Message from the Chairman

It is with great pleasure and immense pride that we provide you our department's newsletter. Inside you will find highlights of our faculty, our core clinical programs, our residency and fellowship programs, our research efforts, and other academic activities.

We are young in many ways, yet ever expanding and growing. Founded in 1992 by Neal S. Penneys, M.D., Ph.D., M.B.A. and his faculty as a division of the department of Internal Medicine, we became the Department of Dermatology in 1996. In 2007, we display the benefits of this strong foundation. Currently, we have nine full time faculty and eight volunteer faculty who support the department and oversee our resident clinic. Many more individuals support our department's programs in various ways by providing lectures, attending our grand rounds and other academic conferences, sharing and referring patients, and using our dermatopathology service. The contributions of everyone involved with our department has allowed us to be what we are, and more importantly, to become what we aspire to be. Our professional mission is broad at Saint Louis University and based on providing excellent patient care, and using our dermatopathology service. The contributions of everyone involved with our department has allowed us to be what we are, and more importantly, to become what we aspire to be. Our professional mission is broad at Saint Louis University and based on providing excellent patient care, while also expanding and growing.

One of the next steps for our department in honoring its legacy of excellence in clinical care, research, and training will be the fruition of our development efforts. Establishing lectureships, endowed professorships and chairs will support our talented faculty and assist in our department's continued growth. Before our formal beginnings and then with our founding faculty and chairman in 1992, a vision was championed at Saint Louis University to advance the field of dermatology. The benefits of these efforts and our relationships as faculty, alumni, and friends of the department have been many and varied. As a program, the time is right to formally recognize our beginnings and further define our future. I appreciate everyone's many contributions to get us where we are today. I thank you in advance for helping us continue to live and expand our vision of excellence in all areas of our many missions.

Faculty recruitment is always a focus and we are recruiting in the areas of medical dermatology, Mohs surgery, melanoma, dermatopathology, and we are committed to developing our basic science program with efforts to recruit physician scientists.

For our community faculty we are pleased to share with you our thoughts for our future and to provide you a note of thanks and appreciation. For everyone, past, present and future, we look to have you share in our continued growth and development.

Your colleague,

Scott W. Fosko, M.D.
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SCOTT W. FOSKO, M.D.
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RECRUITMENT
The Department of Dermatology at Saint Louis University School of Medicine is currently recruiting for a Mohs micrographic surgeon, general dermatologist, dermatopathologists and basic scientist M.D./Ph.D. Interested candidates may contact: Dee Anna Glaser, M.D., Professor and Vice Chairman Department of Dermatology, Saint Louis University, 1402 S. Grand Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63104. Phone: 314-256-3433 E-mail: turdops@slu.edu
An essential part of our residency program involves a group of dedicated dermatologists who volunteer their time to teach and train our residents on a regular basis by attending in our resident and resident surgery clinics. These physicians share their respective passions for clinical care, research, and teaching. We are grateful for their commitment to the department, to the training of future dermatologists, and to the advancement of the field of dermatology.

The Department of Dermatology also recognizes the efforts of those individuals who attend our lectures and conferences. All of these efforts enhance the educational experience of our residents, fellows and faculty.

Resident Clinic and Resident Surgery Attending Faculty

SAV E THE D A T E S

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2008
The 3rd Annual SLU AAD Alumni Reception
Marriott Riverwalk Hotel
7 - 8:30 pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2008
The 11th Annual Graduate Recognition Day
We welcome Neal S. Penneys, M.D., Ph.D., M.B.A., our founding chairman and visiting professor for this annual celebration.
Residency Program

The Department of Dermatology began training its first two residents in July 1993. The commitment of the department’s founding faculty and the support of the University’s administration enabled the realization of this goal in just one short year after the Department’s formal beginnings in 1992. Mary D. Gibney, M.D., and C. Dobbin Connor, M.D., the first dermatologists to graduate from the residency program at Saint Louis University, helped shape the future of the program by their passion for learning and excellence in providing patient care. Their commitment contributed to the development of the residency program, it’s growth and continued successes.

2007 RESIDENT RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS
- Susan L. Journagan, M.D. ('07): SPOTS – Sun Protection Outreach Teaching by Students
- Wynnis L. Tom, M.D. ('07): Screening for Insulin Resistance-Related Syndromes in Children with Acanthosis Nigricans
- Susan T. Butler, M.D. ('08): The Importance of Reviewing Pathology Specimens Before Mohs Surgery
- Christopher R. Rouse, M.D. ('08): Multi-System Treatment Regimens in Patients with Atopic Dermatitis
- Sharone K. Askari, M.D. ('09): Iontophoresis: Tap Water vs. Anticholinergics
- Jason D. Givan, M.D. ('09): Indoleamine 2,3-Dioxygenase (IDO) Expression in Basal Cell Carcinoma
- Samantha E. Hill, M.D. ('09): The Prevalence of Thyroid Function Test Abnormalities in Patients with Alopecia Areata

2007 FELLOW RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS
- Erin J. Allen, M.D. ('06, Mohs '07): The Experience of Perineural Skin Cancers at Saint Louis University, Part II
Fellowship Programs

MOHS MICROGRAPHIC SURGERY
The Mohs Fellowship Program at Saint Louis University was established in 2003 by Dr. Scott W. Fosko and is accredited by the American College of Mohs Surgery. The training program provides a rigorous opportunity for fellows to gain expertise in Mohs, reconstructive surgery, cutaneous oncology, and to participate in the collaborative Multidisciplinary Melanoma Program at Saint Louis University. The Mohs fellow also participates in the Cosmetic Dermatology Service. Please refer interested applicant physicians to Paula Turdo at 314-256-3433 or turdops@slu.edu.

Brian L. Baker, M.D. completed both his undergraduate studies and medical school at the University of Kentucky. Afterward, he completed an internship in Internal Medicine and also received three years of Dermatology residency training, including one year as the Chief Resident at Southern Illinois University. Currently he serves as Fellow in Mohs Micrographic Surgery and as clinical instructor in the Department of Dermatology. Dr. Baker’s extracurricular activities include golfing, following Kentucky Wildcats basketball, waterskiing, and spending time with his wife and son.

DERMATOPATHOLOGY
The Department is expanding its fellowship programs with a new ACGME-accredited one year fellowship in Dermatopathology beginning July, 2008 under the direction of M. Yadira Hurley, M.D. The program provides training in morphologic evaluation of inflammatory skin disease and cutaneous neoplasms, use of histochemical and immunohistochemical stains, and evaluation of direct immunofluorescence specimens. Instruction in interpretation of frozen and permanent Mohs micrographic surgery specimens are also provided. The fellow will have an active role in teaching medical students and residents and will participate in didactic conferences as appropriate to previous residency training. Please refer interested applicant physicians to Paula Turdo at 314-256-3433 or turdops@slu.edu. Please refer to our website, http://dermatology.slu.edu, for more information about our fellowship programs.

CLINICAL RESEARCH
In 2005, the department established a two-year clinical research fellowship. Physicians interested in clinical research and dermatology are provided the opportunity to be involved in a wide range of research projects including clinical trials and investigator-initiated studies. Fellows also rotate in faculty clinics and participate in all resident and department teaching conferences. Mentorship is provided in study design, IRB protocol submissions, conducting all aspects of clinical trials, and abstract and manuscript development and submissions. The fellowship is designed to prepare the fellow for a career in dermatology.

Edward Prodanovic, M.D. started his Clinical Trials Research Fellowship in the Department of Dermatology in July 2007. Originally from California, he attended Saba University School of Medicine and gained his clinical experience through the University of Washington. He then completed an Internal Medicine/Pediatrics residency at Akron General Medical Center and Akron Children’s Hospital in Akron, Ohio in June 2007.

Katherine H. Flanagan, M.D., after practicing as a board-certified nephrologist, joined the Department of Dermatology in July, 2006, as its first Clinical Trials Research Fellow. She attended medical school at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine, completed an Internal Medicine residency at the University of Alabama in Birmingham, and completed a nephrology fellowship at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.
Graduate Recognition Day

JUNE 14, 2007

This year, Saint Louis University’s Department of Dermatology celebrated its 15th year. Scott W. Fosko, M.D. (left) and Craig L. Leonardi, M.D. (right), was the visiting professor at this year’s 10th Annual Graduate Recognition Day.

A surprised Melissa Stewart, RMA, the 2007 recipient of the Ann Benya Excellence in Patient Care Memorial Award. This award, established in 2005, memorializes our dear colleague and friend Ann Benya, R.N. The recipient is selected from nominations within the department for his or her extraordinary commitment to patient care.

Department staff and their guests joined the evening celebration of the year’s accomplishments for the residents, fellows, and the entire department. Back row (left to right): Sterling Garnto, Robin Scherle. Front row (left to right): Sharon Dickerson, Helen Murphy, Sheila Williams, Pamela Mensah.
Drs. Alyssa Nash and Stacy Beaty, (left), receive recognition for their faculty service to the department from our graduating residents, Drs. Susan Journagan and Wynnis Tom, (right). Dr. Nash is practicing dermatology in La Jolla, California, and Dr. Beaty joined a private practice in Hurst, Texas.

From left to right: Drs. Dee Anna Glaser, Summer R. Youker, and Scott W. Fosko present a gift to departing Mohs Fellow Dr. Erin Allen. Dr. Allen, the third Mohs Fellow graduate of the department, joined the Portland Providence Medical Group as a Mohs surgeon.

Dr. Scott W. Fosko, Residency Program Director (left), and Dr. Nicole M. Burkemper, Associate Residency Program Director, (far right), recognize 2007 graduating residents, Drs. Susan L. Journagan and Wynnis Tom. Dr. Journagan joined Musick and Gregory Dermatology in Swansea, Illinois. Dr. Tom began a pediatric dermatology fellowship at Rady Children’s Hospital/University of California San Diego.
Research

Our Clinical Trials Division got its start early in the development of the department, with the first trials being conducted by Drs. Penneys, Leonardi, Nahass, and Siegfried in the early 1990s. The Clinical Trials Division in our department has continued to grow under the direction of Dr. Dee Anna Glaser. Today we have a full-time physician assistant, Rosemary King, PA-C, MPH, who manages the operation of our clinical trials, other research projects, and works closely with the Research Fellows to conduct and support research endeavors department-wide. For more information about our Clinical Trials Division, please contact Rosemary King at kingrm@slu.edu or 314-256-3436.

CURRENTLY RECRUITING STUDIES

- Tazorac vs. Differin acne study – six-month study comparing treatments for acne (Glaser)
- Laser treatment for acne scars study – 18-month study treating atrophic acne scars in persons with Fitzpatrick 4-6 type skin (Semchyshyn)
- Remicade treatment study – seven-month study of psoriasis patients who are having inadequate response to Enbrel (Hurley)
- Psoriasis treatment surveillance study – five-year study monitoring persons currently prescribed Raptiva for psoriasis (Hurley)
- Toenail fungus study – 13-month study evaluating an oral treatment for toenail fungus (onychomycosis) (Glaser)
- Screening for Insulin Resistance-Related Syndromes in Children with Acanthosis Nigricans – 10-year monitoring study (Hurley)
- Treatment regimens in patients with atopic dermatology- anonymous questionnaire survey of related treatments (Rouse)
- Imiquimod therapy on lentiginous melanoma – 3-year study monitoring effectiveness (Fosko)
- Tissue procurement study – tissue bank study enrolling patients undergoing excisions of cutaneous cancer (Cancer Center)
- SPOTS study – an educational outreach program in which medical students teach adolescents about the early detection and prevention of skin cancer, with impact evaluation (Youker)

ONGOING STUDIES OR RECENTLY CLOSED STUDIES

(CLOSED TO RECRUITMENT)

- Psoriasis treatment study of Raptiva for persons who failed other treatments (Hurley)
- Adult axillary hyperhidrosis treatment of Drysol vs. Botox (Glaser)
- Eyelash growth study (Glaser)
- Psoriasis treatment surveillance study of Enbrel for psoriasis (Hurley)
- Increased Prevalence of Left-Sided Skin Cancers (Fosko)

Recent Faculty Publications


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Department Spotlight

A NOTE FROM DEE ANNA GLASER, M.D.
DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF COSMETIC AND LASER SURGERY

When I look back at the origin of academic cosmetic dermatology at Saint Louis University and reflect upon how it has grown since 1993, I am truly amazed and proud of what we have accomplished. With the support of the University, faculty, residents, fellows, staff, and others, we have developed a dynamic, productive division in terms of patient care, research, and scholarly publication. Dermatology residents, Mohs and cosmetic fellows, clinical research fellows, residents from other Saint Louis University specialties, SLU medical students, and students from other programs train in the cosmetic and laser division at both our SLUCare Des Peres and Anheuser-Busch Institute sites. They have the opportunity to participate in patient care and research involving the latest advancements in laser technology, fillers, botulinum toxin-A therapies, a variety of skin rejuvenating and restorative procedures, and cosmetic and dermatologic surgery. In the fall of 2006, we welcomed Natalie L. Semchyshyn, M.D., Assistant Professor in the Division of Cosmetic and Laser Surgery, who shares her talents and expertise to continue the growth and development of our division and department.

Natalie L. Semchyshyn, M.D. recently joined the Saint Louis University Department of Dermatology faculty. Dr. Semchyshyn (pronounced “Sem-CHISH-in”) brings many talents to the dermatology team that enhance and expand the patient care services offered by the department as well as enrich the curriculum and experience of our residents and fellows.

Dr. Natalie, as some call her, is a graduate of Yale University and Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. She completed an internship at Cabrini Medical Center before coming to St. Louis for dermatology residency at Washington University. After residency, she moved to California to specialize in lasers, completed a fellowship with and joined Dr. Suzanne Kilmer at the Laser and Skin Surgery Center in Sacramento. Dr. Semchyshyn joined the Saint Louis University faculty in 2006 in the Division of Cosmetic and Laser Surgery.

Personal experience with a facial port wine stain as a child helped foster Dr. Semchyshyn’s interest in lasers and cosmetic dermatology. Advances in laser technology made the successful, non-scarring laser therapy possible during Dr. Semchyshyn’s years in medical school. This lifelong experience, her concern for patients’ well-being, and her interest in skin wellness has been integral in the development of her approach to medicine and philosophy about health. Dr. Semchyshyn considers skin health in the context of the whole person and the complexity of human beings. While helping patients achieve desired cosmetic outcomes through various treatment modalities, she also utilizes prophylactic treatment for the slowing of skin aging, and assists patients with making decisions about maintaining skin health.

Dr. Semchyshyn is also an artist, having her stained-glass work featured this year in an issue of Skin and Allergy News. According to Dr. Semchyshyn, the transformative nature of art is similar to the transformation she sees in her patients, and she uses her creative talent for both.

Recent Faculty Publications


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History of the Dermatology Patch

The rapid growth of our department over the last five years has inspired us to create a shield to symbolize and commemorate its different components. Much like our pride in being part of Saint Louis University, we wanted to strengthen camaraderie and rally team spirit for dermatology as a department.

The public recognizes the SLU symbol as one of excellence; we want ours to internally reinforce this idea within our department. Paul Bowman, M.D., our first Mohs fellow in 2003 with our chairman, Scott W. Fosko, M.D., was inspired to design this patch during his fellowship. We are grateful to his creative genius in designing the patch that has become the symbol for our department.

Symbols

Forming the upper border of the symbol is a depiction of the Gateway Arch. A well-known symbol of St. Louis, the original monument stands for expansion – just as this image embodies the growth and development of our department.

Filling the background of the symbol’s center is a modified white cross set upon a blue background. During the Crusades, various nations adopted crosses of various colors. In the 1400’s, the King of France, Charles VII, adopted the white cross as an emblem; soon after he founded the core of the permanent French army, and by the 18th century almost every regimental flag had a white cross.

The center of the design is a gold fleur-de-lis. First appearing on the shield of King Louis VI of France in the 12th century, the fleur-de-lis signified perfection, light and life. A recognized symbol of Saint Louis University, this is the most important aspect of our symbol – we are SLU Dermatology. The division of each of the three petals into the leaflets gives an even stronger link to the official fleur design of SLU.

Along the base of the symbol are representation of the multiple subspecialties of dermatology. At the center is a open book, signifying medical dermatology and knowledge, the foundation of our specialty upon which all the other components are based.

To the left a microscope stands for dermatopathology, to the right, a scalpel and scissors represent dermatologic surgery and cutaneous oncology. At the far left an ultraviolet light bulb symbolizes phototherapy and photopheresis, while a laser beam at the far right corresponds to laser surgery and cosmetic dermatology.

As a department of SLU, we wanted our artwork to be harmonious with the official SLU symbol. We therefore specifically used the pantone matching system colors for SLU gold and SLU blue in our design. We are proud of our design and its clear display of our ties to St. Louis, Saint Louis University, and the critical elements of our dynamic specialty of Dermatology.
Alumni, Friends and Faculty News
Where are They Now?

Alanna F. Bree, M.D. (‘04) a former SLU faculty member and director of Pediatric Dermatology is an assistant professor of Dermatology and Pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine/Texas Children’s Hospital. She is the chair of the Young Leaders Committee of the Society for Pediatric Dermatology, Medical Director of Camp Discovery/Camp Dermadillo in Texas, and the principal investigator and chair of the International Research Symposium on Ankyloblepharon-Ectodermal Defects-Cleft Lip/Palate (AEC) Syndrome that was held in Texas in November 2006, with support from an NIH-grant. Alanna and her husband, Doug, are enjoying life in Houston, Texas with their two children, Kendyl and Sam, who are in the 4th and 5th grade respectively.

Elaine C. Siegfried, M.D. has rejoined Saint Louis University School of Medicine as professor of Pediatrics and Dermatology and Director of Pediatric Dermatology at Saint Louis University/Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital. Welcome back!

Evan C. Jones, M.D. (Mohs ’06) and his wife, Rosa, are the proud parents of Ethan, born in 2007. In June 2007, Evan became acting chairman in the Department of Dermatology at SUNY Stonybrook. In August he broke his left arm so his remaining hand is very full! Good luck Evan!

Tina Suneja, M.D. (‘05) is living in Colorado and working at Denver Dermatology Consultants providing medical and occupational dermatology care. She and her husband, Kevin Nagamani, M.D. are the proud parents of daughter Noor, born October 2006.

Mary D. Gibney, M.D. (‘96), are with family members Colin, Luke, and Cameron, is in private practice with Dr. Owen Reynolds in North Andover, Massachusetts. Dr. Gibney offers medical, surgical, and cosmetic dermatology services, gives talks at local hospitals and community centers, and teaches Tufts medical residents that rotate through her office.

Christopher W. Kling, M.D. (‘05), wife Marissa and daughters Campbell and McKenna are expecting a third child in April 2008.

Alyssa M. Nash-Goelitz, M.D., former faculty, her husband Brian Goelitz, M.D., and daughter Megan welcomed baby Thomas Italo Goelitz on September 28, 2007. Congratulations!

Summer R. Youker, M.D. (faculty) and her husband, Craig Glaiberman, M.D., welcomed the birth of a son, Carl Thomas Glaiberman, on October 4, 2007. Congratulations Summer and Craig!
GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

As our department continues on its successful path from its formal beginnings in 1992, financial and in-kind support play key roles in our ability to grow and develop. For many of our academic pursuits, there is little direct support, and we need endowments and gifts to continue our growth and to be successful in many areas. Donations from our generous supporters help fund resident and fellow training and activities, research projects, the development of new programs, and support academic faculty career development. Gifts are utilized based on the donor’s guidelines, and every gift is recognized by the chairman of the department and University. The Department of Dermatology has several giving opportunities we would like you to consider.

RESIDENCY AND FELLOWSHIP EDUCATION
This fund supports resident and fellow training stipend, education, and related activities.

RESEARCH
This fund supports unfunded research and teaching efforts in the department in the areas of melanoma, cutaneous oncology, dermatopathology, psoriasis, and cosmetic dermatology. It also funds teaching and research efforts for medical students, residents, and fellows.

FRIENDS OF THE DERMATOLOGY DEPARTMENT
This fund supports the broad needs of the department and can include educational efforts of the department that reach out to the community either through outreach and education about skin cancer. In addition continuing education programs for dermatologists and other health care professionals in the community as well as new program initiatives will be supported with these funds.

NEW DEPARTMENT NEEDS AND GIVING OPPORTUNITIES
If you are interested in supporting lectureships, professorships, endowed chairs, or would like to make an unrestricted gift, please contact Scott W. Fosko, M.D., in our department at 314-256-3432 or Alexis Azar Posnanski, director of development at 314-977-2247, azarae@slu.edu.

You may use the enclosed business reply envelope to mail contributions for our department.

If you would like to request a newsletter or submit information for upcoming issues, please e-mail sluder@sl.edu, call us at 314-256-3432, or mail information to Dermatology News, Saint Louis University, Department of Dermatology, 1402 S. Grand Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63104.

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