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Shari Nethersole, MD, Receives a 2020 Pinnacle Award for Achievement in Health Care

Congratulations to Shari Nethersole, MD, HMS Assistant Professor of Pediatrics in the BCH Division of General Pediatrics and the Executive Director of Community Health, who has received a Pinnacle Award from the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce. The Pinnacle Award honors leaders from the workplace who have positively contributed to quality of life in the region and have made a difference in their communities. Dr. Nethersole was recognized at a special event on January 31st and given the opportunity to say a few words and offer advice to others. She spoke about the importance of stepping outside of your comfort zone, practicing flexibility and patience, and taking the time to listen and encourage discussion to bring out the best ideas.

In outlining her dedication to community health in the media platform “Boston Children’s Discoveries,” Dr. Nethersole emphasized the 2018 10-year Boston Children’s Collaboration for Community Health initiative that funds 51 family-focused projects in the Boston area including early childhood development, mental health, housing, and youth/family support networks. “This is our opportunity for innovation in community health so that organizations and community programs can better improve the health and lives of kids and families.” Dr. Nethersole believes that supporting early childhood programs will result in resilient communities over time; “we know it’s more effective to do the work upfront to help children grow into healthy, strong and productive adults.”



Shari Nethersole, MD, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics in the BCH Division of General Pediatrics and the Executive Director of Community Health, speaking at the 1/31 Pinnacle Award event.

Congratulations to the Boston Children’s 2020 HMS Excellence in Mentoring Award Recipients. Look for their mentoring tips in the summer issue of *Perspectives*.

William Silen Lifetime Achievement in Mentoring Award

Alan M. Leichtner, MD, MSHPEd, HMS Professor of Pediatrics and BCH Chief Medical Education Officer and Director of the Department of Medical Education

A. Clifford Barger Excellence in Mentoring Award

Richard G. Bachur, MD, Michael W. Shannon, MD, HMS Professor of Pediatrics in the Field of Emergency Medicine and BCH Division Chief of Emergency Medicine

**Alan Leichtner,
MD, MSHPEd**



**Richard
Bachur, MD**



Welcoming Peter Laussen, MBBS, FANZCA, FCICM, as the BCH Executive Vice President of Health Affairs

The Office of Faculty Development joins the Boston Children's community in welcoming Peter Laussen, MBBS, FANZCA, FCICM, back to Children's Hospital when he returns as the newly appointed Executive Vice President of Health Affairs on May 1. Dr. Laussen worked at Boston Children's from 1992 to 2012 as a pediatric cardiac anesthesiologist and is the former BCH Chief of the Division of Cardiovascular Clinical Care and the Dolly D. Hansen Chair in Pediatric Anesthesia. In 2012, Dr. Laussen became the Chief of the Department of Critical Care Medicine at the Hospital for Sick Kids in Toronto. He focused his efforts on hospital safety, faculty recruitment, as well as training and research programs. In a 1/14/20 memo to faculty, Kevin Churchwell, MD, BCH President and COO, emphasized Dr. Laussen's visionary approach to the medical delivery system: "he will partner with leadership across the hospital on a full range of research, clinical, academic, operational and strategic issues, essential to our continued success and evolution as the place the world comes for answers."



**Peter Laussen, MBBS,
FANZCA, FCICM**

Scott Snapper, MD, PhD, Appointed Chief of the Division of GI-Nutrition

Scott B. Snapper, MD, PhD, HMS Professor of Medicine and the Egan Family Foundation Professor of Pediatrics in the Field of Transitional Medicine, became Chief of BCH Division of GI-Nutrition on January 1, 2020, succeeding Wayne Lencer, MD, who served as Chief for 16 years. Dr. Snapper earned his MD and PhD from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and completed residencies at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital before arriving at Boston Children's in 2011 to become the Wolpov Family Chair and Director of the Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center. His research has focused on immune deficiency and inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) and with colleagues, he has built an impressive multidisciplinary IBD clinical program at BCH.



Scott Snapper, MD, PhD

PACEM: BCH Ophthalmology Mentoring Program Wins 2019 HMS Award

Congratulations to the Ophthalmology Mentoring Program (co-leaders David Hunter, MD, PhD, and Patricia d'Amore, PhD, MBA) for receiving the 2019 Program Award for a Culture of Excellence in Mentoring (PACEM) from the HMS Office for Diversity Inclusion and Community Partnership for establishing an outstanding mentoring program across 4 hospitals in clinical and basic science. The Ophthalmology Program facilitates creating an environment in which all faculty members are served by a well-established and enriching mentoring program and by directing and supporting junior faculty toward promotion. Mentors focus with mentees on clinical or investigative goals, increasing and expanding their portfolio of invited presentations, scholarly publications, teaching opportunities and mentorship of peers.



**David Hunter, MD, PhD, and Patricia d'Amore, PhD,
MBA, receiving the 2019 PACEM from Dean George
Daley, MD, PhD (center)**

Marsha Moses, PhD, Inducted as Fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science

Congratulations to Marsha Moses, PhD, HMS Julia Dyckman Andrus Professor of Surgery and Director of the Vascular Biology Program, who was recently inducted into the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The fellowship is awarded through a peer selection process and is a prestigious achievement for scientists and researchers. Dr. Moses's research focuses on cancer treatments using biomarker medicine and nontoxic nanomedicine.



Marsha Moses, PhD

S Jean Emans, MD, Honored with the HMS Diversity Lifetime Achievement Award

Congratulations to S. Jean Emans, MD, Director of the Office of Faculty Development and the HMS Mary Ellen Avery Professor of Pediatrics, who received the 2020 Diversity Lifetime Achievement Award given by Harvard Medical School. The award honors faculty who have worked to create a diverse and inclusive community at HMS and its affiliate hospitals.



S. Jean Emans, MD

Director's Perspectives, by S. Jean Emans, MD

We know that the coronavirus pandemic is affecting all of us across the world. Life changes every day for our faculty, trainees, staff, patients, and families. In this issue, we update you on some of the recent achievements and contributions of our faculty at Boston Children's. Congratulations to Marsha Moses, PhD, Director of the Vascular Biology Program, who has been inducted into the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Shari Nethersole, MD, who has been honored with a Pinnacle Award, Rich Bachur, MD, and Alan Leichtner, MD, MSHPEd, for HMS Mentoring Awards, and Scott Snapper, MD, new Division Chief of GI-Nutrition. We thank all those working to improve the health and life of children and recognize that our lives are being upended by rapid changes. As always, take time for yourself. Peace and a better 2021.

Update from the BCH Medical Library By Chloe Rotman, MLIS, Manager of Library Services

The library has restarted its monthly book club, facilitated by Anna Dorste. February's book was *On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous*, by Ocean Vuong and the March book club discussed *Year of Wonders*, by Geraldine Brooks. Please join us at future virtual Zoom meetings at noon-time with colleagues from across the hospital. For more information, or to join the book club e-list, email library@childrens.harvard.edu.

Looking for a good book? Here's what the librarians and archivists are reading right now.

Chloe – *Long Bright River* by Liz Moore

Anna – *Time After Time* by Lisa Grunwald

Alex – *Girl, Woman, Other* by Bernardine Evaristo

Katie – *Life of the Party* by Olivia Gatwood

Joan Reede, MD, MPH, MS, MBA, and HMS Dean for Diversity and Community Partnership, was also inducted as a 2020 AAAS fellow in the Medical Sciences Section.



Awardees at the 2019 Children's Research and Medical Education Award Ceremony, sponsored by Sandra Fenwick, MPH, CEO; Kevin Churchwell, MD, President and COO; David Williams, MD, Chief Scientific Officer; Jean Emans, MD, OFD Director; and Alan Leichtner, MD, MSHPEd, Chief Medical Education Officer

Office of Health Equity and Inclusion News

By Valerie L. Ward, MD, MPH, Medical Director; Nikki Tennermann, LICSW, Administrative Director; and Geeranan Chuersanga, MS, Program Coordinator

Boston Children’s Health Equity and Inclusion Scholarly Events

The Inaugural Medical Staff Organization Visiting Professorship in Health Equity and Inclusion took place on December 11, 2019 with Kevin B. Churchwell, MD as the invited speaker. His lecture, “Health Equity and Inclusion: A Tale of Three Hospitals,” described Boston Children’s history with respect to health equity and inclusion in American history, reviewed priorities for the 3 health equity offices that he established at 3 different pediatric medical centers (including Boston Children’s Hospital), and outlined Boston Children’s vision for equity, diversity and inclusion.

The 2020 Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Observance took place on January 16, 2020 with keynote speaker **Gary Bailey, MSW, ACSW**, Assistant Dean for Community Engagement and Social Justice, Professor of Social Work and Director of Urban Leadership Program at Simmons University. His lecture, “Is King’s DREAM still alive?,” emphasized the importance of acknowledging how the historical trauma impacting African-American and LGBTQ individuals contributes to health disparities today.



Paula A. Johnson, MD, MPH

The Office of Health Equity and Inclusion and the Department of Pediatrics hosted Black History Month Pediatric Grand Rounds (February 12, 2020) with invited **speaker Paula A. Johnson, MD, MPH**, 14th President of Wellesley College and former Chief of the Division of Women’s Health at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and Professor of Medicine (Cardiology) at Harvard Medical School (HMS).

President Johnson’s lecture, “The Fierce Urgency of Now: Health, Education, and Democracy,” discussed how structural inequities perpetuate gender disparities in health, education and society. She also emphasized the need to develop, retain and advance a diverse physician workforce in academic medical centers, and the relationship between the diversity of health care workforce and improved patient health outcomes.

Program Update

We are excited to announce the addition of **Jessica Henderson Daniel, PhD, ABPP**, to the Office as of January 2020. Dr. Daniel is an Associate Professor of Psychology, Harvard Medical School and Director of Training Emerita for the Psychology Internship Training Program at BCH. She is the Co-Chair Emerita of the MLK Committee, Past Chair of Black History Month Grand Rounds, Founder and Past Chair of the MLK Legacy Lecture Series, and Founder of the Department of Psychiatry Fishbowl Grand Rounds. She was the 2018 president of the American Psychological Association, served as APA President-elect in 2017 and was the first African-American woman to lead the Association. Her primary presidential initiative was Citizen Psychologists, a term she created to recognize psychologists who apply psychological science to enhance the lives of those in their communities.



Jessica Henderson Daniel, PhD, ABPP

BCRP Training Program Recruitment

With the support of the Boston Combined Residency Program (BCRP) Training Program Directors, on January 27, 2020 the BCRP Diversity Council hosted a 2nd Annual Second-Look Interview Day for applicants from backgrounds underrepresented in medicine. Ten applicants attended. The Office of Health Equity and Inclusion, Physician-in-Chief **Gary Fleisher, MD**; BCRP Program Director **Theodore Sectish, MD**; and Associate Program Director **Thomas Sandora, MD, MPH**, gave opening remarks. **Camila Mateo, MD, MPH**, moderated a panel with **Kevin B. Churchwell, MD, Boston Children’s Hospital President and COO**; **Faye Holder-Niles, MD, MPH**, Director of the Primary Care Asthma Program; and **Enid Martinez, MD**, Associate in Critical Care Medicine. Many thanks to BCRP Diversity Chief Residents **Destiny Tolliver, MD**, and **Yuan He, MD, MPH**, for their assistance.



Building the Next Generation of Physicians

Valerie L. Ward, MD, MPH, Paul Rufo, MD, MMSc and **Alan Leichtner, MD, MSHPEd** developed the Scribe and MentorIng for Premedical Students (SCRIPT) Program which is a pipeline program for premedical college students. Over a two-year period, students will be employed at Boston Children’s as medical scribes, engage in clinical observerships and educational seminars, and receive longitudinal career mentorship from physicians. The first cohort of SCRIPT scribes, comprised of five premedical students from Boston College, began in winter 2020, and are pictured here with Drs. Ward, Rufo and Leichtner; and Boston College Pre-Health Dean Luna and Assistant Director Maureen Simmons.

News from the BCH Archives - Submitted by Katie Loughrey, BCH Archivist

Sister Adeline Blanchard Tyler: A nursing leader - from the Civil War to tenure as the first administrator of Boston Children's Hospital

Born in 1805 in Billerica, Massachusetts, Adeline Blanchard was one of six children. She married John Tyler, a forty-eight year old widower when she was twenty-two years old. During the twenty-five years of her marriage, she lived a quiet life, joining the Episcopalian Church, and teaching Sunday school and performing charitable work. Taking a whole new path upon her husband's death in 1853, Tyler traveled to Europe to train as a nurse at the Institute of Protestant Deaconesses at Kaiserswerth, Germany. This is where Florence Nightingale trained in 1850 and 1851.

In 1856, she took charge of an infirmary being started in Baltimore, where she also became one of the first five women in America to be made a Deaconess of the Episcopal Church and helped establish St. Andrew's Infirmary for the Destitute. Tyler is considered one of the first nurses of the Civil War. After the first bloodshed of the conflict - the Baltimore riot of 1861, which erupted after Union soldiers from Massachusetts were attacked by Southern sympathizers on their way to Washington D.C.— Sister Tyler boldly demanded entry to the police station where the Union men were being held to treat their wounds. She even brought two seriously injured men to her home for further care in a covered wagon under police escort. She continued to provide care at hospitals in Baltimore throughout the war and was known for her equal treatment of soldiers from both sides, as well as raising awareness of maltreatment of the wounded and prisoners of war.

In 1869, when she was sixty-three years old, Tyler was invited by Boston Children's founder Dr. Francis H. Brown to become a “Lady Superintendent” of a new hospital for children. As head administrator of hospital operations and supervisor of the nursing staff, in a few short years she helped build the then tiny hospital's capacity and set it on a sturdy foundation. However, her tenure was not to last. In 1871 she was diagnosed with cancer. She told no one at the hospital and held out until 1872 before announcing she was retiring due to her age. A fearless re-inventor of her own life, Sister Tyler passed away in 1875.

In 2019, the Archives Program was delighted to discover that a rare Mathew Brady portrait of Sister Tyler existed. Mathew Brady was one of the earliest photographers in the United States, known for his photographs of Civil War battlefields as well as studio portraits of politicians, generals and public figures, including Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. We were able to acquire the portrait for the hospital's collection with the generous assistance of Chief Nursing Officer Laura Wood, RN and the Nursing Department.



Adeline Blanchard Taylor; Mathew Brady portrait



Back of portrait

Carmon Davis, MD, Appointed President of the Alumni Association at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

The Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health announced the new President of the Alumni Association, Carmon Davis, MD, MPH. Dr. Davis is a pediatrician in Children's Hospital Primary Care Center and an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School.



Carmon Davis, MD

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