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### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to the Duke University Department of Pediatrics Alumni Organization newsletter. As we address our mission areas of patient care, research, education, and advocacy, it is important to remember our past and the many individuals who have contributed to our current success. Accordingly, I remain committed to fostering ongoing relationships with the many students, residents, fellows, and faculty who constitute our alumni.

The Department of Pediatrics continues to flourish, with the addition of new faculty and recent expansion of our clinical, research, and teaching programs. Despite the long odds related to federal research funding these days, a number of our faculty members have received new independent investigator awards from the National Institutes of Health. In addition, several of our faculty have been recognized for their outstanding contributions to pediatrics with honorary awards, election to national academic societies, and appointment to prestigious national advisory groups.

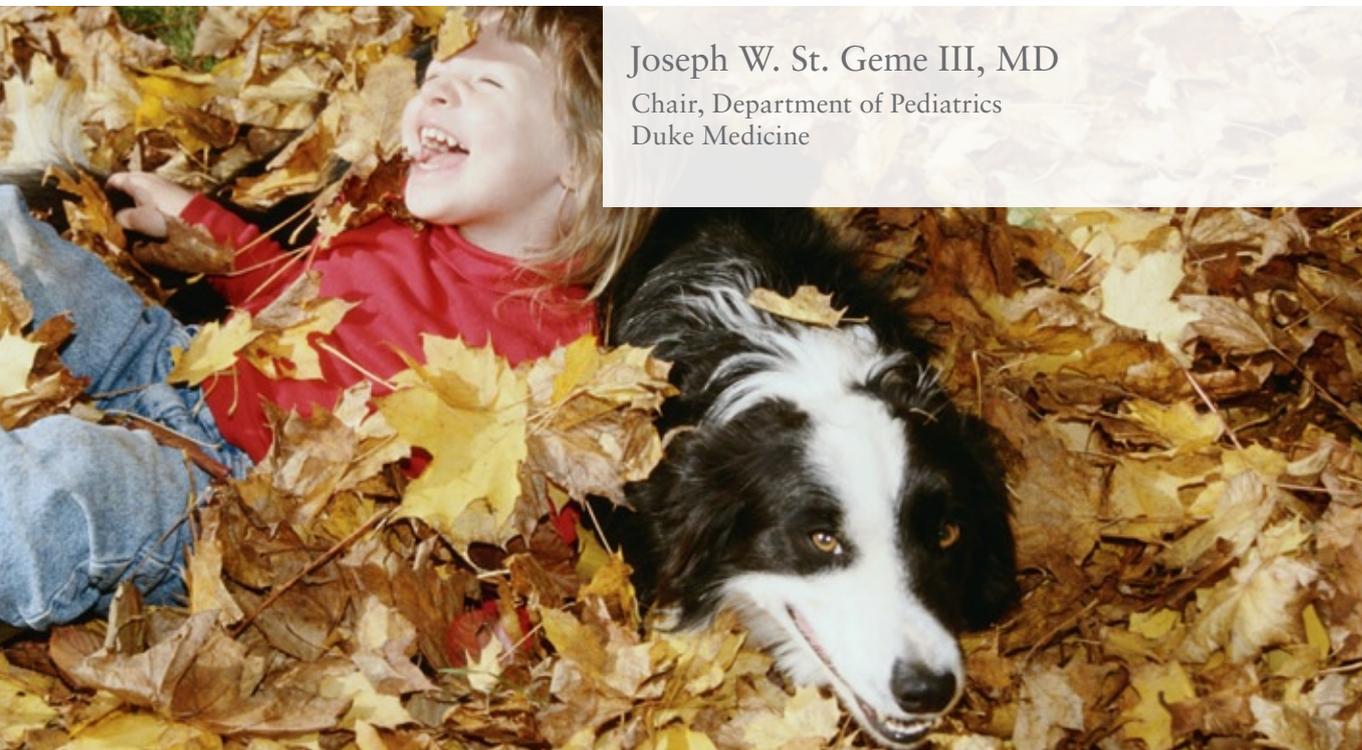
I want to highlight that Duke Medical Alumni Weekend is scheduled for October 23-26, 2008 and will include breakfast for Duke Pediatrics alumni on Saturday, October 25 at 8:00 a.m. in the McGovern-Davison Children's Health Center, an event I hope you can attend.

I hope you enjoy reading about the progress of Duke Pediatrics, and I look forward to sharing more news with you throughout the year.

We would like to hear from you! If you have news about yourself or if you would like to send us comments about this newsletter, please write Duke Pediatrics Alumni News, Box 3352, Durham, NC 27710, or e-mail us at: [rebecca.casey@duke.edu](mailto:rebecca.casey@duke.edu).

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Chair, Department of Pediatrics  
Duke Medicine



### Duke Medical Alumni Association Honors Two Distinguished Pediatrics Physicians

Two physicians who have made important contributions to pediatric medicine will receive awards from the Duke Medical Alumni Association during Medical Alumni Weekend on Friday, October 24.

**Lawrence J. D'Angelo, MD, MPH**, Chief of the Division of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine at Children's National Medical Center and Professor of Pediatrics, Medicine, Epidemiology, and Prevention and Community Health at the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences, will receive the Distinguished Alumnus Award. **Samuel L. Katz, MD**, Wilburt C. Davison Professor and Chairman Emeritus of the Department of Pediatrics at Duke University Medical Center, will be honored with the W.G. Anlyan, MD, Lifetime Achievement Award.

Dr. D'Angelo's work in HIV infection and AIDS in adolescents has gained him national and international recognition. As one of the first clinicians to recognize the possible impact of HIV infection on the country's adolescents, he helped craft the NIH response to the epidemic. In 1992 the NIH recognized his efforts by presenting him with the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Award.

Dr. D'Angelo has received more than \$25 million in grants to study HIV infection in teenagers and young adults. His current research focuses on adolescent risk behavior, adherence to medication, and the natural history of HIV in teenagers.

Dr. Katz has made legendary contributions to pediatric medicine. His landmark research in the 1960s led to the release of the measles vaccine, which has saved millions of lives worldwide. He also has made significant contributions to key studies of vaccines against polio, rubella, influenza, pertussis, and *Haemophilus influenzae* type b.

Dr. Katz is currently a member of the Board of Trustees of the International Vaccine Institute and the Scientific Advisory Board of the Emory University Vaccine Center. In addition, he is a liaison member of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. ■

### Jhaveri, Thornburg Elected to Society for Pediatric Research

Two Duke Department of Pediatrics faculty members were recently elected to the Society for Pediatric Research (SPR), an organization whose mission is to encourage a wide range of cutting-edge science that includes basic, translational, clinical, and health services research and reflects diverse pediatric academic disciplines.

**Ravi Jhaveri, MD**, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics in the Division of Infectious Diseases, and **Courtney Thornburg, MD**, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics in the Division of Hematology-Oncology, were inducted at the Pediatric Academic Societies Annual Meeting, May 2-6 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

"Dr. Jhaveri and Dr. Thornburg are both extremely talented clinician-scientists and are highly deserving of this honor," says Joseph W. St. Geme, MD, Professor of Pediatrics and Chair of the Department of Pediatrics. ■

### Duke Faculty Elected to the American Pediatric Society

Five Duke Department of Pediatrics physicians were recently elected to the American Pediatric Society (APS), one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious academic societies.

**Richard Auten, MD**, Professor of Pediatrics in the Division of Neonatology; **Rose-Mary Boustany, MD**, Adjunct Professor in the Department of Pediatrics; **Ira Chiefetz, MD**, Professor of Pediatrics and Chief of the Division of Critical Care Medicine; **Thomas Murphy, MD**, Professor of Pediatrics in the Division of Pulmonary and Sleep Medicine; and **Judith Voynow, MD**, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Associate Professor in Cell Biology and Chief of the Division of Pulmonary and Sleep Medicine, were inducted at the Pediatric Academic Societies Annual Meeting, May 2-6 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

According to Joseph W. St. Geme, MD, Professor of Pediatrics and Chair of the Department of Pediatrics, election to the APS reflects recognition for a distinguished career in research, patient care, and education dedicated to children. "These faculty have had an important impact on child health and are richly deserving of this recognition," he says. ■



### Faculty Receive Recognition from Duke University for Outstanding Contributions to Academic Medicine

At the spring faculty meeting of the Duke University School of Medicine, three faculty members in Pediatrics received major awards:

**Ronald Goldberg, MD**, received the 2008 Leonard Palumbo, Jr. Faculty Achievement Award, intended to recognize compassionate patient care and excellence in mentoring of young physicians.

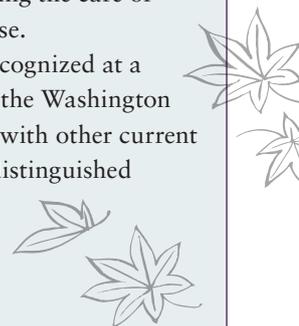
**Louise Markert, MD**, received the 2008 Leonard B. Tow Humanism in Medicine Award, intended to recognize compassion and sensitivity in the delivery of healthcare.

**Priya Kishnani, MD**, received the 2008 Ruth and A. Morris Williams, Jr. Faculty Research Prize, presented annually to a Duke faculty member <45 years old who demonstrates the intellectual vigor, dedication, and scientific ingenuity needed to make a critical impact on the future of medical research.

### Duke Honors Distinguished Professor, Page Anderson

Duke University has recently awarded distinguished professorships to 28 faculty members, including **Page Anderson, MD**, Professor of Pediatrics. Dr. Anderson is a long-time member of the Division of Pediatric Cardiology at Duke and was named the Beverly Morgan Professor of Pediatric Cardiology in honor of his many accomplishments related to understanding developmental changes in cardiac structure and function and advancing the care of children with heart disease.

Dr. Anderson was recognized at a dinner April 28, 2008 at the Washington Duke Inn and Golf Club with other current and emeritus university distinguished professors. ■



**Buckley Receives HRSAAC Appointment**

Rebecca Buckley, MD, a member of the Division of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology and a Professor of Pediatrics and Immunology at Duke, has been appointed to the Health Resources and Services Administration Advisory



Committee on Heritable Diseases and Genetic Disorders in Newborns and Children. This committee is charged with advising the

Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding the most appropriate application of universal newborn screening tests, technologies, policies, guidelines, and standards for effectively reducing morbidity and mortality in newborns and children at risk for heritable disorders. ■

**Cunningham Appointed to NIH Council of Councils**

Coleen K. Cunningham, MD, Chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases in the Department of Pediatrics, has been appointed to the National Institutes of Health Council of Councils. The 27 members of the Council of Councils advise the



NIH director on priorities, policies, and activities and serve as an external advisory panel for initiatives across the NIH organization. Dr. Cunningham is a national expert in pediatric HIV infection and will also serve as liaison to the NIH Office of AIDS Research. ■

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**Staples Named Director of Pediatrics Residency Training Program**

Betty Staples, MD, Associate Professor of Pediatrics in the Division of Primary Care Pediatrics, has assumed responsibilities as the new Director of the Pediatrics



Residency Training Program as of June 1, 2008. Dr. Staples attended medical school at University of Maryland and completed her residency

training in pediatrics and a one-year fellowship in eating disorders at Duke.

She has served as an Associate Director of the Duke Pediatrics Residency Training Program since 2003 and has been an active member of the Duke Institutional Committee on Graduate Medical Education.

“Betty is a gifted educator and is eager to play a more active role in ensuring that we have one of the top residency training programs in the country featuring a balance of experiences in general pediatrics and subspecialty pediatrics and opportunities in research, advocacy, and international medicine,” says Joseph St. Geme, MD, Chair of the Department of Pediatrics. ■

**New Faculty** in the Department of Pediatrics since January 2008

**Raymond Barfield, MD, PhD**  
Hematology-Oncology

**Bernard Mathey-Prevot, PhD**  
Hematology-Oncology

**Martha McLean Bolton, PhD**  
Neurology

**Heather McLean, MD**  
Hospital & Emergency Medicine

**Kristen Boswell, MD**  
Neonatology

**David Mellinger, MD**  
Student Health

**David Brass, PhD**  
Neonatology

**Mohamad Mikati, MD**  
Neurology

**M. Jay Campbell, MD**  
Cardiology

**Kristen Page, MD**  
Blood & Marrow Transplantation

**Nicole Chandler, MD**  
Neonatology

**Sara Pasquali, MD**  
Cardiology

**Ivan Chinn, MD**  
Allergy-Immunology

**Stacey Peterson-Carmichael, MD**  
Critical Care Medicine/Pulmonary & Sleep Medicine

**Curt Fudge, MD**  
Cardiology

**Vandana Shashi, MD**  
Medical Genetics

**Gene Hwang, MD**  
Hematology-Oncology

**Jane Trinh, MD**  
Medicine-Pediatrics

**Yong-hui Jiang, MD, PhD**  
Medical Genetics

**David Turner, MD**  
Critical Care Medicine

**Michael Land, MD**  
Allergy-Immunology

**Brian Vickery, MD**  
Allergy-Immunology

**Robert Lenfestey, MD**  
Neonatology

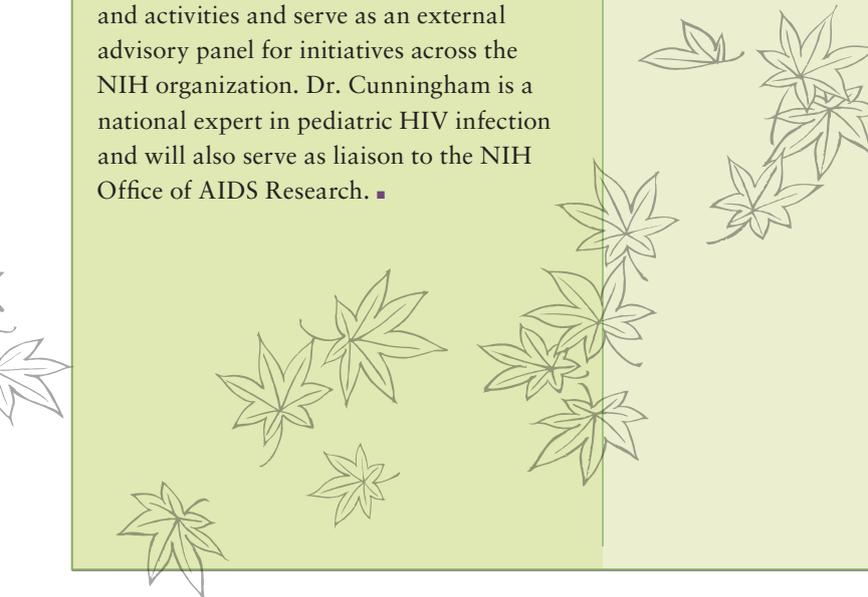
**Lindsay Wylie, MD**  
Primary Care Pediatrics

**Tom Lin, MD**  
Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition

**James Wynn, MD**  
Neonatology

**Sarah Bartz, MD**  
Chief Resident

**Alyssa Stephany, MD**  
Chief Resident



### Snyderman Foundation Fellowship in Pediatric Obesity

The Center for Nutritional Disorders and Obesity in the Duke Department of Pediatrics is pleased to announce the Snyderman Foundation Fellowship in Pediatric Obesity beginning July 2009. This fellowship program will combine clinical and research training in a variety of areas related to the prevention and treatment of childhood obesity. The clinical experience will include patient care in a multidisciplinary obesity treatment program as well as rotations in cardiology, pulmonology, sports medicine, gastroenterology, nutrition, and endocrinology. The research experience will involve graduate level training in clinical investigation (MPH or equivalent degree), a clinical research project, and structured mentoring.

The Snyderman Foundation Fellowship in Pediatric Obesity was established by Ralph Snyderman, MD, former Chancellor and CEO of Duke University, and is new to Duke.

### New NIH Awards

The following new National Institutes of Health awards were recently received by faculty in the Department of Pediatrics:

**Wesley Burks, MD**, Principal Investigator. Title: "Sublingual Immunotherapy for Peanut Allergy." Project period: 5/2008 to 4/2013.

**Daniel Benjamin, MD, MPH, PhD**, Principal Investigator. Title: "Prevention of Invasive Candidiasis: PK, Safety, and Neurodevelopmental Outcomes." Project period: 6/2008 to 5/2013.

**Xiaoping Zhong, MD, PhD**, Principal Investigator. Title: "A Murine Model of Chronic Autoimmune Hepatitis and Liver Fibrosis." Project period: 7/2008 to 6/2013.

**Xiaoping Zhong, MD, PhD**, Principal Investigator. Title: "Immunotherapy for Peanut Allergy." 7/2008 to 6/2010.

**Xiaoping Zhong, MD, PhD**, Principal Investigator. Title: "Regulation of Peripheral T Cell Tolerance." 9/2008 to 8/2012.

**Laura Schanberg, MD**, Principal Investigator. Title: "Electronic Diary Assessment of Pain in Juvenile Arthritis." Project period: 8/2008 to 7/2011.

**Corinne Linardic, MD, PhD**, Principal Investigator. Title: "Molecular Modeling of Pediatric Skeletal Muscle Tumors." Project period: 12/2008 to 11/2013.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

## The School of Medicine Medical Alumni Weekend 2008

McGovern-Davison  
Children's Health Center  
October 23-26



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