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College of Human Medicine

# **Annual Faculty Awards**

**May 13, 2015**

**Distinguished Faculty Award**

**Bruce Uhal, PhD**

Professor, Department of Physiology

*Presented by C. Lee Cox, PhD, Chair, Department of Physiology*

**Teacher-Scholar Award**

**Eran Andrechek, PhD**

Assistant Professor, Department of Physiology

*Presented by C. Lee Cox, PhD, Chair, Department of Physiology*

**Outstanding Community Faculty Award**

**Jeffery Bossenberger, DO**

Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Family Medicine

*Presented by Steven Roskos, MD, Associate Chair, Department of Family Medicine*

**Outstanding Clinician Award**

**Randolph Pearson, MD, FACS, FFAFP**

Assistant Dean, Graduate Medical Education and Professor, Department of Family Medicine

*Presented by David Kaufman, D.O., Chair, Department of Neurology & Ophthalmology*

**Outstanding Community Volunteer Faculty Award**

**Scott Poortenga, MD**

Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine

*Presented by Jeffrey Jones, MD, Associate Chair, Department of Emergency Medicine*

**Lester J. Evans, MD CHM Distinguished Service Award**

**John P. Foglio, DMin**

Emeritus Faculty, Department of Family Medicine

*Presented by Marsha Rappley, MD, Dean, College of Human Medicine*

**William B. Weil Jr., MD, FAAP**

**Endowed Distinguished Pediatric Faculty Award**

**Mona Hanna-Attisha, MD, MPH, FAAP**

Director, Pediatric Residency Program - Flint, Department of Pediatrics and Human Development

*Presented by B. Keith English, MD, Chair, Department of Pediatrics and Human Development*

## **Mentor Recognition**

**James J. Galligan, PhD**, Professor, Pharmacology & Toxicology

**Kathy Gallo, PhD**, Professor, Physiology

**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

**Martha Mulks, PhD**, Professor, Microbiology & Molecular Genetics

**Mathew Reeves, PhD**, Associate Professor, Epidemiology and Biostatistics

**William Spielman, PhD**, Professor, Physiology

*Comments by William C. Wadland, MD, M.S.  
Senior Associate Dean, Faculty Affairs and Development*

We would like to acknowledge the

**2014 Lifetime Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award Recipient**



***Ajovi Scott-Emuakpor, MD***  
Department of Pediatrics and Human Development



## Distinguished Faculty Award

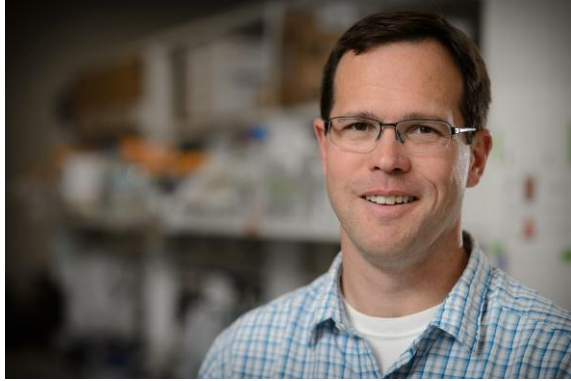
**Bruce Uhal, PhD**, obtained his BS and MS degrees from Ohio State University, where his undergraduate advisor, Dr. Karla Roehrig, suggested he consider a career in academia. After working with Dr. Roehrig on the enzymatic regulation of hepatic lipogenesis in 1982, he studied at Saint Louis University Medical School with biochemist, Dr. William Longmore, one of the co-discoverers of the unique phospholipids which comprise pulmonary surfactant. There, Dr. Uhal became fascinated with the cells which create lung surfactant and has studied their many roles in lung injury ever since. He believes his training as a biochemist gave the perspective and focus which enabled early success at obtaining major funding, however, he considers his longtime collaborations with clinician faculty members to be the key to maintaining continuous NIH funding for 24 consecutive years.

Following an extensive national search, Dr. Uhal joined CHM in April 2000. Upon arriving he quickly established an internationally recognized laboratory which studies cellular and molecular mechanisms of lung fibrosis. He has published extensively in this field and has been continuously funded by the NIH and other extramural and intramural sources. For almost a decade, Dr. Uhal has served as a research mentor for the MSU-Sparrow fellowship training program in neonatal-perinatal medicine. This program provides key links between clinical pediatrics and basic sciences at MSU and is critically important to the Lansing community as it helps support one of the most important and most visible pediatric clinical programs at Sparrow.

Dr. Uhal is a critical contributor to the education of second year medical students through his involvement in problem-based learning of pulmonary and cardiovascular physiology. As chairman of the curriculum development group, his efforts have placed him in a leadership role in maintaining high educational standards expected at the college. He has served on a variety of committees, most notably as a member of the Physiology Faculty Advisory Committee, College Advisory Council, and the CHM Reappointment, Promotion and Tenure Committee. Dr. Uhal's service at the national and international levels includes grant reviewing for the NIH, Veterans Administration, British Lung Foundation, and the Health Research Board of Ireland. He's also an editorial board member of the American Journal of Physiology.

Dr. Uhal appreciates the supportive and stimulating environment CHM provides to enable close interaction with medical students and, under the chair-ship of Dr. Bill Spielman in Physiology, a departmental environment which has encouraged the intellectual freedom required for three successful NIH grant renewals. He is now happy in teaching and continuing research collaborations with neonatologists and pulmonologists at both MSU and other universities in Europe and Asia.

Dr. Uhal's effectiveness, dedication to teaching, and service to the college, university, and scientific communities is exemplary.



## Teacher-Scholar Award

**Eran Andrechek, PhD**, completed his PhD in Canada at McMaster University in mouse models of breast cancer and completed his postdoctoral training in bioinformatics at Duke University.

Currently, the work in Dr. Andrechek's laboratory is focused on understanding mammary tumor development and employs a number of methods to do so, ranging from animal models to computational analysis of gene expression data. His lab uses an integrative method using bioinformatics methods to make predictions for the roles of specific signaling pathways in tumor biology which are then tested using model systems.

Dr. Andrechek joined the MSU CHM Department of Physiology in 2009. He grew up in Sault Ste. Marie (on the Canadian side) and doing a postdoc in North Carolina was just far too hot in the summer and so, for his job search, he looked north.





## Outstanding Community Faculty Award

**Jeffery Bossenberger, DO**, joined CHM as a clinical professor in 1999. During this same year, he was selected to be the Residency Preceptor for Genesys Regional Medical Center; a position he still holds today. Prior to starting his career with MSU, he obtained his Bachelor of Science degree from Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan, in 1989 and completed his residency at the Genesys St. Joseph Campus in Flint.

He is a model of community faculty in family practice. Dr. Bossenberger patiently helps students develop into clinicians by direct teaching and sometimes by setting them up for their own discoveries. He has taught students during their family medicine clerkship for approximately 11 years and typically hosts a student in his office over an eight consecutive week period. Many students pronounce him as the best clinical teacher they have ever had while defining their experience in his office as “life-changing.”

Dr. Bossenberger constantly demonstrates virtues such as compassion and respect for patients, humility while continuously striving for medical knowledge, and has a strong commitment to his community through teaching.



## Outstanding Clinician Award

**Randy Pearson, MD**, is senior associate director of the Sparrow/MSU Family Practice Residency. He received his bachelor's degree from MSU in 1976 and completed his medical degree at Wayne State University in 1981. He conducted residency training in family practice at the MSU/St. Lawrence Family Practice Residency and has been on the faculty at MSU since 1986. He was promoted to the rank of professor in 2010.

He is team physician for MSU's football team, a position which he has held for the past 20 years. Dr. Pearson is board-certified in family medicine and holds a certificate of specialty qualification in sports medicine. He's a fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine and the American Academy of Family Physicians. He served as team physician for the gold-medal USA basketball team at the Men's Junior Qualifying Tournament in the Dominican Republic in 1998 and was a USA team physician at the 1999 World University Games in Palma de Mallorca, Spain. For the past 12 years, Dr. Pearson has served on the faculty of the National Family Medicine Board Review Course.

In 2007 he was appointed assistant dean for Graduate Medical Education and serves as director of Medical Education and Designated Institutional Official for MSU's 15 sponsored residency and fellowship programs at the Lansing community campus. He is active in breast cancer prevention causes within his community, providing medical coverage for the Greater Lansing Race for the Cure since its inception.

Dr. Pearson and his wife, Chris, have three daughters, Ashley, Alexandra and Abigail.



## Outstanding Community Volunteer Faculty Award

**Scott Poortenga, MD**, attended undergrad at Calvin College in Grand Rapids. He completed medical school at the University of Illinois College Of Medicine and also completed an emergency medicine residency at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids in 1988. Dr. Poortenga then practiced general emergency medicine in Alpena, Michigan for the next five years.

In 1993 he returned to Grand Rapids and completed a hand surgery fellowship at Blodgett Hospital. It was during this fellowship that Dr. Poortenga discovered a love for teaching.

Dr. Poortenga joined the Emergency Medicine faculty at Butterworth Hospital in 1995 and has been active as volunteer faculty for the last 20 years. He routinely lectures on care of the hand in the emergency room. His clinical interest has transitioned to pediatrics and he exclusively practices pediatric emergency medicine and teaches at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids.

His greatest joy in practice is to teach at the bedside and this is his sixth clinical teaching award.



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

**Mona Hanna-Attisha, MD, MPH, FAAP**, is director of Hurley Children's Hospital/Michigan State University Pediatric Residency Program. A Michigan native, Dr. Hanna first fell in love with pediatrics as a MSU College of Human Medicine medical student at the Flint campus (Class of 2002).

After completing her residency and chief residency at Children's Hospital of Michigan, she earned a master's degree in Public Health, concentrating in Health Management and Policy at the University of Michigan School of Public Health.

Dr. Hanna was an assistant professor at Wayne State University Department of Pediatrics and an associate director of the Children's Hospital of Michigan Pediatric Residency Program prior to returning to Hurley Children's Hospital/MSU in 2011.

In addition to serving as the residency director, Dr. Hanna works extensively with medical students as assistant pediatric clerkship director and as founding faculty advisor for the Flint Pediatric Interest Group.

Her academic and scholarly interests include enhancing pediatric education, addressing disparities in care and integrating public health and advocacy into clinical care and medical education.

Dr. Hanna is a faculty inductee of the Gold Humanism Honor Society and Alpha Omega Alpha and serves on the Board of the Michigan Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (MIAAP).

Dr. Hanna's husband, Elliott, is also a pediatrician. Working with Henry Ford Health System and the Children's Health Fund, he provides school-based and mobile pediatric care to Detroit's underserved children. They remain busy with their two little girls, 9-year-old Nina and 6-year-old Layla.



## Lester J. Evans, MD, CHM Distinguished Service Award

**Father John "Jake" P. Foglio, DMin**, was serving St. John's Student Parish near Michigan State University and in 1986, joined the Department of Family Medicine to assist with medical behavioral science teaching and counseling. His role expanded in the department as well as within the College of Human Medicine and, in 1993, Father Jake developed "Spirituality and Medicine," a required Year II Humanities-Block course.

Father Jake wove into his faculty career a commitment to social justice, a compassionate and intense concern for the personal and spiritual well-being of students and colleagues, and a scholarly background in both theology and communications sciences.

The Department of Family Medicine along with the Center for Ethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences began to jointly sponsor an annual event which focuses on Spirituality and Medicine, furthering the initiatives begun by Father Jake. This lecture brings nationally renowned scholars to the college, offering our medical students insights and a deeper understanding of how spirituality impacts the practice of medicine.

## Retiree Recognition

**Ruiping Huang, PhD, (23 years)** *Department of Medicine*

**Roshni Kulkarni, MD, (38 years)** *Department of Pediatrics and Human Development*

**Edward Lanigan, MD, (30 years)** *Department of Surgery*

**Michael Netzloff, MD, (36 years)** *Department of Pediatrics and Human Development*

**David Solomon, PhD, (16 years)** *Department of Medicine and Office of Medical Education Research and Development*

**William (“Bill”) Wadland, Jr., MD, MS, (23 years)** *Department of Family Medicine*

