



# THE CUPOLA

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## Graduate Education – Faculty Development Underway

By James Dalton, M.D.

Graduate medical education is not what it used to be—at least not for the faculty responsible for its delivery. For those of us who trained before the 1990s, the environment was one where teaching was excellent and much of it was delivered by other residents, who were senior to the learners. Senior faculty teaching was often limited to “attending rounds” and supervision by attendings was often indirect. In the 1990s, duty-hour restrictions were placed on residencies. These restrictions came about first in New York State as a result of the deliberations of the Bell Commission, which concluded that serious mistakes occurred when fatigued residents were insufficiently supervised. The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) followed suit in the late 1990s and implemented duty-hour limitations for all post-graduate training programs nationally. This shift has resulted in significantly more “hands-on” teaching and direct supervision by senior faculty members.

Concurrent with the duty-hour restrictions was the initiation of the Outcomes Project by the ACGME. With this effort, the ACGME charged residency programs with determining how to measure competency in six core areas for all physicians. These included medical knowledge and patient care, which were the areas most residency programs already assessed. In addition, four important competencies were added: communication and interpersonal skills, professionalism, systems-based practice, and practice-based learning and improvement. In the first

decade of this century, the ACGME has refined its expectations surrounding the competencies and has prescribed “milestones” for resident learners in their advancement from one level to the next and their advancement to graduation.

These changes require a new set of skills of the core clinical faculty. No longer can a teacher simply demonstrate knowledge and skill in patient care. The faculty member must have the ability to assess a resident in all of the six areas of competency required of an independent physician. These skills are not ubiquitous among faculty and require some level of training. For this reason, Bassett has embarked on an initiative to develop its own specially trained “Education Faculty”.

Prior to 2011, Bassett sponsored episodic faculty development programs, with internal and external content experts, usually based around one or more of the six competencies. These were independent programs and did not have a necessary unifying theme. In 2011, the Office of Medical Education launched a program in conjunction with an internationally recognized group of medical educators from the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) in London. Faculty from Bassett, both in the residencies and student programs, were invited to participate in two-day workshops on teaching and evaluation techniques, facilitated by the group from the RCP. The first of these was held in December 2011 and the next in November 2012.

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## Message from the President of the Medical Alumni Board of Directors

I am writing from Boston, looking out the window (it’s snowing again!) and anticipating the arrival of spring after a long winter, while thinking about what to write for this issue of *The Cupola*. Reflecting on the storms of this past winter brings to mind some of the challenges we face in medicine these days. There are many factors over which we have little individual control, and we don’t quite know what is going to happen next. We encounter many inconveniences and obstacles, and sometimes circumstances can be overwhelming. Nonetheless, we know there is no other option but to stay the course and look forward to better, calmer days.

Bassett continues to weather the storms in this frequently changing medical landscape; in some ways I think the challenges for Bassett are more striking compared to those of many other



*Merideth Davis, M.D.,  
President, Board of  
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Association*

medical institutions. Despite its marked growth during recent decades, Bassett remains a cozy place where patient care and teaching are personal, individualized, and innovative. These are not qualities favored by our current medical and financial environment, though I believe they continue to be a priority at Bassett. I suspect that most of us who trained at Bassett highly value the collegiality and emphasis on fundamentals that were passed along to us by our mentors and teachers and would like to see these same values embraced by present and future generations of students, house staff and faculty. However, as we are all aware, there are more and more mandates and regulations, and fewer and fewer sources of funding for medical education.

One of the truly great resources at Bassett is its supporters. Many have contributed to Bassett

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*The Education Faculty have welcomed the experience of working with noted instructors Winnie Wade, Director of Education and David Parry, Deputy Director of Education both at The Royal College of Physicians, London, and Roger Barton, Ph.D., Professor of Clinical Medicine and Director of Studies, Newcastle Medical School. Pictured here with the Education Faculty: Front row: (L-R) James Dalton, M.D., Darah Wright, M.D., Winnie Wade, Alan Kozak, M.D., David Borgstrom, M.D., and Philip Heavner, M.D. Back row: (L-R) James Longhi, M.D., August Leinhart, M.D., Raul Monzon, M.D., Eric Knight, M.D., Erik Riesenfeld, M.D., David Parry, Donald Sawyer, M.D., Roger Burton, Ph.D., Henry Weil, M.D., Daphne Mone, Ph.D., and John Dier, M.D.*

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From these sessions, a group of faculty was identified who were committed to the educational mission at Bassett and were invited to become part of a new Education Faculty. We have engaged our partners from the RCP to facilitate twice-yearly workshops in Cooperstown. At these workshops, there is continued effort to refine the microskills of the participants as teachers, but also for this group to develop an "education curriculum" that will be launched for all Bassett senior staff that consider themselves faculty for students and residents. The Education Faculty will serve as core staff to "teach the teachers".

The group plans to have a curriculum developed and ready for deployment in 2016. While

the Education Faculty is currently composed of a nucleus of 15 members, the intent is for this to be a fluid group which takes on new members as interest and competence dictate. The group currently has a monthly Journal Club which meets the second Thursday of each month at noon in the Fieldstone conference room. All interested faculty are invited.

Faculty training of this type requires ongoing support which has come in part from the existing medical education endowment built upon contributions of the Bassett Medical Alumni Association. This undertaking and continuous enhancement to the medical education program will enable Bassett to sustain its tradition of excellence in education and patient care. ■

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throughout the years, and I know these efforts have been greatly appreciated. For those who haven't thought about it before, I would encourage you to look back on your experiences at Bassett and consider how you might "give back." The staff at the Friends of Bassett office is in fact very friendly, and would be pleased to provide advice regarding donations, whether it be for a one-time or annual donation, an annuity (which can financially benefit both the donor and Bassett), or a bequest.

I will end this season's message by extending a warm welcome to the three new members of the Bassett Medical Alumni Board (please see the article on page 5 of this issue), and by wishing everyone a very happy spring. ■



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## Franck Retires as Associate Dean



Walt Franck, M.D.

Walt Franck, M.D., retired from his position as associate dean of Columbia-Bassett Medical School in January. With more than four decades as a clinician at Bassett working directly with residents and medical students, and over 20 years of leadership experience as the director of medical education from 1995 to 2002, and finally associate dean of the medical school since 1998, Franck is in a unique position to offer his outlook on the future of medical education and the medical education mission at Bassett.

### Parting Thoughts on the Future of Medical Education

by Walt Franck, M.D.

Since Bassett was founded as a community-based hospital with academic missions, an essential component of its construct was the existence of graduate and undergraduate medical education programs.

Over the years residencies in many disciplines evolved. Those in Medicine, Surgery and a Transitional Year have not only survived the dramatic regulatory and societal changes we have witnessed, but have seen substantial growth in sophistication, training and experience of faculty, and redesign of curricula to adapt to changes in health care while constructing a learning environment with the processes best suited for education. Our residencies have been effective in recruiting faculty for us, particularly, but not exclusively, in medicine, surgery and their specialties. The future will focus on fellowship program development and studying the wisdom and feasibility of introducing a Family Medicine Residency Program.

Teaching medical students has, likewise, been part of the core of Bassett's medical education commitment. For decades students from many schools, particularly Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, Albany Medical College, School of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Rochester, Dartmouth Medical School, and Upstate Medical University at Syracuse, rotated through clerkships and electives with us. These experiences provided exciting and challenging opportunities for students and faculty alike. Few trainees, however, ultimately returned as residents or attendings. With the creation of the Longitudinal Integrated Curriculum combined with a program crafted to teach students skills in performance engineering to improve quality of care and reduce cost, Bassett was able to

design a major clinical year experience that led to the genesis of the Columbia-Bassett program.

This joint venture has proven to be quite successful. It has required the reprioritization of our commitment to Columbia for all rotations, clerkships and electives, with residual opportunities available for students from other schools. In the future, we hope that students who choose to come to Cooperstown for their clinical training will return either as residents and/or as members of our attending staff. For this program to succeed, the engagement of all involved, on both campuses is essential. This alternative model of education needs to be supported, trusted, respected and economically enabled by both organizations.

The educational efforts of those involved including our physicians, advanced care practitioners, and administrators must be known, understood, appreciated and supported by all, the Board of Trustees, the Administration, and the Staff. Much is asked of our faculty in terms of time and effort including faculty development training and actual teaching. This is being done at a time when the organization is in need of maximal possible productivity efforts. We must develop fair methods for evaluating the extent and quality of each faculty member's teaching commitment, followed by providing economic rewards to acknowledge the importance and value of this mission. Existing new sources of income for our organization, like meaningful use dollars and expanded insurance programs, can be enhanced with learning the tools for practicing with greater efficiency and safety. These resources may help us manage more patients and thus generate additional revenue. ■

## Weil Named Senior Associate Dean



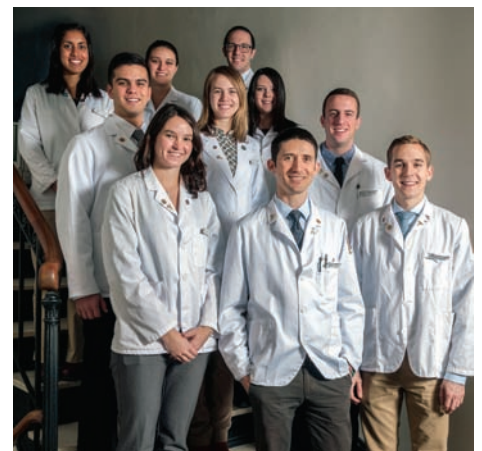
Henry Weil, M.D.

Henry Weil, M.D., has been named Senior Associate Dean for Education at Bassett Healthcare, Columbia University. Weil has been involved with the innovative Columbia-Bassett Medical School

program since its inception. This sophisticated joint program provides a longitudinal curriculum and course of study focused on ethics, evidence-based medicine, health care system management, and leadership.

"The program's No. 1 goal is to train great doctors," said Weil, "but there's a big secondary goal as well—teaching these students how the health care system works, and problem solving so they may be health care leaders of the future."

The first year and one half of largely pre-clinical studies, takes place at Columbia College of Physician and Surgeons in New York City. The second phase, two and one half years, is based at Bassett and consists of a required one-year experience followed by a year and a half of electives and pursuit of an area of concentration. The program graduated its first class of ten students in 2014. ■



Columbia-Bassett Medical School Class of 2017: Bottom Row (L-R): Kathryn Nagel, Brandon Garcia, Peter Young  
Middle Row (L-R): Marcos Lopez, Rachel Severin, Kirby Pruis, Daniel Hoesterey  
Top Row (L-R): Henna Shaikh, Rachel Criswell, Jonah Zuflacht

# THE BASSETT FAMILY ALBUM — ALUMNI NEWS

*Please keep your notes and photos coming!*

## 1960s

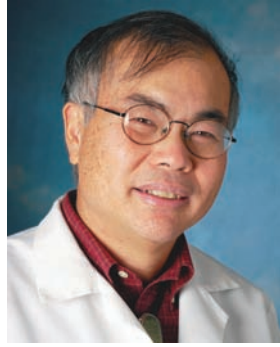
**Michael A. Kornfield, M.D.** (Rotating Resident 1962-63) has been retired from the practice of allergy for several years. He and his wife continue to live in Bedford, N.Y. in the house they built some 35 years ago. He reports, "So far, I am staying in reasonably good health, aided, no doubt, by a regular tennis game."

**Larry D. Hull, M.D.** (Rotating Intern 1964-65) remembers that his internship as Bassett "was a wonderful year for my wife Aarlie and me. We have great memories and our first child was born at the hospital while I was on a surgery rotation." Now he is well and active in foreign medical mission work and a social business in coffee and tea in Papua, New Guinea. He wrote, "The 4th quarter of our life has been exciting."

**Kenneth Singer, M.D.** (General Surgery Resident 1968-69) shares a request. "I was a Surgical Resident at Bassett 1968-69, finished my residency at Harvard in 1972, and have practiced orthopedic surgery and sports medicine in Eugene, Oregon, since. (Go Ducks!) I am now partially retired but would be interested in reconnecting with anybody who was at Bassett at that time."

## 1970s

**Anthony Cabot, M.D.** (General Surgical Resident 1973-74) writes, "After 38 years of a terrific orthopedic surgical practice, I plan to retire at the end of March, 2015. I might try my hand at writing creative non-fiction (no doubt including an unbelievable year at Bassett). It will be fun to spend more time with family and dog at our lake house. A trip back to Cooperstown is certainly on the agenda!"



*Steven S. Ching, M.D.*

**Steven S. Ching, M.D.** (Rotating Intern 1974-75) Professor Emeritus in the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Rochester Medical Center School of Medicine and Dentistry was among the faculty members newly appointed with endowed professorships.

**William F. Streck, M.D.** (Attending Endocrinologist 1978-1986, CEO 1985-2014) has been named Chief Medical and Health Systems Innovation Officer for the Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS). In this new role, he will work with member hospitals and health systems to focus on emerging models of care, population health initiatives, risk management strategies, and physician relationships.

## 1980s

**Stephen Buie, M.D.** (Internal Medicine Resident 1981-84) had several updates to share. "In 2009 Asheville began having third-year medical students from UNC School of Medicine in Chapel Hill. We use the longitudinal clerkship model where they attend different clinics for one half-day a week each for 10 months. I am director of the psychiatry clerkship for those students. We're hosting the International Consortium of Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship meeting in Asheville next October." Buie was honored last April with a Distinguished Alumnus

Award for Community Service by the UNC School of Medicine and was also invited to give the White Coat Ceremony lecture to first-year students in Chapel Hill.

**Lewis Zulick, M.D.** (General Surgery Resident 1984-89) has been working as a general surgeon at Clifton Springs Hospital in the Finger Lakes. After several years as the Vice President for Medical Affairs, he is serving as interim CEO until the hospital affiliates with the Rochester Regional Health System later in 2015. Zulick reports, "I was working with **Charlie Stackhouse, M.D.** (General Surgery Resident 1979-84) here until he retired back in 2013 and I will be continuing my private practice after the CEO gig ends. It is not as much fun without Charlie though."

**Gerald Kolski, M.D.** (Pediatrics/Allergy-Immunology 1986-93) reports, "My son Brian and wife Barbi had their second child in November. Her name is Emerson and her brother Hudson is 4 years old. My daughter Melissa was married to Curt Wilson in Chicago in August. She has recently published a book on pain. Andrea's daughter Meyers is now 6 and lives down the street from us in Montgomery, Texas. I continue to work for a large Allergy group two days a week."

**Larry Gaul, M.D.** (Internal Medicine Resident 1987-90) continues to practice in Vail, Colorado, mostly in internal medicine and taking cardiology call only six days per month. He is the Chief Medical Officer for U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association, in addition to being the U.S. representative to the Medical Committee of the International Ski Federation. He writes, "We have Alpine Ski World Championships here in Vail/Beaver Creek...so I will

have the opportunity to spend time with doctors from the medical committee for the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea. There's always something new to learn."



*Gerald Landry, M.D.*

## 1990s

**Gerald Landry, M.D.** (Internal Medicine Attending 1996-present, Internal Medicine Resident 1993-96) was nominated by several of his patients for recognition as a Bassett Ambassador. One woman wrote, "I think he is the most caring and compassionate doctor I have ever met. Dr. Landry is not only a wonderful doctor, but a very genuine and concerned man."

**Laurie Duncan, M.D.** (Internal Medicine Resident 1994-97) was awarded the John F. Maher Memorial Laureate Award by the Washington D.C. Chapter of the American College of Physicians (ACP) in November 2014 for her contributions to internal medicine and the D.C. Chapter of the ACP.

**Mary Flannery, M.D.** (Attending Pediatrician 1995-2004) is excited to share her big news, "I recently became 'triple-boarded' in pediatrics, general psychiatry, and child and adolescent psychiatry, having passed the sub-specialty board exam in child and adolescent psychiatry in November. For the past two and a half years,

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since completing a five-year residency/fellowship at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital in Manhattan, I've been an attending psychiatrist on an adolescent inpatient unit at Four Winds Hospital in Katonah, N.Y. While practicing pediatrics in Herkimer, I became interested in child psychiatry when I found myself the 'follow-up' provider for children discharged from Four Winds Hospital in Saratoga. It was an eye-opening experience, and I am ever grateful that I was at Bassett to have that very broadening experience. Recently I learned that there is now a child psychiatry and social work presence in Herkimer, and I am delighted."

## 2000s

**James Murray, D.O.** (Internal Medicine Resident 2000-04) and **Elizabeth Buttrill Murray, D.O.** (Internal Medicine Resident 2004-2005) send their best from Rochester where Jim is busy as the Chief of the Division of Pulmonary Medicine at Unity Hospital. Elizabeth is equally busy with several positions including



*Jim and Elizabeth Murray with 5-year old Nora Murray.*

Pediatric Emergency Medicine Physician, Associate EMS Medical Director for Monroe County, and Spokesperson for the American Academy of Pediatrics.

### **Brian White, D.O.**

(Attending Psychiatrist Bassett Medical Center 2010-present, Transitional Year Resident 2004-05) reports that the largest leadership council of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AAPMR) the Musculoskeletal Council currently enjoys strong Bassett leadership. In addition to his role as at-large council member, White is joined by two other Bassett alumni.

### **Gary Chimes, M.D., Ph.D.**



*Wisit Cheungpasitporn, Best Ratanapo and his bride Worakamon Ngarmusawan, with Jay Kittanamongkolchai*

(Internal Medicine Resident 2002-03) is council president and **Ethan Colliver, D.O.** (Transitional Year Resident 2004-05) is council vice-chair of communications. White shares that, "Dr. Chimes has a practice in Seattle and Dr. Colliver has a practice in Blacksburg, Va. Both of them are highly respected psychiatrists with thriving practices."

**Shruti Datta, M.D.** (Internal Medicine Resident 2006-09) is excited to share that she "was elected FACP this year. Also, we moved to San Francisco recently due to my husband's new job. Winters here certainly are of lesser intensity than Minnesota or New York."

## 2010s

**Wisit Cheungpasitporn, M.D.** (Internal Medicine Resident 2010-13), **Jay Kittanamongkolchai, M.D.** (Internal Medicine Resident 2011-14), **Pat Srivali M.D.** (Internal Medicine Resident 2011-14), and **Tom Ungprasert, M.D.** (Internal Medicine Resident 2011-14). Wisit writes from all, "We are doing well in our fellowship training programs at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn. We miss Bassett very much!" He shares the news that classmate, **Supawat "Best" Ratanapo, M.D.** (Internal Medicine Resident 2011-14) was married in January and he attended the wedding in Bangkok, Thailand.

**Ross Baldwin, M.D.** (Chief Surgical Resident 2015, Surgical Resident 2011-2014) presented an abstract entitled, *Improving O.R. Efficiency: Conversion from a First-Come or Scheduling System to a Blocked Time O.R. Scheduling System* at the 67th annual meeting of the Southwestern Surgical Congress in Monterey, Calif. ■

## Alumni Board Welcomes New Members

At the fall meeting of the Board of Directors, three new members, Madiha M. Alvi, M.D., James A. Murray, D.O., and Timothy Whitaker, M.D., were elected to serve on the Board of the Bassett Medical Alumni Association.



*Madiha M. Alvi, M.D.*

Madiha M. Alvi, M.D. joined Bassett Medical Center in 2014 as an attending physician in Endocrinology after a Fellowship at Fletcher Allen Healthcare/University of Vermont, South Burlington, Vt. Alvi completed her residency at Bassett Healthcare in 2012. She earned her undergraduate and medical degrees from Fatima Jinnah Medical College/Punjab University, Lahore, Pakistan. She is board-certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and board-eligible for Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism.



*James A. Murray, D.O.*

James A. Murray, D.O., is Chief of the Division of Pulmonary Medicine and a Critical Care Medicine and Sleep Medicine physician at Unity Health Systems, Rochester, N.Y. Murray earned his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine at Midwestern University—Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine in Phoenix and his Bachelor of Science in Neurobiology from Cornell University, Ithaca. He was Chief

Resident of Internal Medicine at Bassett in 2003 -2004, and served as an Internal Medicine Resident for three years prior.



*Timothy Whitaker, M.D.*

Timothy Whitaker, M.D., joined Bassett as a board-certified attending surgeon in 2012. Whitaker earned his medical degree at University of South Florida, completed a surgical internship through University of Oklahoma and a surgical residency at Bassett Medical Center in 2004. From 2004 until 2012, he was co-owner of Blue Ridge Surgical where he worked as general surgeon, with privileges at Fannin Regional Hospital, Union General Hospital, Copper Basin Medical Center and Chestatee Regional Medical Center, in Ga.

Sharing thoughts about the impact of his training at Bassett, Murray reflects the perspective of many alumni. "Bassett is the place where I learned the fundamentals. It is also where I had great role models, who demonstrated and exemplified the most important lessons in medicine, which relate primarily to 'how physicians should conduct themselves in the world.' This is the lesson that is hardest to impart to those in training, and it is one of the many reasons that I will forever support Bassett Medical Education, and the role of the Medical Alumni Association," said Murray. ■

# 2015 Residency and Fellowship Match Results Announced

Bassett Medical Center's residency training programs had successful matches during the NRMP Main Residency Match in March. Postgraduate appointments for the 2015-16 academic year are:

## General Surgery

**Asadulla Chaudhary, M.D.**, Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University

**Carlos Guzman, M.D.**, University of California, Los Angeles, David Geffen School of Medicine

**Andrew J. Powers, M.D.**, Stony Brook University School of Medicine

**Patrick Willauer, M.D.**, University of Washington School of Medicine

## Internal Medicine

**Tarun J. Bathini, M.B.,B.S.**, Kakatiya Medical College (India)

**Satish K. Boddhula, M.B.,B.S.**, Kakatiya Medical College (India)

**Nathaniel C. Doro, D.O.**, University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Saeeda Fatima, M.B.,B.S.**, King Edward Medical College (Pakistan)

**Umair Iqbal, M.B.,B.S.**, Dow Medical College (Pakistan)

**Ayesha Jameel, M.B.,B.S.**, King Edward Medical College (Pakistan)

**Sarah C. Mader, D.O.**, University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Keerthi Padooru, M.B., B.S., S.V.S.**, Medical College (India)

**Rajasekhar Sanapala, M.B., B.S.**, Andhra Medical College (India)

**Charat Thongprayoon, M.D.**, Chulalongkorn University Faculty of Medicine (Thailand)

**Karn Wijarnpreecha, M.D.**, Chiang Mai University Faculty of Medicine (Thailand)

## Transitional Year

**Andrew S. Karasick, M.D.**, Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University

**Colm B. Kelleher, M.D.**, State University of New York Upstate Medical College

**Timur Kotlyar, M.D.**, State University of New York Upstate Medical University

**Joseph R. Lang, M.D.**, University at Buffalo State University of New York School of Medicine & Biomedical Sciences

**Shane A.J. Lloyd, M.D., Ph.D.**, Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine

**Lawrence Lo, M.D.**, New York Medical College

**James C. Prezzano, M.D.**, State University of New York Upstate Medical University

**Amish Talwar, M.D.**, Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons

**Lianna M. Valdes, M.D.**, Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons

## Columbia-Bassett Match Results—Graduating Columbia-Bassett students also had success in the Match

**Bryan Block** - Internal Medicine residency at University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, Texas

**Robert "Mack" Brickley** - Emergency Medicine residency at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in Pittsburgh, Pa.

**David Chapel** - Pathology residency at the University of Chicago Medical Center in Chicago, Ill.

**Mark Harris** - Anesthesiology residency at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, Mass.

**Seth Mathern** - Family Medicine residency at University of Colorado School of Medicine in Aurora, Colo.

Columbia-Bassett Class of 2015 students deferring graduation include: **Alana Aylward, Billie Borden, Kathleen Breeding, Margaret Dowd, Annette Georgia, and Adam Hsu.**

## Medical Specialties Fellowship Match—Three Internal Medicine Residency graduates going on to distinguished fellowships

**Napat "Lee" Leeaphorn, M.D.**, Nephrology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, Mass.

**Nitipong "Nate" Permpalung, M.D.**, Infection Diseases at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, Mass.

**Pongsathorn "Phil" Kue-A-Pai, M.D.**, Nephrology at the University of Alabama Medical Center, Birmingham, Ala. ■

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## Reagan Joins Bassett Staff



Brian F. Reagan, M.D.

Brian F. Reagan, M.D., joined Bassett Medical Center as an attending physician in Internal Medicine (primary care). Previously he was in practice at Medical Associates of Cape Cod in Harwich, Mass.

He earned his undergraduate degree from St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y. and his medical degree at Georgetown University School of Medicine, Washington, D.C. Reagan completed an internship and residency (1987-1990) in Internal Medicine at

Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital. He is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine. ■

## IN MEMORIAM: BASSETT REMEMBERS

*Alumni: Please send copies of obituaries of former Bassett trainees, faculty or other members of the "Bassett Family" to [cupola@bassett.org](mailto:cupola@bassett.org)*

### **Harvey Gurian, M.D.,**

Harvey Gurian, M.D., Bassett Psychiatrist-in-Chief 1959-89, passed away at age 88 from complications following surgery on February 14, 2015 in Cambridge, Mass. A native of Canada, he obtained his M.D. from the University of Toronto, followed by an internship at the Saskatoon City Hospital and then a psychiatry residency at the Brooklyn State Hospital. An advertisement brought him to Bassett. As he told John Davis, M.D. in 2009, "To have a teaching hospital in a rural setting was very unusual then. There were very few psychiatrists in rural areas at that time. You know when we came here it was a very idealistic place. It was very small, everybody knew everybody." When he came to Bassett he was the only psychiatrist between Albany and Binghamton, and finding an associate was difficult.

Gurian set up a premiere two-year psychiatry residency at Bassett in conjunction with Columbia University's Psychiatric Institute. He was an active teacher of psychiatry to the Intern staff as an advocate of the bio-psycho-social model of medicine developed at the University of Rochester. He radiated good cheer.

Harvey Gurian had a 58-year devoted marriage to Helen Supple Gurian who for several years worked with him as a psychiatric social worker. A Type 1 diabetic from age 28, Gurian took scrupulous care of himself and was eventually awarded the Joslin Medal for "50 Courageous Years with Diabetes." He is survived by his wife and children, Anne (Anthony) of Medford, MA, John (Lourdes) of San Antonio, Robert of Cooperstown, Patrick (Katharine) of Wayne, Pa. and five grandchildren.

### **Dorothy Thomas**

Dorothy "Dottie" Thomas died at home near Seattle on January 9, 2015 at age 92. The widow of E. Donall Thomas, M.D. who had also died at age 92 in 2012, Dottie was known as "the Mother of Bone Marrow Transplants" because of her right-hand management of her husband's immunological and

transplant work through the years. Recruited from Harvard Medical School in 1955, Dr. Thomas assembled the team that led to the first successful bone marrow transplantation for acute leukemia in 1959, leading to his Nobel Prize in Medicine in 1990. As Bassett's Theodore Peters, Ph.D., described it to John Davis, M.D., "Dottie managed all of his literature and research affairs, and his role as a family." Dr. Thomas also persuaded his wife to allow him to bring the (research) dogs to their home in Middlefield, N.Y., five miles out of town. By the time the new canine facility was completed in 1963, the Thomas family was caring for 56 lively beagles that had survived a marrow transplant. According to Dr. Thomas, "Dottie told me if we got one more, I'll leave!" Needless to say, she never left.

### **Paul W. Scharff, M.D.**

Paul W. Scharff, M.D. passed away in Chestnut Ridge, N.Y. on April 29, 2014 at age 83. A graduate of Case Western University School of Medicine, Scharff was a Rotating Intern at Bassett Hospital in 1956-57. He and his wife, Ann, were friends of fellow Intern John Davis, M.D. and his wife Jean. Scharff became a psychiatrist, and he and Ann co-founded a summertime residence for devotees of the philosopher Rudolf Steiner in 1966. Scharff explained his approach as, "What we are trying to do (for elders) is emphasize the human soul and spirit." His widow Ann Scharff survives him.

### **Elizabeth Davidson, R.N.**

Elizabeth "Betty" Davidson, R.N. died at Otsego Manor on August 10, 2014 at age 91. She began at Bassett as a nurse's aide in 1942, received her R.N. degree from Columbia University in 1946, and except for a stint away from 1950 to 1957, spent most of her career at Bassett until retiring in 1985. A warm but strict member of the "old school" of nursing practice, she taught decades of nursing students, was a mentor to many members of the house staff and was one of the last at Bassett to wear a nurse's cap. ■

## BASSETT LOOKS BACK



*These two historic images depict faculty development opportunities of decades past. Above, a photo of Grand Rounds in the medical library in 1958.*



*This photo includes in the front: John Olson, M.D., in the bow tie, and James Young, M.D., wearing a sweater. In the center, Steven Stoddard, M.D. is seated with his left elbow on chair and Tom Ashford, M.D. is to his left. At the back, James Bordley IV, M.D. is sitting at the table. Can any alumni help identify others depicted in this photo? If so, send identifications to John S. Davis at [davi7s4@hughes.net](mailto:davi7s4@hughes.net).*



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## Bequest to Benefit Medical Education Endowment

### *Long-time Bassett Nurse Betty Davidson Makes Gift with Lasting Impact*

M. Elizabeth “Betty” Davidson, R.N., began her career at Bassett in 1941 and was an integral part of the nursing staff for 44 years. Retiring in 1985, Davidson continued to support Bassett as a volunteer in the library, offering her own wisdom and history to the younger generations around her. She was an avid traveler and a keen bowler, and she was often involved in the community programs around Cooperstown.

“Miss (I made the mistake of calling her ‘Ms.’ once) Davidson was the epitome of the classically trained registered nurse,” said Douglas M. DeLong, M.D. “Professional at all times, she wore a white uniform and starched nursing cap until she retired. She was a true patient-centered nurse before there was such a nomenclature.”

Bassett Medical Center’s Medical Education endowment fund was a recent beneficiary of Davidson’s estate. She passed away last fall in Cooperstown, surrounded by the many friends she had made at Bassett over the years.

“When Miss Davidson became abruptly ill at the end of her long life she was both accepting and pragmatic until the end,” said DeLong.

She leaves a legacy of her own years at Bassett and the continuing legacy of her generous bequest gift. Her gift has bolstered the education endowment, and it will increase the annual support available for our learning environment. Davidson’s thoughtfulness will help sustain future generations of medical staff and students for many years to come.

One of the easiest methods of making a legacy gift is to include a bequest to Bassett in your will or trust. Your bequest can be unrestricted or directed to a specific purpose. The next time you change or revise your will in consultation with your attorney, you can make a provision indicating a specific amount or a percentage of the balance remaining in your estate or trust.

For information on making a bequest gift to Bassett, or for other planned giving options, call Joshua Truman at 607-547-3928 or visit [www.friendsofbassett.plannedgiving.org/](http://www.friendsofbassett.plannedgiving.org/). ■

#### **A reminder: Who are the members of the Bassett Medical Alumni Association?**

You are past and current interns, residents and fellows.

You are former and current members of the senior doctoral staff.

And you are students of the Columbia-Bassett Medical School program or students who spent your final two years of medical school at Bassett.