

Events to Know

May

- 22 Neurosciences Research Retreat.** 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Hermann Pavilion Conference Center. To register or for details, call 713.222.CARE.
- 29 Commencement for 2007 graduating class.** 7 p.m., George R. Brown Convention Center.
- 31 Last day of 20 percent off sale** on T-shirts, sweatshirts, shorts, and sweatpants at Auxiliary Enterprises Bookstores at Medical School, School of Nursing, and Dental Branch.

Summer Research Program begins May 21

The Medical School's 2007 Summer Research Program will begin Monday, May 21 with 84 participating first-year Medical School students and undergraduate students and two students from Peking University, China.

The students will spend 10 weeks this summer conducting laboratory research with Medical School faculty mentors, and the Chinese students will conduct research at the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

Dr. Gary Rosenfeld, director of the program, will welcome the students at orientation on Monday, and interim Dean **Jerry Wolinsky** will deliver greetings on behalf of the Medical School.

Part of the program is a weekly seminar series, held every Thursday and open to all health science center faculty, staff, and students, as well as the Texas Medical Center community. Check *Scoop* and bulletin boards for listings of speakers, topics, and locations.

Contact **Jimmie Pope**, Summer Research Program coordinator, at 713.500.5334 for details.

Orlander named interim chair of internal medicine

Interim Dean **Jerry Wolinsky** has announced that **Dr. Philip Orlander** will become interim chair of the Department of Internal Medicine effective May 16, until a permanent chair is appointed.

Orlander, professor and director of the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism, replaces **Dr. Bruce Kone** who left the Medical School May 15 to become the eighth dean of the University of Florida College of Medicine.

"Dr. Orlander has been on our faculty since 1983 and has served as director of its Division of Endocrinology since 1993," Wolinsky said. "He also has served as chair of the Curriculum Committee for the past five and a half years where he has been a key player in the improvements to our undergraduate medical curriculum, and he has been assistant dean for curricular affairs since 2005. He knows the school and department well; is a team player; and is committed to our missions of education, research, and clinical care.

"I am confident the department will do well under his leadership and that you will give him your full support," continued Wolinsky.

Orlander's research interests include the epidemiology of diabetes and its complications, and he has served as a mentor to many fellows. His division oversees a wide range of endocrinologic interests – from hospitals to specialized clinics – such as reproductive endocrinology and metabolic bone disease.

In 2005, Orlander was named vice chair for education in the Department of Internal Medicine. He also has received numerous teaching awards and honors, including the 2004 Herbert L. and Margaret W. DuPont Master Clinical Teaching Award, the 2000 Humanism in Medicine Award,

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Kellaway named to endowed ophthalmology professorship

Dr. Judianne Kellaway, associate professor of ophthalmology and visual science, is the first holder of the endowed Stephen A. Lasher III Professorship in Ophthalmology. Established in 1997 by the Hermann Eye Fund to honor Mr. Lasher, the endowment's purpose is to facilitate Kellaway's teaching and research duties with the Medical School.

"It's a great honor, and I feel a renewed responsibility to do some good things with this gift," Kellaway said, who also is assistant dean for admissions.

The gift will enhance Kellaway's teaching responsibilities with medical students and ophthalmology residents.

"There is always a need for help in our school's teaching mission," she said. "Anything that might help enhance the learning experience for residents and students will translate to better patient care eventually."

The endowment also will support Kellaway's research interests in macular edema, which is swelling in the center of the eye called the macula.

"The swelling occurs where your best or central vision is," Kellaway explained. "Macular edema has a devastating impact upon vision. Current treatments or procedures are still unsatisfactory for many patients. We are searching for better treatments – this would benefit a tremendous number of people."

Kellaway's long-standing interest in the school is reflected in her dedication and service. She is a 1987 Medical School graduate and joined the faculty in 1992.

"Dr. Kellaway is tireless in her dedication to our educational effort at every level," said **Dr. Richard Ruiz**, professor and chair of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Science

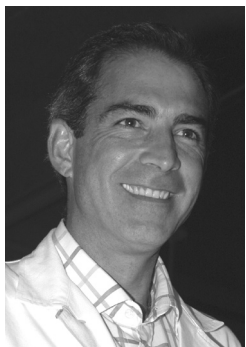


Dr. Philip Orlander



Dr. Judianne Kellaway





Dr. Alberto Puig

Alberto Puig, M.D., Ph.D., has been named the winner of the John P. McGovern Award as the outstanding clinical teacher – for the second time in three years.

This year, Puig is not at UT – he received news of his award from his new job at Harvard Medical School.

“I came to Massachusetts General and Harvard as part of their Inpatient Clinical Educator Service, teaching residents and medical school students in the wards, and I’ve been here the last nine months,” he said.

Puig had been at the UT Medical School for the prior four and a half years, teaching Problem-Based Learning (PBL), Physical Diagnosis, the Art of Observation and the Art of Listening classes, as well as the internal medicine curriculum in the third year; and he was the director of the Fundamentals of Clinical Medicine course. “I also ran the inpatient medicine wards at Memorial Hermann as a faculty member and did medicine consults in the hospital,” he added.

The John P. McGovern Award is given annually to the outstanding clinical faculty member as chosen by the senior class, and faculty may not be selected consecutively.

Since at MGH/Harvard, Puig already has been honored by the students there with their Excellence in Teaching Award for the academic year of 2007.

“What students and residents want most, aside from interest, enthusiasm, and vitality, is methods applicable to their everyday life as learners. If they can see it and you can show them, they can do it

– they need more guidance at the bedside. And there is no better place to connect the basic science and its clinical application than in front of a patient,” Puig explains.

But Puig says teaching is not about the awards.

“I love the students. It’s the hugest honor – just the recognition that the students appreciate what you do. It’s great to receive the awards – to me there is no better ‘hug or kiss’ than that, and I’m truly honored and privileged. It’s an incredible shock to win it when you are gone,” he said.

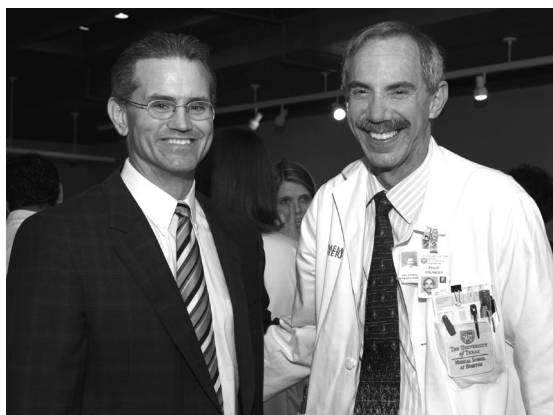
Puig will return to campus May 24 to receive the award in person at the Faculty Teaching Awards Reception.

“I’ve been getting a lot of e-mails from the graduating class, and I got a package from the medicine residents requesting that I come back – it was the sweetest thing I’ve ever gotten. It brought me to tears, literally. I miss them a lot,” he said. “Aside from the good weather, I miss the UT atmosphere and collegiality. Harvard is a great place, but UT is more friendly.”

The award is made possible by an endowment from the McGovern Foundation. McGovern, founder of the McGovern Allergy Clinic, has maintained a deep interest in excellence in teaching at the health science center, where he holds faculty appointments.

Previous recipients include **Octavio C. Pinell, M.D.**, 2006, 2004, 2001, 1999, 1997, 1995; **Puig, M.D., Ph.D.**, 2005; **Frank C. Arnett Jr., M.D.**, 2003, 2000; **Eugene Toy, M.D.**, 2002; **Edward Yeomans, M.D.**, 1998; **John F. Donnelly, M.D.**, 1996, 1993, 1990; **James T. Willerson, M.D.**, 1994; **John M. Passmore, M.D.**, 1992; and **Herbert L. DuPont, M.D.**, 1991.

-D. Brown



A farewell party was held May 10 for **Dr. Bruce Kone**, outgoing chair of the Department of Internal Medicine. **Kone (left)** congratulates **Dr. Philip Orlander**, who is the newly appointed interim department chair.

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and the Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award on multiple occasions. He was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society and The University of Texas Academy of Health Science Education.

He received his medical degree from Free University of Brussels, Belgium, and completed his postgraduate training, residency, and endocrinology and metabolism fellowship at the Hospital of St. Raphael in New Haven, Conn.

A search committee led by **Dr. Giuseppe Colasurdo**, professor and chair of the Department of Pediatrics, will begin the process to identify and recruit a permanent chair for the Department of Internal Medicine.

Reminder: Scoop goes to desktop June 1

Effective June 1, *Scoop* will become an all-electronic weekly publication with a brand new e-mail and Web site look. The last printed issue of *Scoop* will be May 25. The June 1 issue will debut the new look of *Scoop*, bringing the week’s top stories, announcements, and events directly to the e-mail accounts of all Medical School employees and students and current readers outside the Medical School mailing list.

Kellaway, cont’d.

and Kellaway’s nominator for the endowed professorship. “She serves as the program director of our residency program, conducts medical student interest groups, and is generally involved in all aspects of our educational program, including outreach to the general Houston community.

“In addition to being an outstanding teacher and mentor, Dr. Kellaway is an exceptionally capable and caring physician and surgeon,” continued Ruiz, who also holds the John S. Dunn Distinguished University Chair in Ophthalmology. “She manages to maintain a balance between teaching, research, and direct patient care.”

Kellaway said she was “thrilled and honored” when she received word of her new appointment as holder of the Lasher Professorship and thought of those who helped her reach this point.

“It’s a very humbling experience because there are so many gifted people from whom I’ve learned,” she said. “I’ve known Dr. Ruiz for nearly 25 years, and he has been a great teacher and mentor for me. I appreciate everything he’s taught me over the years.”

-C. Webb