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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL SCHOOL AT HOUSTON

Events to Know

August

22 Back to School Anxiety Survival Tips, noon, JFB, G.734.

29 Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery, Dr. Eugene Boisaubin, "Professionalism in Medical Practice," 7:15 a.m., MSB 3.301.

UTMost Interest

Dr. Jeanie B. McMillin, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, attended the Gordon conference and spoke on "Transcriptional Repressors of Carnitine Palmitoyltransferase I beta: Role of COUP TFII and USF," July 28-Aug. 2, at Connecticut College...

Dr. Bradford S. Goodwin, Jr., Center for Laboratory Animal Medicine and Care, recently spoke at the 139th annual meeting of the American Veterinary Medical Association, in Nashville, Tenn., speaking on "Tropical Storm Allison-Aftermath and Recovery." He also recently presented the same topic at the Laboratory Animal Management Association annual meeting in Jackson Hole, Wyo....**Dr. Richard W. Smalling**, Internal Medicine/Cardiology, attended the AHA Atherosclerotic Vascular Disease Conference in Boston, Mass., where policies and new procedures for the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of peripheral vascular disease, were formulated...**Dr. Mary M. Velasquez**, Family Practice and Community Medicine, spoke at the National Research Center in Athens, Greece, on "Training Health Professionals in the Drug Addiction Field;" she also taught a weeklong course on addiction treatment.

SAVE 'HOUSTON MEDICAL'

Set at Memorial Hermann Hospital and the UT-Houston Medical School, *Houston Medical* completed its six-episode run July 23, with a prime-time audience of more than 7 million viewers. The show remains under consideration by ABC for a contract extension. For more information, click on <http://www.savehoustonmedical.com>.

UT-H WELCOMES BACK DR. RAPINI, NEW DERMATOLOGY CHAIR

Dr. Ronald P. Rapini will come on board as chair of the Department of Dermatology, Nov. 1. He is presently in his eighth year as chairman of the Department of Dermatology at Texas Tech University. Rapini is a former UT-Houston Health Science Center faculty member, having served from 1983-1993. His strengths are in clinical dermatology, including dermatopathology and dermatologic surgery.



Dr. Ronald Rapini

At Texas Tech, he served as chairman of the Texas Tech Medical Practice Income Plan policy committee, similar to the Medical School's MSRDP. He is a strong believer in the skills of effective administration and good interactions with other faculty and staff. He has demonstrated leadership in revenue and reserve funds building, as well as full-time faculty building. He supports a strong research program. He is co-author of the most recent textbook of Mohs surgery for skin cancer, and has two books, *Practical Dermatopathology*, which he single-authored, and a two-volume international textbook, *Dermatology*, of which he is one of the three lead editors, due out in the spring of 2003.

MEDICAL SCHOOL'S FIFTIETH MD/PHD GRADUATE HONORED

The UT-Houston MD/PhD Program honored its 50th graduate on Aug. 7. The honoree, **Dr. Lisa Armitige**, is currently a resident in the Department of Internal Medicine and did her dissertation research with **Dr. Audrey Wanger**, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine.

The formal MD/PhD Program provides an opportunity for outstanding students to participate in an organized program leading to the M.D. and Ph.D. degrees in 6 to 7 years. It combines the best in scientific and clinical medical education with investigational laboratory research conducted under the direction of an established investigator at one of the schools of the Health Science Center, or UT M. D. Anderson Cancer Center. Approximately five students have been admitted each year since its establishment in 1981. The program now has 30-35 students. Graduates have gone on to research residences at such places as Yale, Duke, Penn, Johns Hopkins, Baylor, UC-San Diego, Michigan, and Massachusetts General Hospital.

The program is currently under the leadership of **Dr. Dianna Milewicz**, director; **Dr. Russell Broaddus**, co-director; and **Dr. Paul Darlington**, associate director.

For more information on the MD/PhD program, go to <http://gsbs.gs.uth.tmc.edu/mdphd.html>, or www.uth.tmc.edu/schools/gbs/mdphd/.



Dr. Dianna Milewicz, (l.), and **Dr. Russell Broaddus** congratulate **Dr. Lisa Armitige**.



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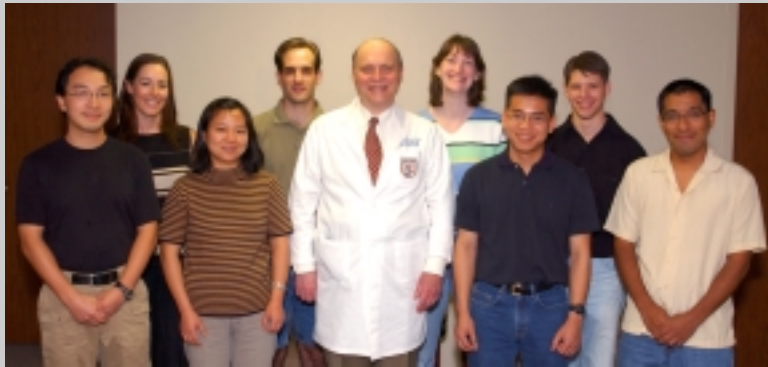
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2002 UT-H MEDICAL SCHOOL DEAN'S RESEARCH AWARDS RECIPIENTS



Dean Max Buja congratulates the 2002 Research Awards recipients, who are graduate students in the Medical School, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS):

Back row, left to right:

Joye Purser (Molecular Pathology), Chris Machado (Neuroscience), Meredith Moore (Molecular Pathology), and Hays Young (Biochemistry & Molecular Biology).

Front row, left to right:

Wei Li (Neuroscience), Lei Deng (Cell and Regulatory Biology), Dean Max Buja, Bao Nguyen (Cell and Regulatory Biology), and Jose Rivera (Microbiology & Molecular Genetics).

Not Pictured:

Tara Gaertner (Neuroscience), April Hebert (Neuroscience), Jessica Indrigo (Molecular Pathology), and Sally Kim (Neuroscience).

Congratulations!

NEW ONLINE EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION PROCESS

The Human Resources Department is pleased to announce the new OnLine Employment Application, effective Aug. 1. If you have internet access, you can reach The University of Texas Houston Health Science Center Web site by clicking on <www.uth.tmc.edu/jobs/apply.html>.

The new OnLine Employment Application is for use by both external applicants as well as internal employees who wish to apply for a job. Please direct any questions related to this subject to: **Carla Woodard**, 713-500-3149, or to <Carla.A.Woodard@uth.tmc.edu>.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL HELP

Child-care resources for ages 6 weeks through 6 years old are offered by the UT-Houston Child Development Center. Visit <<http://worklife.uth.tmc.edu/childcare.html>>. If you need other resources, check out some of the companies offering the UT-Houston family a discount. Visit <<http://worklife.uth.tmc.edu/Discountpartners.html>> and scroll down to Child and Student Programs.

Still need additional resources for children up to 14 years? Visit <<http://worklife.uth.tmc.edu/childcare.html>> to learn about the online Initiatives for Children's Resources and Referral Services search engine, with more than 5,000 providers in Houston and the surrounding 17 counties.

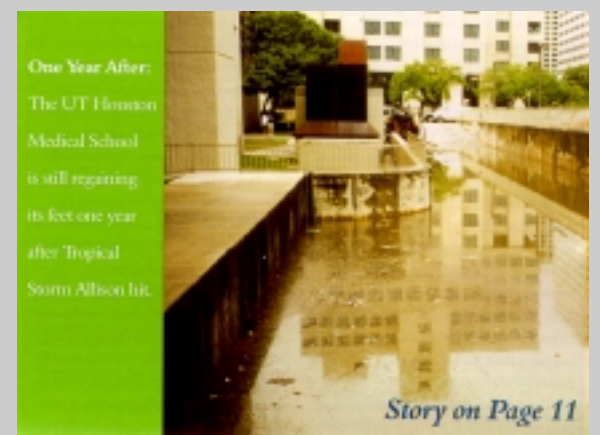
NIH-FUNDED CLINICAL RESEARCH CURRICULUM BEGINS AUG. 21

The NIH-funded Clinical Research Curriculum for this academic year begins Wed., **Aug. 21**, 5 - 7 p.m., MSB 2.135. The first course —Biostatistics —will be followed by Literature Appraisal, Ethics, Translational Research, and a Research Seminar in which participants will develop their own protocols.

There is no fee for these courses, which are core services provided to faculty to facilitate growth in becoming skilled and productive clinical investigators. Please share this information with other faculty and fellows. For questions, or to register, call 713-500-5651 or 713-500-6708.

DR. OVERALL COMMENTS ON HRT

Dr. John E. Overall, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, commented in depth (*Houston Chronicle*, Editorials, 8/12/02), about the issues surrounding hormone replacement therapy (HRT). For the full editorial, see <www.chron.com/cs/CDA/story.hts/editorial/outlook/1527925>.



One Year After:
The UT-Houston
Medical School
is still reeling
its feet one year
after Tropical
Storm Allison hit.

Story on Page 11

This month's *AAMC Reporter*, published by the Association of American Medical Colleges, carried a front page teaser to its article about the state of the UT-Houston Medical School following Tropical Storm Allison (story continues inside on page 11).