
Letters from the Department

The GW Dermatology Department is excited to inform you of our activities over the past year. We have grown with the addition of new faculty, Dr. Frank Glass, who joined our department as a full-time dermatopathologist in August. During this year, our department has focused on improving and strengthening several areas including cultural competency and advocacy. Several faculty, residents, and fellows, attended the AAD Legislative Conference on Capitol Hill this fall. Notably, our department has been selected as a pilot program for the AAD resident advocacy curriculum. Along the lines of cultural competency, our research group is collaborating with the AAD, WDS, APD and SOC to increase the number of underrepresented minority students and residents entering our field. A novel tool for selection of URM students has been designed and we are helping develop novel student research grants for URM students. We look forward to collaborating with our alumnae and the greater Washington community on these initiatives.



Alison Ehrlich, M.D., M.H.S.
Chair and Professor of Dermatology

It's hard to believe that just 2.5 years ago, we re-opened our doors to dermatology residents. We are now thriving with a full complement of highly energetic and productive residents. Our residents' engagement with both the local and the national dermatology communities through board review programming, poster/oral presentations, awards, and publications is putting our program on the map. GW is becoming a highly sought after training opportunity for residency applicants. Most importantly, to quote an online post from one of our residency applicants, our program has "... one of the most cohesive groups of residents and attendings I have seen thus far while on aways/interviews..." That says it all. Make sure to check our website when you can for all the updates and educational opportunities for our department and alumni.



Adam Friedman, M.D.
Program Director

Research Roundup

Please find below some examples of recent press coverage on research by GW Dermatology:

- [A Survey Assessment of US Dermatologists' Perceptions of Biosimilars](#)
- [Promise of Nitric Oxide for Skin and Soft Tissue Infections](#)

Clinical: A second research fellow, **Azam Qureshi**, joined our department for a year between his third and fourth years at UMD Medical School. He is conducting a retrospective study to examine insurance-related discrepancies in implementation of patch testing and developing a study to investigate racial influence on quality of life and sleep changes after patch testing with Dr. Alison Ehrlich. Our second fellow, **Olabola Awosika, MD**, is working on several investigator initiated studies with Dr. Ehrlich as well. Her projects include a PDT for papulopustular rosacea study and a study to develop a tool to assess the role of diversity in patient perceptions of their psoriasis.

Translational: Capitalizing on the rich investigative community at GW, Dr. Adam Friedman has linked his ongoing work in nanodermatology with active researchers in the GW School of Engineering, SMHS, and MFA. In collaboration with [Dr. Tatiana Efimova](#), we are actively pursuing nanotechnology delivered RNA interference and small molecule based therapies to treat squamous cell carcinoma. In collaboration with [Dr. Bao-Ngoc Nguyen](#), we are evaluating nanotechnology delivered RNA interference and small molecule based therapies to accelerate wound healing in diabetics. Congrats to Dr. Nguyen and her co-mentor Dr. Friedman for receiving a NIH K08 award on this work.

Faculty Making a Difference



We'd like to recognize **Dr. Kelley Redbord** for her commendable efforts in serving the community this past year through her advocacy work with the AAD. This year alone, Dr. Redbord serves on ten committees for the AAD, including sitting as Chair for the Congressional Policy Committee, the Grassroots Advocacy Workgroup, and the State Policy Committee.

Specialty Clinic Spotlight

The GW Dermatology Residency Program has and will launch a variety of unique specialty clinics to provide both our trainees with an unparalleled training experience and our patients with targeted and multidisciplinary care. These include:

- Dermatology-Rheumatology clinic led by Dr. Alison Ehrlich
- Patch Testing Clinic led by Dr. Alison Ehrlich
- [Oncodermatology Program](#) lead by Dr. Adam Friedman
- Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma clinic led by Dr. Frank Glass
- Pigmented Lesion clinical led by Drs. Brandon Mitchell and Frank Glass

Resident Views and News

Resident Quote

“For the GW Dermatology Residency Program, our location in Washington, D.C. has given us such a unique opportunity to progress our dermatology training. In addition to hosting our own Grand Rounds, we are able to travel to the NIH for their Grand Rounds where we see newly described skin disorders and learn about cutting-edge treatments as well as work alongside dermatology residents in three other local programs. This collaboration really fosters a sense of community and allows us to make connections with our future colleagues.”

Dr. Jennifer Aronica, Second Year Resident



Awards/Announcements

- Congratulations to Dr. Alison Ehrlich for being elected to the Women's Dermatologic Society Board and the Editorial Board for *Dermatitis*.
- Congratulations to Dr. Adam Friedman for receiving the 2018 Innovations in Residency Training award at the ODAC: Miami Conference for developing and directing *Krazy Kodachromes*
- Congratulations to Second Year Resident, Elizabeth Robinson, M.D., for winning the DermMentors and Derm Rising Stars awards in October 2017
- Congratulations to Third Year Resident, Thomas Lee, M.D., for winning first place in the DC Dermatology Society Resident Appreciation Dinner Case Presentation Award in April, 2017

Learning Corner

JDD Peer-to-Peer Case Board Review

GW Chief residents prepare Peer-to-Peer case studies that are published in the Journal of Drugs and Dermatology and in Derm-In-Review. These case studies are accessed by dermatologists and dermatology residents across the nation as they prepare to take the boards. These can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

Grand Rounds and Translational Lecture Series

- GW Dermatology Grand Rounds with live patient viewing and case presentations by GW residents are held at every other month on the third Thursday from 8:15 - 10:00 a.m. at GW.
- Following Grand Rounds, GW hosts a [Translational Science Lecture Series](#) focusing on cutting-edge advances in the diagnosis and management of skin disorders and cutaneous disease. Lecturers this year include Drs. Jon Zippin, David Polsky, Lloyd Miller, Madeline Duvic, and Robert Kirsner.

JDD Ask the Investigator Podcast

Dr. Adam Friedman hosts a monthly podcast with the Journal of Drugs and Dermatology titled, "Ask the Investigator." Each episode features an interview with, and practical pearls from, the principal investigator of a high-profile JDD manuscript. Each podcast places the selected article into a clinically useful perspective. Click [here](#) to listen to the podcasts online.

In-Service Review

On March 1, 2018, the GW Dermatology faculty will be hosting an in-service review for local dermatology residency programs that will be live-streamed across the country with Derm In-Review.

GW at AAD

GW residents, Drs. Thomas Lee, Julia Schwartz, Jennifer Aronica, Elizabeth Robinson, and Misty Eleryan are presenting at the AAD. [View the list](#) of GW Dermatology faculty, resident, and student involvement. The reception is on Saturday, February 17, 2018 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm Puesto at the Headquarters in San Diego (789 W. Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101). [RSVP now](#).

Future Educational Opportunities

April

- Dermatology/Rheumatology CPC on April 5, 2018, from 8:00 am - 10:00 a.m.
- GW Grand Rounds on Thursday, April 19, 2018 from 8:15 am – 10:00 am
- Translational Science Lecture Series on April 19, 2018 from 10:00 am – 11:00 am with guest speaker Madeline Duvic, MD, speaking on CTCL

June

- GW Grand Rounds on June 21, 2018, from 8:15 - 10:00 a.m.
- Translational Science Lecture Series on June 15, 2018, from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. with guest speaker Robert Kirsner, MD, PhD speaking on wound healing

Make a Difference, Give Today

Gifts to the GW Department of Dermatology [Merv Elgart Fund](#) enable us to provide support for faculty and student research and travel, graduate student fellowships, and academic enrichment activities including guest speakers, visiting faculty, and symposia. Your generous gifts have helped support GW Medical Student, Dustin Marks, and Clinical Research Fellow, Azam Qureshi, attend the AAD in San Diego to present their research:

- Dustin Marks, Poster Presentation, "Dermatologic Considerations in Transgender Care"
- Azam Qureshi, Gross and Micro Symposium, "An Illustrative Case Covering the Dermatologic Manifestations of Complex Regional Pain Syndrome"

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Images from the Department



GW Dermatology faculty Kelley Redbord, MD, Alison Ehrlich, MD, Lawrence Green, MD, and Fellow Ola Awosika on Capitol Hill for AAD Legislative Conference



GW Dermatology Residents and Fellow at DC Derm at GW in April 2017



GW Residents presenting Dr. Brandon Mitchell with Teacher of the Year Award in June, 2017

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