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Clinical Associate Professor

Kari Wanat, MD
Clinical Assistant Professor

New Faculty in Dermatology

Paula Giudici, MD, joined the faculty as a Clinical Assistant Professor in November 2012. She received a Masters Degree in Microbiology from the University of South Dakota in ’78, and is a ‘82 alumnus of the University of Iowa College of Medicine. Paula was a research fellow in the Department of Dermatology at Hahnemann University from ‘82-’85 and completed Dermatology Residency at Thomas Jefferson in 1988. Dr. Giudici practiced Dermatology in the Quad Cities for 23 years prior to joining the UIHC Staff. Her husband Michael C. Giudici, MD, is Professor of Medicine and Director of Arrhythmia Services, Division of Cardiology at UIHC. Paula and Mike are enjoying the academic environment in Iowa City and visit five month old granddaughter Isabella in Davenport often.

Karolyn (Kari) Wanat, MD, joined faculty as a Clinical Assistant Professor in June 2013. She earned her MD from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, and completed her dermatology residency and dermatopathology fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania. While at U Penn, she served as chief resident and traveled to Botswana via the AAD’s international travel grant. Although born in Wisconsin, Kari’s parents met at the University of Iowa where her father played Hawkeye football! Her husband, Steven Sperry, MD, is the head/neck oncology fellow in the Department of Otolaryngology at UIHC. Her interests include global health/tropical medicine and infectious diseases, complex medical dermatology/inpatient consults, dermatologic education, and teledermatology.

Heather Ciliberto, MD, joined the faculty as a Clinical Assistant Professor in September 2013. She completed medical school, dermatology residency and a pediatric dermatology fellowship at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. Dr. Ciliberto is the Director of Pediatric Dermatology at the UIHC. Her interests include genodermatoses, vascular anomalies, birthmarks and cutaneous manifestations of systemic diseases. Her husband Michael Ciliberto, MD, is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Division of Pediatric Neurology at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.
Grant Ghahramani spent his early childhood in Omaha, NE, where he has happy memories of visits to a family farm in western Iowa. After moving to the Kansas City area, he attended University of Kansas majoring in Biochemistry and completed medical school at Saint Louis University. Grant met his wife, a physical therapist, while at KU. He enjoys hiking with his wife and yellow lab, fly-fishing, traveling, and cooking.

Reid Masters was born and raised in Southeast Missouri. He attended University of Missouri for his undergraduate degree and medical school at the University of Illinois in Peoria, where he met his wife Jenna. Reid spent the last five years in the Navy, primarily as an Undersea Medical Officer serving the submarine and diving communities. His wife is faculty in the Department of Anesthesia and they have a five month old daughter named Audrey.

Krishna Mutgi grew up in Toledo, OH, although he lived in Iowa City in 1988 during his father's Internal Medicine fellowship. He attended Bowling Green State University for undergraduate and The University of Toledo College of Medicine. His wife, Amanda, is a Spanish teacher, and they have a 3 month old girl named Saraya. He enjoys football, good food and spending time with his family.

Nahid Vidal is originally from Afghanistan and grew up in Ventura, California. She attended Stanford University where she majored in Human Biology with a concentration in Physics, played water polo, and was a personal trainer. She then attended UC Davis for both medical school and internship. Her husband David will complete his last year of law school as a visiting student here in Iowa City. Nahid enjoys sports, movies, and good food.

Melissa Willis was born and raised in Ottumwa, IA, and is the eldest of 3 children. She attended Western Illinois University with an undergraduate major in Microbiology and ran track & field and cross-country. She completed medical school and her intern year at the University of Iowa. During 4th year of medical school, she married Walt, who is an Illinois State Trooper.

Adam Asarch is our Procedural Dermatology Fellow under the direction of Dr. Marta VanBeek.

Phil Hochwalt is a Procedural Dermatology Fellow at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN.

Tom Pietras has joined Dermatology Associates of Wisconsin, S.C., located in Cedar Rapids, IA, where he lives with his wife and son Henry and daughter Jane.

Julie Ritchie After three Iowa winters, Julie is happy to return to her home town of San Diego, California, where she practices general dermatology at Kaiser.

Jill Lightfoot In June, Clinical Assistant Professor Jill Lightfoot and her family have moved to Philadelphia where her husband will be completing his fellowship in Urology.
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Iowa Dermatologic Society Fall Meeting, October 18 & 19, 2013


The Nomland/Carney Memorial Lecturer was Dr. Aisha Sethi, University of Chicago and the Strauss Honorary Lecture was given by Dr. Pedram Gerami, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine.

Other notable news in our Dermatology Department...

Cathy Clanton (pictured right) began her nursing career 40 years ago on an inpatient multi service 48 bed unit. She worked on inpatient units for 20 years, 18 of which she was the Nurse Manager. Cathy came to the Derm Clinic 20 years ago when the inpatient unit she was responsible for merged with another unit.

Dr. Brian Swick received the University of Iowa Graduate Medical Education Teaching Award for 2013 for Excellence in Clinical Coaching and the 2013 University of Iowa Foundations of Clinical Practice IV Teaching Award – Voted Teacher of the year in FCP IV by 2nd year medical students.

Dr. Vince Liu was elected 2013 M3 Senior Faculty Member of the Year, University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine.

Dr. Kari Wanat received the Members Making a Difference Award from the American Academy of Dermatology in August. This is the highest honor that a member can receive in the Academy’s Volunteer Recognition Program.

Dr. Mary Stone has been appointed to the American Board of Dermatology.

Resident Retreat- In October, the residents enjoyed their annual retreat where they participated in team building activities at the Iowa Challenge Course at the UI Recreational Fields. Second-year resident Megan Noe said “it helped us improve our communication skills, work to together as a team and it was also fun to be a little silly together”.

Amanda Tschetter, a second year resident, presented a poster entitled “CD20-positive Cutaneous T cell Lymphoma” at the American Society of Dermatopathology annual meeting in Washington, D.C., in October 2013.

Michael Elliott, a physician assistant, began a training position -a PA residency- in Dermatology in October 2013.
Upcoming Dates in 2014!
- IDS Alumni Reunion: Saturday, March 22, 2014, 6-8 pm, Denver, CO
- IDS Fall Meeting: September 5, 2014, Urmila Sahai Seminar Room, MERF, UI

Selected UIHC Dermatology publications August - November 2013


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