



CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

Grand Rounds
Thursday, January 22, 12 Noon - 1 p.m.
Clinic Auditorium

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)

James Donohue, M.D.
Professor and Chief
Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine

FYI

- The Carolina Women's Leadership Council is accepting nominations for its Faculty Mentoring Award, due Wednesday, Jan. 28. The Women's Leadership Council is a network of women from across the country who are committed to supporting UNC and UNC students' educational experiences. The Faculty Mentoring Awards recognize outstanding faculty members who go the extra mile to mentor and lead students and/or junior faculty. Two recipients will receive \$5,000 each. For more information about the awards and about nomination, contact [Carol Tresolini](#), Associate Provost for Academic Initiatives, at 962-3907. To learn more about the Women's Leadership Council, click [here](#).
- Landes-Merrimon Lecture and Student Research Day, featuring Chancellor Holden Thorp, presented by the John B.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Teresa Tarrant, M.D.**, has been chosen to represent UNC as the nominee for the Rita Allen Foundation Scholar Award. For more about the Foundation, click [here](#).
- The January 2009 issue of *Arthritis Today*, the magazine published by the Arthritis Foundation, contains a feature article on the Johnston County Osteoarthritis Project, including pictures and commentary from **Joanne Jordan, M.D.**, and from several study participants. The issue highlighted that group's recent research on the lifetime risk of knee osteoarthritis.
- **Richard Goldberg, M.D.**, was [consulted](#) by the *New York Times* for an article on the health of Steven Jobs, CEO of Apple.

Graham Student Research Society, Wednesday, Jan. 28. Lecture, 12:30-1:30 p.m., 2204 MBRB. Student research presentations, 2-5:30 p.m., MBRB lobby. To add this event to your Outlook calendar, click [here](#).

- The Medical Alumni Office will be offering grants to current full-time faculty of the School of Medicine and current residents/fellows of UNC Hospitals. The aim is to fund proposals exploring new areas of discovery that will promote excellence in education, research, or service. Awards amounts: up to \$8,000 for faculty, up to \$5,000 for Residents/Fellows. Application due Thursday, Feb. 19, 5 p.m. More information available [here](#).

- **Nortin Hadler, M.D.**, recently published an [opinion piece](#) on healthcare reform on *ABCnews.com*.
- **Cam Patterson, M.D.**, was [consulted](#) by *CNN* about Kawasaki disease for an article about the death of Jett Travolta.
- **Stephan Moll, M.D.**, was quoted in an Associated Press [article](#) about the development of antithrombin produced from goats.
- The Office of Information Systems (OIS) recently announced the measures that are being taken to improve the performance of the School of Medicine website. The text of that email can be found [here](#).

FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE



I'm pleased to announce that Jennifer Anne Morrison, M.D., Ph.D., and Paul Douglass Ossman, M.D., Ph.D., are the first recipients of the Farmer Award for Compassionate Care. This award was established by Sid and Janet Farmer of Galveston, Texas. A member of their family recently received care at UNC. The Farmers have long had an interest in promoting high quality medical care and, particularly, compassionate physicians. They were favorably impressed with the quality of care and the compassion of the medical team here and decided to found the award to recognize Medicine

residents who demonstrated exceptional compassion at the bedside. We asked our housestaff to vote for colleagues whose practice epitomized compassionate patient care. Drs. Morrison and Ossman received the most votes and were selected to receive this year's Farmer Award. The awards were announced last Thursday, Jan. 8, at Medicine Grand Rounds.

Please see the following for more information about these excellent clinicians.

Paul Ossman

Paul Douglass Ossman, M.D., M.P.H., is a third-year resident in the UNC Internal Medicine Residency Program. He is originally from New York and completed his undergraduate studies at NC State University. Prior to matriculating into medical school, he taught British Literature at South Granville High School in Creedmoor, NC. In 2006, he graduated from the UNC School of Medicine with an M.D. and an M.P.H. in Health Leadership and Prevention. During medical school he served as the honor court's attorney general. His interests include medical ethics and palliative care in addition to medical education. During residency, he has emerged as a leader and a great educator amongst his peers. Paul is an outstanding person with tremendous character which he exemplifies with each patient encounter. He is a perfect example of Leading, Teaching and Caring.

Jennifer Morrison

Jennifer Anne Morrison, M.D., Ph.D., is a current PGY-3 member of the UNC Internal Medicine Residency Program. Born in Macon, Georgia, Jenny graduated from the University of Georgia in 1998 Summa Cum Laude. She then successfully obtained her Ph.D. in Microbiology/Immunology in 2004 and her M.D. in 2005 from UNC-Chapel Hill. Her achievements in medical school include induction into AOA, recognition as an Alexander Scholar and receipt of the Gertrude B. Elion Medical Student Research Award. She has numerous publications of her work on EBV-associated malignancies. Dr. Morrison clearly is an exceptionally accomplished physician/scientist and yet her greatest strength may lie in her caring and compassion for others. Dr. Morrison's wonderful bedside manner and unwavering professionalism define her as much as her many other contributions to the field of medicine. She is an extremely deserving recipient of the Farmer Award.

Please join me in congratulating these award recipients.

Questions or submissions, contact sarah_perry@med.unc.edu.