

## Events to Know

### May

- 7 Dr. James McNew** (Rice University) to present "Regulation of SNARE-dependent Membrane Fusion." Noon, MSB 2.135.
- 11 Meet-the-Artist reception**, followed by talk (see next event). Noon-12:30 p.m., Medical School Art Wall.
- 11 "From the BroadStreet Pump to Oral Rehydration Therapy: A model of translational research"** presented by Dr. Stanley Schultz. 12:30-1:30 p.m., MSB 5th Floor Gallery. Lunch provided for first 30 attendees.

## Photography and paintings grace the Art Wall

The approach of the summer months brings new art to the Medical School Art Wall, which is featuring photography from faraway places and paintings of varying media.

The Art Wall experienced an impromptu hiatus due to the flooding that occurred on the ground floor of the Medical School Building, which caused the early removal of **Sandra York's** display of the "Tacia Retablos." But as of May 3, the works of **Jeff Schultz**, son of **Dr. Stanley Schultz**; **Scott Holmes**, director of graphic services in the Division of Immunology and Organ Transplantation; second-year student **Michael Baik**; and fourth-year student **Douglas Larsen**, have been on exhibit.

A meet-the-artist reception is planned at the wall for noon May 11, which will be followed by a talk by former Dean Schultz in the Fifth Floor Gallery at 12:30 p.m. Schultz will speak on his travels to Thailand, where he received the Prince Mahidol Award for Medicine. His son Jeff accompanied him and photographed the journey – and some of those photos are included in this exhibit.

To submit art to the Art Wall, see <http://med.uth.tmc.edu/administration/dean/art-wall>. The next deadline is June 1.

-D. Brown

## Spudich elected Fellow of Academy of Arts & Sciences

**Dr. John Spudich**, the Robert A. Welch Distinguished Chair in Chemistry, was elected a Fellow of the prestigious American Academy of Arts & Sciences. He joins an elite group of newly elected members, including scholars, scientists, artists, civic, corporate, and philanthropic leaders.

Founded in 1780, the American Academy of Arts & Sciences is an independent policy research center that conducts multidisciplinary studies of complex and emerging problems. The academy's elected members are leaders in the academic disciplines, the arts, business, and public affairs.

Interim Dean **Jerry Wolinsky** congratulated Spudich on this high honor, making special note of the importance of his work at the Medical School.

"We know that your work is excellent; confirmation from outside the institution serves to reinforce how lucky we are to have you here and how important your work is," Wolinsky said.

Spudich is director of the Center for Membrane Biology, as well as a professor of biochemistry and molecular biology. His research focuses on the mechanisms by which photosensory receptors sense and transmit information concerning the color, intensity, and pattern of light in the environment.

"I am very honored to be elected and want to emphasize that it would not have been possible without the contributions of many fine colleagues in our laboratory and especially the nearly three decades of research and insights from my close co-worker and wife, **Elena Spudich**," Spudich said.

Spudich is part of the 2007 class of newly elected members announced April 30 that includes 203 new Fellows and 24 new Foreign Honorary Members. This year's new Fellows include former Vice President **Albert Gore Jr.**; former Supreme Court Associate Justice **Sandra Day O'Connor**; New York Mayor **Michael Bloomberg**; Google Chair and CEO **Eric Schmidt**; filmmaker **Spike Lee**; economists **Gregory Mankiw** and **Murray Weidenbaum**; astronomer **Donald Brownlee**; and robotics pioneer **Rodney Brooks**.

New members will be inducted into the academy at an Oct. 6 ceremony in Cambridge, Mass.

Three others from the UT Health Science Center are academy members, including: **Dr. William Jackson Schull**, '99, professor emeritus of epidemiology at the School of Public Health; **Dr. Ferid Murad**, '00, the John S. Dunn, Sr. Distinguished Chair in Physiology and Medicine, professor of integrative biology and pharmacology, and director of the Brown Foundation Institute of Molecular Medicine for the Prevention of Human Diseases (IMM); and **Dr. Irma Gigli**, '02, the Hans J. Muller-Eberhard, M.D., Ph.D. Chair in Immunology, the Walter and Mary Mischer Distinguished Professor in Molecular Medicine, and deputy director of the IMM.

-C. Webb



Dr. John Spudich

## Celebrating Excellence in Teaching

Dean's Message: *Each May and June, the Medical School honors our best educators. This is a school with an educational mission that demands superior and dedicated teaching, and through a series of awards, we pay tribute to those who have excelled in that area.*

Excellence  in Teaching

*Over the next few weeks, Scoop will feature articles highlighting the accomplishments of the recipients of the Herbert L. and Margaret W. DuPont Master Clinical Teaching Award, the John Freeman Faculty Teaching Award, the John P. McGovern Award, the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award, and the Alpha Omega Alpha Volunteer Clinical Faculty Award. The Dean's Teaching Excellence Award is another venue for applauding those who exemplify the school's teaching mission (see the back page of this issue).*

*These distinguished awardees will be recognized at various special events, including the Annual Faculty Meeting May 15 and Commencement May 29.*

— Interim Dean Jerry Wolinsky



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# Dean's Teaching Excellence Awardees 2006-2007

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