

of the Journal of Clinical Investigation and associate editor for the Journal of Neuroscience. She is also a Howard Hughes Medical Institute investigator.

Sehgal was selected along with two other Penn faculty members: Marsha Lester, Ph.D., the Edmund J. Kahn Distinguished Professor in the Department of Chemis-

try, and Andrea Liu, Ph.D., the Hepburn Professor of Physics in the Department of Physics and Astronomy, both in Penn's School of Arts and Sciences.  $\Box$ 

## Two Elected to Association of American Physicians

Two Penn Medicine physicians – **Ebbing Lautenbach**, M.D., M.P.H., M.S.C.E. '01, chief of the division of infectious diseases and the Robert Austrian Professor in the Department of Medicine, and **Ben Z. Stanger**, M.D., Ph.D., an associate



professor of medicine and associate investigator of the Abramson Family Cancer Research Institute – were elected to the Association of American Physicians.

Lautenbach, also a professor in the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology, has focused his work on the control of bacterial infections in both health care and community settings. His re-

search has concentrated primarily on understanding and curtailing the emergence and further spread of antibiotic-resis-

tant pathogens such as methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) and multidrug-resistant gram negative organisms. More recent work has focused on the role of biomarkers to inform the use of antibiotics.

Stanger and his lab study how cells acquire their specialized features and their ability to adapt to new roles when given exposure to new,



different conditions. His work has focused on gastrointestinal cancer and tissue regeneration. Stanger received his medical degree and his doctorate from Harvard Medical School and came to the University of Pennsylvania in 2006. 

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## **Pathologists Honored**

The American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) has named two faculty members in the Perelman School of Medicine, **Kevin Alby**, Ph.D., and **Roseann Wu**, M.D., to the society's 2016 "40 under Forty" list. Both are assistant professors in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. The award honors the top 40 pathologists, residents, and laboratory professionals under the age of 40 who are making significant contributions to the profession. Nominees represent the achievements and qualities important to the pathology and laboratory sciences fields and stand out as future laboratory leaders.

Alby received his doctorate in pathobiology from Brown University and completed a fellowship in clinical microbiology at the University of North Carolina Hospitals. He is an assistant director of the Clinical Microbiology Laboratory at HUP, where he focuses on implementing new technology such as multiplex PCR assays and MALDI-TOF mass spectrometry. He is focused on identifying resistant bacteria sooner and developing molecular tests to detect viral illness. The ASCP cited Alby for his active role in professional organizations.

Wu received her medical degree and master's degree in public health from the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. She took her AP/CP residency at Massachusetts General Hospital, where she was chief resident and a Priscilla D. Taft Fellow in Cytopathology. Also specializing in cytopathology at HUP, she is a member of the Anatomic Pathology Division. The ASCP cited Wu for her use of innovative methods for delivering education and involvement in adaptive e-learning initiatives. Penn is one of only six institutions with two or more honorees this year. □

They Said It

"I don't think there's any doubt: Child maltreatment is our number one public health issue, and we need to do more about it, and Spotlight is just the beginning," said Steven J. Berkowitz, M.D., an associate professor of clinical psychiatry and director of the Penn Center for Youth and Family Trauma Response and Recovery. Berkowitz was one of the panelists at a recent Levin Family Dean's Forum, sponsored by the School of Arts & Sciences, which focused on this year's Academy Award recipient for best picture and best original screenplay. Spotlight tells the story of the Boston Globe team that exposed the Roman Catholic Church's cover-up of sexual abuse of children by priests. Child abuse, Berkowitz said, "happens in every institution that works with children in this country."