



MAY/JUNE

A Message from the Chair



Dr. Warren Sandberg welcomes the audience to the annual meeting of the Association of University Anesthesiologists

It's spring - a time of renewal, and a time when I always take stock of the prior year's accomplishments and look ahead to the work of the coming year. In doing so, I am reminded of how dynamic academic anesthesia is. Each year in a career is different from the one before - sometimes a little, sometimes a lot.

In the department, we bid farewell to

our own graduates as they seize new opportunities, and we anticipate the arrival of new faculty, new CRNAs and

a new crop of residents. We celebrate the transition of another generation of mentees becoming mentors.

Some of the additional positive changes we have experienced this year include:

- Four additional operating rooms
- Two new members elected to the Association of University Anesthesiologists (AUA)
- An increase in published papers
- An increase in residency matches from 15 to 18
- Approval of new fellowship slots in Obstetric Anesthesiology and in Criti-

cal Care Medicine

- Approval of a new Neuro Critical Care fellowship
- Expansion of our physician basic science portfolio, via internal development and arrival of new faculty
- The addition of substantial new, non-traditional grant funding to our portfolio through the ImPACT Africa grant and its supplement from the

...we launched three initiatives that change the game in hospital

anesthesiology and position the department as a leading contrib-

ing contributor to improving the function of our health system.

- (1) We put in motion the bedside monitoring initiative, wherein every surgical patient will have at least a pulse oximeter with an escalating alert system while hospitalized.
- (2) We are leading the Standard Inpatient Operating Model, dedicated to knocking down barriers to smooth

hospital patient flow by solving persistent problems at the system level and creating

reliable standard work. (3) And last, we reinvigorated the Center for Evidence-based Anesthesia (CEBA) and created the Anesthesia Perioperative Consult Service, which, together, have reduced length of stay by up to two days in every patient population they have addressed.

This has been another transformational year, and I thank each of you for your hard work and dedication. Your contributions are what make *us* such a successful department. With the upcoming activities on the horizon, I anticipate an equally exciting year ahead.

Press Coverage
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Jesse M. Ehrenfeld, M.D. is honored by the Massachusetts Medical Society

Sepsis, a wily killer, stymies doctors' efforts to tame it

Vanderbilt doctors' cooperation heals patients faster

Rice assumes helm in Multispecialty Adult Anesthesiology

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Clinton Global Health Initiative

• Doubling the size of the GI laboratory

utor to improving the function of our health system.

- Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology now covering every case on CCT5, extending our reach to entirely new classes of patients and procedures
- Ambulatory Anesthesiology expanding and converting Medical Center East into a high throughput low acuity surgery center

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The Vanderbilt International Anesthesia Fundraiser took place Friday, April 17 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm at The Green Door Gourmet Grand Barn. More than 170 were in attendance for the lively event, which raised more than \$30,500.

The night kicked off with a cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres, followed by a buffet dinner catered by The Clean Plate Club. Guests enjoyed Southern favs such as smoked pork loin, sweet tea-brined chicken and five cheese mac & cheese.

Highlights of the evening included bidding on one of three cheesecakes made by Dr. Clifford Bowens and giving Dr. Alex Green a haircut of choice. There were silent and live auctions with selections such as vacation destinations and a collection of fine wines from "The Sandberg Cellar."

The emcee for the evening was Dr. McEvoy and keynote speaker was Dr. Mark Newton. Dr. Erik Hansen skyped from Kijabe as part of the presentation.



Dr. Matt McEvoy, emcee for the evening

"The annual fundraiser dinner was an opportunity to celebrate the success of the program with residents, faculty, families and the larger Nashville community."



Dr. Mark Newton, keynote speaker



Every two minutes a mother dies giving birth in sub-saharain Africa.







Dr. David Byrne, Dr. Kara Siegrist and Dr. Greg Carpenter



Dr. Joel Musee and son



Dr. Mark Newton



Cindy Cannon





Dr. Jesse Ehrenfield





Dr. Alex Greene just before his headshaving



Dr. Daltry Dott



Drs. Tucker and Jessica Mudrick



Dr. and Mrs. Michael Higgins

SPOTLIGHT

Department of Anesthesiology

Welcome to New Faculty and Staff



Justin Berube Accounting Assistant IV

Administration

BS. 2004. Business Management, Westfield State College Westfield, MA

PREVIOUS POSITION: Accounting/Finance Assistant, Nashville, TN

Fun Fact: Sings a great karaoke version of "I Will Survive'



Travis Jason Hamilton, DO **Assistant Professor**

Division of Multispecialty Adult Anesthesiology

Residency, Anesthesiology, 2011, Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, TX, and Transitional Internship, 2008, William Beaumont Army Medical Center, El Paso, TX

Clinical Solutions Pharmacy, DO, 2007, Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine, Pikeville, KY

> BS, 2001, Biology, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN

PREVIOUS POSITIONS: Staff Anesthesiologist, Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center (DDEAMC), Fort Gordon, GA, 2011-2015; Major, Medical Corps, United States Army, Fort Gordon, GA, 2011-2015; Staff Anesthesiologist, Doctors Hospital of Augusta/Joseph M. Still Burn Center, Anesthesia Consultants of Augusta, Augusta, GA, 2013-2015

Fun Fact: Spent eight years on active duty as an anesthesiologist with the United States Army



Robin Hipes Administrative Assistant II Division of Research/VAPIR

AAS, 1998, Paralegal Studies,

Northern Virginia Community College, Fairfax, VA,

PREVIOUS POSITION: Administrative Assistant II, Human Research Protection Program, Vanderbilt University Nashville, TN

Fun Fact: Pursuing degree AAS, 2015, Office Management Technology, Volunteer State Community College, Gallatin, TN



Nancy Morton, MSN, FNP-C **Nurse Practitioner**

Division of Pain Medicine

MSN, 2014, Family Nurse Practitioner, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN

BSN, 1993, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI

PREVIOUS POSITIONS: Nurse Practitioner, Fast Pace Clinic, McMinnville, TN & Fairview, TN, 2014-2015; Resource RN on Med/ Surg, Women's, Cardiac and Transplant Stepdown Units, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN,1995-2015; Clinic RN, Cancer Clinic, Medical Specialties, Neurology, Vanderbilt Psychiatric Hospital, Nashville, TN, 1995-2015

Fun Fact: Is a New Englander, second generation Portuguese



Kelly Smith, RN, MS-CRNA, MSN-FNP, APRN-BC **Certified Registered Nurse** Anesthetist

Division of Multispecialty Adult Anesthesiology

MSN, 2008, Nurse Anesthesia, Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia, Madison, TN MSN, 2004, Family Nurse Practitioner, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

BSN, 1995, Belmont University, Nashville, TN

PREVIOUS POSITION: Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, Anesthesia Medical Group, Baptist Hospital, Nashville, TN

Fun Fact: Loves to garden



Rebecca Stadler **Administrative Assistant II** Division of Pain Medicine

PREVIOUS POSITION: Administrative Assistant, University Physicians Inc., Aurora, CO

Fun Fact: Enjoys running and hopes to run her first half marathon this fall

2015-2016 Resident Advisory Council



Joel Musee, MD, **PhD** Co-Chair Hometown: Nairobi, Kenya Education: Oberlin College

Vanderbilt University School of Medicine as part of the MD/PhD program and graduated with a PhD in biochemistry, as well

as a medical degree.



Sarah Hemauer, MD, PhD Co-Chair

Hometown: Stockbridge, WI Education: University of Wisconsin-Madison University of Texas Medical Branch as part of the MD/PhD program and graduated with a PhD in biochemistry and molecular biology, as well as a medical degree.

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Accomplishments

- Christopher Lewis Cropsey has been awarded an FAER Grant: Effects of an Electronic Decision Support Tool on Team Performance During In-situ Simulation of Perioperative Cardiac Arrest.
- Paul St. Jacques, MD, has been named President Elect for the AACD (Association of Anesthesia Clinical Directors) and is now recognized as a Certified Professional in Patient Safety (CPPS) by the Certification Board for Professionals in Patient Safety (CBPPS).
- Drs. Mark Newton and Kelly McQueen attended the launch of the Lancet Commission on Global Surgery in April. Dr. Newton participated as a distinguished guest, and Dr. McQueen served as an advisor to the commission and as a panelist. Dr. Tracey Jackson had an abstract accepted and presented a poster. Thereafter, Dr. Newton spoke at Oxford University, Great Ormond Street, and University College Teaching Hospital (main teaching hospital in London), and met with the GE Foundation.
- Kevin Currie, PhD, Brad Grueter, PhD, & Carrie Grueter PhD, were recognized by Dr. Mark Wallace for their teaching efforts within the Neuroscience Graduate Program.
- Jerod Denton, PhD, was invited to review for the NICHD (National Institute of Child Health & Human Development).
- Warren Sandberg, MD, PhD, Michael Pilla, MD, & Scott Watkins, MD, were recommended for membership in the Academy for Excellence in Teaching.
- Expansion of the Anesthesiology Critical Care Medicine and Obstetric Anesthesiology Fellowship Programs has been approved. Critical Care Medicine will expand to 10 fellows per year (from 8), and Obstetric Anesthesiology will expand to 2 fellows per year (from 1).
- Stephen Bruehl, PhD, and John Burns, PhD, had a new R01 funded with a start date of April 1st. Total costs that will be funneled through Vanderbilt are about \$2.6 million.
 Project Title: Reduced Opioid Analgesic Requirements Via Improved Endogenous Opioid Function.
- Kelly McQueen, MD, reported the launch of Essential Surgery, the first volume of *Disease Control Priorities, Third Edition (DCP3)*, on March 26 at the Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH) conference in Boston, MA. Dr. McQueen co-authored a chapter on Anesthesia and Perioperative Care in the first volume. The full series comprises nine individual volumes that will be published in 2015-2016.

- Sujay Kharade, PhD, postdoctoral fellow in the Denton lab, organized an ASPET symposium at Experimental Biology 2015 entitled "Channelizing ion channel-based drug discovery: Advancements and Current Challenges."
- Michael H. Chi, MD, has been named the newest BH Robbins Scholar. Dr. Chi and his mentor, Dr. Craig Duvall, assistant professor of biomedical engineering, will research targeted drug delivery related to oxidation. The potential applications of this research are tremendous since oxidative stress has been implicated in ischemia reperfusion injury and organ dysfunction, development of persistent pain, and hyper-inflammation.
- Dr. Amy Robertson's proposal, "Using Interactive Video to Teach Clinical Procedures," will be funded by the Vanderbilt Institute of Digital Learning (VIDL).



Fred H. Bess, PhD, Jeff Balser, MD, PhD, Edward Sherwood, MD, PhD, Wei Zheng, MD, PhD, MPH

Edward Sherwood, MD, PhD, was named the Cornelius Vanderbilt Chair in Anesthesiology. A celebration was held in January, honoring Dr. Sherwood and the other new holders of endowed chairs for their academic accomplishments.

- Kelsey A. Chinnadurai, MSN, FNP-C, has successfully defended her doctoral project entitled "Implementation of a sustainable Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia (VAP) prevention protocol in a Pediatric ICU in Managua, Nicaragua." Kelsey will graduate from Duke University with her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) on May 8th, 2015.
- Dr. Rene Raphemot, who completed his Ph.D. dissertation research in Dr. Jerod Denton's laboratory, will be awarded at graduation the Vanderbilt Founder's Medal (first-in-class) in recognition of his outstanding research accomplishments during his graduate work.

Appointments/Elections

• Josh Billings, MD, was appointed to the scientific program committee for the Society of Cardiovascular Anesthesiology's annual meeting.

• Jason Lane, MD, was elected to the board of directors (director at Large) at the Association of Anesthesia Clinical Directors annual meeting in Las Vegas in March and was appointed chair of the Society of Non-Operating Room Interventionalists and Anesthesiologists (SONORIA) Collaboration committee. This committee is charged with the task of acting as a liaison to other societies and specialties (Radiology, Cardiology, Gastroenterology.

Competition

 Joseph Schlesinger, MD, and his team won the 2015 Biomedical Engineering Design Competition.

Presentations

- Josh Billings, MD, was invited to give Grand Rounds for the Division of Clinical Pharmacology on April 7th and gave a talk titled, "Oxidant Injury during Cardiac Surgery."
- Dr. Brian Rothman spoke on the challenges and opportunities of real-time clinical research decision support at the DIA EuroMeeting 2015 in Paris, France. The conference focused on the entire drug development process. As part of an effort to use analytics to shorten the time required to get a drug to market, Dr. Rothman demonstrated VigiVU and discussed how it could be leveraged in real-time decision support toward that goal, as well as the data challenges associated with implementing such a system.
- Dr. Jane Brock presented her poster, "Ambulatory 2015: Following outcomes to insure quality, safety and satisfaction in patients who are fatter and sicker," at the Society for Ambulatory Anesthesia (SAMBA). The percentage of high acuity patients in our Ambulatory Surgery Centers at Vanderbilt intrigued the audience.

Panel

• Jason Lane, MD, moderated a panel at the Association of Anesthesia Clinical Directors on Non-Operating Room Anesthesia: Challenges, Pitfalls, and Successes. Additional panelists included Dr. Norman Randolph of the University of Pennsylvania, and Dr. Mark Weiss, Vice-President of the Society of Non-Operating Room Interventionalists and Anesthesiologists.

Travel

 Camila Lyon, MD, went to Mozambique for two weeks with 450 diverse providers including students, residents, attendings, specialists, and technicians in general medicine, anesthesia, surgery, OB, and pediatrics. The goal is to increase surgical and anesthesia capacity and safety.

Congrats

• Dr. John Meyer married Jen Tooher on 4/25 in Roswell, Georgia.

All Staff Meeting and Luncheon

April 21



Hongjuan Blazer and Karen McCarthy



Travis Spain, Kristie Lee, Christine Goldsberry, Michele Salzman and Qunli Cheng



Nadine Krueger, Kim Alexander, Martha Tanner, Deborah Nelson-Rouse and Jennifer Cook



Damon Michaels, Steve Klintworth, Gail Mayo, Susan Taylor and Mark Stevens



Back row: Mark Stevens, Dawn Martin, Betsy DeMarcus Front row: Rachel Herrmann and Judy Lashbrook



Jennifer and Carter Morse



Beverly Fletcher, Kristi Hasty and Callie Hanks



Frank Aline, Mary Chestnut and Michael Plante

Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology: At a Glance



Dr. Mias Pretorius, Danielle Brenston and Dr. Andrew Shaw conclude a successful fellowship interviewing session for 2016-2017



Dr. Mias Pretorius and Dr. Andrew Shaw in front of posters at Society of Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists (SCA)



Dr. Amanda Fox, UT Southwestern Vice Chair for Research with Dr. Andrew Shaw at SCA



The Association of University Anesthesiologists annual meeting took place April 23-25 at Lowes Vanderbilt Hotel. The event brought together approximately 300 university anesthesiologists and focused on developing new methods of teaching anesthesiology, engaging in an interchange of ideas, and presenting original investigations in the clinical and laboratory setting.



Dr. Matthew McEvoy, Dr. Yandong Jiang, Dr. Warren Sandberg, Dr. Jonathan Wanderer and Dr. Mark Rice



Dr. Jeff Balser and Dr. Lee Fleisher



Dr. Steven Shafer, Dr. David Murray and Dr. Matthew McEvoy



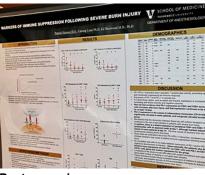
Dr. Aman Mahajan, Dr. Michael Gropper, Dr. Liza Weavind and Dr. Pratik Pandharipande



Dr. Annemarie Thompson, Dr. Brian Rothman, Dr. Jesse Ehrenfeld, Dr. Warren Sandberg and Dr. Lorri Lee



Dr. Arna Banerjee



Poster session



Dr. Margaret Wood and Dr. Michael Kot Dr. Heidi Smith and Dr. Y.S.



Dr. David Chestnut



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About AUA

The Association of University Anesthesiologists is a medical society composed of anesthesiologists who serve an academic role in anesthesiology at a medical school or a teaching hospital. The mission of the AUA is the advancement of the art and science of anesthesiology by the encouragement of its members to pursue original investigations in the clinic and in the laboratory, the development of the method of teaching anesthesia, and the free and informal interchange of ideas. For more information on the AUA, visit the Association's website at auahq.org.





Dr. Warren Sandberg, Dr. Judith Hellman and Dr. Ed Sherwood



Dr. Jerod Denton, Dr. Warren Sandberg, Dr. Judith Hellman and Dr. Pratik Pandharipande



Dr. Bantayehu Sileshi



Christine Goldsberry, Kristie Lee and Deborah Nelson-Rouse



Poster viewing session



Dr. Andrew Shaw and Dr. Sandberg (Charles Bernard Pittinger Prize, Health Services and Informatics Research)



Dr. Stephen Bruehl and Dr. Sandberg (Charles Bernard Pittinger Prize, Clinical Translational Research)



Dr. Eric Delpire and Dr. Sandberg (Charles Bernard Pittinger Prize, Basic Science Research)



Dr. Heidi Smith and Dr. Adam Kingeter (tie for Best Oral Presentation)



Dr. Josh Billings and Dr. Sandberg (Bradley Smith Mentorship Award)



Patricia Hendricks, RN, and Dr. Sandberg (Roger England Research Award for Excellence in Support of Basic and Clinical Science)



Dr. Sandberg and Dr. Julia Bohannon (Best Poster Presentation)



Dr. Pratik Pandharipande and Kristie Lee tally scores

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