

WFSOM

Women Faculty of the School of Medicine
Case Western Reserve University

Our mission: Professional Development, Advocacy, Networking

April 2011

Women Faculty of the School of
Medicine
Annual Spring Dinner
Wednesday, May 11, 2011



Keynote Speaker:
Nancy Nielsen, MD, PhD

Immediate Past President, American Medical
Association

***“How to Break the Glass Ceiling
Without
Injuring Your Head”***

5:00pm cocktail reception
6:00pm dinner and speaker

Allen Memorial Library
(Corner of Euclid & Adelbert Rds.)

\$40 includes dinner and membership dues*
*free for trainees and students

REGISTRATION: kathleen.beal@case.edu or
(216) 368-3870. Deadline April 29th as
seating is limited.

The mission of the Women Faculty School
of Medicine organization at Case Western
Reserve University is to provide:

- 1) **Professional Development**
opportunities for women faculty in the
School of Medicine.
- 2) **Advocacy** on behalf of women in
academic medicine at CWRU and affiliates.
- 3) **Networking** among women and leaders
in academic medicine to promote academic,
professional, and personal growth.

**ACT NOW: JOIN WFSOM
or Renew your membership**

Applications can be found on the WFSOM
website: <http://casemed.case.edu/wfsom>
Click on Join Us >> Fill out the application and
send, along with \$25 dues to:

Francoise Adan - Registrar
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**Kathie Beal – WFSOM Administrative
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MEET THE WFSOM STEERING COMMITTEE

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OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Women faculty members are invited to join Professors Catherine Albers (theater and dance) and Sharona Hoffman (law) for a facilitated discussion:

Time Management and Maximizing Your Writing.

The event, part of the Advice from Full Professors program sponsored by the Women Faculty Leadership Development Institute of the Flora Stone Mather Center for Women, will be **April 26** from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Cleveland Room at Thwing Center. Space is limited, so RSVP and reserve a lunch by emailing Susan Freimark (sbf@case.edu).

Bring your lunch on the last Thursday of each month and spend time with other women faculty to network, share ideas, and give and get support.

Wednesday **April 28 12:00-1:30 pm**, Meeting Room B, Thwing Center

WFSOM are pleased to announce a return of the popular Toastmasters! Please mark your calendar on Monday, **May 23, 2011 4:00pm--5:30pm** for a fun and informative interactive session:

"How to Put Your Personality into a Speech".

Final location TBD.

ACCOLADES:

Several Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine women faculty members received local awards recently:

Molly McMahon Yohann, MD, Assistant Professor, Department of Radiology, received Beaumont School's 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award, which is given to women who exemplify the school's mission, which is to educate women for life, leadership and service.

Additionally, **Karen Horowitz Kahn, MD**, Associate Professor of Medicine in the Division of Clinical and Molecular Endocrinology, was named the Sun Press Person of the Week. She also recently earned the 2010 Leadership Development Award by the Diabetes Association of Greater Cleveland for her work with the association and with Camp Ho Mita Koda, a camp for children with diabetes.

Francoise Adan, MD, the Co-medical director of the UH Connor Integrative Medicine Network, will receive the YWCA Women of Professional Excellence Award on May 16th after being nominated by the leadership at the University Hospitals of Cleveland.

Congrats to **Sumita Khatri, MD, MA**, Assistant Professor of Medicine, who was interviewed by Monica Robbins on Channel 3 News about the Bronchial Thermoplasty procedure which broadcast on April 18th. You can watch the video here:

<http://www.wky.com/news/story.aspx?storyid=186108>



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Nora L. Nock, PhD, Assistant Professor of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, and **Cheryl L. Thompson**, PhD, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, were awarded the TREC Trainee Award for Excellence at the national meeting of the Transdisciplinary Research on Energetics and Cancer (TREC) Centers of the National Cancer Institute.

Dean Pamela B. Davis, MD, PhD, received a special honors award from the Academy of Medicine of Cleveland & Northern Ohio for her work as an outstanding educator.

Holly Perzy, MD, Associate Director, MetroHealth Strongsville Health Center, CCH Med-Peds Program and Assistant Professor, Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, was nominated to the Cambridge Who's Who.

The WFSOM is pleased to announce the recipients of our annual Junior Professional Development Award which recognizes full-time junior female faculty members (within 5 years since appointment to the Assistant Professor level), who demonstrate outstanding potential for a promising career in academic medicine. This year three awardees were selected from a large pool of outstanding applications. Congratulations to:



Kristine Blackham, MD. Assistant Professor, Department of Radiology, University Hospitals Case Medical Center, Section of Neuroradiology

Rebecca Boxer, MD. Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, University Hospitals Case Medical Center, Harrington McLaughlin Heart and Vascular Institute



Ruth Farrell, MD, MA. Assistant Professor, Departments of Bioethics and Obstetrics/Gynecology, Cleveland Clinic

Each newsletter we will include a profile of a different member of your steering committee. This month we will introduce **Usha Stiefel**, our Vice President:

Dr. Stiefel is currently an Assistant Professor at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in Cleveland, Ohio, and Chief of the Infectious Diseases Section at the Cleveland Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Dr. Stiefel completed her undergraduate education at Case Western Reserve University, in Cleveland, Ohio, prior to attending medical school in New York, at the University of Buffalo. After graduating, she completed her Internal Medicine internship, residency training, and Chief Medical Residency at University Hospitals of Cleveland-Case Medical Center. She subsequently pursued fellowship training in Infectious Diseases, also at CWRU, during which period she was able to devote a significant amount of time to honing her basic science research skills in the Center for Resistance and Epidemiology (CARE) at the Cleveland Veterans Affairs Medical Center. After finishing her Fellowship Training in 2005, Dr. Stiefel joined the faculty of Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and the Cleveland VA Medical Center as a federally funded physician-scientist, specializing in



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research in the area of antibiotic resistance. In August of 2008, she became the Chief of Infectious Diseases at the Cleveland Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Most of her scientific publications are in the fields of hospital-acquired infections and multidrug-resistant pathogens.

Dr. Stiefel joined the Steering Committee of the WFSOM in 2008. During her tenure, she has planned and executed multiple professional development workshops for both women and men faculty colleagues. Dr. Stiefel is also a recipient of the 2010 WFSOM Junior Faculty Professional Development Award.

Announcing a great opportunity for WFSOM members to contribute to the School of Medicine:

Focus Group on Women Faculty Attrition

This focus group will meet approximately 4 to 5 times with a goal of generating a report discussing issues related to recruitment and retention of quality women faculty at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. We will gather information through survey, interview, and internal and external sources and report our findings to the WFSOM organization as well as the Deans of the SOM. We are now recruiting volunteers:

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