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PUBLICATIONS


PRESENTATIONS

Dominique A. Tobbell, PhD, John Augustine Lecture in the History of Medicine, “Pills, Power, and Policy: The Struggle for Prescription Drug Reform in Cold War America.” Ontario Medical Association District 10 and Northern Ontario School of Medicine, September 13, 2013, Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Dominique A. Tobbell, “Coming to Grips with the Nursing Question”: The Politics of Nursing Education Reform in 1960s America.” Northern Ontario School of Medicine, September 16, 2013, Thunder Bay, Ontario.

FAREWELL TO VICKERS

The Office of Dr. David Rothenberger cordially invites you to a celebration honoring

Jay Phillips Professor and Chairman
Selwyn M. Vickers, M.D.

For his 7 years of outstanding contributions and leadership

7 to 9 p.m.
Wednesday, October 2, 2013
Program at 7:30 p.m.

University Hall
McNamara Alumni Center
200 Oak Street S.E., Minneapolis 55455

If you have any questions, please email dosadmin@umn.edu or call 612-626-1999
SAVE THE DATE

Department of Surgery Special Lecture
in conjunction with the Program in the History of Medicine

“Understanding and Treating Cancer: A Historical Perspective over Two Millenia”

Dr. Alan Chapman
Faculty of History
University of Oxford

Friday, September 27, 2013
4:00 pm
11-157 PWB

PUBLIC FORUM: SEARCH FOR NEW MEDICAL SCHOOL DEAN AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR HEALTH SCIENCES

Each candidate will participate in a public forum, providing their 10-year vision for the academic health sciences if chosen as our next Dean & VP, scheduled as follows:

PUBLIC FORUM
Candidate Presentation, Q&A, and Reception
“A Vision for the Academic Health Sciences in 2023”

4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Thursday, October 3, 2-690 Moos Tower
4:30 - 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 15, 2-620 Moos Tower (note time)
4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Thursday, October 17, 1-450 Moos Tower

In order to provide the candidates with adequate time to inform their colleagues of their participation in this search, we will be posting candidate names and vitae the day before their campus visit on the Dean & VP search web site at: http://ahc.umn.edu/vice-president-search.
RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Congratulations to September’s Employee Recognition Award recipients: **Dr. Garry Weide & Sherri Novitsky**

**Faculty Award**

*Nominated for Mission – Clinical Excellence, Compassionate Patient Care, Education of Surgical Leaders; Vision; Values – Patient First, Professionalism, Innovation and Discovery, Personal Balance*

Dr. Weide was nominated by all the PGY-3 Surgery Residents, and they had the following to say about him in their recommendation of him for this award:

Dr. Weide leads as an excellent role model for delivering great patient care and exceeds all expectations for teaching residents and medical students. Even on busy services with sick patients, Garry routinely goes out of his way to make sure patients are getting excellent care, doing well, and that residents are getting an opportunity to be involved in the care and learn from each patient. No matter the time of day (or usually night) that he is called with a patient issue he is patient, thorough, and also takes time to teach.

He gives residents the opportunity to learn in the operating room as well and spends the extra time to take them through cases even when it would be much more efficient to do the case himself. Garry creates an environment where patients feel encouraged to ask questions and are comfortable with their care and residents feel safe to learn. The nurses, perfusionists, and OR staff also appreciate the working environment that he creates and very much enjoy working with Garry. He leads by example and changes the paradigm of surgical training by doing so.

We appreciate so much his time and effort and the opportunity to learn from him and want to make sure that he is recognized from us, from the Fairview staff, and from his patients.

**Staff Award**

*Nominated for Mission – Clinical Excellence, Compassionate Patient Care, Pioneering Research, Education of Surgical Leaders; Vision; Values – Professionalism, Innovation and Discovery, Personal Balance*

Sherri has worked in Dr. Vickers’ office for the past year. Before joining the University of Minnesota, Department of Surgery, she held the position of Chief Administrative Officer for the Metropolitan Rehabilitation Services, where she had been employed for 26 years.

Her dream of employment in the higher education arena led her to the completion of a MA degree in Organizational Leadership and Policy Development – Higher Education. She will miss Dr. Vickers and Toni Leeth beyond what words can convey but is looking forward to the opportunities that the future holds and is grateful that the immediate plans include working closely with Dr. Rothenberger, Ann, and rest of the team. It is a joy to go to work each day with an enthusiastic attitude when you are surrounded by terrific people who love what they do!

Sherri has two children. Her daughter, Phoebe, is a recent graduate of Augsburg College and will be married on November 2nd. Her son, Nikolas, is a senior at Augsburg College. In her free time, she enjoys spending time baking and cooking with her family, friends, and ‘friends who are family’.

Sherri was nominated by Dr. Selwyn Vickers for this honor. Below are some words from his nomination of her:

Sherri is a joy to work with. She is professional, service-oriented, pleasant, intelligent, and is a great match for our team. Since joining our department nearly one year ago, she has quickly learned our office, department, and external environment to best serve the chairman’s office and the department. Sherri manages the multiple and constantly shifting priorities with grace. Sherri has done an outstanding job of identifying opportunities for process improvement, being
thoughtful in her approach for introducing change, making sure they fit with the needs of our office and its members and appropriately prioritizing their implementation. The quality of Sherri's work is outstanding. She is thoughtful, productive, and possesses a great deal of common sense which she effectively applies to her work. She has been a great partner for department-wide initiatives; because of her efforts the department has organized an outstanding meeting for the Halsted Society, with record registration in its more than 80 year history. Sherri has developed wonderful working relationships with all those with whom she interacts. I have received a number of positive assessments of Sherri's professionalism and representation of the chairman's office. She is respectful and professional and certainly represents our department in its best light.

This is certainly the best team I have ever had working for me, and Sherri is a big part of that success. She is prompt, professional, talented, a self-starter, intelligent, and literally the most outstanding executive assistant I have ever had the pleasure of working with!

Do you see someone working hard in your area and contributing to the department's success by fulfilling our mission, vision and values? If so, take a moment to nominate this person for an Employee Recognition Award.

Two Employee Recognition Awards will be given out each month—one for staff and one for faculty, fellows, and residents. All Department of Surgery employees can nominate another employee in the department, including the Surgical Administrative Center.

Completed nomination forms should be sent to Michelle Lunden.
The University of Minnesota Medical School began teaching classes on October 1, 1888. 125 years later, it's time for us to celebrate!

Join us on Wednesday, October 2, 2013, from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at McNamara Alumni Center. We plan to socialize, celebrate our history, and honor some of the brightest researchers at the Medical School today.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Inaugural Dean's Distinguished Lectureship honoring Ashley Haase, M.D., and John Wagner, M.D.

5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Address from President Eric Kaler, Deans Aaron Friedman and Gary Davis will speak, and a short video history

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Live music by The Smarts, cake, appetizers by D'Amico Catering, plus free beer, wine, and soda

Further details about the event: z.umn.edu/med125event

Learn more about our history: z.umn.edu/med125

Help us plan, RSVP requested.

Please arrange your schedule so you can attend.
Join Us in Celebrating 50 Years of Transplantation

A Black Tie Gala

Friday, October 18, 2013

6:30 P.M.  Registration Check-In
7:00 – 10:30 P.M.  Dinner & Program

Our first living donor kidney transplant was in 1963 and our first liver transplant program began in 1964. The world’s first simultaneous pancreas-kidney transplant was held here in 1966, which also was the year of the world’s first intestinal transplant. In 2000 the world's first simultaneous laparoscopic removal of a kidney and partial pancreas was performed at the medical center.

Please join me at a black tie gala celebrating 50 years of transplantation at the Transplant Center of University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview. This special event will support the education, research and clinical care missions of our Transplant Center and celebrate the multiple achievements of the last five decades.

Individual, pair and table event tickets are available starting at $200.

Program includes: dinner, live and silent auction, honoring our programs history, along with networking opportunities with physicians, patients, community members and supporters of the Transplant Center.

For questions, call or email:
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