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# UNC-CH Department of Dermatology

## Skin Healers

Fall, 2016

A Newsletter for Alumni, Colleagues and Friends of the Department



### From the Chair

Following a long process of self-examination of my 40 years of academic activities which started at the University of Michigan (7 years), continued at Johns Hopkins (7 years), Medical College of Wisconsin (10 years as Chair), and the University of North Carolina (16 years), I will be stepping down from my role as Chair on December 31, 2016. I'll be spending one year of research sabbatical leave in 2017 and return as a Professor of Dermatology. The last 16 years have been challenging and rewarding and I have attempted to continue the tradition of excellence established by the former chairs of the Department: Dr. Richard Dobson, Dr. Clayton Wheeler, and Dr. Robert Briggaman. As I see it, the future of the Department is bright and the selected leader that will follow me will take our Department to even higher accomplishments.



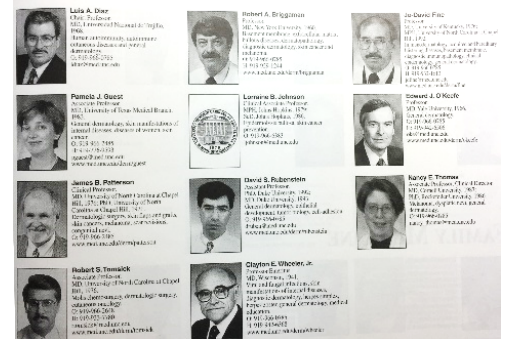
During my tenure as Chair, the Department has expanded in all its missions, i.e., patient care, education, and research. We provide clinical services at four sites: Southern Village, Chapel Hill (headquarters), Raleigh (near Rex Hospital), Burlington, and the Hillsborough Medical Office Building/Hospital. Two of these sites were donated by former UNC alumni: Dr. Laurinda Queen in Raleigh (practice) and Dr. Richard Henderson in Burlington (practice and real estate). Further, we have been assigned an office which is occupied by our dermatologist/hospitalist – a new service covering the inpatient consultation service at UNC Hospitals Medical Center.

Sadly, our traditional flights to Fayetteville to care for Veterans using our UNC small planes were interrupted in 2013, as the VA

Medical Hospital hired a full-time dermatologist.

We started with a small number of faculty as shown on the 2000-2001 UNC Faculty

### DERMATOLOGY (2000-2001)



Directory. From this group we have three remaining: Dr. Thomas, Dr. Rubenstein and me. Dr. Wheeler, Dr. Briggaman, Dr. O'Keefe, Dr. Patterson, and Dr. Tomsick retired. Dr. Fine moved to Vanderbilt University and Dr. Guest moved to a private practice. We recruited new faculty that have remained or have left to new opportunities: Dr. Simon Warren, Dr. Pamela Groben, Dr. John Woosley, Dr. Heidi Jacobe, Dr. Lowell Goldsmith, Dr. David Grekin, Dr. Richard Scher, Dr. Daniel Parsons, Dr. Diem Wu, Dr. Nathaniel Wilkin, Dr. Emily Schwarz, Dr. David Dasher, Dr. Susan Runge, Dr. Brooke Jackson, Dr. Kate Roy and Dr. Daniel Zedek. Dr. Briggaman, Dr. O'Keefe and Dr. Goldsmith remain as Professors Emeritus. As shown on the current faculty roster on page 3, we have a new generation of outstanding faculty members.

During the last 16 years, several "Centers of Excellence" have developed in our Department: Dermatopathology (Dr. Googe), Mohs Surgery (Dr. Merritt and Dr. Varma), Pediatric Dermatology (Dr. Morrell, Dr. Burkhart, and Dr. McShane), Melanoma Clinic (Dr. Thomas and Dr. Mauro), Autoimmune skin diseases (Dr. Culton and Dr. Diaz), Contact Dermatitis (Dr. Lugo-Somolinos), Hidradenitis (Dr. Sayed), Alopecia (Dr. Fox), Woman

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### Dermatology & Skin Cancer Center at SV



### Dermatology & Skin Cancer Center at Hillsborough



### Dermatology & Skin Cancer Center at Rex



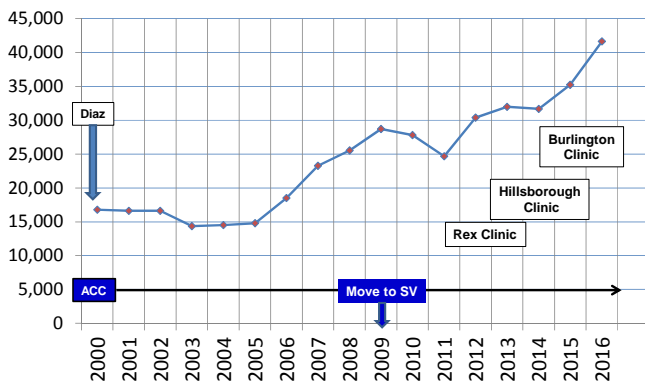
### Dermatology & Skin Cancer Center at Burlington



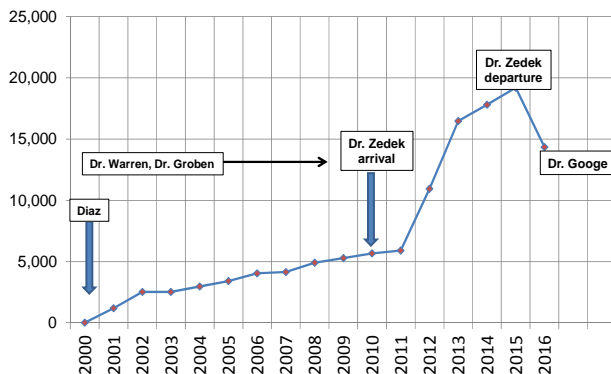
Genital Dermatology (Dr. Corley), Cutaneous Lymphoma (Dr. Bowers) and the Hospitalist/Consultation Service (Dr. Sun). The number of patients seen in these facilities has grown from 14,000 per year in 2000, when located at the Ambulatory Care Center (ACC) on campus to around 40,000 per year in 2016.

The number of specimens processed by the dermatopathology laboratory (forming part of our department since my arrival) have grown as well (see below). Similarly, the Mohs Surgery unit has exponentially grown under the leadership of Dr. Merritt and Dr. Varma. In 2014, we transitioned from the WEB-CIS electronic medical record to EPIC. This growth of our Department has enhanced the educational activities of our residents and medical students.

**UNC Department of Dermatology: Patients Visits (2000-2016)**



**UNC Department of Dermatology: Dermatopathology Growth (2000-2016)**



The UNC Dermatology alumni have continuously shown their gratitude to our Department by endowing three distinguished professor chairs: the Clayton E. Wheeler, Jr., before my arrival and the Irene & Robert "Al" Briggaman Professorship and the Louis Skinner Professorship during my tenure. In recent years, our alumni have continued to support our department with practice donations of Dr. Laurinda Queen (1983-1986) in Raleigh and Dr. Richard Henderson (1965-1968) in Burlington (<http://tinyurl.com/j5ql9wn>). This support has become instrumental in our continued growth and development. The Department of Dermatology will be eternally grateful to our alumni for their continuous support.

In the Research Mission we have continued to advance the areas of autoimmunity of blistering diseases and melanoma, both sponsored by NIH grants. We remained among the top 10 NIH ranked US departments of dermatology, although recently we dropped in 2015.

This will be a challenging area in the future of the Department, since NIH funding is becoming scarce and more competitive.

To conclude I'm grateful to the institution and our hard working faculty and residents and our clinic and administrative personnel for their continuous support. This support has been instrumental in allowing me to reach incredible goals including serving as President of the Society of Investigative Dermatology (2000-2001) and the Association of Professors of Dermatology (2014-2016); elected member of the American Academy of Dermatology Board of Directors (2005) and becoming a member of the Institute of Medicine-National Academy of Medicine (2002).

Dean William Roper has appointed Dr. Nancy Thomas as Chair of the UNC Department of Dermatology effective January 1, 2017. I'm extremely pleased that one of our own faculty members, Dr. Thomas, will lead the Department. I have full confidence that Dr. Thomas will continue making our Department a bastion of excellence in education, patient care, and research.

As a professor of dermatology, I will continue supporting the academic missions of our department.

#### **The Donation of the Burlington UNC Dermatology Practice and Real Estate by Richard and Margie Henderson (<http://tinyurl.com/j5ql9wn>)**

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 this time I wish to express our gratitude to another example of the commitment of our former residents to their alma mater - Dr. Richard Henderson (1965-1968). Dr. Henderson initially worked with Dr. Clayton Wheeler and dedicated his professional career to caring for others in Burlington, NC. After 48 years in private practice he retired and donated his practice and professional building to the UNC Department of Dermatology in October 2015.

We are honored that Dr. Henderson wanted to partner with us to make sure that his patients were well-cared for as he entered retirement. We are delighted to be able to serve his patients in the new UNC Dermatology and Skin Cancer Center at Burlington. 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. This site also expands and enhances our educational environment.



**Dr. Luis Diaz, Dr. Richard Henderson and his wife Margie during the signing of the donation**

## Dermatology Faculty

We currently have 21 faculty: 13 clinicians, 3 physician scientists, 5 basic scientists, and 3 professor Emeritus.



Dr. Luis A. Diaz  
Professor & Chair



Dr. Robert Briggaman  
Professor Emeritus



Dr. Lowell Goldsmith  
Professor Emeritus



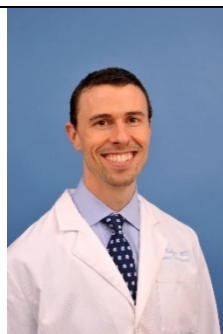
Dr. Edward O'Keefe  
Professor Emeritus



Dr. Adewole Adamson



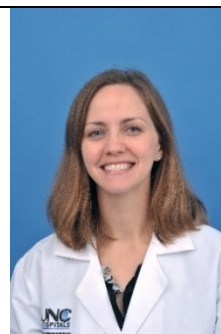
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Dr. Craig Burkhardt



Dr. Sarah Corley



Dr. Donna Culton



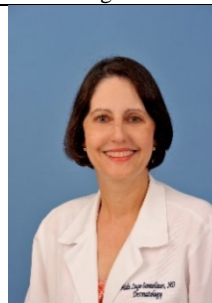
Dr. Amy Fox



Dr. Paul Googe



Dr. Puneet Jolly



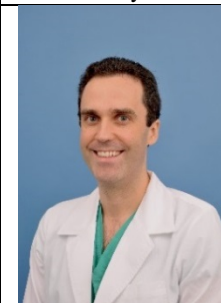
Dr. Aida Lugo-Somolinos



Dr. Patricia Mauro



Dr. Diana McShane



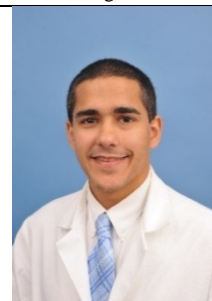
Dr. Brad Merritt



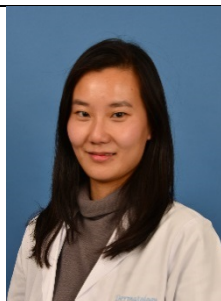
Dr. Dean Morrell



Dr. David Rubenstein



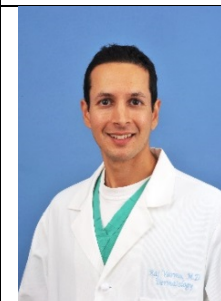
Dr. Chris Sayed



Dr. Natalie Sun

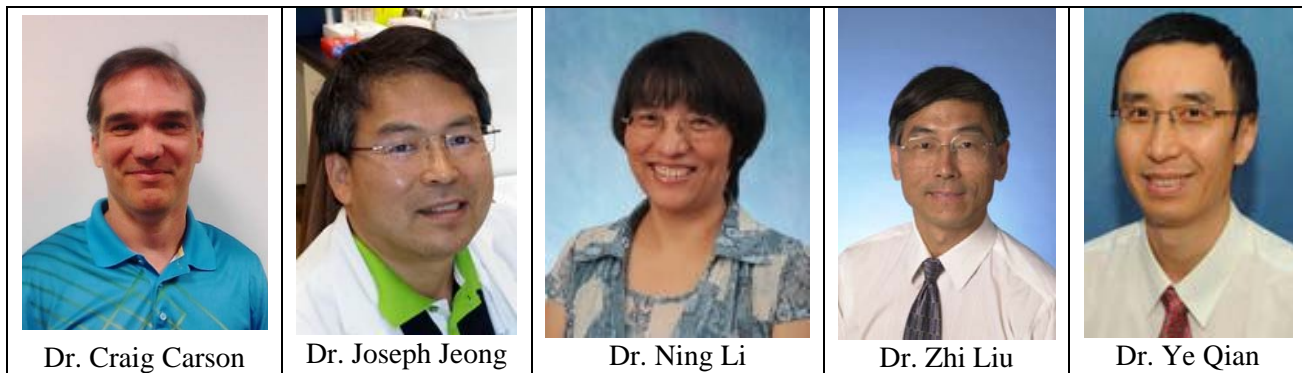


Dr. Nancy Thomas



Dr. Rajat Varma

## Research Faculty



## Recently Recruited Faculty

**Dr. Adewole Adamson:** Dr. Adamson joined our department on July 1, 2015 after finishing his dermatology resident training at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. Dr. Adamson received an MD from Harvard Medical School within the Division of Health Science and Technology, a partnership with MIT. While in medical school he spent a year in NIAMS at the NIH, then subsequently received the Zuckerman Fellowship through the Center for Public Leadership at Harvard Kennedy School, where he obtained a Master in Public Policy. He has a clinical interest in the immunologic basis of skin disease particularly in skin of color. As a health services researcher, much of his research efforts are focused on health disparities, access to specialty health care, and health care costs.

**Dr. Edith Bowers:** Dr. Bowers joined our department's faculty on July 1, 2015 after finishing her dermatology resident training here at the University of North Carolina. Dr. Bowers received her MD, PhD from Duke University Medical School. While in graduate school, she studied an endogenous vehicle for receptor-mediated antigen delivery and how it could be utilized to enhance antigen-specific MHC Class I presentation and cytotoxic T-cell responses. Her clinical interest is in the diagnosis and management of cutaneous lymphomas. She also practices general adult dermatology, and enjoys teaching residents in procedural and laser clinics.

**Dr. Sarah Corley:** Dr. Corley joined our department on July 1, 2015 after completing her dermatology residency at the University of North Carolina (UNC), where she served as chief resident in her final year. Dr. Corley received her Master of Science degree in Anatomy and Neurobiology at the Medical College of Virginia/Virginia Commonwealth University (MCV/VCU) in Richmond, VA, where she investigated the effects of deafness on the reorganization of the brain. She subsequently obtained her Doctor of Medicine degree at the MCV/VCU School of Medicine where she was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society. She has served as medical staff and camp counselor at the American Academy of Dermatology's Camp Discovery during both her medical and residency

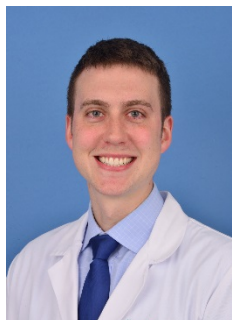
training. Dr. Corley currently represents UNC Dermatology annually at the Southeastern Consortium for Dermatology as a steering committee member. She is actively involved in the teaching of our current residents and medical students at UNC-Chapel Hill with special interest in medical dermatology as well as dermatologic surgery.

**Dr. Paul Googe:** The UNC Department of Dermatology recruited Dr. Googe as Professor of Dermatology and Director of the Dermatopathology Laboratory. He joined us on October 17, 2016. He is dedicated to providing Dermatopathology expertise to the UNC Health Care System and other physicians in the community. As well, he will be training and educating dermatology and pathology residents and working with UNC researchers. Dr. Googe has held academic appointments at Vanderbilt University and the University of Tennessee College of Medicine as a Clinical Professor in the Departments of Pathology. He served as the Laboratory Director of Knoxville Dermatopathology from 1997-2015.

**Dr. Natalie Sun:** Dr. Sun joined the Tarheel family in the Department of Dermatology at UNC Chapel Hill as an Assistant Professor and the new face of their hospital consultation service on October 1, 2015. Prior to joining UNC, she completed a clinical fellowship at the University of California-San Francisco under the tutelage of Lindy Fox and Timothy Berger, her dermatology residency at Case Western Reserve University where she served as Chief Resident, and obtained her MD from the Duke University School of Medicine. Her clinical interests span complex medical dermatology and inpatient consultative dermatology. She has published on these topics and is a member of the Society of Dermatology Hospitalists, Medical Dermatology Society, and the American Academy of Dermatology.

## Dermatology Residents

### First Year



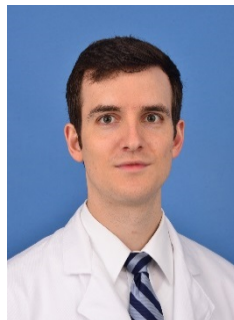
Dr. Kevin Ciriacks



Dr. Michael Garner



Dr. Matthew Overton

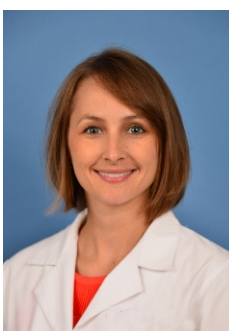


Dr. Nathaniel Slater

### Second Year



Dr. Shaily Bhatnagar



Dr. Rachel Byrd



Dr. Abbie Degesys



Dr. George Hightower



Dr. Trey Hoover

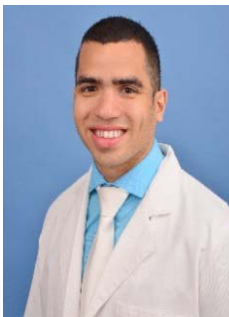


Dr. Michelle Pearlstein

### Third Year



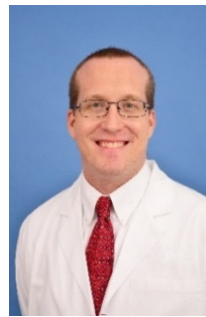
Dr. Rachel Blasiak



Dr. Sergio Gaitan



Dr. Brandon Kirsch

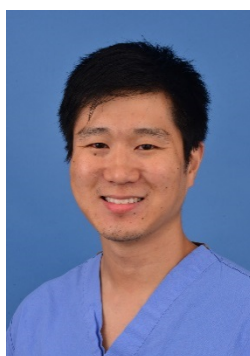


Dr. Jayson Miedema



Dr. Carolyn Ziemer

## Procedural Dermatology Fellow



Dr. Bob Hsia

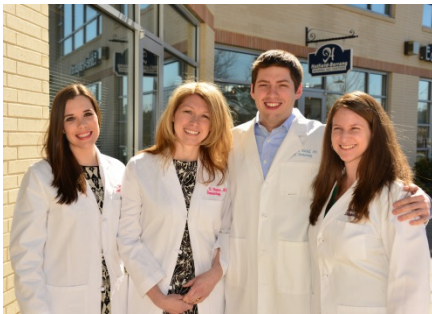
Our residency program has continued to train outstanding dermatologists and during the last 16 years of my tenure, 69 residents have graduated from our program. It has been a privilege being involved in preparing these dermatologists. Currently, we have 15 enrolled residents.

We have two Fellowship Programs, one in Pediatric Dermatology and another in ACGME Mohs and Procedural Dermatology.

#### **Graduated Fellows:**

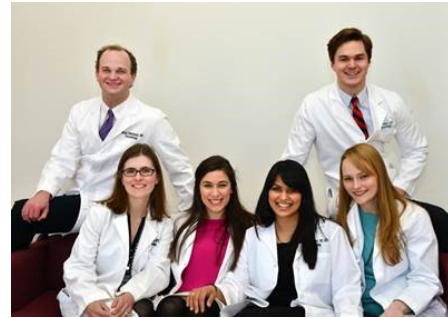
Dr. Shelley Cathcart (Ped Derm) (2012-2013)  
Dr. Megan Kinney (Ped Derm) (2014-2015)  
Dr. Matthew Sewell (Ped Derm) (2015-2016)  
Dr. Patrick Retterbush (Mohs Surgery). (2015-2016)  
Dr. Bob Hsia (Mohs Surgery). (2016-2017)

#### **2014 Graduated Residents:**



- Katherine Sikora Viscusi: Katie did a Fellowship in Procedural Dermatology & Micrographic Surgery & Dermatologic Oncology at Laser & Skin Surgery of Indiana; She practices procedural dermatology at the Dermatology Consultants, PC in Marietta, Georgia.
- Meghan Thomas: Meghan practices general dermatology at The Dermatology Center in Bethesda, Maryland.
- C. Brandon Mitchell: Brandon is a Clinician Educator at George Washington University, Department of Dermatology, in Washington, DC.
- Meaghan Daly: Meaghan practices general dermatology at InterMed in South Portland, Maine.

#### **2015 Graduated Residents**



- Patrick Retterbush, MD: Patrick completed a Fellowship in Procedural Dermatology & Micrographic Surgery & Dermatologic Oncology at UNC Dermatology and has joined Lockman Dermatology in Athens, Georgia.
- Edith Bowers, MD, PhD: Edith joined UNC Dermatology and has initiated our first Cutaneous Lymphoma Clinic in addition to seeing general patients and mentoring residents in surgical excisions.
- Sarah Corley, MD: Sarah joined UNC Dermatology and has initiated our first Vulvovaginal Clinic in addition to seeing general patients and mentoring residents in cosmetic dermatology.
- Ruchi Bhandari, MD: Ruchi joined Bucay Center for Dermatology & Aesthetics in San Antonio, Texas.
- Kate Roy, MD: Kate joined UNC Dermatology for 1 year prior to her current Fellowship in Dermatopathology at Stanford University.
- Kirk James, MD: Kirk joined UNC Dermatology alumni Dr. Dan Parsons and Tara Byer-Parsons at Charlotte Medical Center, Charlotte, North Carolina.

## 2016 Match Results

We are pleased to announce the results of the 2016 Match. The following individuals will be joining our residency program on July 1, 2017:

Ashley Dietrich	Medical College of Wisconsin
Kyle Flores	Virginia Commonwealth University
Sara James	University of Virginia
Katharine Kenyon	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Caroline Lewis	Medical College of Georgia
Alexandra Zeitany	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

## International Electives

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

As part of the Brazilian Exchange Program, Dermatology residents Aliene Noda and Desirée Valkinir (Summer 2015), Ana Lucia Guimaraes (Spring 2016), and Marcella Pincelli, Paula Corrêa and Marcela Jiménez (Summer/Fall 2016) recently rotated in our clinics.

Jayson Miedema, 3<sup>rd</sup> year resident in our program completed an elective at the Department of Dermatology, University of South Wales, Sydney, Australia in September 2016. This was sponsored by Dr. Dedee Murrell, Head of the Department and former UNC Dermatology Resident.



*Dr. Dedee Murrell and Dr. Jayson Miedema, September 2016*

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

## Peru Elective

We will be hosting Denis Paredes-Muñoz, a senior medical student from the National University of Trujillo School of Medicine, Trujillo, Peru. Denis will be rotating with us in February 2017.

## FINAL COMMENTS

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>, scroll to the bottom of the page, and select “Donate.” Click on the “Give Now” button. Enter “dermatology” as the keyword to search for a fund, which will bring up the Dermatology Alumni Fund.

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