

College of Human Medicine

# **Annual Faculty Awards**

May 20, 2013

### **Teacher-Scholar Award**

Julie Phillips MD, MPH

Assistant Professor, Department of Family Medicine Presented by Robin DeMuth MD, Assistant Professor, Department of Family Medicine

## **Outstanding Community Faculty Award**

**Daniel Webster MD, FAAFP** 

Associate Professor, Assistant Dean-Traverse City Campus, Department of Family Medicine Presented by William Anderson PhD, Professor, Office of Medical Education Research and Development

## **Outstanding Clinician Award**

**David T. Walsworth MD, FAAFP** 

Associate Professor, Department of Family Medicine Presented by William Wadland MD, MS, Chair, Department of Family Medicine

## **Outstanding Clinician Award**

Adesuwa Olomu MD, MS, FACP

Associate Professor, Department of Medicine Presented by Francesca Dwamena MD, Acting Chair, Department of Medicine

# William B. Weil Jr., MD, FAAP Endowed Distinguished Pediatric Faculty Award

**Homing Yian MD, FAAP** 

Clinical Professor, Department of Pediatrics and Human Development Presented by Ajovi Scott-Emuakpor MD, PhD, Professor, Department of Pediatrics & Human Development

## We would like to acknowledge the

## 2013 Lifetime Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award Recipient



Harvey V. Sparks Jr., PhD
University Distinguished Professor and Professor, Physiology

#### **Teacher-Scholar Award**



Julie Phillips MD, MPH is an Assistant Professor of Family Medicine at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, where she cares for patients and teaches medical students and residents. Dr. Phillips earned her BA from Albion College, Albion, Michigan. She received her medical degree and a Masters of Public Health focused on Health Policy, from the University of Michigan, and completed her residency training in Family Medicine at the same institution in 2007. Dr. Phillips studies medical education and ways it shapes the physician workforce, and has become a national leader in examination of the consequences of medical student debt. Her other research interests include interprofessional collaboration, intersections between mental health and primary care, and education for the care of underserved populations.

She leads the Family Medicine third year clerkship in the Lansing community and mentors medical students and residents who are interested in family medicine and research. She practices full spectrum family medicine, including inpatient care and obstetrics, and will serve as the medical director of the newly established BIRCH Health Center at Community Mental Health of Clinton-Eaton-Ingham counties. She anticipates promotion to Associate Professor in the fall of 2013.



## **Outstanding Community Faculty Award**

**Daniel Webster MD, FAAFP** is an Associate Professor in the Department of Family Medicine. He also serves as the Community Assistant Dean for the Traverse City campus. After completing his BS in Zoology from Lyman Briggs College at Michigan State University in 1972, he earned his medical degree from Northwestern University in 1976. He then completed his Family Practice residency at Grand Rapids through GRAMEC. He joined the College of Human Medicine faculty in 1979.

With over 30 years as a practicing physician and educator, Dr. Webster has been very active in the areas of campus, program and faculty development. Through the Traverse City campus, CHM medical students are trained at 11 affiliated sites across the upper lower peninsula of Michigan. The Traverse City campus will be the pilot campus for the Rural Community Health Program starting this summer. His special clinical interests include geriatric medicine.

He has been married for 41 years to Barbara and together they have two daughters, one son-in-law and three grandchildren. His non-clinical interests include traveling and gardening with his wife as well as car restoration.



## **Outstanding Clinician Award**

**David T. Walsworth MD, FAAFP,** is an Associate Professor and Associate Chair for Clinical Affairs for Family Medicine. He's a Michigan native and graduate of the OMERAD Primary Care Academic Medicine Fellowship, the Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center – Dearborn Family Medicine Residency Program, Wayne State School of Medicine, and Albion College. He has served organized medicine for nearly 25 years. Currently serving on the boards of directors for the Michigan Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP), its Foundation and Political Action Committee, and the Ingham County Medical Society, as well as an Alternate Delegate to the AMA House of Delegates from MSMS, he is a past President of MAFP and a past member of the American Academy of Family Physicians Commission on Continuing Professional Development. A proud father of three (Kiersten,

14; Robert, 12; and William, 6), he serves his community as a Cub Master for Pack 364, and is currently working with other interested faculty to restart the Friendship Clinic, a student-run volunteer early clinical experience for CHM and COM students at the Ingham County Health Department. Clinical family medicine remains a primary mission, following the mantra of one of his early mentors:

- Be available
- Listen, with all of your senses
- Believe what your senses tell you
- Know what you know, and what you do not



## **Outstanding Clinician Award**

Adesuwa Olomu MD, MS, FACP is an Associate Professor of Medicine in the College of Human Medicine (CHM). She received her Doctor of Medicine degree in 1978 from the University of Benin, Benin City, Nigeria. Ade came to CHM as a seasoned clinician after completing Internal Medicine Residency in Nigeria and Gastroenterology Fellowship training in Birmingham England, UK. Before joining MSU, Dr. Olomu was a research fellow at Stanford University School of Medicine where she helped pioneer the use of light emitting enzymes as a tool for non-invasive monitoring and measurement of tumor burden in living

animal models. This cancer imaging method is now being used to accelerate the development of novel therapies at Stanford University and many other academic and corporate laboratories. Dr. Olomu completed her Internal Medicine Residency at MSU (2000) and received the Best Resident Award in Infectious Diseases that year. She joined the faculty as an Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine in 2000. Dr. Olomu won the Resident's Award for Research Teacher of the Year, MSU, Internal Medicine Residency Program (2008). Because of her outstanding performance as a clinician, educator and researcher, Dr. Olomu was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Medical Society in 2007.

As an outstanding physician and an expert in preventive cardiovascular health in minority and underserved populations, Dr. Olomu is an embodiment of a part of the mission of the College of Human Medicine which is to "enhance our communities by providing primary and specialty care, promoting the dignity and inclusion of all people and responding to the needs of the medically underserved." She has consistently demonstrated excellence in clinical skills, patient care and humanity and is an outstanding mentor and role model for our students, residents and faculty.

Dr. Olomu is also an active Health Services Researcher. Her scholarly interests include the area of cardiovascular disease prevention, health disparities, effectiveness of patient-centered interventions for improving health outcomes and overcoming racial and ethnic disparities in healthcare. She is a recipient of many research grant awards from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation. She is currently conducting a five-year AHRQ funded study testing interventions to close the gap in cardiovascular care for minority and low-income populations in federally qualified healthcare centers in Michigan.

Dr. Olomu's work has been published in a number of prestigious peer journals and text-book chapters, including the *New England Journal of Medicine, Lancet, and the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA (PNAS)*. Dr. Olomu has played key roles in local, regional, and national committees and initiatives that involve research, education and administrative topics. She has served on the Department's Executive Committee, Reappointment, Promotion and Tenure Committee, as Chair of the CHM Student Performance Committee and is currently the Vice-Chair of the College Advisory Council. She was named a permanent member of an NIH study section in Behavioral Medicine Intervention and Outcome Studies in 2010 for a six year term.

Dr. Olomu is an active participant in community activities. These activities often involve the poor, vulnerable, disenfranchised individuals of our society. Dr. Olomu has enjoyed a rich and diverse career practicing on three continents, and this background flavors her inclusive and humanistic approach. She is married to Dr. Nicholas Olomu. They are proud parents of five sons and three grandsons, including 2 resident doctors in otolaryngology (head and neck surgery) and diagnostic radiology.



## William B. Weil Jr., MD, FAAP Endowed Distinguished Pediatric Faculty Award

**Homing Yian MD, FAAP**, Clinical Professor of Pediatrics and Human Development, is a 1967 graduate of National Taiwan University. His Rotating Internship was at St. Francis General Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA in 1968, and his Pediatric Internship was at

the Jewish Hospital and Medical Center of Brooklyn, NY in 1969. He did his Pediatric Residency at the New York Medical College, NY in 1970 and started a Fellowship in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, NY, in 1972. He came to Lansing shortly after and began a career as a General Pediatrician for the past 40 years. Dr. Guertin captured the thoughts of the awards committee by his words reproduced below:

"In 1964 when a group of highly unconventional doctors were the founding faculty of the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, they made a lack of orthodoxy one of the hallmarks of the new school: Pediatricians and Psychiatrists as deans; no university hospital; students studying together and learning independently; selecting students for the well rounded natures of their previous life experiences; and the notion that patient care and care for patients had to do with understanding the whole person and his/her circumstances, not just the singular disease state." William Weil, MD was an outspoken proponent of these concepts.

Most importantly, this group of pioneers advanced the notion that a campus could exist statewide and that clinical faculty throughout the state could teach as they practiced, create expectation through example and mentor through the benefit of their experience. Dr. Homing Yian has been one of those, most often unheralded, faculty for 39 years and is a wonderful example of just how successful that model can be.

Since 1973, Dr. Yian's practice has been open to students and residents. He has taught successfully in the general pediatrics wards and the new born nurseries of the Lansing community. He has never turned away a student; nor has he ever counted the cost of having one. He has taught kindness, humanity and respect for all people while teaching pediatrics. Almost all of the pediatricians currently practicing in the Lansing community have had that experience and carry it into their own practices today.

Dr. Yian has also taught open-mindedness; open to other cultures; open to people of limited means; open to the opinions of colleagues; open continuously to new ideas and new advances in medicine; but always with the most important lesson first, that the child and the child's family require your very best and all of you, no matter what their circumstances.

Homing Yian, has been, and continues to be, a calm, patient and discerning guide, bringing nearly 40 years of decency, kindness and deep commitment to furthering the care of children in the Lansing Commonality and in every community in which his students and residents serve. He is everything those pioneering doctors were looking for in their new and far-flung faculty. He is a credit to the profession.

## **Mentor Recognition**

James J. Galligan PhD, Professor, Pharmacology & Toxicology

Joseph Gardiner PhD, Professor, Epidemiology and Biostatistics

C. William Given PhD, Professor, Family Medicine

Rebecca C. Henry PhD, Professor, Office of Medical Education Research & Development

Robert C. Smith MD, ScM, Professor, Medicine

Harvey V. Sparks Jr., PhD, University Distinguished Professor and Professor, Physiology

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