



Penn Surgery Society NEWS

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Message from the Chairman

The beginning of July marks the start of another academic year for the Department of Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, as it has for generations. The Department continues to excel across our three missions of clinical care, research and teaching. Our case volume and clinical revenue increased this year, surpassing budget by 2% and 6%, respectively. Research activities and extramural funding in the Department also increased, with faculty leading innovative projects in multiple areas of basic, translational and clinical science. Penn faculty, fellows and residents are likely to be on the programs of almost any major national meeting, and many of our faculty serve in leadership roles in surgical and scientific organizations.

Educational activities within the Department remain outstanding as well. Our student clerkships rank among the top in the School of Medicine curriculum, and fifteen students, nearly 10% of the graduating class, applied for residency training in General Surgery this past year - a multiyear high. Our educational efforts have been enhanced by our surgical simulation center - one of the largest and most comprehensive in the nation. Sophisticated simulators provide an opportunity for our trainees to master both basic and highly specialized tasks in an environment focused on their education. For some procedures, students and surgical residents must master procedures in a simulation environment before being allowed to participate in those procedures in our patients. The era of "see one, do one, teach one" in which many of us trained is clearly over, and the availability of a state of the art training facility is a key to the success of our educational mission.

Our residency training programs continue to produce superbly trained surgeons. This issue of the Penn Surgery Society News lists our graduating General Surgery Chief Residents (page 6), each of whom is continuing their training in a specialty fellowship. We are proud of their accomplishments and grateful for their years of hard work. We also welcome them as "alumni" of Penn Surgery and know they will continue the tradition of excellence that epitomizes Penn trained surgeons. We also are pleased to introduce our new housestaff (page 5), who have been recruited from among the top candidates in the nation applying in General Surgery, Urology, Plastic Surgery and Cardiac Surgery. We are confident that they will continue the tradition of excellence at Penn.

We thank you for your continued support of the Penn Surgery Society and hope you find this issue of interest. Please don't hesitate to write us with comments on this issue, thoughts on subjects for future issues or on your personal memories and thoughts about Penn Surgery.

Sincerely,

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**Clyde F.
Barker,
M.D.**

From the Editor

Penn surgeons are fond of boasting about the accomplishments of former HUP residents. Dr. Rhoads kept a list of Penn trainees who had achieved leadership positions in US surgery, but he had no way of relating their records to those of the graduates of other programs. In this regard, it may be of interest to members of the Penn Surgical Society that Brad Aust and Len Peltier recently compiled a comparison of the accomplishments of graduates of several prestigious surgical residencies. In their book, titled *The Great American Training Centers* they identified the training sites of surgery departmental chairmen, limiting their focus to the 20th century. The training centers they selected for their survey and numbers of their graduates who became chairmen of US university departments of surgery were:

- ◆ Johns Hopkins (34)
- ◆ Harvard (combining MGH, Brigham and Boston City Hospital) (33)
- ◆ Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (27)
- ◆ Washington University (25)
- ◆ University of Minnesota (25)
- ◆ University of Chicago plus Rush (18)
- ◆ Columbia Presbyterian (12)
- ◆ University of Michigan (12)
- ◆ University of California at San Francisco (10)
- ◆ Duke University (9)

Young Leader Omaida Velazquez

Omaida Velazquez this issue's selection as a "young star" qualifies as young only in years. In her accomplishments she is extremely mature.

Omaida was born in Cuba and at age 10 fled to the United States with her family. She spoke no English at the time but learned quickly enough to be valedictorian of her high school class. In college, at the Stevens Institute of Technology she received the award as the top student in chemistry. At UMDNJ Medical School she was a Junior AOA, valedictorian and won 15 named awards. During residency at HUP she ranked at the top clinically and for her studies of gene transfer to cells of the GI tract during 2 years in John Rombeau's laboratory she won the 1997 Jonathan E. Rhoads Research Award and the Harry Vars Award of the American Society of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition.

Following residency she spent two years as a vascular fellow at HUP and then 8 years as a faculty member in the Vascular Division. With the guidance of Ron Fairman and HUP's other vascular surgeons she established herself as clinically expert and highly published in vascular surgery. During that time she turned her research attention to endothelial cell biology, angiogenesis, vasculogenesis, wound healing, and atherosclerosis, initially being mentored by Meenhard Herlyn at the Wistar Institute and then establishing her own independent lab. For her work in this field she received the von Liebig Foundation Award for Excellence in Vascular Surgical Research (2001) and the University Of Pennsylvania Center Of Excellence Faculty Scholar Award (2002).

In 2007 Omaida was recruited to the University of Miami as Chief of the Division of Vascular Surgery. In addition to actively practicing open and endovascular surgery she has expanded her division by recruiting 4 additional vascular surgeons including former HUP resident and fellow, J. J. Karmacharya. She has also initiated an accredited vascular surgery fellowship and established a preclinical vascular research team of 15 members. She continues to direct a highly successful basic research program currently supported by her two NIH R01 grants. She also has three Sponsored Clinical Trials that focus on new treatments for lower extremity arterial occlusive disease, diabetes-related wound healing defects, and atherosclerosis related occlusive and aneurysm diseases.

As a physician-scientist, Dr. Velazquez has made seminal contributions in the area of angiogenesis, vasculogenesis, and wound healing. While at Penn she reported two highly significant findings: (1) the survival and differentiation of human microvascular endothelial cells into capillaries depends on their direct cell-cell contact with dermal fibroblasts; (2) the signals mediating this fibroblast-endothelial cross talk are dependent



**Professor of Surgery and Chief
Division of Vascular Surgery
University of Miami**

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Alumni History

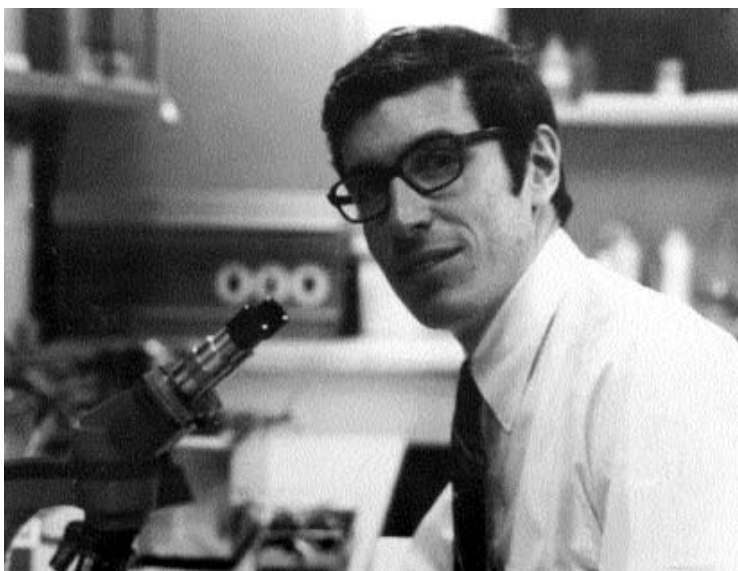
Leonard J. Perloff

In this issue we profile another Penn Surgical Society member for whom the Department named an award. Each year, the Department remembers Leonard Perloff at the end of the year banquet by awarding a prize in his name to a resident for outstanding teaching.

Leonard J. Perloff was born in Philadelphia where he lived his entire life, except for the short time in the army. In college at Penn, he was Phi Beta Kappa, and a member of the fencing team. After medical school at Penn, internship at PGH, residency under Jonathan Rhoads and vascular fellowship at HUP, he spent 2 years on the transplant service at Walter Reed hospital rising to the rank of Lt. Colonel. He then returned to Penn, where he remained for the rest of his career, becoming Professor of Surgery in 1989. At HUP he was Associate Chief of Transplantation and Assistant Chief of Vascular Surgery. In 1993 Len died suddenly while jogging.

Dr. Perloff was a versatile academic surgeon. Although he said that basic research was not his long suit, the respect he was accorded by others to his status as an experimentalist was indicated by his appointment as Chairman of the VA National Merit Review Board for Surgery. Several of the studies carried out with the support of his NIH ROI grant contributed substantially to the basic understanding of allograft rejection. He defined the importance of the transplant site in the fate of thyroid allografts. Using his skills as a microsurgeon, he compared in rodent models the survival of transplanted whole pancreas with isolated islet allografts.

Len's favorite experimental topic was the venous allograft.



He was a foremost authority on this somewhat esoteric subject. A paper he presented to the Society of Vascular Surgery contained the best description to date of blood vessel allograft rejection. He also with Craig Reckard demonstrated for the first time that venous allografts would succeed if immunosuppression was used to prevent rejection. Len's expertise as a microsurgeon allowed him to study venous homografts, even in small rodents. In these species, the use of genetically defined donors and recipients allowed basic observations on the cellular basis of rejection and modulation of allograft antigenicity. This topic fascinated Len throughout his career, and he returned to its study many times, jokingly referring to this long series of papers as "The Venous Homograft", "The Return of the Venous Homografts", "The Son of the Venous Homograft", etc. In his last few months, Len was organizing a trial of venous allografts in patients.

Despite his considerable accomplishments as an experimentalist, Len was primarily a clinical surgeon, and a superb one. Trained by Brooke Roberts, a master vascular surgeon, Len eventually became HUP's most active vascular surgeon. He was also an experienced transplant surgeon, and many of the 100 entries in his bibliography were clinical papers on this subject. At Walter Reed, he studied kidney preservation injury, a phenomenon he showed to be caused by antibody in the plasma contained in the perfusate. Later at HUP, he described a previously unrecognized syndrome of soft tissue calcinosis in transplant recipients with secondary hyperparathyroidism. With Don Dafoe, Bob Grossman and Ernie Ring, he defined percutaneous transluminal angioplasty as the preferred method of treating renal artery stenosis. He was also the director of HUP's pancreas transplant program, the

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first in the region.

Len was a skilled and extremely popular teacher with a gift for developing rapport with students and residents. He directed the Department's clerkship and chaired the School's Student Standards Committee. The medical students elected him to honorary membership in AOA, and in 1992, named him the School's Outstanding Teacher. In 1994, the Penn Medical School yearbook was dedicated to him. The surgical residents named an annual teaching award in his honor.

Leonard's national and international recognition were confirmed by his election to many prestigious academic societies including the International Transplantation Society, the Society for Vascular Surgery, the Society of University Surgeons. An unusual honor was his posthumous election as a member of the American Surgical Association.

Len Perloff's greatest talents were not in research laboratory nor were they in the operating theater or the classroom. His people skills and sense of humor were his most widely recognized

assets and through them, he contributed much to his patients, his colleagues, and his school. Only Larry the Barber knew more jokes than Len. In conferences, Len was called on frequently because his discussions were not only informative but always entertaining. However, verbal fencing with Len was dangerous. He was never at a loss and one could always count on a clever response to a question even if Len didn't know the answer. Those who tried to best him found his wit so quick and riposte so sharp that the laugh was usually at their expense.

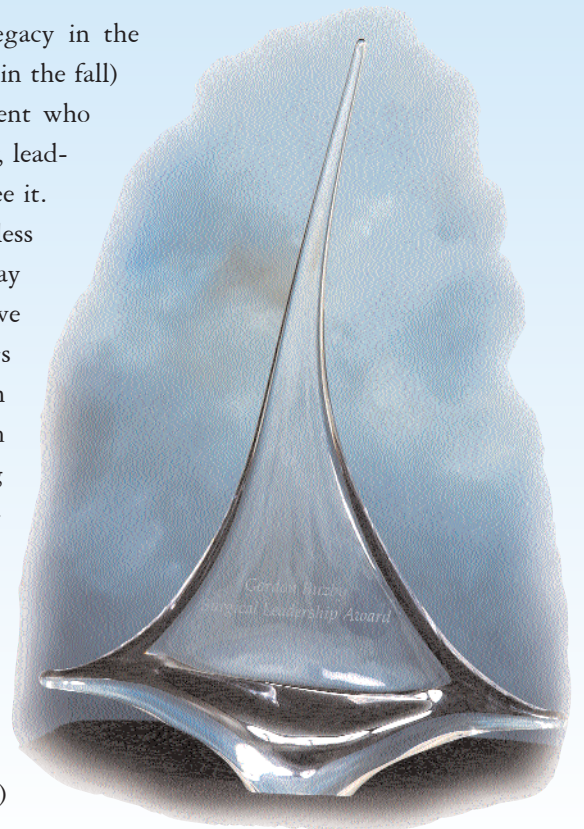
For a busy academic surgeon, Len had an unusually well-developed appreciation for life outside of medicine. Walter Sarazan, the golfer said "...You're only here for a short visit. Don't hurry, don't worry, and don't forget to smell the flowers along the way." Len had some worries, but he always handled himself with style and grace. After his death, most of the letters received from his friends, former fellows, and students commented on his talent for smelling the flowers, enjoying life, sharing a joke. This is what we continue to miss the most about Len Perloff.

Clyde F. Barker

Surprise Winner of Buzby Award

Prior to his departure, Gordon and Karen Buzby defined his lasting legacy in the Department by funding the Gordon Buzby Surgical Leadership Lecture (given in the fall) and the Gordon Buzby Surgical Leadership Award for that Faculty or Resident who demonstrated the many aspects that define leadership. Much like pornography, leadership is complex and difficult to define but all agree you know it when you see it. Deloitte's think tank, the Center of the Edge, has recently concluded that relentless undying "passion" is a hallmark of many leaders. Most (80%) of folks shy away from bumps in the road overly concerned with the personal impacts of these curve balls. The passionate leader responds to these "opportunities" to improve things and often seeks them out as they lead their organization to higher levels. Gordon himself was a passionate leader just below the surface of that laid back calm demeanor - it periodically surfaced much like it did during his sterling sailing career. The Selection Committee agonized over several worthy nominees but settled on Clyde Barker as our passionate leader over many decades for the 2010 Buzby Leadership Award. Despite leaving the Chair position almost a decade ago, he has carried on methodically pursuing Department goals. In his acceptance, Clyde noted this was the only award he has EVER received from the Department and it was especially moving that it remembered Gordon. In a heartfelt thanks, he embraced Karen Buzby and thanked her personally.

(Contributed by James L. Mullen)



Welcome New Residents

General Surgery Program



Ramon Arscott
Univ. of the West Indies



Matthew Boelig
Johns Hopkins SOM



Jashodeep Datta
Vanderbilt Univ. SOM



Rebecca Hoffman
Penn



Arjun Jeganathan
Tufts Univ. SOM



Lindsay Kuo
Northwestern SOM



John Waters
Penn

Urology Program



Jaber Alanzi
University of Damascus



Eugene Pietzak, III
SOM at Stony Brook



Zachary Smith
University of Missouri



Justin Ziemba
Penn

Plastic Surgery Program



Jonas Nelson
University of Maryland



Anthony Wilson
Penn

Cardiac Direct Program



Fenton McCarthy
Penn

Chief Residents' Dinner

The Annual Chief Residents' Dinner was held on June 19th, 2010. The location for this year's dinner was an unusual one - Philadelphia's Please Touch Museum. The Museum, originally located in the Academy of Natural Sciences in 1976 and relocat-

ed to other locales over the years, eventually found its home at the restored Memorial Hall in Fairmount Park in 2008. The whimsy of the Museum and the grandeur of the Hall made a wonderful setting for a very enjoyable and momentous evening.



Aaron S. Blom
Vascular Surgery Residency
Pennsylvania Hospital



Emily Carter Paulson
Colorectal Surgery Residency
Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania



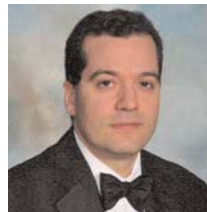
Paul J. Foley
Vascular Surgery Residency
Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania



Paige M. Porrett
Transplant Surgery Fellowship
Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania



Dale Han
Surgical Oncology Fellowship
Lee Moffitt Cancer Center
Tampa, Florida



Robert E. Roses
Surgical Oncology Fellowship Program
MD Anderson Cancer Center
Houston, Texas



Kristin M. Noonan
Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellowship,
Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee



Nyali E. Taylor
Vascular Surgery Residency
Cooper University Hospital
Camden, New Jersey



Graduate Career Paths

Breast Cancer

Angela Mislowsky

Coastal Carolina Breast Center
Murrells Inlet, South Carolina

Colon and Rectal Surgery

Traci L. Hedrick

Assistant Professor of Surgery
University of Virginia Health System
Charlottesville, Virginia

Plastic Surgery

Ines Lin

Hand Surgery Fellowship
Mayo Clinic
Rochester, Minnesota

Ivona Percec

Instructor in Surgery
Hospital of the University of
Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Microvascular Surgery

Richard Agag

Fellowship with Interplast
Mountain View, California

Nilton Medina

Boston University Plastic Surgery
Associates, Inc.
Boston Medical Center
Boston, Massachusetts

Oren Lerman

Lenox Hill Hospital
New York, New York

Trauma and Surgical Critical Care

Steven R. Allen

Penn State Hershey Medical Center
Hershey, Pennsylvania

Tracey A. Dechert

Assistant Professor of Surgery
Boston University School of Medicine
Boston, Massachusetts

Scott A. Keeney

St. Luke's Hospital
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Joseph R. Taddeo

Naval Medical Center
Portsmouth, Virginia

Jin Hee Ra

Assistant Professor
University of Florida
Jacksonville, Florida

Thoracic Surgery

Michael E. Friscia

Associate Thoracic Surgeon
Geisinger Medical Center
Danville, Pennsylvania

Bryant J. Gilot

Department of Thoracic and
Cardiovascular Surgery
Heart and Diabetes Center NRW
Ruhr-University Bochum
Germany

Transplant Surgery

Shane E. Ottmann

Walter Reed Military Medical Center
Washington, D.C.

John W. Hsu

St. Luke's Hospital
Kansas City, Missouri

Urology

Benjamin M. Brucker

Fellowship, Urodynamics & Female
NYU
New York, New York

Wesley A. Mayer

Fellowship, Robotic/Endourology/Lap,
Baylor College of Medicine
Houston, Texas

Brian L. Steixner

Private Practice
Ocean City, New Jersey

Vascular Surgery

Elena Y. Rahklin

Vascular Surgeon
University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, New Mexico

2010 Award Recipients

Penn Center of Excellence and Top Gun

◆ Sudhan Nagarajan, MD

William Y. Inouye Resident Award

◆ Robert T. Lewis, MD

William Y. Inouye Faculty Award

◆ Ernest F. Rosato, MD

Leonard D. Miller Award

◆ David H. Stitelman, MD

Resident's Faculty Teaching Award

◆ Jon B. Morris, MD

Leonard J. Perloff Chief Resident Award

◆ Paige M. Porrett, MD, PhD

Jonathan E. Rhoads Research Award

◆ Demetri Merianos, MD

Gordon Buzby Surgical Leadership Award

◆ Clyde F. Barker, MD

Keith Reemtsma Surgical Resident of the Year Award

◆ Benjamin Herdrich, MD

Omaida Velazquez (continued from page 2)

on a synergistic cell-matrix-cell interaction which is made possible by Vascular Endothelial Growth Hormone and the Integrin V β 3, and further amplified via N-Ras and PI3-K intracellular signaling cascades.

In addition to these early findings, Dr. Velazquez showed that growing capillaries *in vitro* using fibroblasts embedded in type I collagen has potential therapeutic application as a form of vascularized substrate for covering wounds. She also began to study another key cell that participates in post-natal angiogenesis, the bone marrow-derived endothelial progenitor cell (EPC). She found that the recruitment of EPC's to hypoxic, ischemic cutaneous wounds is severely impaired, this being correlated with delayed wound healing. Recognition of the clinical importance of this work led to her being awarded the Joel J. Roslyn Research Award from the Association of Academic Surgeons.

Most recently, Dr. Velazquez reported (in *Stem Cells* and *Journal of Clinical Investigation*) that endothelial progenitor cells from the adult bone marrow can be released into the circulation by a non-physiologic hyperoxia-stimulus that triggers an increase in marrow Nitric Oxide (NO). She showed that diabetic impairments in NO-mediated mobilization and homing of EPC's to cutaneous wounds can be reversed by hyperoxia and Stromal Derived Growth Factor 1 α . These findings are of potential importance to treatment of peripheral vascular disease, diabetic microangiopathy, and the chronic wounds of diabetes.

At the 2009 meeting of the Society of University Surgeons, Omaida was invited to present a featured lecture. She titled it "The Glass Ceiling: Does it still exist for Women and Minorities in Academic Surgery?" While unfortunately some remnants of this ceiling may indeed persist it has hardly been a hindrance to Omaida's progress. By all the traditional indices she is one of the most accomplished academic surgeons of her generation. Her research is funded by her two NIH RO1 grants. She is an active member of an NIH study section. She has published more than 80 peer reviewed articles. She is a member of the editorial board of the *Journal of Vascular Surgery*. She has been cited in *Who's Who in the World* and *Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare*.

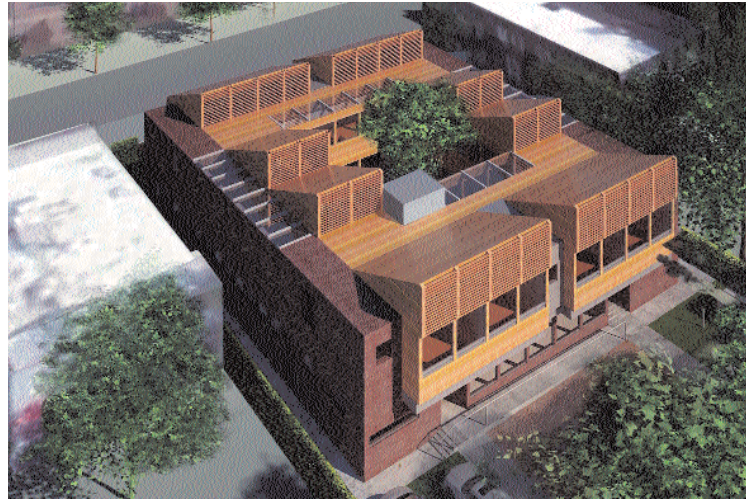
Among the 25 distinguished professional societies Omaida lists are the American College of Surgeons, the Society of University Surgeons and the Society for Vascular Surgery. Perhaps most impressively of all she was recently elected as a member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation ("The Young Turks"). Very few surgeons have ever become members of this prestigious society. No previous or present Penn faculty member belongs. In fact, Omaida is probably the only member of the Penn Surgical Society ever to be so honored.

Dr. Velazquez is married and has two children, a fifteen year-old boy and a three year-old girl. Her husband, Dr. Romulo Cuy, is also an accomplished academic physician, specializing in Pediatric Anesthesia. Despite very busy careers, together they have a full and happy family life enjoy time with each other and their children.

Barker Transplant House Update

Construction has begun on the Clyde F. Barker Transplant House, with a projected opening date of January, 2011! The Barker Transplant House will be located at 3940 Spruce Street, just five blocks from the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Nearly 1,000 donors have come forward to help in whatever way they can, and to-date, more than \$2.2 million in cash and over \$2.5 million in donated materials and services have been committed. After receiving a record gift to name the Barker Transplant House from the Board of Women Visitors of the University of Pennsylvania Health System, contributions of all sizes and types have been pouring in. Donations have been received from volunteer golf outings, 5K fundraisers, and family reunions; gift-in-kind donations have ranged from architectural design services to flat-screen televisions in each of the resident suites. While there has been significant progress, the team has yet to reach their fundraising goal for construction and is still working to bring the Transplant House dream to reality.

The mission of the Clyde F. Barker Transplant House at Penn is to provide a haven of comfort and community for Penn's transplant patients and their families. Modeled on the Ronald McDonald House, this initiative is focused on serving the specific



Transplant House Design - Courtesy of Rafael Vinoly Architects

and unique needs of Penn transplant patients and their families.

The Barker Transplant House will help to ease the extreme economic and emotional burdens that accompany organ transplantation by providing comfortable, affordable accommodations and convenient services. Amenities will include a continuously running shuttle to HUP, on-site kitchen and laundry facilities, and a meditation garden. The House will also serve a vital function as



an ongoing center for transplant patient education and support in a community setting just blocks from HUP.

Opportunities are still available for naming spaces within the Clyde F. Barker Transplant House at Penn. For information about making a gift or to learn more about the House, please email Mary Hamburg at mary.hamburg@uphs.upenn.edu or contact Jessie McCulley of Development at 215-746-3004 or jessiemc@upenn.edu.

Mackie Distinguished Graduate

Danny O. Jacobs

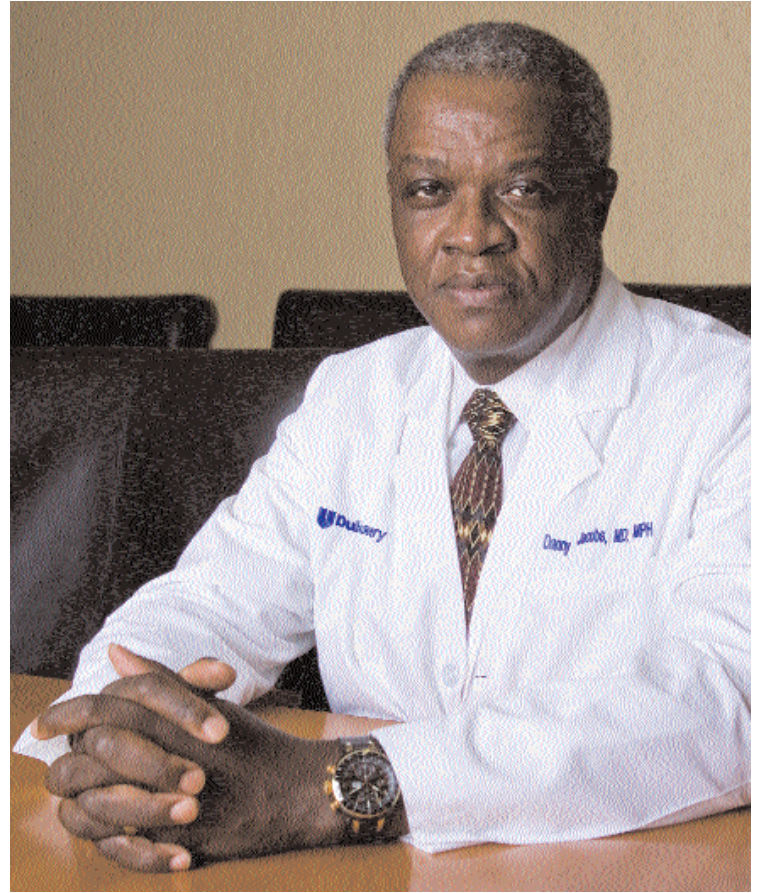
The 2010 Julius a. Mackie Distinguished Graduate Award and lecture honoring Dr. Danny O. Jacobs took place on May 19-20 at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Jacobs, a HUP chief resident in 1986 was the 9th recipient of this award that honors graduates of HUP's general surgery residency who have achieved prominent academic positions in Surgery.

Danny O. Jacobs, MD, MPH, joined Duke University Medical Center as professor and chair of the Department of Surgery in February 2003. A specialist in gastrointestinal surgery, Dr. Jacobs is a highly regarded educator and researcher.

Dr. Jacobs received his undergraduate degree from Harvard University and in 1979 earned his MD degree from the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, MO. After completing a residency and fellowship in surgery at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Dr. Jacobs returned to Harvard as a research fellow in surgery in 1986. He stayed there for 14 years, rising to assistant professor of surgery and then associate professor. He also earned a MPH degree from Harvard's School of Public Health and served as associate program director of the Brigham and Women's Hospital's (BWH) Clinical Research Center, chief of BWH's Metabolic support service, and director of its Laboratory for Surgical Metabolism and Nutrition.

Dr. Jacobs left Harvard in 2000 to join the faculty at Creighton University School of Medicine in Omaha, Nebraska, where he served as the Arnold W. Lempka Distinguished Professor of Surgery and chairman of the surgery department. He stayed at Creighton until moving to Durham where he is now the David C. Sabiston, Jr. Professor of Surgery and Chair of the Department of Surgery for Duke University's School of Medicine as well as for its hospitals. As the recently elected Chair of the Private Diagnostic Clinic (PDC) Board of Managers, the organization's 1000+ member physician organization, he is a key decision-maker for Duke's multidisciplinary faculty group practice.

An accomplished investigator, Dr. Jacobs enjoyed continuous peer-reviewed funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, FDA, and NIH from 1986 through 2003. Dr. Jacobs' current research focuses on the effects of critical illness and malnutrition on cellular bioenergetics and organ function and metabolism. His clinical interests are treating patients with general and gastrointestinal diseases, especially those with intestinal fistulas and complications of morbid obesity. He has given 66 major invit-



ed lectures and published over 220 peer-reviewed manuscripts, abstracts, books, chapters, reviews or editorials.

A prolific writer, Dr. Jacobs has been a member of 12 editorial boards and currently serves on four: the prestigious New England Journal of Medicine, Surgery, Intestine, and World Journal of Surgery. He was cited by the National Library of Medicine in "Opening Doors. Contemporary African American Academic Surgeons," a traveling exhibition celebrating the contributions of African American academic surgeons to medicine and medical education, and has received many other professional awards, including a distinguished alumni award from Washington University-St. Louis. He also is a member of numerous honorific and academic societies including the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society; American College of Surgeons; Society of University Surgeons; the American Surgical Association; the Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract; the American Physiological Society; Society of Black Academic Surgeons; American Society of Nutritional Sciences; European Academy of Sciences; and the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.

Alumni News

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- ◆ The Penn presence was certainly felt at the **2010 Annual Society of Vascular Surgery Meeting** in Boston in June. Ron Fairman and Ed Woo moderated 4 sessions while several other sessions were moderated by Penn alumni such as Ross Milner, David Deaton, and Marc Mitchell. Penn faculty had 8 presentations on the program as did numerous Penn alumni such as Omaid Velazquez and Christopher Skelly. The 1st Annual Penn Vascular Alumni Reception was held during the meeting on Thursday, June 10th - it was a very successful and enjoyable evening. Plans are already underway for next year's alumni event in Chicago!
- ◆ 2010 PENN Pearl Teaching Awards were given to **Paige M. Porrett, M.D., PhD.** (PGY5) and **David H. Stitleman, M.D.** (PGY4) - Congratulations!
- ◆ **Stephen T. Bartlett, M.D.** was named to the new position of surgeon in chief at the University of Maryland Medical System. The aim of this role will be to recruit talent and grow surgical services throughout the system's 11-hospital network. Dr. Bartlett, who graduated HUP's general surgery residency in 1985, is chairman of the department of surgery at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and chief of surgery at the University of Maryland Medical Center. Dr. Bartlett was the 2009 recipient of the Julius A. Mackie Distinguished Graduate Award.
- ◆ On April 16 a festschrift was held at the University of Chicago to honor **Ed Kaplan** (HUP Chief Resident, 1966) whose 42 year long career in Chicago has been one of the most distinguished in US surgery. Ed's special interest of endocrine surgery was the topic of this research and clinical symposium. The list of speakers and moderators was a who's who of American academic surgery including Scott Jones, Stan Dudrick, Sam Wells, Murray Brennan, Norman Thompson, Stuart Wilson, Jon van Herndon, Mitch Posner, Jeff Matthews, Peter Angelos, Leslie DiGroot, John Alverdy, Raphael Lee, John Hynstrom, Sonia Sugg, Ashok Shake, Orlo Clark, Paulo Miccoli, John-Francois Henry, Roy Weiss, Jack Monchik, Doug Evans, Clive Grant, , Quan Duk, Chris McHenry, and Herb Chen.. Doug Fraker and Clyde Barker represented HUP and chaired one session of the symposium.

New Faces

- ◆ **Brian R. Kann, MD** joined the Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery on June 1st as an Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery. A graduate of Hahneman University Medical School, Dr. Kann completed his general surgery residency at Cooper University Medical Center-UMDNJ/RWJMS. He then completed a fellowship in Colon & Rectal Surgery at the Alton Ochsner Clinical Foundation Hospital in New Orleans, Louisiana. Dr. Kann was an Assistant Professor of Surgery at Cooper University Medical Center from October 2005 to May 2010 and was the Medical Director of the Colorectal Care Center at Cooper since 2006.



Obituaries

- ◆ **Paul Addonizio** died at age 62 from acute myeloid leukemia on May 5, 2010. In the 1970's and 1980's as a resident and young faculty member at HUP Paul was one of the Department's stars. He was Chief Resident at HUP in 1972 and a fellow in cardiothoracic surgery (1972-1974). He was appointed to the faculty as Assistant Professor in 1985 and promoted to Associate Professor after only 2 years. His research in hemostasis, thrombosis and the role of platelets as mediators of acute coronary thrombosis (initially with Hank Edmunds and then independently) was highly regarded and was funded by Paul's NIH RO1 grant. Paul was also a superb teacher as recognized by his receipt of the Department's Faculty Teaching Award in 1986. In 1989, Paul moved from HUP to Temple as Chief of the Division of Cardiac Surgery. In 2005, he moved to Abington Memorial Hospital where he headed a very active cardiac surgery program until the time of his death. He is survived by his wife Susanne Williams (former HUP fellow in nephrology), his son Paul, and his daughter, Elizabeth.



Save the Date!

- ◆ The **Annual Penn Surgery Society** reception at the 96th Annual Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons will be held at the Bayou Room of the Acadiana Restaurant in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, October 5, 2010 at 6:00pm. Invites coming soon!

Annual Intern Picnic

A long standing tradition occurred once again on Saturday, June 12th when the Department hosted the Annual Intern Picnic at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Barker in Haverford, PA. Joining the new interns were housestaff, faculty, and their families.



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