Medicine among nation’s top 10 for producing family physicians

By Ron Hartung
College of Medicine

The FSU College of Medicine has been ranked seventh on a just-released list of the nation’s top 10 producers of family physicians.

The American Academy of Family Physicians compiled the ranking based on a three-year average reflecting the 2012, 2013 and 2014 classes. Of the FSU College of Medicine’s graduates, 16.2 percent pursued family medicine residencies.

“The FSU College of Medicine has only 10 graduating classes to date, and we are just beginning to demonstrate our excellent outcomes in producing the kinds of doctors that Florida needs,” said Dean John P. Fogarty, a family physician. “We have great graduates matching at wonderful programs throughout the country and a true commitment to primary care and patient-centered, community-based care. Recognition as one of the top 10 schools for producing family physicians is a great affirmation that our focus is working.”

The United States is facing a shortage of primary-care physicians, according to AAFP President Robert Wergin.

“Although we’ve seen incremental growth in student interest in family medicine, those increases will not meet the skyrocketing demand for family physicians,” Wergin said in an AAFP press release. “These top schools are outstanding examples of the commitment to building the nation’s family physician workforce.”

The AAFP tracks the success of U.S. allopathic (M.D.) and osteopathic (D.O.) medical schools in producing doctors who select family medicine residencies, and the journal Family Medicine publishes the results annually.

The FSU College of Medicine was also in the top 10 in 2007, 2008 and 2009.

“This reflects a commitment by the University to build excellence in every aspect of the College of Medicine,” Fogarty said.

New deans to lead Social Work, FSU Panama City

The university has tapped an expert in forensic mental health to lead the College of Social Work and a distinguished educator and administrator to lead FSU Panama City and the College of Applied Studies.

James J. Clark, who has served as professor and director of the School of Social Work in the University of Cincinnati’s College of Allied Health Sciences since July 2012, will begin work at the FSU College of Social Work on July 20.

“Dr. James Clark is an outstanding scholar and administrator who really understands the importance of community outreach in social work,” said Sally McRorie, interim provost and executive vice president for Academic Affairs at FSU. “I am confident that Dean Clark will continue to build excellence in every aspect of the School.”

Carol D. Edwards has served as dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts and professor of art education at Texas Tech University since 2007. She is set to start at FSU Panama City on Aug. 10.

“We are very pleased that Dr. Carol Edwards, with her outstanding record of success in university administration and community leadership, will join us as the new dean of FSU Panama City,” said Sally McRorie, interim provost and executive vice president for Academic Affairs at FSU. “She is an accomplished builder of programs and an exceptional fundraiser, and...
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“Law students are famous for busting their buns to make high grades, sometimes at the expense of health and relationships, thinking, ‘Later I’ll be happy, because the American dream will be mine.’ Nice, except it doesn’t work.”

— Lawrence S. Krieger, a clinical professor and director of the Clinical Externship Program in the FSU College of Law, as quoted May 12 by the New York Times in an article revealing that lower-paid lawyers, such as public defenders, report being happier than their higher-paid counterparts at prestigious law firms in partner-track jobs.

Be sure to visit the FSU Makes News section of Florida State 24/7 at news.fsu.edu.

Job title: External Relations Coordinator, FSU College of Social Work

Years at FSU: More than 10, including biology and the colleges of Nursing and Law.

Kudos: Received this year’s Division of Academic Affairs’ Exemplary Employee Award in the Library, Media and Communication Services category.

Mind, body, spirit: Is a yoga instructor at a local fitness center in her spare time. “Yoga is passion that has enriched my life in so many ways — mentally, physically and emotionally.”

Take a bow: Is currently in Theatre Tallahassee’s production of Agatha Christie’s “Murder on the Nile.”

Hey there, Mr. Blue Sky: “I do a lot of outdoor activities, but in the summer I try to get to the beach as often as I can. I love St. George Island for swimming, the Wakulla River for kayaking, and hiking and biking, too, with my friends and especially with my dad.”

Confessions of an avid reader: “I tend to read multiple books at the same time, but I’m currently reading ‘Angels and Demons’ by Dan Brown.”

Goal-oriented: Is pursuing a doctorate in communication.

The recipe for bliss: Lots of vegetables, fruits, seafood and olive oil. “I’m from an Italian family, so I do really love to cook Mediterranean food.”

Quotable: “I love the sense of community that the FSU campus population provides. I’m a big fan of volunteering and giving back to the community, and the majority of folks within the College of Social Work are especially in tuned to multiple philanthropic and community outreach activities.”
Building better learners

Biological science teaching professor receives
2015 Distinguished Teacher Award

By Jeffery Seay
Editor in Chief

When Patricia Spears Terebelski stands before a classroom or laboratory full of Florida State University students, her objective is to do more than help them master the subject matter. She works to help them become better learners.

It is a nuance that has been noticed by her peers and now rewarded.

The teaching professor in the Department of Biological Science received the 2015 Distinguished Teacher Award — the university’s top award for teaching — during the annual Faculty Awards Dinner in April.

“My desire is not for students to simply grasp concepts, but for them to cultivate a heightened sense of personal responsibility and engagement — even enjoyment — with respect to their learning,” Terebelski said.

“If I am successful, then my students leave with much more than objective knowledge,” she said. “Hopefully they also leave with enhanced critical-thinking skills and a mindset that will serve them well in their future studies and careers.”

Don Levitan, chair of the Department of Biological Science, praised Terebelski for her long history of excellent service to the department as a researcher and dedicated teacher.

“Trish puts remarkable effort and energy into her classroom instruction, and the students overwhelmingly comment on her dedication to teaching excellence and concern for student welfare,” Levitan said.

“In addition to her role in teaching, Trish has developed new courses and contributed greatly to our curriculum. We are proud of her accomplishments and she is most deserving of this distinguished award.”

Terebelski joined Florida State’s faculty in 1990 as an associate scholar/scientist in the Department of Biological Science. She was promoted to associate in biological science in 2007 and to research associate in biological science in 2012, serving as an instructor and coordinator of introductory biology lecture courses. In 2013, she was promoted to the department’s teaching faculty, level 3.

Terebelski received an Undergraduate Teaching Award from Florida State in 2014. In 2013, she received the Service Excellence Award from Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society. In 2012, she was named among the Princeton Review’s “300 Best Professors.”

A two-time alumna of FSU, Terebelski earned a doctorate in biological sciences in 1998 and a Master of Science degree in biological sciences in 1989. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from the State University of New York, College at Brockport, in 1980.
2015 Faculty Awards

In addition to Terebelski, forty-four other outstanding faculty members were recognized in numerous categories during the Faculty Awards Dinner.

ROBERT O. LAWTON DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR AWARD: The highest faculty honor at Florida State. The 2015-2016 recipient is Max Gunzburger, a computational scientist, mathematician and the university’s Francis Eppes Professor of Mathematics.

RALPH STAIR PRIZE FOR INNOVATION IN EDUCATION: This prize, awarded biennially, honors an individual or collaborative team at Florida State that has developed innovative educational approaches with the potential of having the greatest impact around the world. The prize was awarded to Machelle Denine Madsen Thompson (Social Work).

DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH PROFESSOR AWARD: A select panel of current Distinguished Research Professors vets the nominations, submitted by faculty peers, for presentation to the university president. Each recipient receives a one-time award of $10,000 and a framed certificate. The award was presented to David Gilbert (Biological Science) and Alan Spector (Psychology).

DISTINGUISHED UNIVERSITY SCHOLAR AWARD: Recognizes outstanding performance by Florida State employees who are non-tenured or non-tenure-seeking, have longstanding track records of research and/or creative activity at the university, and occupy more senior levels in their respective positions. The recipient receives a one-time award of $10,000 and a framed certificate. The award was presented to Ke Han (National High Magnetic Field Laboratory).

DEVELOPING SCHOLAR AWARD: Recognizes mid-career associate professors who have been singled out by their peers. Each receives $10,000 to be used in their research program, following specific guidelines, along with a framed certificate. The award was presented to Jeanne Wanzek (Florida Center for Reading Research), Kenneth Knappenberger (Chemistry and Biochemistry), Michael Roper (Chemistry and Biochemistry), Marcia Mardis (School of Information) and Yiyuan She (Statistics).

GRADUATE FACULTY MENTOR AWARD: Recognizes faculty mentors whose dedication to graduate students and mentoring have made a significant contribution to the quality of life and professional development of graduate students. The honor comes with $3,000. The award was presented to Anne Barrett (Sociology), John Geringer (Music Education), Michael Shatruk (Chemistry and Biochemistry), Valerie Shute (Educational Psychology and Learning Systems) and Anuj Srivastava (Statistics).

HONORS THESIS MENTOR AWARD: Recognizes faculty members whose direction and advisement of honors thesis research or creative activity has significantly contributed to the enhancement and quality of education of undergraduate students. The award comes with a $2,000 stipend. The award was presented to Richard L. Hyson (Psychology and Neuroscience) and Brian P. Chadwick (Biological Science).

GRADUATE TEACHING AWARD: Recognizes faculty for excellence in graduate teaching. Recipients must make outstanding contributions to successful teaching and learning. Each recipient also receives a $2,000 award. The award was presented to Shawn Bayern (Law), Henry Fuelberg (Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences), Wayne Logan (Law), Thomas Miller (Biological Science), Deana Rohlinger (Sociology), Nat Stern (Law), Miles Taylor (Sociology) and Kaifeng Yang (Askew School of Public Administration and Policy).

UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING AWARD: Recognizes employees who have dedicated their time to ensuring that students receive the best possible advice related to courses and career choices. Recipients receive $2,000. The award was presented to Samantha Spiers (Social Work).

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH MENTOR AWARD: Recognizes faculty commitment to undergraduate research. Recipients, nominated by students, demonstrate a substantive and long-term involvement in undergraduate research. One award is reserved for faculty participating in the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP). Winners receive a $2,000 stipend funded by the FSU Student Foundation. The award was presented to Charles Upchurch (History).

UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING AWARD: Recognizes faculty members for excellence in undergraduate teaching. Recipients must be outstanding in the many aspects of teaching that contribute to successful teaching and learning. Each recipient also receives a $2,000 award. The award was presented to Billy Close (Criminology and Criminal Justice), Jonathan Dennis (Biological Science), Emily DuVal (Biological Science), Leigh Edwards (English), Xujun Feng (Modern Languages and Linguistics), Kenan Fishburne (Interior Design), Jonathan Grant (History), Lydia Hanks (Dedman School of Hospitality Administration), Robinson Herrera (History), Orenda Johnson (Psychology), Aline Kalbian (Religion), Raphael Kampmann (Civil and Environmental Engineering), Kaitlin Lansford (School of Communication Science and Disorders), Irene Padavic (Sociology), Jeff Paterson (Accounting), Steven Ramsier (Statistics) and Kathryn Tillman (Sociology).
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Professors contribute to design of homeless shelter

By Amy Farnum-Patronis
News and Research Communications

Three professors from the FSU College of Fine Arts provided interior design assistance and custom artwork for Tallahassee’s Kearney Service Center — a new 36,000 square-foot emergency homeless shelter that opened April 5.

Professor Jill Pable and Assistant Professor Kenan Fishburne from the Department of Interior Design provided pro bono interior design consultation in designing the interior of the 220-bed facility that serves men and women who are experiencing homelessness. The shelter includes lodging and dining spaces, a medical clinic, GED classrooms and case manager support.

Pable and Fishburne worked with the firm Clemons Rutherford and Associates Architects to offer guidance on color, lighting, interior finishes, art, furnishings and environmental signage. The concept for the facility is ‘doorways to the future,’ which is expressed through signage and color specifications throughout the space.

Pable enlisted Department of Art Associate Professor Judy Rushin, also a local artist, to develop an original work for the center. Rushin created the sculpture titled “All Who Knock” to be the focal point of the 20-foot-tall central atrium. The custom artwork is intended to bring hope and optimism to the residents of the facility.

“It represents doors and windows through a spectrum of colors, symbolizing how all who enter are moving toward a new phase in their lives,” Rushin said.

Rushin fabricated the piece from bamboo plywood (Plyboo) at the FSU Facility for Arts Research.
RECOGNITIONS

Camila Peralta and Rebecca Riggle (Police Department) have been named the 2015 Team of the Year by the Florida Association of Public-Safety Communications Officers. Peralta and Riggle were recognized for their outstanding work during the Nov. 20, 2014, active-shooter emergency at Strozier Library.

BYLINES


V. Casey Dozier, Ph.D. (Career Center), James P. Sampson (Education), Janet G. Lenz (Career Center; Education), Gary W. Peterson (Education, emeritus) and Camila Peralta, Rebecca Riggle and FSU Police Chief and Assistant Vice President for Public Safety David L. Perry.


Jamila Horabin, Ph.D. (Biomedical Sciences), co-wrote a paper, “A Balancing Act: Heterochromatin Protein 1A and the Polycomb Group Coordinate their Levels to Silence Chromatin in Drosophila,” with Janel R. Cabrera and Ursula Olcese, published in the journal Epigenetics and Chromatin.

Yoichi Kato, M.D., Ph.D. (Biomedical Sciences), co-wrote a paper, “TGF-β Signaling Regulates the Differentiation of Motile Cilia,” with Janos Tozser, Ryan Earwood, Akiko Kato, Jacob Brown, Koichi Tanaka, Ruth Didier, Timothy L. Megraw and Martin Blum, published in the journal Cell Reports.

David Meckes, Ph.D. (Biomedical Sciences), wrote a manuscript, "Exosomal Communication Goes Viral,"
University introduces cellular allowance program for employees

Florida State University has introduced a new cellular allowance policy and transition program. Under the new policy, departments identify positions that require mobile access to perform critical job functions. Employees working in these positions then obtain cellular service through a personal account and receive a monthly allowance, as defined by the policy.

This program enables the university to adopt a more cost-effective, risk-averse service model. By no longer purchasing cellphones and service plans for employees, the university anticipates a reduction in total administrative expenses of approximately $100,000 annually. The program also aligns with industry best practices and follows the BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) trend.

“We're seeing an increasing number of universities — University of Florida, University of Alabama, Texas Tech — adopt similar models,” said Associate Vice President and Chief Information Officer Michael Barrett. “Enabling employees to use personal devices and apps for business enables them to be most productive.”

And the transition is painless. Jacob Echols in the College of Medicine recalled, “Moving to the new cellular allowance program was a very smooth transition for us.”

One thing to keep in mind, however, is that Florida’s Sunshine Law means that any device that contains university communications — including personal cellphones — is subject to public records laws.

“The cellular allowance gives employees a lot of freedom and, along with that freedom, responsibility to use their cellphone in a professional and ethical manner,” Barrett said.

A departmental transition schedule has been established by Information Technology Services. For details regarding this schedule, contact ITS Service Management at its-servicemanagement@fsu.edu. Or for more information, visit its.fsu.edu/Communications/Cellular/Cellular-Allowance-Policy.
Instructor-led and online training opportunities are available to Florida State faculty and staff members. To view a schedule of classes and registration information, visit www.hr.fsu.edu/train. To register for classes, log in to omni.fsu.edu and click in sequence: "Human Resources 9.1," "Main Menu," "Self Service," "Learning and Development," "Request Training Enrollment" and "Search by Date, Course Code or Course Name." From there, click on "View Available Sessions" and choose a session number. Follow the prompts to submit a request. To view a course description, click on the icon.

More information: (850) 644-8724.

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**PEOPLE FIRST UNDERPAYMENT COLLECTION PROCESS.** People First, in coordination with the Division of State Group Insurance, is in the process of implementing system enhancements that will change the way payroll deductions are posted to employees’ accounts when underpayments exist in prior coverage months for the employee. Payroll deductions for employees will be posted to their previous underpaid coverage month(s) prior to posting to the current or future coverage months. People First has determined the underpayment threshold to be 4 cents. Any underpayment less than 4 cents will not be actionable.

As part of this initiative, the Benefits Office will be contacting any employee who has an underpayment of **4 cents or more** on any plan, for one or more coverage months. If the underpayment is not received by People First by May 13, 2015, the employee will be sent an underpayment letter. If the underpayment is not paid, there is a possibility that coverage will be suspended on Aug. 1, 2015, until it is paid.
entire school to meet the legislative mandate that created our school with a focus on primary care and our mission of meeting the needs of communities, especially the underserved populations, across the state,” said Daniel Van Durme, also a family physician, and chair of the Department of Family Medicine and Rural Health. “From outreach programs in rural areas that begin before college, through admissions policies that focus on characteristics likely to produce family doctors through our innovative curriculum, this award reflects positively on the entire College of Medicine.”

According to the AAFP, in addition to providing preventive and first-encounter care, family physicians diagnose and treat patients with conditions ranging from a sore throat to multiple, complex conditions such as diabetes combined with congestive heart failure. Research has shown family physicians are the usual source of care for more than six in 10 patients with anxiety, depression or diabetes; six in 10 patients with cancer; and nearly six in 10 patients with heart disease.

College of Social Work and will be a great addition to our community.”

Clark will succeed Nicholas F. Mazza, who has served as dean of the College of Social Work since 2010. Mazza will step down in July and retire this fall. McRorie commended Mazza for his commitment and dedication over his years of leading the college.

“Nick and the faculty have helped the College of Social Work to grow in student numbers, particularly graduate students, and to become increasingly known for quality research and programming,” McRorie said.

In his focus on forensic mental health, Clark works at the nexus of the justice, mental health and child welfare systems. He has published in the areas of substance abuse, criminal justice and child traumatic stress, and he is currently co-editing a book for the American Bar Association on best practices in death penalty mitigation.

“I am very honored and excited to be joining such an accomplished faculty and staff at Florida State University. I have been overwhelmed by their warmth and hospitality and their enthusiasm about advancing the College of Social Work.”

— James J. Clark
INCOMING DEAN
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK
Florida State University’s GEOSET Studios has won the 11th annual international Enterprise Video Awards given by media hardware and software giant Sonic Foundry.

The awards honor excellence in Mediasite integration into business, education, health and government. Mediasite is a technology platform created by Sonic Foundry that allows video to be created, edited and managed.

“We’re honored to recognize GEOSET Studios for the impressive ways it is using Mediasite to challenge the video status quo,” said Rob Lipps, executive vice president of Sonic Foundry. “GEOSET Studios is at the top of its game, and a shining example of how beneficial having a video strategy can be.”

GEOSET is the abbreviation for Global Educational Outreach for Science Engineering and Technology, a program established by Sir Harold Kroto, a Nobel laureate and professor of chemistry at FSU, as well as Associate Research Professor of Chemistry Steve Acquah and former Adjunct Instructor of Chemistry Colin Byfleet, who is now the international GEOSET coordinator.

The idea behind GEOSET was the desire to bring together educational institutions from around the world in a collaborative effort to produce a free resource of educational material. GEOSET Studios, located in the Dirac Science Library, was formally opened by TV scientist Bill Nye last year and provides support to students and faculty with the recording of class projects and creation of videos about their research.

GEOSET won the Maverick Video Award category of the awards, which recognizes a group or individual’s efforts to evangelize the use of new media in their larger organization or setting.

GEOSET’s winning video showcases the work of Kroto and the outreach activities of GEOSET and their partners.

“The award is a testament to the support provided by Florida State University,” said Acquah, who serves as director of GEOSET. “Sir Harold Kroto is a champion of education. His tireless efforts to strive for better access to educational material is the primary reason for establishing GEOSET. The award-winning video entry is a fitting tribute to his contributions to science and educational outreach.”