



# UNC-CH Department of Dermatology

## *Skin Healers*

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A Newsletter for Alumni, Colleagues and Friends of the Department



### From the Chair

Greetings from the Hill! Dermatology has been full of hustle and bustle since our last newsletter.

We are currently planning to move our entire clinical operations to a new site in Southern Village in Chapel Hill. You may recall that a few years ago we opened a new dermatology center at Southern Village to accommodate the demands for clinical services. The UNC Health Care System is expanding its ambulatory surgery and the team has decided our patients will be best served at a consolidated site. We hope to be up and running in the new center by this spring.

In the UNC HCS environment, we have the honor to serve a diverse group of patients from across the State of North Carolina. We value our long-term relationship with the Fayetteville VA Hospital and the care of veterans at that site and here at UNC through our agreement with TriCare. In this time of economic challenges for so many of our citizens, it is a critical part of our mission to work to serve those in need. We are continuously supporting our social mission by staffing clinics in partnership with the Student Health Action Coalition at the Piedmont Health Services facility in Carrboro. We are committed to supporting our patient mission to every citizen of NC. Our vision in the UNC HCS is to be the Nation's leading public academic health care system through *Leading ~ Teaching ~ Caring*.

With the addition of three new faculty members, Dr. Richard Scher, Dr. Aida Lugo-Somolinos, and Dr. Craig Burkhart, we have been able to enhance our educational mission and expand the services available to our patients and your referrals! The world-renown Dr. Scher is working with us to provide nail disorder education and offering that service to our patients. Dr. Lugo-Somolinos is actively engaged and directing the clinical trials unit and the outcomes skin research program for the Latino community of NC.

Additionally, she has a strong interest in contact dermatitis where she is involved in teaching our residents and providing dermatological care for patients in need of her expertise. Dr. Burkhart, as a pediatric dermatologist, brings the knowledge of treatment of vascular lesions with laser technology to our Department as well as giving us the ability to expand our pediatric services.

One of the joys of academic medicine is to have the opportunity to train the future generation of dermatologists in our outstanding residency program headed by Dr. Dean Morrell. Our residency program underwent a successful review by the RRC this past July and was approved for four years. We appreciate the hard work of Dr. Morrell, Cherie Ezuka, faculty, residents, and staff that were involved in the accreditation process. Dr. Craig Burkhart is now leading our educational program for medical students.

We are delighted that our research programs in keratinocyte biology, autoimmune blistering diseases and melanoma have continued to receive NIH support. This is remarkable under the present budgetary restriction of all federal programs. In the area of clinical research we are also participating in numerous clinical trials that will generate scientific publications, useful to all of us. If you have patients who are interested, please see the information in this newsletter and alert them to this activity.

We appreciate all the support from our alumni over the years. Certainly, your philanthropy has helped us to achieve and realize many of our dreams and missions. At this time and as a result of Dr. Louis C. Skinner's donation, I am delighted to announce that Dr. David Rubenstein has been promoted to Professor and has been named the Louis C. Skinner Jr. Distinguished Professor of Dermatology, recognizing his contributions to our Department.

Best wishes to you and yours in the coming new year!

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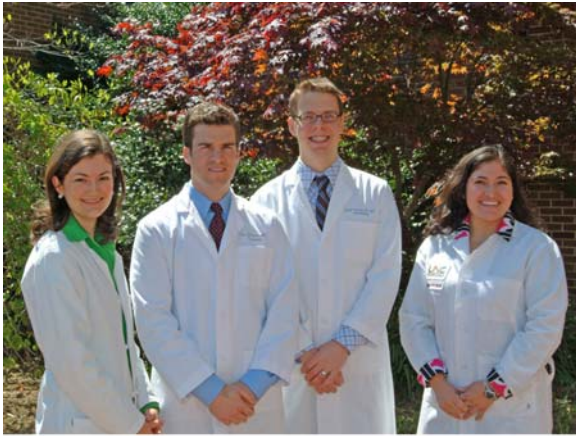


# Residents' Corner

## Farewell

On June 30, 2008, Drs. Ana Benitez-Graham, Kelly Nelson, David Pascoe, and Todd Wilkinson completed their dermatology residency training. All four physicians were honored at the Senior Resident Graduation Dinner on May 31.

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



### Ana Benitez-Graham, MD

Dr. Benitez-Graham has joined Dr. Patterson at Alamance Dermatology, with an office in Mebane, NC.

### Kelly Nelson, MD

Dr. Nelson is an Assistant Professor at Duke Medical Center in Durham, NC.

### David Pascoe, MD

Dr. Pascoe is working with Dr. Cynthia Tie as an Associate at the Center for Dermatology Associates in Tallahassee, FL.

### Todd Wilkinson, MD

Dr. Wilkinson has joined Dr. Dan Zivony in a private practice at Advanced Dermatology and Skin Surgery Center in Asheville, NC.

## Welcome

On July 1, 2008, we welcomed four new residents as they begin their dermatology training: Drs. Chris Adigun, Mat Davey, Amy Fox, and Sunny Kim.



### Chris Adigun, MD

Dr. Adigun completed her undergraduate degree at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY. She earned a medical degree from UNC at Chapel Hill. She completed her preliminary medicine intern year at Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital in Greensboro, NC.

### Mat Davey, MD

Dr. Davey completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Nebraska in Kearney, NE, and his medical degree from the University of Nebraska in Omaha, NE. He completed his transitional internship at Scripps Mercy Hospital in San Diego, CA.



### Amy Fox, MD

Dr. Fox earned her undergraduate degree from Duke University in Durham, NC. She received her medical degree from Tulane University in New Orleans, LA. She completed her preliminary medicine internship at UNC at Chapel Hill.

### Sunny Kim, MD

Dr. Kim completed her undergraduate degree at the University of California - Davis in Davis, CA. She earned her medical degree from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, MD. Dr. Kim completed her general surgery internship and residency at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC.



## 2008-2009 Chief Resident Named

Dr. Brie Poindexter has been named Chief Resident for the 2008-2009 academic year. Dr. Poindexter earned her medical degree from the Emory University in Atlanta, GA, where she completed her transitional internship. Dr. Poindexter is scheduled to complete her residency training on June 30, 2009.

## 2008 Match Results

We are pleased to announce the results of the 2008 Match. The following individuals will be joining our residency program on July 1, 2009:

Ahmad Amin	UNC-Chapel Hill School of Medicine
Anne Fender	University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry
Puneet Jolly	Georgetown University School of Medicine
Richard McClain	University of Virginia School of Medicine

## Where Are They Now?

### Eric Hanson ('02):

Almost seven years have past since I finished my chief resident year in June 2002. There is not a day that goes by I don't feel grateful for matching in dermatology, the excellent teaching that I received while at UNC and for the memories of residency that I carry with me.

I started my career at a large multispecialty clinic in Vancouver, Washington. I stayed for four years. Eighteen months ago my wife Jen (as business manager) and I opened our own clinic which we call Knott Street Dermatology ([www.knottstreetdermatology.com](http://www.knottstreetdermatology.com)). Our main clinic is now a 12-minute walk along Knott Street

from our home, in Irvington, a Northeast Portland neighborhood. We also staff a satellite clinic 10 miles south in Milwaukie, Oregon where I bike commute to year round. By giving up the car, I have managed to combine exercise, stress reduction and a lower carbon footprint.

My entire staff from the Vancouver Clinic came with me and I have since hired a Nurse Practitioner to see patients with me. Business is great and I am actively recruiting a second dermatologist (anyone interested?). I have marketed myself heavily to the local primary care community and the majority of our patients are referral based. I practice medical, surgical and cosmetic dermatology. My interests include pulsed light based photo-rejuvenation, fractionated scar remodeling, etc.

Our son Ethan is now 10 and in 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Irvington Elementary, 2 blocks away. He has become quite an accomplished swimmer winning both the 50 and 100 meter backstroke, at the short-course Sectional championships in March (a 7-state meet!). You can check out his races on [youtube.com](http://youtube.com) (Ethan AGS 50 back and Ethan AGS 100 back). He also plays saxophone, guitar and piano.

Our daughter Jane is now 16 months old and loves the water, just like her brother. She comes to work often with Mom and feels quite at home at our office.



Eric, Jen, Ethan, and Jane Hanson



# Residents' Corner (Continued)

## Dermatology Boards

**Ana Benitez-Graham ('08), Kelly Nelson ('08), David Pascoe ('08), and Todd Wilkinson ('08)** passed the American Board of Dermatology's Certifying Examination in August 2008. Congratulations!

## Pediatric Dermatology Boards

**Craig Burkhart ('07)** has passed Pediatric Dermatology Board Exam in October, and is now Board Certified.

## International Electives

Currently, residents have the opportunity for two international electives: Australia and Brazil.

**Deirdre Murrell ('93)** states that two [**Eric Hanson ('03)** and **Mike Sullivan ('04)**] residents have taken electives in Australia with her, and others are welcome.

Several residents have taken the elective in Brazil, as part of the Brazilian Exchange Program. **Mike Fastenberg ('09), Craig Burkhart ('07) and Tara Byer-Parsons ('07)** completed electives in Brazil.

If any resident is interested in these international electives, contact Dr. Diaz.

## Medical Students

Our senior elective received visiting students from Temple University, University of Texas – Houston, Brown, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Case Western Reserve University, and Gifu University, Japan.

## Peru Elective

The Department is delighted to be an active participant in the collaboration between the UNC School of Medicine and the University of Trujillo, Peru School of Medicine. Dr. Luis Diaz and Dr. Marco Aleman serve as faculty for this fourth year elective. As part of an international exchange program with the School of Medicine at the

Universidad Nacional de Trujillo, Peru, UNC students will join the medical team at the university hospital for one to two months and UNT students will do the same at UNC. As part of the team, they may attend hospitalized patients, work in clinics and educational conferences, among other duties. UNC students have the opportunity to practice and improve their knowledge of conversational Spanish and Spanish medical terminology while improving diagnostic skills and learning to practice medicine in a different culture and with limited resources. Students also have the opportunity to learn the health care infrastructure and health provision in Peru.

This year three medical students from UNC have traveled to Peru and two students from UNT have traveled to Chapel Hill. They are:

### UNC

Keenan O'Leary  
Elizabeth Uy-Smith  
Zac Williams

### Peru

Mayita Alvarez  
Pedro Segura

## *Pediatric Annals*

In December 2007, the monthly issue of *Pediatric Annals* was guest edited and authored by multiple UNC Dermatology residents. Under mentorship of **Dr. Dean Morrell ('01)**, resident physicians **Jim Liou ('07), Kelly Nelson ('08), David Pascoe ('08), Mike Fastenberg ('09), Brian Green ('09), and Brie Poindexter ('09)** each contributed manuscripts as first author for the issue focused upon easily missed pediatric diagnoses. The UNC-infused issue was well-received by the publisher and readers. As primary authors, residents have been contacted regarding advice of their topic by readers across the country and overseas (Italy). The positive feedback encouraged the publisher to ask us for another issue due out early 2009. The next edition will focus on therapeutics in pediatric dermatology and will include a longer list of resident participants in addition to mentorship with new faculty member **Dr. Craig Burkhart ('07)**.

# Faculty, Alumni, and Staff News

## Welcome New Faculty

**Dr. Craig Burkhart ('07)** joined the department July 1, 2008 as an Assistant Professor, specializing in pediatric dermatology. Dr. Burkhart completed a fellowship at Northwestern in Chicago, IL after completing his residency with UNC Dermatology.



**Dr. Richard Scher** joined the department as a Professor September 1, 2007, specializing in nail disorders. After completing his residency at New York University, Dr. Scher served as faculty at several universities including New York University, Brown, the State University of New York at Stony Brook, and Columbia University.



**Dr. Aida Lugo-Somolinos** joined the department as an Associate Professor September 1, 2007. Dr. Lugo-Somolinos, after completing her residency at the University District Hospital in San Juan, PR, was an attending at the San Juan Bautista and at the University of Puerto Rico.



## Clinical Trials

Steifel (Nail Fungus) – Active –Recruiting patients  
Aida Lugo-Somolinos, MD, PI

A Phase 2, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Parallel-Group, Dose-Ranging Study to Investigate the Efficacy and Safety of a 4 Dose Regimen of Oral Albaconazole in Subjects With Distal Subungual Onychomycosis

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Three acne trials have been filled. If you have acne patients interested, please contact Erika Hanami for future acne trials.

# Faculty, Alumni, and Staff News (Continued)



**Luis Diaz**, Professor and Chairman, UNC Dermatology and **David Rubenstein ('97)**, Professor, UNC Dermatology, were recognized among UNC's 198 Best Doctors of America for 2007. They were recognized at the April 29th Spring Faculty meeting.

**Steve Feldman ('90)**, Professor of Dermatology, Pathology, and Public Health Sciences at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center School of Medicine, had a theory published in the Archives of Dermatology that there is a lot of phenomena in dermatology that had crazy explanations are actually related to poor compliance with treatment. One example was Dr. Wheeler's aphorism to "use new medication before they stop working." It now appears the reason medications work so much better in research studies is better compliance in study patients than in clinic patients. In another study, Dr. Feldman looked at the compliance with 0.1% triamcinolone ointment in kids with atopic dermatitis. That study was done without telling the patients they were being monitored. Compliance dropped by about 60% in just 3 days. That probably explains well why outpatients we saw as residents would be resistant to 0.1% TAC ointment while the same kids would respond to the same medication in just 2 or 3 days when admitted to NC Memorial Hospital.

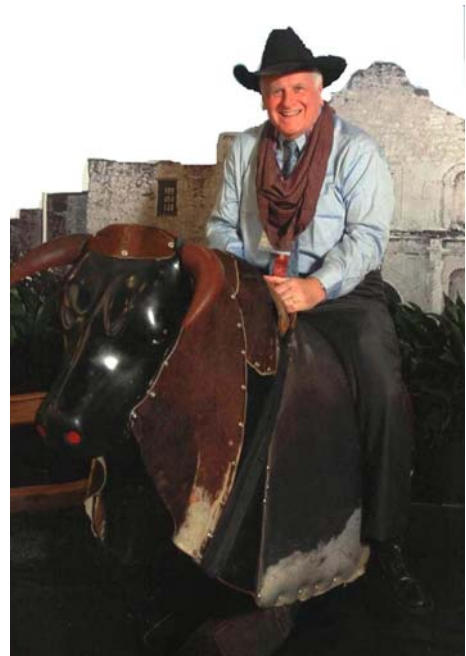
**Fred Ghali ('99)**'s practice, Pediatric Dermatology of North Texas, has relocated to a new 4200 square foot clinic and research facility in Grapevine, Texas.

**Fred Ghali ('99)** received the Resident Teaching Award from the UT Southwestern Department of Dermatology in June 2007.

**Lowell Goldsmith**, Clinical Professor of Dermatology and Epidemiology at UNC, and Dr. James Grichnik from

Duke, received a pilot grant from the Duke Science Education Project to build a hands-on Dermoscopic Educational Project at the Museum of Life and Science in Durham to increase interest in skin science for youth.

**Lowell Goldsmith** presented the twenty-ninth Samuel J. Zakon lecture entitled "Disorganization of American Dermatology During World War II" at the History of Dermatology Society in San Antonio, Texas, on February 1, 2008. He arrived on his trusty bull, Tarheel.



**Patty Green** has received her certification as a dermatology coder. She has worked hard and diligently to obtain this certification and her new skills are invaluable to the entire Department. This is invaluable information for our residents as they prepare for work as an attending in the private sector or in an academic setting. Congratulations, Patty!



**Adnan Nasir ('99)**, NCDA President and **Nancy Thomas**, NCDA President-Elect, as well as NCDA program faculty, **Pamela Groben**, **David Rubenstein ('97)**, and **David Woodley ('78)**, along with **Tara Stewart ('01)** attended the North Carolina Dermatology Association 2007 Summer Meeting July 27-29 at Sunset Beach, NC. This course was designed for the dermatologic physician, addressing issues of interest and concern to dermatologists today, and included **Dr. Rubenstein's** workshop (along with Dr. Alfredo Rivadeneira) on Biologic Agents for Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis, **Dr. Groben's** talk on Dysplastic Nevi, an Unending Controversy, and **Dr. Woodley's ('78)** talk on Epidermolysis Bullosa.



Angela Nasir, Dr. Adnan Nasir, and Dr. Nancy Thomas



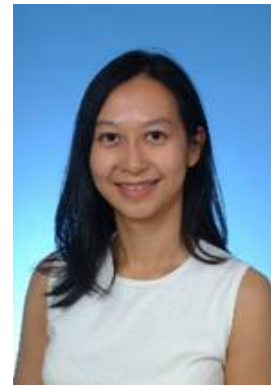
Dr. Tara Stewart and her children

The UNC Melanoma Group was featured at the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center Annual Retreat at the Friday Center, Chapel Hill, NC on May 22, 2007. **Nancy Thomas**, David Ollila, Bob Millikan, and Ned Sharpless were the speakers for the first

symposium topic entitled, "Melanoma-Translational Research on the Silent Killer." Fifty posters competed for prizes, and tied for third place in Basic Sciences was David Roadcap, Daniel Zedek, **Pamela Groben**, **Anne Lachiewicz**, Nickolas Holoweckyj, **Nancy Thomas**, and **James Bear's** poster entitled, "Coronin-1C Regulates Actin Dynamics During Metastasis."

## Farewell Dr. Wu & Dr. Schwarz

Thanks to Dr. Diem Wu and Dr. Emily Schwarz for all of your contributions and dedication to UNC Dermatology residents, medical students, faculty, and staff. Best wishes to both of you!



Dr. Wu has relocated to the Richmond, VA area with her husband. She is taking the remainder of the year off to spend time with Ashley, the new addition to the Wu household, and Isabelle. She plans on applying for positions in the Richmond, VA area next year.



**Dr. Emily Schwarz ('07)** and her family have moved to Pennsylvania as her husband has been named medical director of the Bucks County Health Department. Dr. Schwarz will be applying for positions in that area and spending time with nearby family.

# Faculty, Alumni, and Staff News (Continued)

## Publications

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## Research Awards

**Zhi Liu, PI, NIH/NIAMS Competitive Renewal [9/2008]** *Immunopathogenesis of Bullous Pemphigoid:* The long term goal is to increase our understanding of the pathophysiology & autoimmunity of BP and how it relates to the functions of autoantibodies & proteinases in inflammation & autoimmunity.

**Ye Qian, PI, Dermatology Foundation Research Award [7/2008]** *Allergic response associated with IgG4 autoantibodies & their pathogenicity in autoimmune skin disease.* This project will identify IgG4 antibodies that are genetically related to those self-reactive IgE and test whether these IgG4 antibodies induce blisters in mice.

**Luis A. Diaz, PI, NIH/NIAMS Competitive Renewal [4/2008]** *Etiology and Pathogenesis of Pemphigus:* This grant includes a series of protocols aimed at disclosing the etiology of Brazilian Pemphigus Foliaceus or Fogo Selvagem (FS).

**Luis A. Diaz, PI, NIH/NIAMS Competitive Renewal [9/2007]** *Pemphigus and Pemphigoid:* Studies on the characterization of pemphigus and pemphigoid antigens and to test the respective pathogenicity of autoantibodies.

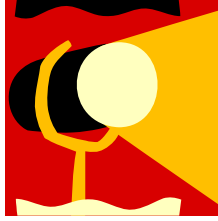
**David Rubenstein, PI, NIH/NIAMS Competitive Renewal [7/2007]** *Adhesion Junction Regulation in Normal & Diseased Skin:* how phosphorylation & O-glycosylation regulate the functions of human beta catenin and plakoglobin and *Drosophila Armadillo.*

**Nancy Thomas, PI, UNC-CH LCCC University Cancer Research Fund Award [2/2008]** *Image Analysis to Assess Melanoma Heterogeneity and Survival.* Advanced computational methods will be used to identify the physical characteristics of the melanoma cells which are associated with tumor classification, based on known information about somatic genetic mutations in melanomas, and survival.

**Nancy Thomas, PI, UNC Center for Environmental Health Pilot Project [4/2008]** *Genetic Instability: Quantification and Association with Melanoma Causal Pathways and Survival.* Melanoma cell lines are being studied by CGH, a metric of genomic instability based on these results will be developed, and the instability score will be compared with nuclear features using high-throughput image analysis.



## Spotlight



**Joy Miller**, Manager of the Dermatopathology Laboratory, received a MBA from the New York Institute of Technology (NYIT) with a perfect 4.0 average, in July 2007. NYIT is a fifty-year-old academic institution with three New York area campuses and an accredited online division, Ellis College of NYIT. Ellis' online MBA program offers courses developed in partnership with the world's leading business schools, including Columbia University's Business school, Stanford University, and the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business. It was recently named as one of the top distance learning and online MBA providers by *The Financial Times*.

Joy has been working tirelessly for the past 12 months on a degree that is normally completed in eighteen months. The curriculum included standard MBA courses and elective courses in health care administration and management focused on financial, regulatory, and legislative issues related to health care. Please join me in offering your congratulations to Joy for doing an excellent job as our laboratory manager and working to advance her knowledge and skills in this competitive health care environment.



## New Additions



**Fred Ghali ('99)** and his wife, Tessa, welcomed a son, **Grant**, into their family on February 2, 2007.

**Olivia** was welcomed by her proud parents, **Amy Fox ('11)** and Joseph Fox on December 21, 2007.

On February 3, 2008, a daughter, **Ella Grace**, was born to the proud parents, **Tara Byer-Parsons ('07)** and **Dan Parsons ('05)**.

**Julian** was welcomed by **Chris Adigun ('11)** and Yomi Adigun on March 14, 2008.

**Emily Schwarz ('07)** and her husband, David Damsker, welcomed a daughter, **Eve Marie**, into their family on April 14, 2008.

**Louis** was welcomed by his proud parents, **David Dasher ('09)** and Leigh Ann Dasher on May 1, 2008.

On June 25, a daughter, **Ashley**, was born to proud parents, Diem and Sam Wu.

**Brad Merritt ('09)** and his wife Valerie welcomed a daughter, **Nora**, on September 26, 2008.

**Maya** was welcomed by her proud parents, **Donna Culton ('10)** and her husband, Arun Manikuman on November 7, 2008.



## Engagements/Weddings

Congratulations to Jena Ivey and **Craig Burkhart ('07)** on their engagement. They plan to be married on May 2, 2009.

**Richard McClain ('12)** is engaged to Patty Cordes, with a wedding date set for June 2009.

## Calendar of Events

### UNC-Duke Conferences (4:00 – 6:00 pm)

Location	1/22	2/12	2/26	5/14	5/28	6/11	
UNC	X		X		X		
Duke		X		X		X	

### The 4th 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 4th Annual UNC Conference on Melanoma will be held on February 26, 2009 from 8 am to 4:30 pm at the Friday Center in Chapel Hill. For more information, please visit the website at <http://www.med.unc.edu/cme/events/melanoma-2009> or contact Deirdre Boyer [919-843-6382 or [Deirdre\\_boyer@med.unc.edu](mailto:Deirdre_boyer@med.unc.edu)].

### Save These Dates:

March 6-10, 2009: Annual AAD Meeting  
San Francisco, CA

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