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November 2017

To our Alumni, Donors, and Friends:

As 2017 comes to a close, it is a chance for all of us to reflect and look back on the challenges we have faced and the accomplishments we can celebrate over the past year. To that end, I truly am so incredibly thankful for the opportunities and successes we have had in the Department of Dermatology. While it has been undeniably challenging and difficult at times, it has also been tremendously rewarding to be able to rebuild and grow, with the support of the UNM School of Medicine, UNM Hospital, and you, our valued alumni, donors and community partners.



Some highlights and updates since our last newsletter edition, of which I am exceedingly proud:

- We have successfully hired **4 more full-time faculty and 1 affiliated Nurse Practitioner** (Details in the Meet the Providers section). In addition to Drs. Altman and Morales detailed there, we have also recently confirmed the hire of a Mohs surgeon and pigmented lesions specialist to start in July 2018!
- We have continued to collaborate for education and training and have added to the Jointly Appointed and Volunteer Faculty roster to increase our depth and breadth of expertise.
- We have continued to provide excellent service and dermatologic care to the patients who need us in New Mexico and beyond, and we are continuing to expand our Teledermatology services as well.
- We have sustained excellent programs in Continuing Medical Education through Grand Rounds and other sponsored conferences, including another successful Burgdorf weekend (see section on Community & Alumni).
- **We have submitted our completed application to the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) for reinstatement of our residency training program!** We expect to hear a decision from the Dermatology Residency Review Committee (RRC) in Spring 2018, after a site review this winter.

We hope many of you who live locally will join the faculty and Department staff as we gather at my home on December 2nd to celebrate the start of the winter holidays together. For those of you far away or unable to attend, I wish you the very best of the season and a healthy, happy, safe, and prosperous New Year!

Aimee Smidt, MD, FAAD, FAAP;

Chair, Dept of Dermatology, Associate Professor, Depts of Dermatology and Pediatrics; UNM School of Medicine



Meet Our New Providers and Faculty!

Emily Altman, MD



Dr. Altman joins us as Associate Professor and Associate Program Director in January 2018. She graduated from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, completed residency at Columbia University and completed Dermatopathology fellowship in 1998. She has tremendous expertise in general dermatology, complex medical/hospital-based dermatology, clinical research, teledermatology, and dermatologic education. She has already been so integral to our residency application and we are looking forward to her arrival!

Romeo Morales, MD

Dr. Romeo Morales will be starting as full-time VA Associate Professor in January 2018 as well. Originally from El Salvador, he received his MD from Boston University, completed an internship at Yale and completed his residency at the University of Michigan. Dr. Morales has been practicing medical, surgical, and cosmetic dermatology in the New York area for the last 15 years. At UNM, he intends to forge a new partnership with the VA Medical Center and its critical role in training residents and students. Welcome Dr. Morales!



Bruce Beacham, MD



Dr. Beacham is already a Volunteer Faculty but will be expanding his involvement to include Clinical Preceptor of resident continuity clinics in the summer. He received his M.D. at the University Of Maryland and residency at UVA. He moved to Santa Fe with plans for retirement but fortunately for UNM, found that he wanted to stay connected with academics. Dr. Beacham has over 40 years of experience in Dermatology which he shared with us during a fabulous Grand Rounds talk earlier this year.

Rebecca Smith Sealy, DNP, FNP-BC

Rebecca Smith-Sealy is an ANCC Board Certified Family Nurse Practitioner. She completed her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at UNM. She then earned both her Masters of Science in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner and Doctor of Nursing Practice from Duke University in North Carolina. She joined the UNMH Dermatology clinic in October 2017 after working in the areas of Family Practice, Wound Care and Laser/Aesthetics, and is already tremendous asset to expand patient access to our care.





Meet Our New Affiliate Faculty !

Daniel Stulberg, MD



Dr. Stulberg is a Professor and the Vice Chair of Education in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at UNM After completing the Inteflex program and residency at the University of Michigan in 1990, he worked for 8 years in rural Arizona before moving into full time teaching. Dr. Stulberg has maintained a long interest in and has published multiple articles regarding skin care and treatment. He now has a dual appointment in Family Medicine and Dermatology with an emphasis on dermatologic screening and procedural Family Medicine.

Charity Hope, MD

Dr. Hope is a staff physician at Pathology Associates of Albuquerque and holds an academic appointment as a Clinical Assistant Professor in Pathology at the University of New Mexico, with a Secondary Appointment in Dermatology. She received her MD at UC Davis, followed by her residency in Pathology, fellowship in Surgical Pathology and Fellowship in Dermatopathology at UCSF. Dr. Hope will be instructing trainees in Dermatopathology of the UNM Dermatology Department in 2018.



David Davis, MD, Daniel Davis, MD, Michael Chang, MD

Drs. David Davis, Daniel Davis, and Michael Chang are well-known to the Albuquerque community as providers at Dermatology & Skin Cancer Center of New Mexico. All three have now joined our Department as Volunteer Faculty to contribute in teaching and precepting residents in Mohs and other dermatologic surgical techniques, at their site in the future.

Dr. Daniel Davis received his MD from the University of Colorado and completed his residency in Dermatology at the University of Texas. Dr. David Davis also received his MD at the University of Colorado and completed his residency in Dermatology at UNC. Dr. Michael Chang received his MD from the University of Maryland and completed his residency in Dermatology at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. We are so appreciative to have their broad expertise complement our services and training for our future residents.



Donors and Friends—We Value Your Support!

The UNM Department of Dermatology has been so successful in our rebuilding effort over the last year, largely due to the consistent support and sponsorship of you, our valued alumni, volunteers, community partners and friends. With your donations, we have been able to successfully recruit new faculty to grow our department, as well as continue to provide excellent continuing medical education and alumni gatherings. One of our next major projects, which will be paid for through a combination of sources including the medical school, UNM Hospital, and your additional dollars, is an upgrade to the educational components of our Stagnone building, i.e. renovation of the Ben Smith Library Conference Room, provider work room and academic offices, which have not been updated in many years. This will provide a better learning environment for our future trainees. There is more we could do, so if you are interested in assisting with this initiative specifically, we would appreciate your donations toward it. If you have questions about where your dollars go, or special projects to which you would want to contribute, please don't hesitate to let us know. **There are many other initiatives we would like to embark on, so we hope that you will consider giving this year, as the tax season closes.**

Dermatology has one of THE HIGHEST rates of participation of giving at UNM, and far exceeds national expectations. Nationally, alumni participation in giving back to public medical schools averages 6%. Over the past 5 years, we have averaged **over 18% total participation** by former trainees, with a **remarkable record high of 35%** contributing in FY15. **THANK YOU** for your ongoing dedication to our mission and your visible support of our programs!!!

We have made it even easier to contribute and can ensure your gift goes to the exact intention you indicate, whether it be for general departmental needs, education, research, future residents, or to specifically assist with achieving the Chair's vision of success. **We value any donation at any level. Please contact Ken Thompson at 505-362-3310, by email at Kenneth.Thompson@unmfund.org or visit our website.** There are two major categories of giving:

- **Non-endowed funds** are used like a checking account. Your annual gifts are deposited into the Dermatology Chair's Fund, for instance, and the Department is able to spend directly on items that are not covered within our University budget.
- **Endowed funds** function like investment accounts. Gifts are deposited, are professionally managed by the Foundation, and produce a spendable annual distribution (roughly 4.5% the total value of the account). Because these keep up with inflation and last in perpetuity, they provide longer-term stability and reliable income over time.

Some of our specific funds include:

- **Edgar Benton Smith, MD Endowment:** Helps to sustain residents' involvement with academic research and presentations.
- **Dr. Joel D. Nash Fund for Excellence in Scholarship:** Supports/rewards academic excellence and scholarship in Dermatology among faculty, residents, and fellows.
- **Dr. Walter Burgdorf Lectureship in Dermatology:** Supports a visiting lecturer in dermatopathology and medical dermatology.

Again, we thank you.



Community & Alumni Events

Thank you to all of our alumni, community partners and trainees who came to gather in October for our **2nd Annual Dr. Walter Burgdorf Lectureship** in combination with the New Mexico Dermatological Society's semiannual meeting; it was a tremendous weekend! We hosted Dr. Steven Katz who provided 2 incredible presentations and shared wonderful memories of his dear friend, Dr. Burgdorf. Photos of the event are courtesy of David Smidt and Lalita Lopez—For a more comprehensive pdf, click [here](#).



This conference will be held annually. We will update our website once the date is confirmed, but are looking at the weekend of October 19th-20th 2018. We will be holding this conference again in conjunction with the semi-annual NM Dermatological Society meeting next year. If you have suggestions for future speakers, please let us know.

Upcoming Events

- ◇ [Departmental Grand Rounds](#)
Every 1st & 3rd Friday (CME)
1021 Medical Arts Ave NE
Time: 8:00 - 9:00am
- ◇ [AAD Reunion](#)
February 17, 2018
Location: TBD San Diego, CA
- ◇ [NMDS Meeting](#)
[Speaker Dr Madeline Duvic](#)
April 6-7, 2018
Albuquerque, NM
- ◇ [3rd Annual Walter Burgdorf Conference & NMDS Mtg](#)
TBD October 2018

We will also continue our recently established tradition of an **Annual Reunion at the AAD Conference** and intend to hold a similar event in San Diego on **Saturday February 17th, 2018** – please plan to join us! Details to follow.





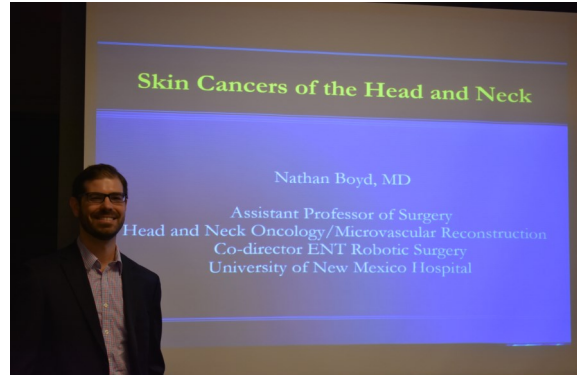
Community & Alumni Events, Continued

Thank you to our all our presenters for Grand Rounds who have given excellent presentations since July 2017!

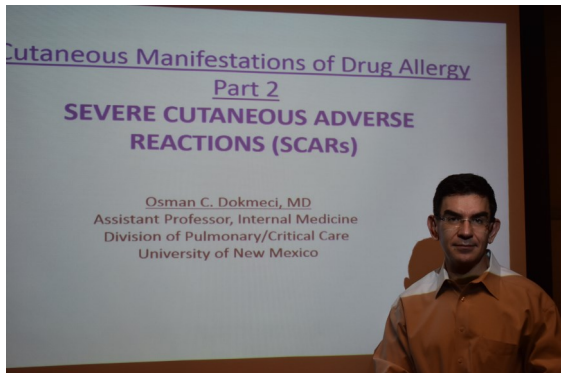
The Department continues to hold open Grand Rounds conferences for anyone interested in attending! Currently case sessions are held on the first Friday morning of the Month and Guest Speakers will present on the 3rd Friday Morning of the month, in the Ben Smith Library Conference Room. Case sessions are for the purpose of teaching one another about our most interesting diagnoses and assisting with treatment. If you have suggestions for a speaker to invite or a topic to include, please let us know.



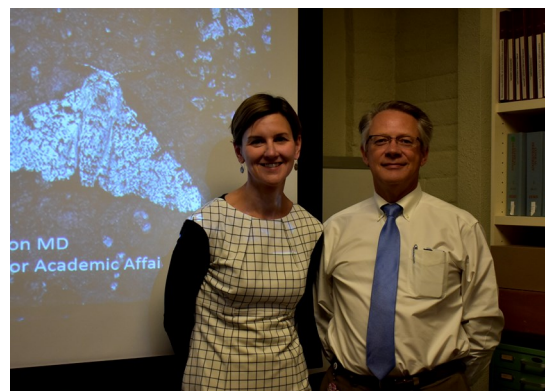
Dr. Aimee Smidt and Dr. Bruce Beacham (Volunteer Faculty)



Dr. Nathan Boyd (UNM Dept. of Surgery, Otolaryngology)



Dr. Osman Dokmeci (Joint Faculty—Allergy/Immunology and Dermatology)



Dr. Smidt and Dr. Jonathan Bolton (Dept. of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences)

Balloon Fiesta Otolaryngology Symposium and Karl Horn Lectureship

The Department also co-sponsored, with the UNM ENT Division, the Balloon Fiesta Otolaryngology Symposium and Karl Horn Lectureship on October 6, 2017. This conference featured Drs. Milton Waner and Teresa O from New York, internationally recognized experts in Vascular Anomalies (photo, far right). Their talks were outstanding and very well attended. Dr. Aimee Smidt also participated in the Vascular Malformations Panel for this Symposium, along with colleagues from UNM in the specialties of Interventional Radiology, Pediatric ENT, pictured at right.



Vision

The Department of Dermatology will ensure that all people in New Mexico have access to the highest quality dermatologic care that is often unattainable elsewhere in the state, and will provide excellent education and collaborative research in cutaneous health and disease.

Values

- ◇ The Department of Dermatology will continue to serve our patients and the public with integrity and accountability.
- ◇ We strive to recognize, cultivate and promote all forms of diversity; to fully understand the needs of our communities and to make a difference for them; and to advance clinical, academic, and research excellence in dermatology.
- ◇ We are committed to perform our duties with compassion and respect for our patients, learners, and colleagues; always to conduct ourselves with professionalism, and to enjoy working together on this mission.

Please Send Us Your Feedback!

We hope you have found this newsletter interesting and informative. We strive to ensure accuracy, but appreciate any corrections you could offer regarding personal information or any other items.

Please let us know of any suggestions for future topics, articles, etc. The intent is to make this a useful and interesting biannual newsletter for past residents, faculty, donors, and others connected to [UNM](#) and the [Dermatology program](#). In the next issue, look forward to progress on our residency program reinstatement. We also intend to start a new column highlighting what our amazing former residents are up to! Your other ideas and feedback would be extremely helpful, so please contact us with suggestions.

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*Thank You Again
and a Happy New Year to All!*

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