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## LARGEST IU DERMATOLOGY RESIDENCY CLASS GRADUATES



Drs. Kingsley, Brogan, Agha, Countryman and Travers

This year we are pleased to announce that a record four dermatology residents graduated from the Program. Congratulations to Drs. Rania Agha, Terrence Brogan, Nicholas Countryman and Melanie Kingsley. Dr. Agha will be pursuing a fellowship with noted Carmel Facial Reconstructive surgeon and part-time faculty Dr. William Beeson. Dr. Terrence Brogan will be staying in town and has started a private practice

along with spouse Dr. Beth Brogan on the north side of Indianapolis. Dr. Countryman will pursue a Moh's micrographic surgery fellowship in North Carolina and Dr. Kingsley is headed to Boston for a procedural fellowship. We wish our newest colleagues all the best and hope they will all consider coming back to Indiana, if not to practice, at least to visit!

## DR. KINGSLEY CHOSEN FOR THE SECOND FRANCOUER AWARD

To not only recognize the top dermatology resident, but also to remember our colleague Dr. Cleve Francouer, the Francouer family generously established the annual Francouer Award for the Outstanding Dermatology Resident. Dr. Carrie Davis was chosen by the faculty to receive this award last year. Dr. Melanie Kingsley was chosen by the faculty for this year and the award was presented by the Francouer family at the resident graduation dinner on June 20th, 2009. Dr. Kingsley has been accepted into a fellowship program in Mohs surgery, dermatologic surgery and laser and aesthetic surgery with Drs. Jeffrey Dover, Ken Arndt, Michael Kaminer and Tom Rohrer in Boston. *Congratulations to Dr. Kingsley!*



Susan Francouer Dr. Kingsley & CJ Francouer

## IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM B. "JOE" MOORES, M.D.



Drs. Moores and Travers

It is with great sadness to announce that IU Alumnus and long-term friend to the School and the Department, Dr. Joe Moores succumbed to his glioblastoma multiforme brain tumor on Sunday, August 23, 2009. Dr. Moores was certainly a "living Hoosier Legend" and he will be greatly missed by all! A planned endowed fellowship is in the works to honor Dr. Moores for information; please contact Dr. Chris Rheme e-mail: [chrisrehme@aol.com](mailto:chrisrehme@aol.com).

## PROFESSOR WOLVERTON CHOSEN AS RESIDENT'S TEACHER OF THE YEAR



Dr. Wolverson and Senior Residents

The Theodore Arlook MD Professor of Clinical Dermatology and Vice-Chair, Dr. Stephen Wolverson was

honored by the residents as their "teacher of the year".

*Kudos for this well-deserved honor!*

## PATIENTS NEEDED FOR DEPARTMENTAL STUDIES

Dr. Anita Haggstrom is currently enrolling patients with infantile hemangiomas in two studies. First, patients who have hemangiomas overlying the lumbosacral region. Second, hemangiomas in patients that are products of twin gestation.

Dr. Jeffrey Travers is currently enrolling subjects for several studies. First, he is looking for adult subjects willing to allow a small skin biopsy of uninvolved back skin to allow us to examine genes in skin which are modified by methylation. Second, Fitzpatrick skin types I and II subjects over age 65 who are not diabetic who would allow us to wound a small area of skin with either dermabrasion or fractionated laser to assess the effects of this on dermal growth factors and UV response. Both of these studies involve compensation. Dr. Lawrence Mark also has a hand eczema study with a systemic retinoid.

For questions or referrals, please contact our friendly departmental study coordinator Treana Porter, LPN at 317-278-3096.



Treana Porter

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## KUDOS TO:



Dr. Lori Sanford, who was awarded the outstanding dermatology medical student award at the medical student awards banquet in May, 2009. Dr. Sanford matched to our program and is currently busy being an intern in our Department of Medicine.

Congratulations to Drs. Dan Spandau and Jeffrey Travers, whose recent co-PI NIH R01 grant received a 14% score—I smell money!



Best of wishes to Nurse Kathleen Townsley for a recent birthday party. Resident Dr. Brandie Tackett was able to find an appropriate cake for the occasion. ?I wonder if there is a market for the KT Barbie?

Congratulations to Dr. Wolverson for his being inducted into the American Dermatology Association—this is a well-deserved honor for our most famous colleague! And now he has joined the ranks of those who own their own tuxedo...

Kudos to Residency Program Director Kelli Cassidy, who helped prepare for our Program's very successful recent internal review.

Kudos to Dr. Anita Haggstrom, who's Hemangioma Investigator Group just published the following manuscript, "PHACE syndrome: current knowledge, future directions". in the July/August issue of Pediatric Dermatology.

## SABBATICAL FOR DR. TRAVERS TO BEGIN

Dr. Jeffrey Travers, the Kampen-Norins Professor and Chair of Dermatology for the past ~eight years will begin a research sabbatical in the Department of Pharmacology at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Aurora, Colorado. Dr. Travers will be spending a total of six months in the laboratory of world-famous scientist Professor Robert Murphy, where he will be using mass spectrometry methods to characterize novel lipids he discovered are made in response to UV radiation. Dr. Travers will be gone for October and November, 2009 and will return home for two months before travelling back to Colorado for February-May, 2010. He will be returning monthly to participate in the Atopic Dermatitis Multidisciplinary Clinic held at Riley Hospital the third Wednesday of each month. The months that Travers will be away, Dr. Stephen Wolverson has agreed to serve as the acting chair, and Dr. Anita Haggstrom as the acting program director for the dermatology residency.



# Spotlight

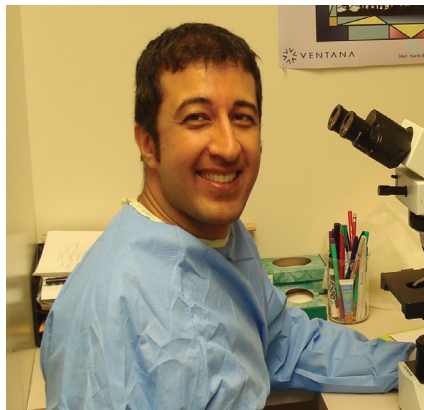
## **Ally-Khan Somani, M.D., Ph.D.**

*Written by Dr. Jeffrey Travers*

*Every issue of the Hackney-Norins Newsletter highlights an individual in the Department – this issue highlights Dr. Somani, Assistant Professor of Dermatology and Director of Dermatologic Surgery and Cutaneous Oncology Division*

Dr. Somani was born in the African country of Burundi, the son of transport businessman and diesel mechanic Badrudin and school teacher Sakerkhanu. During his childhood, he lived in several countries in central and east Africa including Zaire and Uganda. Due to unrest in East Africa during the time of Dictator Idi Amin (recently portrayed in the movie *Last King of Scotland*), the Somanis found themselves refugees and ended up moving to Toronto, Canada when Dr. Somani was seven years old. Dr. Somani always excelled in school, and spent his senior year of high school at the renowned Ontario Science Center School. He was also part of a select international group of students chosen to spend the summer after high school doing research at the famous Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel. Following an undergraduate degree in Honors Immunology from McGill University in Montreal, Dr. Somani went to work for BASF Bioresearch a Boston based company as a research scientist, where he was involved in the characterization and crystallization of caspase-1. It was during this time that he sustained severe spinal injury as a passenger in a car accident necessitating spinal fusion surgery. He credits this experience for his desire to pursue medicine and for teaching him the importance of perseverance during times of adversity. Dr. Somani received his MD and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Toronto, where he worked with Professor Katherine Siminovitch studying the signaling pathways in autoimmune diseases. It was at this time he also met and married his wife, dermatologist-dermatopathologist Dr. Najwa Somani. Dr. Ally Somani started in anatomic pathology, but it was not long before he noticed how much more interesting and clinically stimulating

dermatology was over pathology – as all of us are aware, dermatologists are the best recruiters for our field! Dr. Somani then was accepted into an academic dermatology residency at Case Western Reserve University. His research studies there concerned characterizing regulatory T cells in psoriasis. Dr. Somani decided that he wanted to pursue a dermatology surgery fellowship in part because he loved procedural dermatology, and felt it was a fantastic way to help patients – and there are very few physician-scientists in this area of dermatology.



Dr. Somani

Following his surgery fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic, he joined Indiana University. Dr. Somani relates he first became interested in IU after meeting Dr. Wolverton at one of the Cutaneous Biology Courses held here in Indianapolis. He was also heavily recruited by Dr. Ravi Krishnan. Once he visited the Department, he decided that the ability to do Moh's surgery on the diverse population here and have a basic and translational research component to his career

was “custom-made” for him. He especially enjoys teaching the residents, which keeps him on “the horizon of advancing knowledge”.

When not doing micrographic surgery, teaching residents, or planning research, Dr. Ally enjoys spending time with Dr. Najwa and their 4 month old son Solomone-Ali. He also likes movies, reading poetry and philosophy and painting.

Feel free to contact Dr. Ally Somani for questions or patient referrals

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Welcome to Indiana, Dr. Ally Somani!

## SPRING INDY DERM MEETING SUCCESSFUL

The Spring Indiana Academy of Dermatology Society Meeting was held at the I. U. Medical Center on Friday, May 15, 2009. Again, for the clinical meeting there were a wide variety of patients with interesting diagnoses presented from pachyonychia congenita to PHACES to PXE and localized punctate porokeratosis and there was a record crowd in attendance. After the patient



Drs. Lewis, Moores, Hanke:  
"Three Hoosier Legends"

viewing, recent past AAD President Dr. William Hanke was honored as the Moores Lecturer. Dr. Hanke's lecture, "AAD Update and President's Perspective" was superb and allowed the members a glimpse of his very busy and productive year. Dr. Hanke kindly donated his honorarium to the Charles Lewis M.D. Professorship.

**Mark your calendar!** The date for the Fall IAD Clinical Meeting will be the second Friday in October (**October 9th**), and will be held again at the Dermatology Clinic at the Adult Outpatient Center. The conference will begin at noon with a light lunch provided during patient viewing. We are very pleased to announce that the Fall IDS Meeting speaker will be our own Dr. Stephen Wolverton, who will be presenting a lecture entitled "Those Pesky FDA Black Box Warnings: Important Lessons Learned". With Dr. Travers on sabbatical then, Dr. Wolverton will also be running the entire clinical meeting. If you have an interesting patient, please contact our chief residents Drs. Andrew Bridge (email: [atbridge@iupui.edu](mailto:atbridge@iupui.edu); pager 317-312-0437) or Ann-Marie Hyatt (email: [alawlor@iupui.edu](mailto:alawlor@iupui.edu); pager 317-312-0436). Looking forward to seeing you then!

Please plan to attend the IAD evening activities:

### Indiana State Museum

6:00 p.m. Dinner Program  
Dr. Neal Fenske, Univ. of S. Florida.

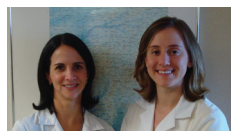
Please bring your spouse or guest.  
"Footprints" & "Making it in the Midwest"  
exhibits open for IAD private viewing

### Conrad Hilton

9:30 p.m. Social Hour

For registration and additional information contact Carolyn Downing; phone: 317-261-2060 or e-mail: [cdowning@ismanet.org](mailto:cdowning@ismanet.org).

## TWO NEW FELLOWS AND NEW RESIDENT JOIN DEPARTMENT



"Drs. Machado & Bryant

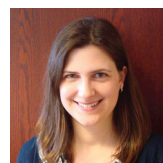
We are pleased to announce that Drs. Christiane Machado and Elizabeth Bryant have both joined the Department as Clinical Fellows. Dr. Machado is a very experienced Brazilian-trained dermatologist who is working towards her Indiana medical license. Dr. Bryant has started a new fellowship organized by Dr. Stephen Wolverton. Dr. Bryant will be spending a year as a fellow and then will be starting with us as a 1st year dermatology resident July 1, 2010. We are also excited to announce Dr. Swetha Kandula has joined us as a 1st year dermatology resident. Dr. Kandula has completed an internal medicine residency at the University of Illinois, Springfield, and also completed a wound fellowship with Professor Lazarus at Johns Hopkins.



Welcome Drs. Bryant, Machado, and Kandula!

## DERMATOLOGY CHANGES

### Dr. Klenk joins department



Dr. Klenk

It is with great pleasure that we announce that Indianapolis native Dr. Alison Klenk will be starting with us full-time in September. Dr. Klenk will be practicing general dermatology and will oversee the medical student rotation. Dr. Klenk did her training at Washington University in St. Louis and has been working at Kaiser Permanente in California for the past several years. Another very positive note, Dr. Nico Mousdicas has returned to the Department "full-time" after his one year "sabbatical" in private practice. I myself am thrilled to have the person I consider "Indiana's Best Clinician" back with us full-time. Welcome Dr. Klenk and Dr. Mousdicas, who will also be joining Drs. Ally and Najwa Somani as new faculty! Dr. Beth Brogan, who was a part-time faculty for the past five years, will be leaving to start the adventure of opening a private practice with husband Dr. Terrence Brogan. She will be greatly missed and we wish them all the best. Dr. Lauren Doughty, who was working here part-time for a year while her husband completed a radiology fellowship, will unfortunately be going to Milwaukee where he has landed a job. She will also be missed!

## DEPARTMENT OF DERMATOLOGY GRAND ROUNDS

A reminder to all that the IU Department of Dermatology Grand Rounds will be held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday mornings of each month. The patient viewing will take place from 7:45-8:30 am in the Adult Outpatient Center Dermatology Clinics (UH 3240), with the patient discussions from 8:30-10:00 am, and lecture to follow. These are held at the third floor AOC conference room. Please try to join us – in addition to interesting cases, good fellowship, bagels and coffee, each conference is approved for 2 hours of category I CME credit.

## DEPARTMENTAL FACULTY LIST

Gary Dillon, M.D. (part-time) – General Adult Dermatology Wishard  
Anita Haggstrom, M.D. – Pediatric Dermatology; Vascular Lasers  
Alison Klenk, MD. – General Dermatology, Cosmetic Procedures  
Charles Lewis, M.D. – General Adult Dermatology  
Lawrence A. Mark, M.D., Ph.D. – Cutaneous Lymphoma, Melanoma  
Nico Mousdicas, M.D. – Contact Dermatology, General Adult and Pediatric Dermatology  
Ally-Khan Somani, M.D., Ph.D. – Dermatology Surgery, Lasers  
Najwa Somani, M.D. – General Dermatology, Hair Disorders, Dermatopathology  
Jeffrey B. Travers, M.D., Ph.D. – General Adult and Pediatric Dermatology, Vascular Lasers  
Joanne Trockman, M.D. – (part-time) – General Dermatology  
Priya Young, M.D. (part-time) – General Adult Dermatology Wishard  
Stephen E. Wolverton, M.D. – General Adult Dermatology, Dermatopharmacology  
Alexander Zemtsov, M.D. (part-time) – General Adult Dermatology Wishard

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