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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL SCHOOL AT HOUSTON

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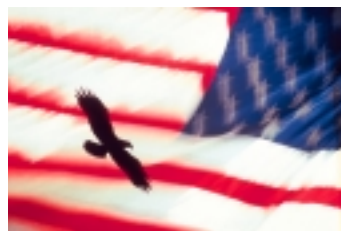
4 Clinical Research Curriculum, Bio-statistics for Clinical Investigators, **Dr. Kathleen Kennedy** presenting, "Principles of Statistical Analysis and Hypothesis Testing," 5 - 6:30 p.m., MSB 2.135.

UTMost Interest

Dr. Thomas O. Clanton, professor and chairman, Orthopaedics, was re-elected to the American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society Board of Directors at the Society's 18th Annual Summer Meeting in Traverse City, Mich. Clanton also serves as team physician for Rice University and the Houston Texans...**Dr. Arlo Weltge**, Emergency Medicine, and also a doctoral candidate in Management and Policy Science, SPH, recently was appointed to the 16-member national Program Administration Committee of the American Heart Association.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Employee Appreciation Day, a free event, on Wed., **Sept. 18**, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Webber Plaza, for baked potatoes, drinks, dessert, gift, and entertainment. UT-badge required. Sponsored by the Employee Relations Committee (ERC).

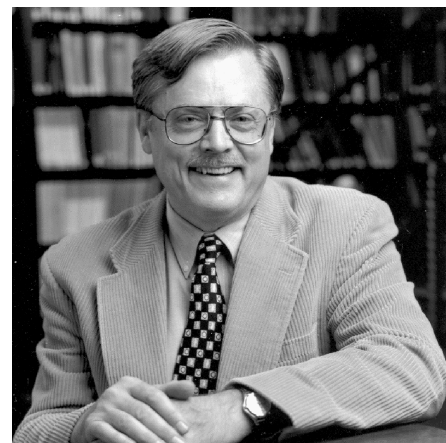


MEDICAL SCHOOL REMEMBERS SEPT. 11

The Medical School community will remember Sept. 11 with a special ceremony 8 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Wed., **Sept. 11** in MSB 2.006. All are invited — and classes for the first- and second-year students will begin at 8:30 a.m. that day instead of 8 a.m. A blood drive in honor of the Sept. 11 victims will be held 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. in the Medical School's Fifth Floor Gallery on Thurs., **Sept. 12**.

DISTINGUISHED NEUROSCIENCE LECTURER ON CAMPUS SEPT. 26

Dr. Bruce S. McEwen, the Distinguished Lecturer in the Neurosciences, will address "Sex, Stress and the Hippocampus," 4 p.m. Thurs., **Sept. 26** in MSB 3.001. McEwen is the Alfred E. Mirsky Professor and head of the Harold and Margaret Milliken Hatch Laboratory of Neuroendocrinology at Rockefeller University. His laboratory studies mechanisms underlying stress and sex hormone actions on the brain. His contributions to the field of neuroendocrinology have been widely recognized among his peers in the scientific community.



Dr. Bruce S. McEwen

Brain sexual differentiation, effects of stress on the developing and adult brain, and various types of neuronal synaptic and neurochemical plasticity are regulated by circulating hormones of the adrenal cortex, thyroid, and gonads. The immune system is also a target of hormones and stress.

McEwen's current research is concentrated on relating cellular and molecular mechanisms with links to pathophysiology and nervous and mental disorders. His research methods employ quantitative autoradiography, immunocytochemistry, in situ hybridization, and transgenic and gene knock-out models. He recently received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Society for Psychoneuroendocrinology, and the Edward J. Sachar Award from Columbia University's Department of Psychiatry.

A CALL FOR POSTERS - 8TH ANNUAL UT-HOUSTON RESEARCH DAY

The Eighth Annual UT-Houston Research Day will take place 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Fri., **Nov. 1**, at the Hornberger Conference Center, 2151 W. Holcombe Blvd. Last year, more than 180 faculty members participated. "I very much hope that this year all departments and divisions of the university will participate," said **Dr. George M. Stancel**, interim executive vice president, Research Affairs. "In the Edwin Hornberger Conference Center in the Texas Medical Center we have the ideal venue, with the space, facilities, and free parking required for what will undoubtedly be an even bigger and better 2002 Research Day. Register your poster at: <<http://research.uth.tmc.edu/ResearchDay/>>.



Dr. Marnie Rose

NOTE: One of *Houston Medical's* notables, **Dr. Marnie Rose**, suffered a fatal stroke and passed away at 2:19 p.m., Fri., Aug. 23. She was 28. Donations can be made

to: The Dr. Marnie Rose Fund, Memorial Hermann Children's Hospital, Attn: Charlon Fontaine, Development, 6411 Fannin, Houston, TX 77030.



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MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM WELCOMES FIRST CLASS

Dr. Kathleen Kennedy, program director for the new Master of Science in Clinical Research Degree Program, welcomed the program's first class of 16 students during the program's orientation Aug. 21.

"We are very pleased to welcome 16 students to this new degree program – originally, we were hoping to admit between 6 and 12 students," Kennedy said. "But, we had a large number of really good applicants that we didn't want to turn down."

The new degree program is the first MS degree program at the Medical School. The coursework is an extension of the existing Clinical Research Curriculum provided by the Center for Clinical Research and Evidence-Based Medicine, which was created through National Institutes of Health funding in 1999, in cooperation with The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center.

The curriculum for the new master's program consists of two tracks – a patient-based clinical research track and a translational research track. In addition to the 10 credit hours for the Clinical Research Curriculum courses, each student will be required to complete an additional 26 credit hours, including practica and a thesis.

"The main reason this program is necessary is that there has been an increased recognition that high quality clinical research requires advanced training in the methods used in clinical research," Kennedy said.

The program is expected to appeal primarily to MDs at the fellow and faculty levels as well as to other clinicians who have not had previous formal training in clinical research.

"Most of the students are already in academic medicine at the Medical School, M. D. Anderson, or the School of Nursing. Our goal is that the students will use this degree to carry out excellent clinical research and that they will ultimately teach others to do outstanding clinical research," Kennedy said.

The degree may be completed in 2 - 4 years, depending on how much time the student devotes to it.

For more information, see <http://ped1.med.uth.tmc.edu/neo/center-masters.htm>.



Mondays at noon, MSB 2.006

BIOTERRORISM PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE SERIES SET

This Microbiology and Molecular Genetics Seminar Series will take place Mondays at noon in MSB 2.006.

Co-sponsored by the Center for the Study of Emerging and Re-emerging Pathogens, Dr. Barbara Murray, director, Infectious Diseases Division, Dept. of Internal Medicine.

Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS) course # GS07-0011.

Sept. 9 *Bioterrorism & the War on Terrorism: Political and Military Dimensions.* **Richard Stoll, Ph.D.**, Rice University School of Social Sciences.

Sept. 16 *Ebola.* **Susan P. Fisher-Hoch, M.D.**, UT-Brownsville School of Public Health.

Sept. 23 *Public Health Response.* **Vern Jachau, Ph.D.**, Houston Dept. Health & Human Services.

Sept. 30 *Emergency Response to Bioterrorism.* **Richard Bradley, M.D.**, UT-H Medical School.

Oct. 14 *Francisella – the Tularemia Microbe.* **Karl Klose, Ph.D.**, UT-San Antonio.

Nov. 4 *Small Pox and Small Pox Vaccine.* **Robert Couch, M.D.**, Baylor College of Medicine.

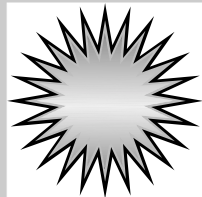
Nov. 11 *Diarrheal Diseases and Food Safety in the United States.* **Herbert DuPont, M.D.**, UT-Houston School of Public Health.

Nov. 18 *The Anthrax Microbe and Disease.* **Theresa Koehler, Ph.D.**, UT-H Medical School.

Nov. 25 *Anthrax Vaccine.* **Wendy Keitel, M.D.**, Baylor College of Medicine.

AUGUST EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH - EVELYN HENNINGER

"You could feel the energy in this place, the Medical School, when I arrived nine years ago. You could just feel that something was going on. And I wanted to be a part of it." That's how our August Employee of the Month, **Evelyn Henninger**, senior research associate, Allergy and Clinical Immunology, described her first job here.



Evelyn wears lots of hats. She started out here as a research assistant, with a clinical laboratory background. She puts in a lot of hours doing clinical and lab research, and works with a flow cytometer, an "up and coming new technology," Evelyn will tell you. "It takes antibodies and targets them with a colored bead. You can attach it to a white cell and find out the number of cells that have that particular marker on them. And you can detect intracellular cytokines."

She was just elected to serve on the University Classified Staff Council (UCSC) for a two-year term. And at Dr. Gailen Marshall's suggestion, she sat in on an immunology course and was fascinated. "White cells are so fantastic; they store so much information," she said.

Evelyn is a grandmother to two grandkids, Brandon, age 7 and Emily, age 2 ½, who live here in Houston. She likes to go to the ballet. This summer, she went to Manhattan for the first time. She saw *Phantom of the Opera* and *The Lion King*, and "fell in love" with the Big Apple. She plans on going back in December, and concluded, "What a remarkable city."



Evelyn Henninger