



SOAR Newsletter

Scholarship of Academic Responsibilities



Co-authors John Spollen, Majka Woods, Dan-Vy Mui, and Carol Thrush proudly display their blue ribbon after their poster won first place at the Association for Academic Psychiatry annual meeting in San Francisco this past September.



[Click here to view this award-winning poster online.](#)

Letter from the Editors

In this second issue of the SOAR newsletter you will see that UAMS faculty and staff members have been engaged in a great deal of scholarly educational activities lately! It is exciting to see such diversity, progress, and enduring products that result from good work.

With the holidays approaching, busy schedules, and the challenge to find time to pause and reflect and connect with others who may even be just down the hall from you, we hope that you will take a moment to browse the latest issue, see what your colleagues are up to, and continue making connections either in person, online or otherwise to help build

and nurture a community of scholars at UAMS.

This month, we wanted to provide you with some information about an ever-growing and effective way to communicate with other scholars across the globe – through listservs. If you subscribe to a good listserv that is not included in this newsletter, please send the subscription information along to your SOAR colleagues at soar@uams.edu.

We hope you will enjoy this issue of SOAR, and that you and yours have a very happy holiday season.

Carol Thrush and Elizabeth Hicks



You've Got Mail!

What is a listserv? Why join one?

A Listserv is an electronic mailing list that provides an easy way to communicate via email with other interested subscribers about a variety of topics.

The Internet contains thousands of special interest listserv discussion groups. These electronic mailing lists can be very helpful for exchanging information, making



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Keep Us Posted!



Please provide feedback, photos, and news items to SOAR co-editors:
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Carol Thrush at thrushcarol@uams.edu.

News Briefs

The Teaching Scholars Lecture recently presented by **William C. McGaghie, PhD**, entitled, **“What is the Evidence for Simulation-Based Health Science Education?”** is now available on the Web, thanks to Kofi Adzokpa and Ann Bynum at the AHEC. And, thanks to Dr. McGaghie for allowing us to record and present his talk in this format. Follow the link below to view the talk.

<http://rpweb.uams.edu/rhpvideo/beme/beme.html>

A report entitled, “Implementing the Vision: Group on Educational Affairs Responds to the IIME Dean’s Committee Report,”

generated quite a bit of buzz at this year’s AAMC conference. This report outlines the AAMC’s Group on Educational Affairs’s (GEA’s) agenda of projects, research topics, and strategies for innovation in medical education for the next several years.

The AAMC Research in Medical Education (RIME) section also devoted time at the AAMC meeting to brainstorm and prioritize how best to address the research recommendations. The primary focus areas for future work described are to address: 1) Key approaches to promoting patient-centered care; 2) Ensuring that doctors are capable of providing high quality medical care; 3) Improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the educational process; and 4) Ensuring that medical students understand the various career options available.

To view this report online, click: https://services.aamc.org/Publications/showfile.cfm?file=version72.pdf&prd_id=168&prv_id=198&pdf_id=72

What is a Listserv? continued...

contacts, finding resources, and finding the answers to difficult questions.

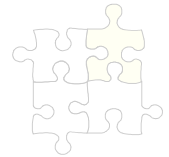
Sometimes listservs are moderated by a list owner, but not always. Some listservs allow you to ask questions, post information, and share ideas and resources with peers via e-mail. Others have no discussion among the subscribers but serve as a forum for associations and organizations to provide subscribers with monthly newsletters and/or topical and timely news.

Listservs are free, and depending on the type of listserv, you may receive monthly or more frequent messages posted by the listserv host and/or other subscribers. If you are subscribed to a very active

list, you might have the option of setting the mail to “digest,” so you are not flooded with e-mail. Some mailing lists have archives of the previous postings, and you can access the archives on the internet.

It is a good idea to “lurk”—to read messages posted by other members of the listserv to get a feel for the list before posting your own.

We informally asked some of the UAMS Office of Educational Development staff to tell us what listservs they are subscribed to, and here are some of the ones we heard about. A brief annotation and the website where you can subscribe to these listservs are provided on the next page.



SOAR participants Majka Woods (OED), Robert Jarvis (COM-Psychiatry), Patricia O’Sullivan (UCSF College of Medicine), Carol Thrush (OED), Ben Guise (COM-Psychiatry), Puru Thapa (COM-Psychiatry), and Terryl Mackey (former COM-Psychiatry resident) mingle at the Association for Academic Psychiatry annual meeting.

Listservs of Interest to Healthcare Education Scholars:

The **American Medical Association (AMA) Health Professions Career and Education E-letter**

covers educational trends and career-related issues for healthcare professionals. Newsletter readers and contributors include staff of health professions accrediting agencies, educational programs and institutions, professional organizations, certifying/licensing boards, and media contacts. To subscribe: <http://enews.ama-assn.org/UM/T.asp?A40.576.3854.16.369563>

The **American Medical Association (AMA) Graduate Medical Education monthly E-letter**

covers information of interest to the graduate medical education community. Readers include program directors and staff at ACGME-accredited and board-approved residency and fellowship programs, hospital administrators, professional associations, medical school deans, and governmental organizations. For more info: <http://enews.ama-assn.org/UM/T.asp?A40.574.3856.35.369563>
To subscribe: <http://enews.ama-assn.org/UM/T.asp?A40.574.3856.38.369563>

The **DR-ED listserv** is a forum for discussion and an information source for those interested in scholarly activity related to research and faculty development in medical education. You can search the archives of this listserv for specific topics. For more info:

<http://omerad.msu.edu/dr-ed/faq.html>

To subscribe: <http://list.msu.edu/cgi-bin/wa?SUBED1=dr-ed&A=1>

The **Tomorrows-Professor Mailing List** seeks to foster a diverse, world-wide teaching and learning community among its subscribers. For more info:

<http://sll.stanford.edu/projects/tomprof/newtomprof/index.shtml>

To subscribe: <https://mailman.stanford.edu/mailman/listinfo/tomorrows-professor>

The **Weekly NIH Funding Opportunities and Notices** contains calls for submissions on the latest grants funded through NIH. For more info and to subscribe: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/index.html>

Anne Taylor-Vaisey's website

contains information for continuing education providers and medical and health educators. She posts notices of new articles and Web resources, and tips and techniques for practicing safe searching on the Internet. Anne works for the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College. For more info: <http://annietv600.wordpress.com/2006/11/09/is-lifelong-learning-adult-education/>
To subscribe: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CE_Current_Awareness/

The **Foundation Center's "Health Funding Watch"** newsletter is emailed monthly to subscribers

interested in articles about health-related topics. It contains information about funding opportunities, health-related news, and job listings.

To subscribe: <http://foundationcenter.org/profile/>

The **AAMC – STAT listserv** contains short, topical, and timely articles on topics of relevance to physicians and anyone involved in medical education. For more info and to subscribe:

<http://www.aamc.org/newsroom/aamcstat/aamcnews.htm>

The **Med-Ed Listserv** is for users and developers of medical education software. The listserv discussion focuses on technical issues, courseware, authoring tools, and evaluation methods. To subscribe, email: majordomo@aamcinfo.aamc.org with "subscribe med-ed" in the body of the message. Leave the subject line blank.

Mark Your Calendar

January 5, 2007 – Teaching Scholars Health Professions Educational Poster Research Exhibit submissions are due. Contact Lea Mabry at 296-1087 or lamabry@uams.edu for more information.

January 8, 2007 – ACGME abstracts due. Call for submissions is available at : http://www.acgme.org/acWebsite/meetings/me_callForPosterAbstracts.pdf

February 23, 2007 – RIME submissions due. More info is available at: <http://www.aamc.org/members/gea/2007submissions.htm>

March 2-4, 2007 – ACGME Conference, Kissimmee, FL

April 1, 2007 – International Association of Medical Science Educators (IAMSE) abstracts due

April 9-13, 2007 – American Educational Research Association meeting, Chicago, IL

April 19-21, 2007 – Southern Group on Educational Affairs (SGEA) meeting, Louisville, KY

May 11, 2007 – The Generalists submissions due. More info is available at: <http://www.thegeneralists.org/>

Manuscripts and Publications– Congratulations to all!

Thomas Moseley, **Michael Wiggins**, and Patricia O'Sullivan, Effects of Presentation Modality on the Understanding of Informed Consent. *British Journal of Ophthalmology* (May 10, 2006).

Ralph Panek, Linda Deloney, Jong Park, Whit Goodwin, Sally Klein, and Ernest Ferris, Interdepartmental Problem-Solving as a Method for Teaching and Learning Systems-Based Practice. *Academic Radiology* Sep;13(9):1150-4 (2006).

Daniel Knight, Patricia Vannatta, Patricia O'Sullivan. A Process to Meet the Challenge of Program Evaluation and Program Improvement. *ACGME Bulletin*, 5-8 (September 2006).

Micah Hester, Reed Thompson, Mazin Safar, Mouhammed Jameel Kyasa, Paulette Mehta. "Ethics-in-Oncology Forums in Hematology/Oncology Fellowship Programs," *Journal of Cancer Education* (in press).

Mazin Safar, Manish Kohli, Mouhammed Jameel Kyasa, Rajesh Shah, Laura Hutchins, Paulette Mehta. "Editorial Clubs as Teaching Tools in Hematology Oncology Fellowship Programs," *Journal of Cancer Education* (to be published in December 2006).

John Spollen, Brian Hyatt, Shanna Palmer. "Strategies to Improve NBME Psychiatry Subject Examination Scores" (presentation). Association of Directors of Medical Student Education in Psychiatry (ADMSEP), Annapolis, MD, June 2006. Abstract to be published in *Teaching and Learning in Medicine* (in press).

Paulette Mehta had five poems published in the *Journal of Cancer Education*:

- "It Takes a Village To Raise a Fellow." (2006;21(2):108).
- "Scoring Fellows One-By-One." (2006;21(2):109).
- "What Do Hematology Oncology Fellows Want?" Reflections Page (2006).
- "Choosing Fellows From Among the Flocks." (2006;21(2):109).
- "Wall of Mirrors." (2006;21(2):108.)

Anna Moses, Diane Heestand, Lee Lee Doyle, Patricia O'Sullivan. Impact of a Teaching Scholars Program. *Academic Medicine* Oct;81(10 Suppl):S87-90 (2006).

Aurora Bennett, **James Clardy, Christopher Cargile, and Carol Thrush**. (2007). Developing the Careers of Clinician-Educators in Psychiatry. *Academic Psychiatry* Jan;31(1), in press.

Ann Norwood, Elizabeth Hicks, Carol Thrush, Majka Woods, and James Clardy. (2007). A Graduate Medical Education Initiative to Promote Professional Excellence Among Residency Program Coordinators. *Medical Education Online*, in press.

Published Abstracts:

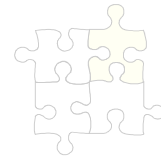
Muhammad Jaffar, Carol Thrush, Majka Woods, Anna Moses, Jennifer White, James Clardy, and Roberta Monson, "Effectiveness of Critical Care Education on Resident Physicians' Knowledge and Self-Efficacy Gains" (abstract). *The Journal of the Society for Simulation in Healthcare* (in press).

Bijay Nair & Paulette Mehta. "Pilot Program of Smoking Cessation in Patients With Smoking-Related Cancers," Poster presentation at the American Association of Cancer Education annual meeting, San Diego, CA, October 2006. *Journal of Cancer Education*, 21 suppl 2:40 (2006).

Diane Heestand. "Developing Better Teaching Patterns in Medical Education: Defining the Knowledge, Skills And Attitudes of Future and Practicing Physicians." *MEDIKKA*, 30-34 (in press).

Andrea Wang-Gillam & Paulette Mehta. "IRB Rotations To Promote Systems Competency In Hematology/Oncology Fellowship Training Programs," Oral presentation at national meeting of American Association of Cancer Education, San Diego, CA, October 2006. *Journal of Cancer Education*, 21 suppl 2:24 (2006).

Congratulations to...



The following groups on the presentation of their research at the **American Academy on Physician and Patient Annual Forum**, Atlanta, GA, Oct. 2006:

- **Debra Simmons, Majka Woods, Palak Choksi, James Clardy.** "Patient Centered Students." (oral presentation).
- **John Spollen, Sara Tariq, Dan-Vy Mui, Carol Thrush, Majka Woods.** "Teaching Behavior Change Counseling to 2nd Year Medical Students" (oral presentation).
- **Sara Tariq, Carol Thrush, Majka Woods, Allison Johnson, James Clardy, Jennifer VanEcko, Elizabeth Hicks.** "Teaching and Evaluating Clinical Competencies in Second Year Medical Students" (oral presentation).

The following groups on the presentation of their research at the **Office of Research Integrity 2006 Conference on Research Integrity**, Tampa, FL, Nov. 2006:

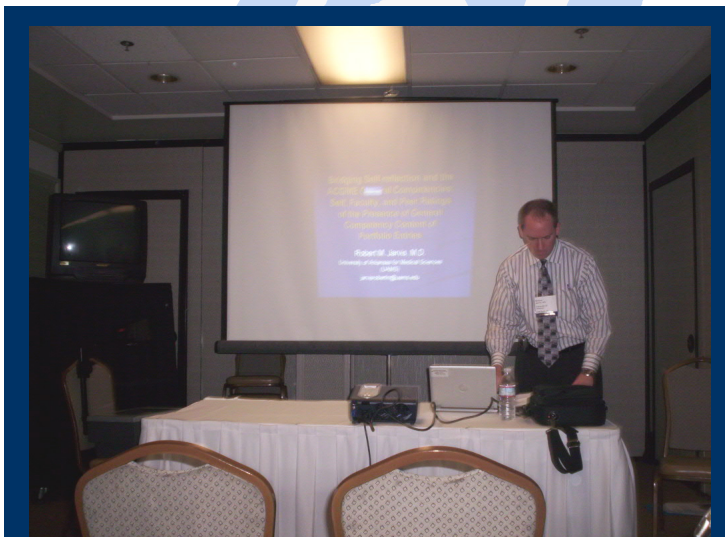
- **Jim Vander Putten & Carol Thrush.** "Organizational Culture for Research Integrity in Academic Health Centers." (research paper presentation).
- **Carol Thrush & Jim Vander Putten.** "Use of a Novel Content Analysis Method to Examine Trends in Research Integrity Literature" (research paper presentation).
- **Tim Atkinson.** "Power, Integrity and the Institutional Construction of Norms in University Research Administration" (oral paper presentation).



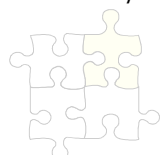
Hugh Stoddard (U. of Nebraska Medical Center) with SOAR scholars Diane Heestand, Anna Moses, Majka Woods, and Carol Thrush of the UAMS Office of Educational Development at dinner during the AAMC conference in October.

The following groups on the presentation of their research to the **Association for Academic Psychiatry (AAP) Annual Meeting**, San Francisco, CA, Sept. 2006:

- **John Spollen, Carol Thrush, Majka Woods, Elizabeth Hicks, Sara Tariq, Dan-Vy Mui.** "A Randomized-Controlled Trial of Behavior Change Counseling Training for Medical Students" (poster presentation). Won 1st place at conference.
- **Aurora Bennett, James Clardy, Patricia O'Sullivan, Carol Thrush.** "Scholarship and Curriculum Vitae: Moving Toward Promotion" (workshop).
- **Robert Jarvis.** "Bridging Self-reflection and the ACGME General Competencies: Self, Faculty, and Peer Ratings of the Presence of General Competency Content of Portfolio Entries" (work in progress presentation).
- **Terryl Mackey, Majka Woods, Ben Guise, Robert Jarvis, Brian Hyatt, Carol Thrush, Elizabeth Hicks, James Clardy.** "PAL and Reflective Practice in Portfolio Cover Letters" (poster presentation).



Robert Jarvis prepares for his oral presentation at the Association for Academic Psychiatry meeting.





Presentations continued...

- **Diane Heestand.** "Where Have We Been? Where Are We Going? Trends in Medical Education: Global, American, and Nigerian" (seminar on medical education). University of Lagos College of Medicine, Lagos, Nigeria, May 10, 2006.
- **Diane Heestand.** "Where Have We Been? Where Are We Going? Trends in Medical Education: Global and American" (seminar on medical education). Nnamdi Azikiwe Health Sciences College, Nnewi, Nigeria, June 15, 2006.
- **Diane Heestand.** "The Practice of Medicine: An Educationist's Perspective" (invited "Send Forth" address to the final year students of the Medical Research and Humanitarian Society of the University of Nigeria College of Medicine). Enugu, Nigeria, June 22, 2006.



Edwin Nwobodo, Physiologist; Diane Heestand, UAMS Office of Educational Development; Provost Beatrice Umeh, Professor of Anesthesiology; Dean Sebastian Nwosu, Professor of Pathology; and Basil Ezeanolue, ENT and Medical Education, of the University of Nigeria College of Medicine.

- **Muhammad Jaffar, Carol Thrush, Majka Woods, Anna Moses, Jennifer White, James Clardy, Roberta Monson.** "Effectiveness of Critical Care Education on Resident Physicians' Knowledge and Self-Efficacy Gains" (presentation). 7th Annual International Meeting on Simulation in Healthcare, Lake Buena Vista, Florida, Jan. 14-17, 2007.
- **Laura Sisterhen.** "Family Centered Rounds" (presentation). Pediatric Grand Rounds, Arkansas Children's Hospital.
- **John Spollen & Dan-Vy Mui.** "Behavior Change Counseling Education for Medical Students: A Randomized Controlled Trial" (presentation). UAMS Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds, Little Rock, AR, Oct. 5, 2006.

Congratulations to the following groups on the presentation of their research at **The Generalists in Medical Education Annual Meeting** in Seattle, Washington, Oct.-Nov. 2006:

- **Carol Thrush & Majka Woods.** "Visible Artifacts: Institutionalizing the Core Clinical Competencies" (roundtable session).
- **Majka Woods & Carol Thrush.** "Working Groups: What Really Works" (workshop).
- Julie Walsh Covarrubias, **Linda Deloney**, Jeanne Schlesinger. "Grab Your Audience and Hold Their Attention: It's Easier Than You Think" (presentation).
- **Linda Deloney & L.J. Perrot.** "Where Have All The Mentors Gone?" (roundtable session).
- **Anna Moses, Diane Heestand, Lee Lee Doyle, Elizabeth Hicks.** "Evaluating the Effectiveness of a Comprehensive Faculty Development Program: Integrating Innovative and Traditional Methods" (roundtable session).
- **Jay Menna, Michael Petty, Ong Vang, James Gibson, Chris Hackler, Micah Hester, Kim Hiatt, Danvy Mui, Jeffrey Sawyer, Patrick Tank, Sara Tariq.** "Integrating Basic Science Curriculum: Sharing Ideas and Problems" (roundtable session).

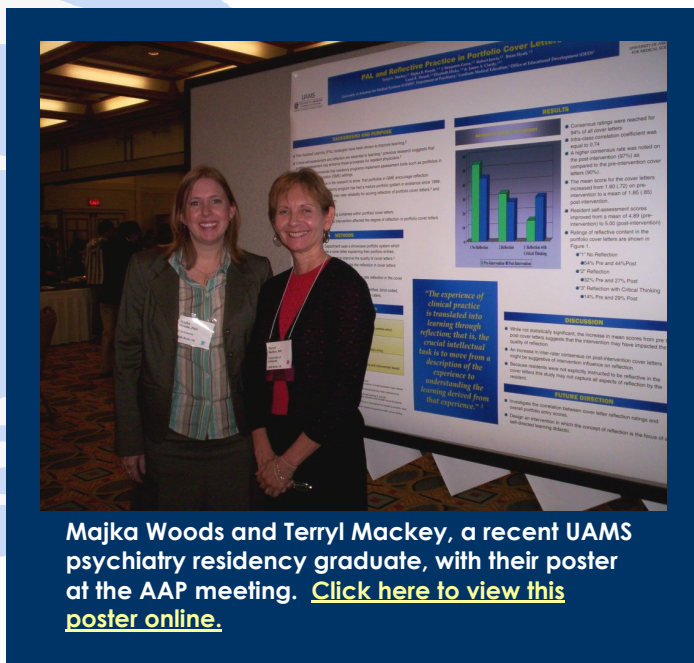


Photograph of the Seattle Waterfront, as seen from the AAMC conference.

- **Louise Arnold, Gary Gaddis, Carol Thrush, James Clardy.** "Medical Education and Patient Outcomes: Where Are We Going?" (small group discussion). Association of American Medical Colleges' (AAMC) Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington, Oct.-Nov. 2006

Presentations continued...

- **Noelle Agan, Carol Thrush, Becky Butler.** "Assessment of Medical Social Workers' Perceived Needs in Genetic Education and Interest in Online Continuing Education" (poster presentation). National Society of Genetic Counselors 2006 Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN.
- **Terry DuBose, Becky Butler, Katherine Bridgeman, Shannon Barringer.** "On-Line Interdisciplinary Education in Sonography and Genetic Counseling" (poster presentation). Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions (ASAHP) meeting, Chicago, IL, Oct. 2006.
- **James Pasley, Mike Petty, Jehad Albataineh, Muhammad Jaffar.** "Human Simulator Program in a Medical Physiology Course: Exam Score Effects" (presentation). The Association of Medical Education in Europe, Genoa, Italy, Sept. 14-19, 2006.
- **Lenna Levitch, Becky Butler, Carol Thrush.** "A Distance-Based Journal Club for Genetic Counselors" (poster presentation). National Society of Genetic Counselors 2006 Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN.
- **Becky Butler, Shannon Barringer, Sarah Jackson, Susan Hased, Deborah Collins, Beth Conover, and G. Bradley Schaefer.** Mid-America Genetic Education Consortium: It's MAGEC! (poster presentation). National Society of Genetic Counselors 2006 Annual Meeting, Nov., Nashville, TN.
- **Joseph Bittengle, Terry DuBose, Arthur Maune, David Rands, Rebecca Ludwig.** "Interdisciplinary Cardiac Imaging Online Course" (poster presentation). Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions (ASAHP) meeting, Chicago, IL, Oct. 2006.
- **Tim Atkinson.** "Integrity in the Research Environment: What Role Do Research Administrators Play?" National Council of University Research Administrators 48th Annual Meeting, Nov. 2006.



Majka Woods and Teryl Mackey, a recent UAMS psychiatry residency graduate, with their poster at the AAP meeting. [Click here to view this poster online.](#)

Congratulations...

- **Debra Fiser** was featured in the Oct. 2006 AAMC Reporter newsletter for an article titled, "Mentoring Especially Crucial for Women in Academic Medicine." Fiser has benefited personally and professionally from having mentors, and she started the Women's Faculty Development Caucus in 1989 to give other junior and senior faculty members the opportunity to benefit from mentors.
- **Tim Atkinson's** research on the influence of the organizational environment on ethical decision-making in research was featured in the Nov. 2006 *Report on Research Compliance*.
- The CAVHS granted **Sarah A. Jackson** paid leave to volunteer with the Louisiana State Crime lab in the effort to identify the remains of Katrina victims via DNA & family history collection. The NIH organized this effort and asked genetic counselors across the United States to volunteer a week of time since they are trained in DNA identification methodology and in crisis counseling.
- **Debra Fiser, Jeannette Shorey, Glenda Cooper, Judy Weber, and Cindy Kane** appeared in a spotlight feature of the AAMC's "Faculty Vitae" newsletter about the University of Arkansas Women's Caucus Advising Program. This article can be viewed at: <http://www.aamc.org/members/facultydev/facultyvitae/fall06/spotlight.htm>
- **Debra Simmons** received the Educational Research Award from the UAMS College of Medicine in June 2006.
- The UAMS-CHRP Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program faculty have been involved in writing items (questions) for the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS) national registry exams. **Anthony "Tony" Baker** went to Washington DC Oct. 26-29 to write physics, principles and instrumentation questions. **Terry J. DuBose** was elected to chair the ARDMS Examination Development Committee which oversees all of the ARDMS examinations.