Welcome to The University of New Mexico PathFINDER! This third issue focuses on people in our wonderful department who are leaders, or are training to be leaders in pathology. In the words of John Quincy Adams, “If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.”

One departmental leader highlighted in this issue is Dr. Nancy Joste. Nancy recently received a Fulbright Award to continue her research and educational efforts to reduce cervical cancer in medically underserved countries. Also in this issue are updates on the careers of Drs. Lipscomb, Lyons, Foucar, and Young, who demonstrate how energetic working retirees continue to impact pathology and give back. Our fellowship directors highlight 3 graduating fellows, who are moving into leadership positions in academic medicine and private practice. I encourage you to read their stories in this PathFINDER and watch our new clinical video at pathology.unm.edu. The opportunities to dream, learn, and become more keeps The University of New Mexico Department of Pathology inspired to lead.

Hoping to hear from you and wishing you a great summer.

DOUGLAS P. CLARK, MD
Professor & The Frederick H. Harvey Chair of Pathology
Congratulations to Nancy Joste, MD, a professor in The University of New Mexico Department of Pathology, who was awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant in February 2016! During the July 2016 to June 2017 period, Dr. Joste will spend four months in Cusco, Peru. The teaching fellowship will involve teaching pathology at a Peruvian medical school and continuing her work at a local women’s health clinic helping to provide pathology services to medically underserved women. These combined efforts have the goal of expanding the local capacity for pathologic diagnostic services related to cervical cancer prevention in Cusco and the Southern Andes. Dr. Joste has been actively providing this type of care in medically underserved countries for many years. This volunteer activity is exemplary and demonstrates her commitment to women’s health around the world. Dr. Joste has served on the board of directors for two non-profits working on cervical cancer prevention in Central and South America: Grounds For Health (2005-2012) and the International Cervical Cancer Foundation (2005-present). Dr. Joste has been a volunteer cytopathologist in Mexico, Nicaragua or Peru for a week each year, over the past thirteen years. She has also been involved in cytopathology education in Uzbekistan and Ghana. Dr. Joste’s Fulbright Scholar grant will enhance her impact on cervical cancer prevention in Peru.

Joste has been a faculty member in The University of New Mexico Department of Pathology for more than 21 years. She is Director of Anatomic Pathology at UNM and Medical Director of Cytopathology at TriCore Reference Laboratories. Dr. Joste is board certified in cytopathology as well as combined anatomic and clinical pathology. Dr. Joste received her MD degree from The University of New Mexico School of Medicine in 1989 and completed her residency training in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA. She also completed subspecialty fellowships in cytopathology and in gynecologic pathology at the Brigham and Women’s Hospital.

The Fulbright Program was established in 1946 under legislation introduced by then-Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas. The Fulbright Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The Fulbright Program awards approximately 8,000 grants annually. Roughly 1,600 U.S. students, 4,000 foreign students, 1,200 U.S. scholars, and 900 visiting scholars receive awards, in addition to several hundred teachers and professionals. Approximately 310,000 “Fulbrighters” have participated in the Program since its inception in 1946.

Congratulations to Dr. Joste as the recipient of this prestigious Fulbright Scholar grant!
Dr. M. Kathryn Foucar, Professor in the Department of Pathology and UNM Distinguished Professor, looks forward to transitioning from a “never a dull moment” 100% effort to a theoretical 25% effort in August 2016. Yes, Kathy is retiring and will join the ranks of the productive working faculty retirees. After 32 years of dedication, accomplishments and joy as a Pathology faculty member, Kathy will shift her life balance a little.

Kathy is the consummate achiever, in both her professional and private life. The UNM Department of Pathology has benefited from Kathy’s professionalism, enthusiasm and commitment. Kathy has always been a vigorous supporter of the Pathology Department, a brilliant clinical provider, a positive influence and a strong advocate for the trainees.

Kathy humbly describes her favorite job as that of “a mother of five daughters in a Jane Austen novel striving to provide each with a dowry and a fine match”. Annually, Kathy’s highest priority is to help each hematopathology fellow successfully launch his/her career. Achieving this goal is the highlight of Kathy’s career and over 72 are grateful to Kathy. Drs. Kathy and Elliott Foucar generously established the “Foucar Fund” which rewards trainees with funds for their research projects or for their professional travel. Seeing the trainees’ excitement upon receiving a Foucar Fund award gives Kathy tons of happiness.

Dr. Kathy Foucar’s academic career is unparalleled. Her accomplishments include over 115 original, peer-reviewed publications, contributions to 5th edition of “Practical Diagnosis of Hematologic Disorders” and 3 editions of her book entitled “Bone Marrow Pathology” published by the ASCP Press. Kathy will finish this 4th edition during her retirement. Elliott Foucar imagines book authorships as becoming Kathy’s primary hobby.

Drs. Kathy and Elliott Foucar experienced part of their medical training in New Mexico and are so glad they came back. Kathy found amazing opportunities within the UNM Department of Pathology that would not have been possible at other academic institutions. One example is her early Co-Director role (with Cheryl Willman the true flow maven) in the Immunophenotyping Laboratory that moved cellular markers into clinical patient care. Kathy is grateful to her many mentors at the University of Minnesota, Drs. Robert McKenna and Richard Brunning, and at the University of New Mexico, Drs. Gary Troup, Robert Anderson, Bill Black, Charlie Key, Tom McConnell, Mary Lipscomb and Tom Williams. Dr. Troup was Kathy’s first mentor as a resident, Dr. McConnell taught her about the cytogenetics of leukemia, Dr. Key shared the power of the tumor registry and Dr. Black was an insightful surgical pathologist.

As you can imagine, Kathy is extremely committed to her family. Kathy and Elliott are proud of their two sons and granddaughter, whose middle name is Kathryn! Dr. Charlie Foucar will pursue a hematology-oncology fellowship, after completing his residency in 2017. Jim Foucar, MS is a computer scientist at Sandia National Laboratory. Both sons are happily married, just like in a Jane Austen novel!

Kathy and Elliott will celebrate their 40th anniversary this year. Congratulations! They’ll celebrate by bicycling 40-50 miles per day on beautiful, challenging switchback roads near Asheville North Carolina and hiking along the Blue Ridge Mountain Highway. Combining travel and sports activities is a top priority in their retirement. Both Kathy and Elliott stay extremely fit by competing in triathlons (swimming, biking and running). Kathy has successfully competed in over 40 triathlons in the past 10 years!

The Department of Pathology is most grateful to Kathy for all of her bright, positive contributions and for her willingness to focus on the trainees in her continued quarter time position. Kathy will remain a shining role model and never fade away.
Dr. Stephen A. Young had “two beloved jobs” until he retired as a professor from the UNM Department of Pathology and Scientific Director of the Infectious Disease in July of 2015. In his encore career, Dr. Young now has one job as the Director of Research and Clinical Trials at TriCore Reference Laboratories. Clinical Trials are flourishing.

Dr. Young completed 25 years of service to the UNM School of Medicine, split 15 years in the Department of Molecular Genetics and Microbiology and then 10 years in the Department of Pathology. Dr. Young worked diligently at the UNM School of Medicine to develop and lead the clinical virology laboratory. He remembers two profound experiences in the virology laboratory. His laboratory ran the gamut of exclusion tests necessary to establish that a little known virus had infected patients in New Mexico; Hanta virus was here. Then in 2009, his laboratory met the diagnostic challenge of the flu virus pandemic; they ran 18,000 flu virus tests during this single flu season which was far more than the normal 4000 flu virus tests per season. Dr. Young knows his infectious disease lab’s legacy has transitioned seamlessly to the new Scientific Director of Infectious Disease, Dr. Karissa Culbreath. Dr. Culbreath has the vision and knowledge to continue building the infectious disease services.

Dr. Young is most grateful to Dr. Mary Lipscomb and Dr. Andrew Horvath for their vision and leadership to fuse three institutions’ cultures and create TriCore Reference Laboratories. When Dr. Michael Crossey endorsed the TriCore concept, Steve knew that TriCore would succeed. TriCore positively and profoundly affected Dr. Young’s career. Steve reflects that TriCore Reference Laboratories are world class and not to be ignored for their “middle of the nowhere” location! TriCore’s facilities are gorgeous, state-of-the-art, and the envy of other clinical laboratories across the USA. As the Director of Research and Clinical Trials in Infectious Diseases at Tricore, Steve is gratified to have built the team from 0.5 FTE to 15 FTE of proud, productive performers. When other clinical trial facilities like the Mayo Clinic and Johns Hopkins University have turned down opportunities, TriCore’s Clinical Trial team has accepted the challenges, stepped up and performed on time and with the highest quality. As a result, TriCore received the latest automated microbiology plate assessment system and Steve is giving invited international lectures on the relevant clinical trial results. Dr. Young has built a legacy in infectious disease clinical trials and his next goal is to expand clinical trials at TriCore. Dr. Young looks forward to helping run and manage more clinical trials, with principal investigators in hematopathology and in other laboratory areas. Personally, Steve and his wife, Linda, look forward to a little more time to travel during Steve’s “working retiree” life phase. Perhaps they will sail the Greek isles, explore Tuscany in Italy, climb up to Machu Picchu, discover Buenos Aires and seek out Linda’s relatives in Nijmegen, Holland.

The UNM Department of Pathology is grateful to Dr. Steve Young for his dedication, his expansion of virology services, and his continued pursuit of clinical trials. Congratulations to Dr. Young on his encore act!
Dr. Lipscomb and Dr. Lyons may be retired but clearly both are not tired! Dr. Lipscomb remains energetic and very active in her support of the Department of Pathology at The University of New Mexico. Dr. Douglas Clark, current Frederick Harvey Chair of UNM Pathology, greatly values Dr. Lipscomb’s ongoing friendship, support and mentorship. “We stand on the shoulders of those who came before us” - an apropos quote for recognizing Dr. Lipscomb’s continuing impact on the UNM Department of Pathology.

Dr. Lipscomb continues as a national leader in the Association of Pathology Chairs (APC) and in 2014, received the Distinguished Service Award from APC. The APC Distinguished Service Award (DSA) recognizes lifetime achievement in the field of academic pathology, encompassing the full spectrum of contributions at the local and national levels in undergraduate and graduate medical education, research, and clinical service.

Dr. Lipscomb was Professor of Pathology for 16 years (1994-2010) and Chair of the Department of Pathology for 12 years (1994-2006) at the UNM School of Medicine. Mary was devoted to the Pathology Department’s success in education, research and clinical service. Mary’s research impacted our understanding of immunity and lung biology, with 75 peer reviewed publications and 26 books or chapters. Dr. Lyons was Professor of Internal Medicine for 16 years (1994-2010) at the UNM School of Medicine, where he successfully led the Center for Infectious Disease and Immunity, focusing on host-pathogen interactions and new vaccine development. Mary and Rick are remembered and are missed at UNM.

Dr. Mary Lipscomb’s official retirement from the Department of Pathology at UNM was on June 30, 2010 and Dr. Rick Lyons’ official retirement from Colorado State University was on July 4, 2015. Dr. Lipscomb spent one additional year as a quarter time working retiree for UNM, while living in Fort Collins, Colorado, thanks to Dr. Tom Williams’ support for her continuing research role at UNM. Dr. Lipscomb worked on a grant that Dr. Rick Lyons was wrapping up that first year that Rick worked at Colorado State University. In their retirement, Mary and Rick continue to keep in touch with old friends and colleagues from The University of New Mexico. Mary and Rick have truly gone west! They are now completing their retirement home in the Santa Cruz Mountains just north of Santa Cruz, California, next door to Mary’s youngest son, Scott, and his family. Mary has 3 sons and 6 grandchildren. Mary and Rick are currently living in their recreational vehicle in their son Scott’s back yard, literally. Mary shared that they are quite cozy and, of course, visit Scott and his family quite a lot. Rick likes being very close to the house that they are building and pretty much is working on it every day along with the others who are doing special aspects of building. Mary and Rick painted the ceiling in their combination great room/kitchen/dining room. With a helper, Rick installed the kitchen cabinets. Rick is really the chief laborer and Mary is helping, too, painting, cleaning constantly, and even unpacking although they still need clearance from inspectors to hook up the gas and water and occupy the house fully. In April 2016, they are optimistic that they’ll move into their new retirement home within a few weeks. Mid-winter, they headed further north for a three week break from working on the new retirement house to let subcontractors do their thing. Mary and Rick relaxed at their home in Canada!

Mary and Rick were delighted to be featured as renowned retirees in this issue of PathFINDER. They relish reading PathFINDER to catch up on what is happening in the UNM Department of Pathology.
The UNM Cytopathology Fellowship Program faculty members are delighted to present Dr. Theresa Smith, our current Fellow who will be finishing her training June, 2016. Dr. Smith also graduated from the UNM Pathology Residency Training Program and so entered her fellowship already experienced with the UNM Health Sciences Center and UNM anatomic pathology faculty, residents, clinicians and staff; in other words, she hit the ground running.

Prior to joining us at UNM, Dr. Smith obtained her undergraduate degree at U.C. Berkeley and followed that with a Masters degree in Anthropology at U.C. Davis. She subsequently taught anthropology at Sacramento City College for three years before entering medical school at the University of Toledo College of Medicine (Toledo, Ohio). In medical school she was awarded an academic achievement scholarship.

Becoming expert in the diagnosis of cytology specimens, Dr. Smith also conducted clinical research, examining the cytologic findings on Pap slides of 250 patients with chronic endometritis. She presented her data in poster form at the 2016 United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology (USCAP) meeting and is writing the manuscript. Residents who worked with her on the cytology service unanimously reported that Theresa teaches effectively ensuring knowledge retention, a desirable skill for any pathologist, and a skill she had previously acquired during her stint as a college instructor.

Our faculty are very pleased Dr. Smith will be joining a practice just a few miles up the road from us: Christus St. Vincent Hospital, Santa Fe. Theresa will be working there with two other relatively recent graduates of the UNM Residency Program, Drs. Timothy Vanderjagt and Stephanie Rosen. We all look forward to continuing a close relationship with Dr. Smith in her new position at St.Vincent’s.
The University of New Mexico Hematopathology Fellowship Program is proud to recognize our current graduating fellow Dr. Daniel Bustamante. He will be joining the Department of Pathology at Texas Tech University Health Science Center in El Paso, Texas starting in July 2016. Dr. Bustamante will practice at El Paso Children’s Hospital.

Dr. Bustamante received his undergraduate degree from The University of Texas at Austin where he graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Biology in 2007. He received his medical degree from The University of Texas at Southwestern School of Medicine in 2011. He completed his Anatomic and Clinical Pathology residency training at the University of New Mexico and served as Chief Resident from 2013 to 2014. In his most recent role as an enthusiastic, budding hematopathologist, Dr. Bustamante has excelled in providing outstanding clinical care and formulating excellent pathology reports. He endured a bustling hospital and consult service and managed to author and lead several research projects including a study that investigated LEF1 expression in monoclonal B-cell neoplasms. He presented this abstract as a poster presentation at the 2016 USCAP meeting in Seattle, Washington. He has also authored an article for The Mastocytosis Society regarding the importance of the bone marrow biopsy for the evaluation of mast cell disease. Throughout his fellowship training, Dr. Bustamante has been an outstanding role model and presented at multiple interdepartmental meetings. At one such meeting, he presented a new diagnostic algorithm for acute myeloid leukemia which he researched and developed under the mentorship of Qian-Yun Zhang, MD, PhD. We are currently using this algorithm today at UNM and TriCore Reference Laboratories.

I would also like to welcome our new Hematopathology Fellows for 2016-2017: Dr. M. Brandon Allen from the University of Arkansas Pathology Residency Program, Dr. Jie Yan from the Drexel University Pathology Residency Program in Philadelphia, Dr. Simone Davion from Billings, Montana and previously Northwestern University’s Pathology Residency Program, and Dr. Payal Sojitra from the Loyola University Pathology Residency Program in Chicago.
Introducing Our New Fellows

The UNM Department of Pathology has strong fellowship programs in Cytopathology, Forensic Pathology, Hematopathology, Molecular Genetic Pathology, Surgical Pathology, Transfusion Medicine, as well as a Post Sophomore Fellowship. On July 1, 2016, fifteen new fellows will arrive from around the USA.

For more details regarding fellowship programs within the UNM Department of Pathology, please visit: pathology.unm.edu/fellowships

FORENSIC PATHOLOGY

REBECCA ASCH-KENDRICK, MD
MD: University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Newark, NJ
Residency: The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

LAUREN DECKER, MD
MD: The University of Illinois College of Medicine, Chicago, IL
Residency: The University of New Mexico School of Medicine, Albuquerque, NM

LAUREN EDELMAN, MD
MD: The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX
Residency: Stanford University, Stanford, CA

KACY KREHBIEL, MD
MD: The University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, Oklahoma City, OK
Residency: The University of New Mexico School of Medicine, Albuquerque, NM

HEMATOPATHOLOGY

MICHAEL BRANDON ALLEN, MD
MD: The University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis, TN
Residency: The University of Arkansas, Little Rock, AR

JIE YAN, MD
MD: Xi’an Medical University, Xi’an, Shaanxi, China
Residency: Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA

SIMONE DAVION, MD
MD: University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Residency: Northwestern University, Chicago, IL

PAYAL SOJITRA, MD
MD: The Dr. D.Y. Patil Medical College, Pune, Maharashtra, India
Residency: Loyola University, Chicago, IL

MOLECULAR GENETIC PATHOLOGY

ALBERT NJOROGE HUHO, MD
MD: University of Nairobi, Kenya
Residency: Albany Medical Center, Albany, NY
Hematopathology Fellowship: Baylor College of Medicine Houston, TX

CORY BROEHM, MD
MD: Texas A&M University Health Science Center, Bryan, TX
Residency: The University of New Mexico School of Medicine, Albuquerque, NM
Surgical Pathology Fellowship: The Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN
Cytology

ADRIANA SANCHEZ, MD
MD: Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Quito, Ecuador
Residency: Drexel University College of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA
Molecular Genetic Fellowship: The University of New Mexico School of Medicine, Albuquerque, NM

Departing Fellows

THERESA SMITH Completed Cytopathology Fellowship at the UNM Department of Pathology (2015-2016). New position is Pathologist with Santa Fe Pathology Services serving Christus St. Vincent's Regional Medical Center in Santa Fe, NM and Los Alamos Medical Center in Los Alamos, NM.

LAUREN DVORSCAK Completed Forensic Pathology Fellowship at the UNM Department of Pathology (2015-2016). New position is Forensic Pathology faculty at UNM OMI as of 8/1/16. Title is Assistant Professor, Clinician Educator in the UNM Department of Pathology.

DANIEL BUSTAMANTE Completed Hematopathology Fellowship at the UNM Department of Pathology (2015-2016). New position is Assistant Professor in the Department of Pathology at Texas Tech University El Paso, Paul L. Foster School of Medicine and Pediatric Pathologist at El Paso Children’s Hospital in El Paso, TX.

MELODY HARRISON Completed Hematopathology Fellowship at The UNM Department of Pathology (2015-2016). New position is Pathologist at Pathology Laboratories of Arkansas, Little Rock, AR.

DAVID LYNCH Completed Hematopathology Fellowship at UNM Department of Pathology (2015-2016). New position is Hematopathologist at Brooke Army Medical Center’s Pathology Department in San Antonio, TX.

CELINA VILLA Completed Hematopathology Fellowship at The UNM Department of Pathology (2015-2016). New position is Pathologist at St. David’s South Austin Medical Center, Austin Pathology Associates in Austin, TX.

ADRIANA SANCHEZ Completed Molecular Genetic Pathology Fellowship at The UNM Department of Pathology (2015-2016). New position is Cytopathology Fellow at The UNM Department of Pathology (2016-2017).

LENA YOUNG Completes the Post Sophomore Fellowship at The UNM Department of Pathology on June 30, 2016.

Surgical Pathology

NOUR YADAK, MD
MD: Jordan University of Science and Technology, Jordan
Residency: University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis, TN

Transfusion Medicine

JOSEPH GRIGGS, DO
DO: Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine, Midwestern University, Glendale, AZ
Residency: University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE

Post Sophomore Fellows

ELENA GANDARA
The University of New Mexico School of Medicine, Albuquerque, NM
Interests: Forensic pathology, hematopathology, surgical pathology

CANA TOMPKINS
The University of New Mexico School of Medicine, Albuquerque, NM
Interests: Anatomic pathology, laboratory pathology

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Introducing Our New Residents

**FAVIA CRESS DUBYK, MD**
Favia Cress Dubyk graduated from Case Western University School of Medicine in Cleveland, Ohio. Her undergraduate degree is in Environmental Science and Public Policy from Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts. In 2010 she received a MS degree in Nutrition from Columbia University in NY, NY. Her MS thesis was entitled, *Children's Perceptions of Their Body Weight and Their Mothers’ Body Weight*. Favia was involved in research while at Case Western University investigating periosteum regrowth on denuded bone. Her hobbies and interests include rock climbing, animal fostering, photography, directing and editing films, and writing reviews on TripAdvisor. She has written, filmed, edited, and acted in several short films.

**AUDRA ANN KERWIN, MD**
Audra graduated from the University of New Mexico here in Albuquerque and is a well-known face to our department. She received her undergraduate degree in Psychology and Criminology at the University of New Mexico as well. Her most current research project focused on using biocompatible nanoparticles as a platform for targeted delivery of therapeutic plasmid DNA. She has co-authored 7 abstracts for presentations at local and national professional scientific meetings. Audra is also involved in the local, community-based LGBTQ health advocacy group and resource center. Audra loves cooking, and also enjoys several outdoor activities including running, hiking and biking.

**KATHLEEN MADDEN, MD**
Kathleen received her BA from Valparaiso University in Indiana with majors in History and Spanish and minors in Chemistry and Criminal Justice. She received her MD from the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago, IL. Kathleen completed residency training here at UNM in the Department of Surgery from 2009-2013, and then became a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow in Nephrology. She began Pathology Residency Training at the University of Louisville in Kentucky in 2014. While at UNM in March, 2016 for an Elective Rotation on the Transfusion Medicine Service with Dr. Kendall Crookston she learned that we had an opening for a PGY-III for July 2016 and she applied and subsequently was selected to transfer to the University of New Mexico. She has worked on multiple research project related to transfusion medicine, one comparing pediatric and adult transfusion reactions, one evaluating the utilization of group O Rh negative blood from a remote release refrigerator system, and another detailing our experience with a hemoglobin-based oxygen carrier in a Jehovah’s Witness patient.

**MARISSA TAFOYA, MD**
Marissa graduated from the University of New Mexico School of Medicine. She received her undergraduate degree in Biochemistry and Psychology at The University of New Mexico. She studied Chemistry for one year at the Santa Fe Community College in Santa Fe, NM, and offered tutoring in math, English, and creative writing in their Tutoring Program. Her current research involves analyzing MRIs generated from transgenic mice treated with nanoparticles targeting the amyloid beta protein in Alzheimer’s plaques, as well as microglia in neuro-inflammation. Marissa enjoys painting, reading both fiction and non-fiction, and listening to lectures. Marissa also trains in mixed martial arts and singing.

**MARY M. TORREZ, MD**
Mary received her BS degree from the New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, NM with a major in Biology. She attended medical school here at the University of New Mexico. In April 2012 through March 2013 Mary was one of our Pathology Post-Sophomore Fellows. While a PSF she participate in research at the OMI with Dr. Michelle Aurelius on the epidemiology of meningitis and encephalitis in the autopsy population from 2002-2010 and is currently writing a paper. She began her Pathology Residency Training at Cleveland Clinic in Ohio in July 2015. She elected to transfer to the University of New Mexico in February 2016. Mary enjoys dirt biking, spending time outdoors, hiking with her two German Shepherds, Zonya and Riggs, reading legal thrillers, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. Her most recent thrills were bungee jumping and cage diving in South Africa, horseback riding and zip-lining in Costa Rica, and sky diving in her home town of Belen, New Mexico.

**EMILY WOLAK, DO**
Emily completed her BA degree in Anthropology, BS degree in Biomedical Sciences and MMS degree in Aging and Neuroscience at the University of South Florida in Tampa, FL. She completed her DO training at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Philadelphia, PA. Her current research interest involved analyzing dendritic branching of neurons in the brain in researching Alzheimer's disease and traumatic brain injury. Emily has played the piano since she was 6 years old, and in high school she received awards through both the Florida American College of Musicians and Florida Orchestra Association for piano solo performance. Her hobbies include painting, traveling, hiking, camping, mountain biking, and spending time outdoors with her husband and dog.
Departing Residents

RYAN BERRY, MD  Dermatopathology Fellow at Geisinger Health System in Danville, Pennsylvania (2016-2017)

LAUREN DECKER, MD  Forensic Pathology Fellow at University of New Mexico, School of Medicine, Department of Pathology (2016-2017)

KACY KREHBIEL, MD  Forensic Pathology Fellow at University of New Mexico, School of Medicine, Department of Pathology (2016-2017)

BRIAN MENKHAUS, MD  Pathologist at Sheridan Pathology Associates in Sheridan, WY

Resident Awards

KACY KREHBIEL, MD received the Pathology Resident in Training Award, 2015

BENJAMIN RAMOS, MD received the Pathology Resident in Training Award, 2016

Faculty Awards, News, Appearances

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

LESLIE DANIELSON, PHD received the UNM SOM Excellence in Curricular Leadership Award, 2015

EDGAR FISCHER, MD, PHD received the Faculty Award for Pathology Resident Teaching, 2016

TRACY I. GEORGE, MD was promoted to Professor-Clinician Educator, effective July 1, 2016.

JENNIFER GILLETTE, PHD received the UNM SOM Outstanding Mentor Award, 2015.

CHERYL WILLMAN, MD received the UNM Regent’s Meritorious Service Medal, 2015

NEW LEADERSHIP ROLES

DAVID CZUCHLEWSKI, MD  Vice Chair for Education

TRACY GEORGE, MD  Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs

NANCY JOSTE, MD  Senior Director for Anatomic Pathology

DIANE LIDKE, PHD  Senior Director for Research

EVELYN LOCKHART, MD  Senior Director for Clinical Pathology

VON SAMEDI, MD, PHD  Senior Director for Education

ANGELA WANDINGER-NESS, PHD  Vice Chair for Research

NEW FACULTY

DONNA KUSEWITT, DVM, PHD joined our faculty on October 1, 2015 as Research Professor. Dr. Kusewitt is board certified by American College of Veterinary Pathologists. Her interests include forensic toxicology, public health, and the promotion of consistent and high-quality death investigation practices

APPEARANCES

Upcoming national and international talks by our faculty.

DR. THERÈSE BOCKLAGE

• November 6, 2016: Banking Research for National Cancer Institute (NCI), hosted by NCI Office of Biorepositories and Biospecimen Research. Talk on Academic Human Biobank Participation, Bethesda, MD

DR. DEVON CHABOT-RICHARDS

• September 25-28, 2016: “Peripheral Blood Refresher: a Case-Based Approach”, Educational course with Dr. Tracy George, College of American Pathologists Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV

DR. KENDALL CROOKSTON

• September 13, 2016: National teleconference sponsored by South Central Association of Blood Banks, “Patients that decline blood transfusion—We can still save their lives”.

DR. KARISSA CULBREATH

• October 29, 2016: “Proliferative aspects of mast cells and mastocytosis.” The European Competence Network on Mastocytosis (ECNM) Annual Meeting, Verona, Italy

• November 4, 2016 “The Diagnosis, Classification and Clinical Care of MDS III.” Educational course on behalf of ASCP, ASH, and The France Foundation, ASCP Oncology Updates, Austin, TX

• December 3, 2016 “Myelodysplastic Syndrome Education Session”. Educational course on behalf of ASCP, ASH, and The France Foundation, American Society for Hematology Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA

DR. EVELYN LOCKHART

• September 13, 2016: National teleconference sponsored by South Central Association of Blood Banks “Use of blood fractions and factor concentrates in Jehovah’s Witness patients”.

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DR. EVELYN LOCKHART continued

- September 25-28, 2016: Chair and co-faculty, College of American Pathologists 2016 Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV. “Massive Transfusion Protocols in Trauma and Obstetrics”

DR. MOHAMMED VASEF


DR. ANGELA WANDINGER-NESS

- Sept. 18-23, 2016: FASEB GTPases in Trafficking, Autophagy and Disease, “Growth Factor Receptor Signaling Controls Endocytic Trafficking through Rab GTPase Activation.” West Palm Beach, FL

DR. BRIDGET WILSON

- July 24-29, 2016: “IgE and Allergy, 50 Years and Onward”, Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) Science Research Conferences, West Palm Beach, FL

Dr. Catherine Leith, MB, BCCHIR, Hematopathology Fellow (1990-1991) and faculty in UNM Pathology Department (from 1991-2000). Dr. Catherine Leith is a Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI. Dr. Leith has three marvelous children, Greg, Emma and Lily and lost her loving, politically astute husband Al Leith to lung cancer many years ago. Greg is 24, still finding himself (aka hasn’t figured it out yet), and began training as auto mechanic in December 2015. Emma is a senior in high school, worrying about her future, planning to attend the University Minnesota, science and engineering, in 2016. Emma is great at math and pottery. Lily is 15 and a typical American teen. Oh, boy!! The kids spend huge amounts of time discussing politics, and have very diverse views! Dr. Catherine Leith continues to enjoy the University of Wisconsin- she loves the pathology, above all. Dr. Leith and her children enjoy living in Madison, even if it’s a bit cold sometimes. Living close to Chicago’s O’Hare airport is handy; it is the gateway to the world! That’s the summation of the last 15 years!

DO YOU HAVE ALUMNI NEWS?

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- **George D. Montoya Research Scholarship Fund**: to encourage UNM students to pursue a career in biomedical research.

- **Dr. Thomas M. Williams & Margaret G. Williams Endowment for Education and Training**: to support the greatest educational and training needs within the Department of Pathology.

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