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NEW CHAIRMAN AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Lawrence S. Chan, M.D., became chairman of the Department of Dermatology at the University of Illinois in Chicago in August of 2005. Dr. Chan's accomplishments are all the more remarkable when one considers his background. After he finished his junior year in high school in mainland China, a "cultural revolution" began. A subsequent government order required all school-aged young people to be farmers all over the country. Lawrence, as well as millions of other young people, lost their educational opportunities. He determined not to be caged by the communist system. After one unsuccessful attempt and a brief imprisonment, Lawrence literally swam to freedom to Hong Kong in 1972. He immigrated to the United States in 1975 under the sponsorship of his uncle.

Without a formal high school education, Lawrence learned English in the evenings while working during the day as an apartment maintenance man in Washington, D.C. Shortly after he developed some command of English, he was admitted as a special student to Montgomery College, a two-year community college in a suburb of Washington. Two years later, Lawrence graduated and was admitted to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (as a transfer student). Majoring in life sciences and chemical engineering, he earned both B.S. degrees in 1981. He then entered the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

After graduating with a M.D. degree in 1985, Lawrence took a one-year post-doctoral fellowship position in biochemistry at the University of Pennsylvania. After internship, Lawrence spent the next four years at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor for his dermatology residency and immuno-dermatology fellowship training. His works during that period of time resulted in 26 peer-reviewed biomedical journal articles. Significantly, he discovered a case of autoimmune blistering skin disease characterized by an autoantibody to a novel, 105-kD sized, skin basement membrane protein, which subsequently enabled him to apply and obtain an independent R01 research grant from the National Institute of Health to study this new protein.

After a brief stay at Wayne State University, Lawrence served as Assistant Professor and Director of the Immuno-dermatology Unit at Northwestern University from 1993 to 2002. During this period of time he generated a mouse model of atopic dermatitis by transgenically expressing interleukin-4 to the basal epidermis using a keratin 14 promoter/enhancer. In 2002, Lawrence moved to the University of Illinois in Chicago.

Dr. Chan's current research interests include pathogenic mechanisms of atopic dermatitis, eczema vaccinatum, and inflammation-mediated angiogenesis. Besides serving as a VA physician at the Jesse Brown West Side Medical Center in Chicago, Lawrence also cares for patients with blistering skin diseases at the UIC Medical Center. He has recently edited a scientific textbook entitled "Animal Models of Human Inflammatory Skin Diseases" (CRC Press, 2004) and authored a clinical textbook entitled "A Color Handbook of Blistering Skin Diseases (Manson Publishing, 2006) in press.

Other than his professional works, Lawrence's personal interests include international travel, Italian food, Chinese calligraphy, painting, and photography. Dr. Chan is married with a two-year old daughter.

Mark Gendleman, M.D.

KEN GORDON TO ENH

Dr. Ken Gordon has joined Evanston Northwestern Healthcare (ENH) as the Head of the Division of Dermatology. Dr. Gordon was previously on the faculty of Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine before joining Loyola University. Dr. Mark Gendleman, who has served as the division head for many years, will serve as teaching chief, coordinating the teaching of medical students, interns and residents, and dermatology fellows.

Ken's first exposure to dermatology was when his father, Mark Gordon, M.D., a member of our Chicago Dermatological Society, first froze off verrucae from his hands when he was an adolescent. Making it through that trauma, he received his B.A. from Amherst College and M.D. from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons before completing an internal medicine residency at the Beth Israel Hospital, Boston. At that point, he decided to pursue dermatology and did his residency at Northwestern University, including a 2-year post-doctoral fellowship in basic science immunology under Dr. Stephen Miller.

After training, Ken started his academic career on the faculty of the Department of Dermatology at Northwestern. He was awarded a Career Development Award by the Dermatology Foundation to support his immunology research. Early in his career he became interested in the role of targeted immunotherapy in both understanding the pathophysiology of psoriasis as well as therapy. Since that time, he has participated in multiple clinical trials and has run a translational research program to study these issues at both Northwestern and then Loyola where he helped to start that University's dermatology residency program.

Ken has published more than 40 peer-reviewed articles. He also recently co-authored a textbook on psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis. He was the co-chair of the First World Conference of Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis in Stockholm, hosted by the King of Sweden. Ken has established a clinical trials unit at ENH and has ongoing psoriasis trials. He is very happy to work closer to home, enabling him to spend more time with his wife and two sons.



JAMES O. ERTLE. M.I

After finishing his dermatology residency at the University of Chicago and after two years of active duty in the Navy, my husband knew he wanted to be

a volunteer faculty member somewhere because he enjoyed teaching. Dr. Marianne O'Donoghue had followed Drs. Fred Malkinson and Roger Pearson to Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical School (from the University of Chicago) and she suggested Jim join the Rush faculty. Jim joined Marianne and Dr. Marshall Blankenship at Rush and has been going one morning a week since 1974.

The Rush residents have honored him in the past with the Teacher of the Year Award. He has especially enjoyed working with Dr. Michael Tharp these past ten years. It is noteworthy that my husband, Dr. O'Donoghue, and Dr. Blankenship have all received the National Practitioner of the Year Award from the Dermatology Foundation.

Jim also has been teaching the family practice residents in Hinsdale for the past 32 years and received their Teacher of the Year Award as well as election to their Galen Society to honor respected teachers. He has been active on many boards including the Dermatology Foundation, the Noah Worchester Society, the Foundation for International Dermatological Education, and the International Society of Dermatology. This is his last year on the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Dermatology.

Jim loves working on international affairs in medicine and has chaired the AAD International Affairs Committee. He received two AAD Presidential Citations for his work promoting Skin Care in Developing Countries, and the International League of Dermatological Societies gave Jim their Certificate of Appreciation at a meeting in Prague a few years ago. In the past two years he has made four trips to Haiti to set up a teaching program, working with the CDC on a lymphatic filariasis project in conjunction with the AAD. Dr. Alix Charles went with him on two of the trips to Haiti.

Of all his many activities, I think he never worked harder or on as many committees as with the Chicago Dermatological Society. "Chicago Derm" is his longest association and has an especially fond place in his heart. He loves the high quality of the programs and the special camaraderie. It was especially meaningful for him to have received the CDS Practitioner of the Year Award several years ago.

Jim loves practicing medicine and shows no signs of slowing down. He has enjoyed working with Dr. Matthew Harris these past three years since Dr. Tom Andrew retired. We enjoy the opera, the symphony, sports events, and exotic travel to places like Antarctica, Tibet, New Guinea, and Africa. We especially enjoy our four grand-children. We both thank the CDS for the honor of this year's Founders Award.

Virginia Mary Ertle

ARNOLD GOMBINER, M.D

My first contact with the skin game came very early. My folks were in the retail fur business on Chicago's south side. As a youth I thought my potential was electronics, so I joined the Navy after high school, training as an electronics technician. The high point of my brief stint in the USN was serving as a member of the task force that conducted atom bomb experiments at Bikini Atoll in August 1945.

My experience with things electrical didn't have the spark I was looking for, so I returned to the south side of Chicago. This time undergraduate school at

the University of Chicago led to graduate studies with the Committee On Human Development. Finally, I put the human part and the skin part together when I completed medical school at the University of Chicago. I started a dermatology residency at the University of Chicago in 1957 seven days late. Dr. Stephen Rothman felt that my brand new bride, Marilyn,

deserved a honeymoon. Residency led to an association with Dr. Clark Finnerud and Dr. Fred Szymanski until 1962, when I began a solo practice in the south suburbs. Dr. Szymanski introduced me to Dr. Samuel Bluefarb, who encouraged me to join the volunteer faculty at Northwestern University,

In addition to establishing my practice, I helped Marilyn raise our daughter, Karen, and our son Ross. In 1999 I closed my office, thinking I would stop seeing patients and see the world instead. Dr. Manny Mesirow had a different idea. To keep me out of trouble, he invited me to practice with him part-time. Watch out! Dermatology can be addictive, particularly if you practice and associate with people you enjoy and respect.

Working and being around three wonderful boys: my grandsons Eric 9, Max 3, and Sam 10 months keeps me feeling young and engaged with life. What more could a furrier's son from the south side ask of life – maybe to be selected as Practitioner of the Year from the Chicago Dermatological Society?



The following slate of officers has been chosen for 2006-2007:

President	Jeffrey Altman, M.D.
Vice-President	John Kalis, M.D.
Secretary	Ben Dubin, M.D.
Treasurer/President-Elect	Joan Guitart, M.D.



The Awards
Committee of
the Society
has chosen
the recipients
of the Founders
and the Practitioner
of the Year
Awards for 2006

Founders Award

Awarded each year to an individual who has devoted extraordinary time and talent as a teacher and clinician:

James O. Ertle, M.D.

Practitioner of the Year Award

Awarded each year to an individual for exemplary service as a practitioner of dermatology:

Arnold Gombiner, M.D.

COURTNEY R. HERBERT, M.D.

Dr. Courtney R. Herbert is a native of the Washington, D.C. area. She went to medical school at Georgetown University and completed her Masters in Public Health at George Washington University. Following that, she attended Tulane University for her residency in dermatology. She felt privileged to have trained with such pioneers in dermatology as Drs. Elizabeth McBurney, William Coleman, and John Yarborough. Courtney was fortunate to have left New Orleans prior to Hurricane Katrina. She was able to organize a large relief effort (clothing/food drive) for those in need following the hurricane. Courtney misses New Orleans: the culture, the delectable food, and the jazz. Hopefully, the city will be restored to its former existence! She works at Lincoln Park Dermatology with Jeffrey Karaban, M.D. Her hobbies are travel, running, swimming, and reading.

ROOPAL VASHI KUNDU, M.D.

Dr. Kundu was born in Gujarat, India. In 1977, her family immigrated to the United States, landing in Chicago with about \$20 in her dad's pocket and one suitcase. They moved soon thereafter to Michigan where her father was hired for his first job in the U.S. Roopal's life was filled with singing with her friends, taking her two younger sisters to the movies and the beach, and participating in Indian classical and folk dancing, which enabled her to travel to the former USSR and Denmark.

Ten years ago, Roopal moved to Evanston to go to Northwestern University. She hasn't left the Chicagoland area since. The last decade has been busy with graduating from Northwestern University and Northwestern University Medical School, marrying the man of her dreams, completing dermatology residency at University of Illinois in Chicago, returning to her alma mater as a faculty member, and most recently, giving birth to her son, Nalin, in March 2006.

Roopal is currently an Assistant Professor of Dermatology and Associate Program Director at Northwestern University. Her special interests include resident education and skin of color, for which she is the Director of the Northwestern Center for Ethnic Skin.

ALEKSANDAR KRUNIC, M.D.

Dr. Aleksandar Krunic was born in Belgrade, Serbia, Montenegro. He completed his pre-medical training and medical school there as well. He matched in dermatology and completed his first residency in dermatology at the University of Belgrade School of Medicine. He obtained a Ph.D degree in 1995 in medical oncology, and subsequently completed a 2-year dermatologic surgery fellowship at Duke University Medical Center. He returned to his home country as an Assistant Professor of Dermatology at the University of Belgrade School of Medicine. In 2000, he permanently relocated to the United States, retrained in dermatology at the University of Chicago, and subsequently completed a Mohs surgery fellowship at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in 2004. He is currently an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois in Chicago. He is also Director of Dermatologic Surgery and Mohs Surgery of the Northshore Center for Medical Esthetics in Northbrook, where he is an associate of Dr. Andrew Scheman. He has authored numerous papers in medical journals. He is married with two daughters. His hobbies are piano playing, waterskiing, running, and dancing.

LADY CHRISTINE DY, M.D.

Dr. Lady Dy attended Western Michigan University for her undergraduate and graduate studies, receiving a BS and MS in biomedical sciences. She attended McMaster University Medical School in Ontario, Canada, where she received her medical degree.

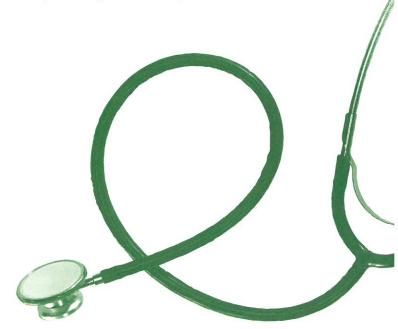
Following medical school, Dr. Dy completed an internship in internal medicine at Spectrum Health System in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and a dermatology basic science research fellowship at Indiana University School of Medicine. She then did a dermatology residency at Indiana University School of Medicine and a dermatopathology fellowship at the University of Chicago. Upon finishing her training, Dr. Dy joined the staff of the Department of Dermatology at Rush University Medical Center in 2003.

Dr. Dy is an Assistant Professor of Dermatology and the Director of Dermatopathology at Rush University Medical Center. In addition to her dermatopathology subspecialty. Dr. Dy has expertise in hair disorders and scalp diseases. She has published various articles and has co-authored a chapter on "Office Diagnosis of Hair Shaft Defects."

Dr. Dy is fluent in various Chinese dialects as well as Tagalog, the native language of the Philippines.

MARIO LACOUTURE, M.D.

Dr. Mario Lacouture was born in Barranquilla, Colombia, a city known for its fishing and carnivals, and located in the northern part of South America. He obtained his M.D. degree from Javeriana University in Bogota, Colombia, the same school where is father obtained his MD degree. It also is the same school where two of his uncles worked, one as a surgeon and the other as a priest. After medical school, Mario completed a research fellowship in immunology at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. He subsequently completed an internship in general surgery at the Cleveland Clinic and his dermatology residency at University of Chicago. Mario is an Assistant Professor at Northwestern University, where he focuses on the management of cancer and chemotherapy related cutaneous diseases. He likes to play tennis, squash, and go roller blading.



I was both saddened and surprised to hear that Karen Schmidt-Elliot had passed away. Karen was only fortyeight years old and in the prime of her life. She died unexpectedly on September 2, 2005 (in her home) of a gastrointestinal hemorrhage. Karen was born in Quincy, Illinois, on February 10, 1957. She was the daughter of Mary Lou Timpe and the late Judge Virgil Timpe. Karen was raised in Quincy and attended Notre Dame High School where she was salutatorian of her graduating class. She completed both an internal medicine and a dermatology residency at the University of Chicago.

I met Karen on my first day of my dermatology residency where she had been selected as Chief Resident. Karen was a petite woman with blonde hair, a big smile, and boundless energy. She did her best to keep all of the residents updated with their daily responsibilities. I recall receiving updates several times a day on my desk with her hand-written copies of the next activity. Karen was particularly fond of clinical medicine, which was apparent at both regular clinics as well as in our CTCL and melanoma clinics.

After graduation, Karen spent a period of time at Loyola Medical Center. The greater period of her career was spent at the Union Health Service in Chicago where she practiced for more than fifteen years. In her personal time, she enjoyed international travel, gourmet cooking, scuba diving, and horseback riding. She was an avid reader and had a great appreciation for the arts and a life-long interest in learning.

Karen is remembered by her family and friends for her compassion, kindness, and sense of humor. She is survived by her mother, a sister Ann Timpe-Brennan, and her husband Dr. Stephan Brennan, her brother Mark Timpe and his wife Maria and three nieces and a nephew. Karen will be dearly missed by her family, friends, colleagues and patients.

Shelley Halper, M.D.



The Illinois Dermatological Society (IDS) was formed in 1977 with the active encouragement of the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD). The IDS has a tax status separate from the Chicago Dermatological Society (CDS). CDS is the educational arm of dermatology in Illinois and the IDS is the political arm. The IDS office and coordinator are located in the Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS) building so as to be able to closely monitor the changing legislative and political landscape. The IDS can lobby, hire lobbyists, and form political action committees; CDS cannot.

In 1987, a unified membership was approved by a vote of the general membership of the IDS and the CDS. The meetings of both Societies are generally held at the same time. The IDS has sponsored meetings on coding and other issues in the past. Originally the IDS sponsored speakers and educational joint meetings with the CDS, but as legislative and other concerns became paramount, the IDS dropped its CME accreditation. This unified membership is analogous to the American Academy of Dermatology and American Academy of Dermatology Association arrangement. You pay dues to the AAD/AADA.

The most significant accomplishment of the IDS was passage of the Illinois Law Regulating Tanning Parlors in 1992. This is seen as one of the strongest laws in the U.S. The IDS also took the lead in the nail technologist law in Illinois. The IDS received three grants from the AAD's Operation Statewatch Program in the 1990s to promote passage of a Direct Access to Dermatologists Law in Illinois. The IDS was able to hire an experienced lobbyist in Springfield for this campaign using special assessments. Special assessments cost valuable time to collect and slowed the legislative process, so dues were increased to develop a contingency fund.

The Illinois House twice passed a Direct Access Law, but it stalled in the Senate. Dermatologists made their case in meetings around the State. At least legislators were made aware of the hazards of "gatekeepers" in managed care. The IDS has also had input and been able to stop legislation such as a bill lowering licensure requirements for estheticians and their ability to operate stand-alone facilities.

The IDS sponsors speakers at CDS meetings and monitors the scope of practice issues in Springfield. The IDS is working with the ISMS for tattoo legislation (because of the high incidence of hepatitis C in tattoo patients), working with the Illinois Department of Health to regulate pedicure spas, has a delegate at the ISMS annual House of Delegate Meeting, and continues to have a representative on the AAD Advisory Board.

> James Herrmann, M.D. James O. Ertle, M.D.

2006-2007 Meeting Schedule

Wed., Oct. 18, 2006 northwestern University Samuel Bluefarb Lecture Moise Levy, M.D.

Wed., Nov. 15, 2006 University of Chicago *<u>alan Lorincz Lecture</u>* Thomas Darling, M.D.,

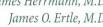
Wed., Dec. 6, 2006 University of Illinois David Fretzin Lecture Bruce Smoller, M.D.

February, 2007 Washington, D.C.

Wed., March 21, 2007 John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital Samuel Zakon Lecture Timothy Rosio, M.D.

Wed., April 18, 2007

Wed., May 16, 2007 Rush/Presbyterian/ St. Luke's annual Luncheon Frederick D. Malkinson John Voorhees, M.D.



YEAR IN BEVIEW

This past year has been another excellent year for our Chicago Dermatological Society. We began the 2005/2006 CDS season with a meeting with the senior residents from all the residency programs. This enabled us to discuss the importance of the residents in helping to organize this year's clinical meetings. Without the hard work of all the program's residents, our meetings could not possibly be the successful educational experiences that we have become accustomed to.

The year officially began in October with the meeting at Northwestern University. The guest speaker for the Samuel Bluefarb Lecture was Dr. Hensin Tsao, an expert on melanoma, who spoke about the "Review of Molecular Genetics" to the residents and "Managing Melanoma in the New Millenium" to the general membership. The November meeting at the University of Chicago featured guest speaker for the Alan Lorincz Lecture was Dr. Ervin Epstein Jr., who held an excellent journal club with the residents on "Signaling Pathways." The lecture to the general membership was "The Role of Hedgehog Signaling in Basal Cell Carcinogenesis." We finished 2005 with a great meeting at the University of Illinois with Dr. Ronald Rapini as the David Fretzin lecturer. He spoke about "Definitions of Dermatologic Diseases You Have Not Thought About" to the residents, and "Mucinoses" to the general membership.

The 2006 season began with a meeting at Cook County Hospital. The guest speaker was Dr. Gary Wood who spoke to the residents about "Parapsoriasis," and "Diagnosis and Pathogenesis of CTCL" to the general membership. The April seminar held at the University

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of Illinois was a surgery seminar. All the speakers were faculty members from the Chicago dermatology academic community. Paul Storrs, M.D. spoke about "Perioperative Antibiotics in Dermatologic Surgery;" Murad Alam, M.D. spoke about "Management of Carcinogenesis

in Organ Transplant Patients;" Aleksander Krunic, M.D. presented "Reconstruction of Auricular Defects;" Jerry Feldman, M.D. discussed "Melanoma: Surgical Margins;" Bill Brown Jr., M.D. talked about "Surgical Complications and the Difficult Patient;" and Gregg Menaker, M.D. concluded the seminar with an "Update on Cosmetic Dermatologic Surgery."

The May meeting held at Rush was our annual awards luncheon. The Frederick D. Malkinson Lecture was given by Dr. Peter Elias. He lectured to the residents on the "Pathogenesis of Ichthyoses-Implication for Therapy" and to the general membership on



"Atopic Dermatitis—Divergent Views of Pathogenesis and Therapy." The Practitioner of the Year Award was presented to Arnold Gombiner, M.D. and the Founders Award to James Ertle, M.D.

The educational mission of the Chicago Dermatological Society continues its outstanding tradition with the superb patient presentations, guest speakers discussing many important and timely topics, and the ever-present interest of our dermatology community in educating ourselves and each other.

The Skin Cancer Screening on the Beach will take place on Saturday July 15, 11:30 am to 5:00 pm. The Skin Cancer Screening Committee, chaired by Paul Storrs, M.D. and assisted by past chairperson Marjorie Rosenbaum, M.D. has done an outstanding job organizing this year's event. We hope many of you will join us on the beach in this service/community education project.

The Chicago Dermatological Society Constitution and By-Laws Committee, chaired by Anne Laumann, M.D. with committee members Sophie Worobec, M.D. and Jim Ertle, M.D. worked tirelessly to review, revise, and update the by-laws. The vote on the changes proposed by the committee took place in May.

Jeff Altman, M.D. took over as president of the Chicago Dermatological Society at the Rush meeting. I hope he enjoys his year as president as much as I have.

Iris K. Aronson, M.D.

The Advisory Board met in March 2006. Nine resolutions were adopted. Below is a list of adopted resolutions, which will be presented to the AAD Board:

- 1. This resolution proposes to update the current Academy CLIA policy by offering increased educational tools and resources to members and continues to focus on minimizing the regulatory burden of CLIA regula-
- 2. This resolution expands access for the uninsured through Association Health Plans (AHPs). It calls on the Academy to support legislation to establish AHPs.
- 3. This resolution calls on the Academy to form an Ad Hoc Committee on Governance whose purpose is to study the feasibility of the creation of a House of Delegates style of governance.
- 4. This resolution calls on the Academy to locate the Advisory Board activities in proximity to the core meeting.
- 5. This resolution brings outdated and/or obsolete policies to the attention of the Board.
- 6. This resolution calls on the Academy to support efforts to increase funding of all Hansen's disease research and treatment centers and seeks the support of the AMA.
- 7. This resolution calls on the Academy to form a coalition with the AMA, American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American Academy of Ophthalmology to petition the FDA to hold a "fair hearing" on the safety and efficacy of UVA used in indoor tanning facilities.
- 8. This resolution calls on the Academy to promote continuing the present recertification examination and work toward ways to verify the diplomats' identity as a means to conform to the American Board of Medical Specialties requirements.
- 9. This resolution calls on the Academy to immediately develop a senior advisory position for committees and programs so that the Academy may appoint individuals who possess unique skills, abilities, or connections that are of benefit to our Academy.

John Kalis, M.D.



Mark Your Calendar!

SKIN CANCER SCREENING ON THE BEACH

July 15, 2006 (July 16, 2006 Rain Date)

North Beach (North Ave & Lake Shore Drive). Next to Parking Lot Toll Booth. Call 630-416-1166 for information.

CDS COMMITTEES

The Chicago Dermatological Society would highly value the participation of dermatology residents on our Society's committees. This opportunity is open to all residents, especially those who will be graduating in June, but will remain in the Chicagoland area.

The committees open to resident participation are:

- Speakers Committee
- · Long-range Planning Committee
- · Skin Cancer Prevention Committee
- · Website Committee
- Scientific Committee

If you are interested in joining a CDS committee, please contact Dr. Mark Gendleman at 847/475-4556 or mdg103@worldnet.att.net.

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