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Drs. Stitle and Brashear Finish Residency



Drs. Ryan Brashear & Laura Stitle

Congratulations to Drs. Laura Stitle and Ryan Brashear for finishing their dermatology residency! Fortunately, both Drs. Stitle and Brashear will be staying here in Indiana. Dr. Stitle will begin in private practice in Indianapolis, and Dr. Brashear will begin a dermatopathology fellowship here at Indiana University. We look forward to close interactions with these model colleagues in the future.

Welcome Drs. Schackelford, Mark, and Lockshin!



Dr. Ben Lockshin

Welcome Drs. Krista Schackelford, Lawrence Mark, and Benjamin Lockshin to the Department. First year resident Dr. Schackelford is from Kansas, graduating from Kansas University Medical Center. First year resident Dr. Mark is from Indiana University, where he obtained both his medical degree and Ph.D. A second year resident, Dr. Lockshin transferred from Georgetown Medical Center's Dermatology Program replacing Dr. Sarita Nori, who transferred to Rhode Island's Dermatology Program to be near family. Welcome new residents, and we wish Dr. Nori all the best.



Drs. K. Schackelford & L. Mark

Fall Indy Derm Meeting Planned For October 3-4

The Fall Indiana Dermatological Society Meeting will be held at the I.U. Medical Center on Friday, October 3, 2003. Patient viewing will be from 1:00 to 2:15 p.m. at the Indiana University Department of Dermatology Outpatient Clinic, Suite 3240. After the patient viewing, Dr. Debra Fett, Associate Professor and Director of the Division of Contact and Occupational Dermatology here at Indiana University, will be the guest lecturer (*for more information on Dr. Fett, please see the "Spotlight" section of the Winter 2003 Hackney-Norins Newsletter*). Her lecture will be entitled "*Contact Dermatitis: The good, the bad, and the ugly*". Dr. Fett's lecture and subsequent patient discussions will be held at Medical Sciences Building Rm 326. The IDS business meeting will take place after the patient discussions in MS 326.

The festivities will continue into the evening, with a dinner at the White River Gardens from approximately 6-9 p.m. Dr. Richard Johnson, from Harvard Medical School will lecture on Dermatology Updates.

Saturday morning Vernell St. John will speak on coding and Dr. Robert Greenberg will discuss HIPAA issues, from 8-12 noon at the Wyndhams Garden Hotel in Carmel.

To schedule a patient, please contact our chief residents Drs. Divya Railan (pager 317-312-0094; email drailan@iupui.edu) or Karla Draft (pager 317-312-0093; email ksdraft@iupui.edu). For questions about the IDS business meeting, please contact President Joseph Fruland, M.D. (office phone 765-448-8000). Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Your Indiana University Department of Dermatology

This picture of faculty, residents and fellows was taken in June at the farewell reception for Drs. Brashear, Nori and Stitle.



back row (l to r): Dr. Ray Konger, Dr. Dan Spandau, Dr. Joe Moores, Dr. Jeff Travers, Dr. Steve Billings, Dr. Charles Lewis, Dr. Ginat Mirowski, Dr. Steve Wolverton. *middle row (l to r):* Dr. Qiwei Zhang, Dr. Christine Hans, Dr. Debra Fett, Dr. Divya Railan, Dr. Chris Nebesio, Dr. Joan Tamburro. *front row (l to r):* Dr. Laura Stitle, Dr. Ryan Brashear, Dr. Sarita Nori



Dr. Craig Leonardi (pictured left with Dr. Divya Railan, Chief Resident), Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine at St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO, recently gave a lecture at the Indiana University Department

of Dermatology Grand Rounds entitled, *"Emerging Therapies for Treating Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis"*

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KUDOS TO:

Special Congratulations to **Dr. Charles Lewis**, recipient of the 2003 Resident's Teacher Award.

Drs. Patricia Treadwell and C. William Hanke (Carmel) for being listed as *America's Top Doctors*, published by Castle Connolly Medical Ltd.

Arthur Norins Investigator **Dr. Ginat Mirowski**, whose book review on Dr. Stephen Tyring's *Mucocutaneous Manifestations of Viral Diseases* was published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* August 14, 2003 issue.



Jackie Crosby

Jacqueline Crosby and Dorothy Lightle in Regenstrief Dermatology, who were recently honored for 30 years of service with Wishard Health Services. But, **Kathy Townsley** is still the queen with 34 years!

Congratulations Ladies!

Congratulations to former Chair, **Dr. Arthur Norins** who is rumored to be contemplating running for Governor of California.

Best of Luck, Art!



Spotlight



Steven Billings, M.D.

Written by Dr. Jeffrey Travers

Every issue of the Hackney-Norins Newsletter highlights an individual faculty member. This issue's spotlight is on Stephen Billings, M.D., MPH, Assistant Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine and Dermatology.

Dr. Billings is a native *Hoosier*, born and raised in the Indianapolis metropolitan area. He went to college at Indiana University in Bloomington, matriculating with a bachelor's degree in microbiology. Wanting to see another part of the country, Dr. Billings took a job in California working as an environmental scientist in a bioreclamation clean-up lab. After several years of this, he decided to back to school to obtain a Ph.D. in microbiology to further his career in environmental science. Enrolling in graduate school at University of California-Berkeley, he soon felt the tuggings of a potential career in medicine. Consistent with this new direction, he switched from microbiology to medicine, obtaining a masters in public health from UC-Berkeley.

He then came back to Indiana to go to medical school at Indiana University. Following medical school, he decided to specialize in pathology, as it appealed to his analytical nature. After his pathology residency at IU, he did two fellowships. The first was a soft tissue pathology fellowship at Emory University in Atlanta, under the renowned specialist Dr. Sharon Weiss. Then he came back to Indiana for a dermatopathology fellowship under Drs. Antoinette Hood and "Joe"

Moore.

Following his dermatopathology fellowship, in July 2002 he joined the faculty at IUSOM with



his primary appointment in Pathology and Laboratory Medicine and a secondary appointment in Dermatology.

Dr. Billings has taken his outstanding training and strong analytical tendencies to rapidly establish himself as a dermatopathology "star". In addition to clinical dermatopathology, he is involved in translational research projects bridging basic research and clinical dermatology. One of these projects is his discovery that keratoacanthomas express high levels of the potent growth factor amphiregulin. This finding might explain not only why keratoacanthomas grow so fast, but also why many of them regress as amphiregulin has the

potential to induce an immune response.

When he is not pursuing his passions of cutaneous and soft tissue tumor pathologies, Dr. Billings enjoys spending time cooking and traveling with his wife Beth. Beth is an accomplished knitter, who works part-time in the Mass Ave. Knitting Shop. They have a daughter, Maeve, who is four years old. Congratulations to Dr. Billings for his many accomplishments!

Indiana State Dermatology News

Next Departmental Capital Campaign in Planning Stages

The Hackney-Norins Society has begun the next departmental capital campaign, to be formally announced at the Hackney-Norins Society Reception at the American Academy of Dermatology Meeting in Washington, D.C. next year. To get involved, please contact co-chairs Dr. Richard Storm or Dr. Chris Rehme.

Honduras Medical Relief

Dr. Patrick Logan (Indianapolis) reminds all of us to be a sponsor to help the medically indigent and impoverished people of Honduras. In his fifth year of making annual visits, last year his group saw 800 patients and dispensed many medications including anti-parasites, antimicrobials, as well as vitamins. The next medical mission will be early next year, so he is asking for oral antibiotics and antifungals, topical antibiotics, antifungals and steroids, scabies or lice medicines, old suture materials, instruments, etc. Dr. Logan will reimburse you for postage. He needs these by 12/31/03. Please send supplies, and/or a tax-deductible donation to:

FRIENDS OF HONDURAN CHILDREN
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For more information please contact Dr. Logan by phone/fax 317-359-5358. Muchas Gracias!

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