients.

Please contact **Dr. Aída Lugo-Somolinos** or **Erika Hanami** at erika_hanami@med.unc.edu for information, potential referrals and other inclusion/exclusion criteria.

Top Five!

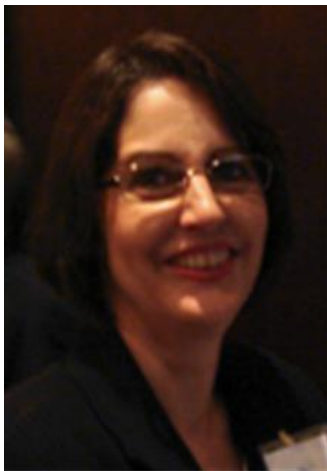
Dr. Don Spencer, Medical Director and Vice President of Ambulatory Care Administration and David Bauer, also of Ambulatory Care Administration, presented our Dermatology Clinic with the award for the TOP FIVE ambulatory clinics as determined by Patient Satisfaction scores. The award was presented on December 17, 2012 and we are proud of this accomplishment and recognition of our outstanding Dermatology clinic.

UNC Dermatology & Skin Cancer Center at Hillsborough

In addition to our Southern Village and Rex sites, we will now be seeing patients at the new UNC Health Care Medical Office Building located in Hillsborough, NC. We are excited to be able to offer another location to our patients, working in a multispecialty setting.

36th Annual SEC Meeting

UNC Dermatology successfully hosted the 36th Annual Southeastern Consortium for Dermatology on October 26-28, 2012. Under the leadership of Dr. **Aída Lugo-Somolinos**, Professor, who served as Program Chair, we broke the record for number of registrants (267) and posters (31). We also had twelve exhibitors, six guest lecturers (four of them departmental chairs), and six faculty member lecturers. The evaluations and comments received after the meeting were very positive, especially regarding the patient viewing session that took place at UNC's Ambulatory Care Center. A special thank you to Program Coordinator **Cherie Ezuka**, and our planning committee members: **Drs. Craig Burkhardt ('07), Donna Culton ('10), Luis Diaz, Pat Mauro, Dean Morrell ('01), David Rubenstein ('97), Chris Sayed ('13), Nancy Thomas and Dan Zedek.**



Dr. Aída Lugo-Somolinos, Program Chair



Planning Committee members **Dr. David Rubenstein ('97)**, Louis C. Skinner, Jr. Distinguished Professor of Dermatology and **Dr. Luis Diaz**, The C.E. Wheeler, Jr. Distinguished Professor & Chair.



Dr. Puneet Jolly ('12), Assistant Professor and Lecturer



Cherie Ezuka, Program Coordinator

Conferences & Clinical News (cont'd)

Epic is Coming!

As we prepare to transition over to Epic, a new electronic records system, we put together an Epic committee, headed by Dr. **Pat Mauro**. Our committee traveled to Yale University in New Haven, CT and the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) in Milwaukee, WI. While at Yale and MCW, we were shown how the Epic system works and what we can expect after the transition. We would like to thank Dr. Richard Edelson, Chair of Yale's SOM Department of Dermatology for his hospitality and we would also like to thank our MCW hosts, including Administrator Ellen Loughran and Program Coordinator Shelly Martin.



Our Yale team (l-r) **Dr. Amy Fox ('11)**, Administrative Rep **Cynthia Williams**, **Dr. Luis Diaz**, Yale Chairman **Dr. Richard Edelson**, Certified Nursing Assistant **Olivia Brown**, **Dr. Pat Mauro**, Clinic Administrator **Natasha Watts**



Our MCW team (front row l-r) LPN **Amy Thureson**, **Dr. Pat Mauro**, **Dr. Puneet Jolly ('12)**, Mohs Supervisor **Sara Edwards**, Associate Chair for Administration **Emma Beckham**, Clinic Administrator **Natasha Watts**, Nurse Manager **Eileen Peterson** (back row l-r) MCW's Program Coordinator **Shelly Martin**, Administrator **Ellen Loughran**

Spring Fling

On Saturday, April 27, 2013, the Department of Dermatology held its 2nd Annual Spring Fling. The event was open to the entire Dermatology Department and it was a time to have some fun, laughter and refreshments away from the workplace. A special thank you to Spring Fling committee members Dr. Craig Burkhart ('07), Beth Cates, Melinda Clapp, Cherie Ezuka, Maria Ford, Lola Love, Dr. Patrick Retterbush ('15), Dr. Susan Runge ('06), Trista Tinnen and Dr. Katie Viscusi ('14).

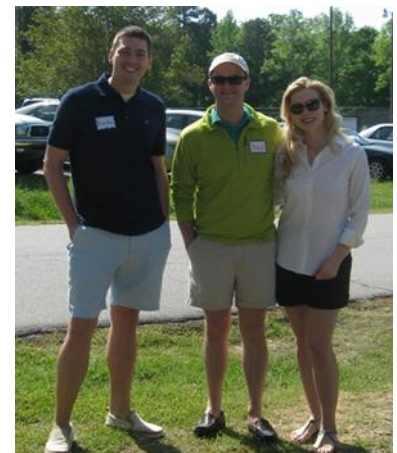


Dr. Luis Diaz & wife Dora

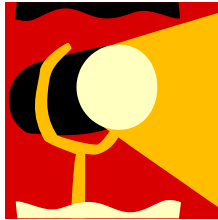


Drs. Susan Runge ('06) and Craig Burkhart ('07)

Dr. Brandon Mitchell ('14), Dr. Patrick Retterbush ('15) and wife Elizabeth



Spotlight



Sara Edwards serves as the supervisor for the Mohs Surgery Unit in the UNC Dermatology and Skin Cancer Center. Sara leads the Mohs team consisting of Mohs technicians and histologists in partnership with Drs. **Brad Merritt ('09)** and **Raj Varma**. This team has been highly successful and for two years has attained a Tier 1 status in employee satisfaction.

Dr. Brad Merritt, Director of Mohs and Dermatologic Surgery, Assistant Professor, states that "Sara is a tremendous asset to our department. Her team leadership of the Mohs Surgery Unit has helped establish a highly cohesive group that is able to provide consistently outstanding care to our patients. Her contributions are invaluable and she has been instrumental in maintaining team morale during a phase of rapid growth of our practice."

Sara joined the Department in 2008 as a Mohs technician and moved into her current position in April 2011. She is a Tarheel born and bred hailing from Wilmington, NC and receiving her degree from UNC-Chapel Hill. She is a member of our in-house Epic team helping us to get ready for the new medical record system next year. She is honored to work with a great team in the Mohs Surgery Unit.

When she's away from the clinic, Sara enjoys spending time with her family in Wilmington and attending concerts and sporting events with friends. She also enjoys volunteering at the NC Children's Hospital and the Red Cross.



New Additions



Chris Sayed ('13) and his wife, Kelly, welcomed daughter, **Kinley Marie**, into their family on October 20, 2012.



On May 21, 2013, **Shelley Cathcart** and husband Phil celebrated the birth of their daughter, **Nora Caroline**.



Engagements/Weddings

Anna Burkhead ('13) and **Kim Edhegard ('10)** are engaged to be married on September 28, 2013.

Katie Fyall ('16) married Joe Varman on May 28, 2013.

Kara Luersen ('16) and Aaron Brooks were married on June 15, 2013.

Calendar of Events

UNC-Duke Conferences (4:00 – 6:00 pm)

Location	9/12	9/26	10/10	10/24	12/12	1/23	2/27	3/13	4/10	4/24	5/22	6/12
UNC		X		X		X	X			X	X	
Duke	X		X		X			X	X			X

The Annual UNC Conference on Melanoma

The incidence of melanoma continues to rise rapidly in this country. Increasingly, the management of the melanoma patient requires multiple healthcare providers. This course is specifically designed for a multidisciplinary view of the care of the melanoma patient. The course faculty will examine common clinical issues which often confront the clinician and attempt to provide information that will help in their clinical decision-making regarding these difficult patient problems.

The 9th Annual UNC Conference on Melanoma will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 from 8 am to 4:30 pm at the Friday Center in Chapel Hill.

Save These Dates:

November 1-3, 2013: SEC Meeting
University of Alabama – Birmingham, AL

September 27-29, 2013: APD Annual Meeting
Chicago, IL

March 21-25, 2014: Annual AAD Meeting
Denver, CO

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