Dr. Reith, New AP Director
Kent Newsom

Much like we bid a fond farewell and usher in the new every year on January 1st, so too did we welcome Dr. John Reith as new Director of Anatomic Pathology and thank Dr. Anthony Yachnis for his service and commitment as he stepped down from the position this year to focus on his other duties. Dr. Yachnis served as Anatomic Pathology Director from 2007 to 2011. A reception honoring Dr. Yachnis was held on February 8th of this year in the ARB Founder’s Gallery for his many years of outstanding service and dedication.

The Pathology Department at the University of Florida, Gainesville has been the fortunate recipient of Dr. Reith’s services as physician and educator since 1998. Since that time, Dr. Reith has held numerous academic appointments that include Program Director from 2008-2010, chief of Surgical Pathology from 2008 till present, and current director of the unit of Bone and Soft Tissue Pathology, which he has held since 2000. The program benefits from the years of experience in pathology and residency training Dr. Reith has to offer as well as his various leadership positions held within the department at the University of Florida. Dr. Reith is well in tune and equipped to deal with the continual improvement, innovation, and advancement of the anatomic pathology division here at UF through his long tenure at this institution. He is currently on the advisory board of the tissue bank, a combined multi-disciplinary effort toward directing treatment of various cancers at the molecular level.

Dr. Reith’s continued service and dedication to resident education and improvement is a great source of inspiration to future generations of academic physicians and pathology residency trainees.

Dr. Knapik New Surg Path Director
Kristianna Fredenburg

On December 1, 2011, Dr. Jacquelyn Knapik became the new director of surgical pathology. As the director, she handles any issues and concerns that arise within the subspecialties of surgical pathology. Dr. Knapik has been with the department since 1997, first as a resident and then as a fellow in surgical pathology and cytopathology. She has served as the director of autopsy unit and as an inspector for the College of American Pathologist Laboratory Accreditation Program. She currently focuses on the diagnosis of diseases of bone/soft tissue, gynecologic entities, and cytopathology. In her spare time, she enjoys hanging out with Lexi and Jasper, her two very energetic fun little Jack Russell terriers.
Dr. Robert Allan has been serving as the new medical director of UF Path Labs (also known as “Rocky Point”) for one year now. Dr. Vincek, who had previously served as medical director, moved on to be the inaugural chairman of the department of Dermatology.

When asked about his new role at UF Path Labs, Dr. Allan states, “The medical director of a laboratory is responsible for all aspects of the functioning of the lab, from the test menu, test development, ensuring quality and accreditation standards, quality assurance, strategic planning and business development.” Dr. Allan sees his new position as a challenge from which he can gain a lot of new experience, and there are several improvements he hopes to make during his time there. His goals as medical director are to improve quality and operational efficiency, to maximize the use of technology, to expand the test menu, to provide growth of the outreach anatomic pathology business, and to expand consultation services. He specifically states that he wishes to “use technology to improve and enhance services with a particular emphasis on client relations, electronic interfaces and reporting.”

According to Dr. Allan, the number of specimens sent to UF Path Labs can be expected to increase in coming years, and he hopes that pathology residents will be able to spend more time rotating there in the future. He states, “In the previous year, the number of outside anatomic pathology specimens, hematology and cytology has increased roughly fifty to sixty percent.” The bulk of the specimens at UF Path Labs come from hospital systems in the states of Florida and Georgia, and UF Path Labs serves as a primary anatomic pathology specialty reference laboratory for many hospitals in these states.

As can be expected, Dr. Allan has been spending a lot more time at UF Path Labs since his appointment as medical director, due to the volume of his responsibilities. Nevertheless, he is still able to sign out many cases from Shands Hospital, and covers several pathology specialty services there. Dr. Allan teaches medical students, dental students, residents and fellows, and serves on a number of hospital committees. Somehow, he also finds time in his busy schedule to conduct research.
Dr. Anil Parwani completed his graduate (doctoral) training in molecular biology and immunology at the Ohio State University. He attended medical school at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. All his pathology training was at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, MD, where he received training in both Clinical and Anatomical Pathology and subspecialty training in Genitourinary Pathology. Dr. Parwani has also completed two years of research training in the area of molecular virology and vaccine studies.

Dr. Parwani is the Medical Director of the Anatomical Pathology Laboratory Information Systems at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) and is based at the Shadyside Hospital in Pittsburgh since summer of 2004. He and his team are responsible for implementation and support of anatomical pathology laboratory information systems at the academic hospitals and multiple community hospitals, which are part of UPMC system. He is currently involved in the synoptic report conversions across the UPMC system. Synoptic reporting allows for standardized report generation with data entered at the time of diagnosis as common data elements which is amenable to easier link with existing or newly-created databases, allowing an easier access of this data for clinical and research missions. His training and clinical expertise will be of value in cross-integration of key elements of clinical and pathology information via synoptic reporting and other programming enhancements.

Dr. Parwani started his visit to University of Florida with an unknown session with a variety of interesting and challenging Genitourinary Pathology cases. This session was followed by a lecture titled "Prostate Carcinoma-Benign Mimickers and Variants" given to faculty, residents and fellows. At the luncheon, Dr. Parwani had an informal discussion with the residents and fellows regarding his daily work flow and the future job market in pathology. The day ended with a department conference on "Applications of Pathology Informatics, Tools to Enhance Workflow and Reduce Errors: Experiences and Lessons Learnt". It was a wonderful day having Dr. Parwani visit our department.
Dr. Lora Ellenson is a Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine and Director of the Division of Gynecological Pathology at Cornell and Associate Attending Pathologist at The New York Hospital. Dr. Ellenson was formally trained as an Anatomic Pathologist, and a molecular geneticist. She received her B.A. from University of California at Berkeley in 1980, and her M.D. from Stanford University School of Medicine in 1986. After completing her Residency in Pathology at Johns Hopkins, she joined the laboratory of Dr. Bert Volgelstein. At Johns Hopkins, she was promoted to Assistant Professor with joint appointments in Pathology, Gynecology and Obstetrics, and Oncology in 1994 and to Associate Professor in 1997. She came to the Weill Medical College of Cornell University in 1998 and was promoted to Professor in 2004.

Dr. Ellenson has a national reputation for her diagnostic expertise and clinical research involving endometrial carcinoma. Dr. Ellenson serves as Director of the Division of Gynecologic Pathology and as such is responsible for the efficient delivery of accurate diagnostic services in gynecologic pathology. While satisfying her clinical duties, Dr. Ellenson oversees an NIH funded research program on the development of a genetic mouse model of endometrial tumorigenesis.

Dr. Ellenson started her visit to University of Florida with an unknown slide session with a variety of Gynecological cases. This session was followed by a departmental lecture on “Molecular Genetics of Endometrial Cancer”. At lunch the residents we able to meet with Dr. Ellenson in an informal setting, where they discussed interesting cases and current issues in pathology. It was a memorable day and the residents and faculty greatly appreciated having Dr. Ellenson visit.
Our special guest speaker this year for Resident Research Day is Dr. Gregory Lauwers, M.D. He is a Professor at Harvard Medical School and Vice Chairman of Pathology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Of particular note, Dr. Lauwers is a UF alumni faculty member. Dr. Lauwers is an expert in the field of Gastrointestinal Pathology. He will present an “Unknown slide session” for the residents and a departmental lecture on Friday, June 8th. He will also give a keynote presentation to be given at the Research Symposium on June 9th. We greatly look forward to having Dr. Lauwers return to our department for a visit.

Dr. Lauwers attended medical school at Universite de Paris Faculte de Medecine Saint-Antoine and graduated in 1986 having 26 years experience. Additional Pathology training was conducted at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and Lenox Hill Hospital.

Dr. Lauwers research has focused on oncologic surgical pathology in the areas of gastrointestinal. Dr. Lauwers has published over 300 peer-reviewed articles, editorials, reviews and book chapters and has been a regular invited speaker at all major national and international pathology meetings. He is also Adjunct Professor of Pathology at Saitama Medical University in Japan. Dr Lauwers serves on the editorial boards of the American Journal of Surgical Pathology, American Journal of Clinical Pathology, as well as Modern Pathology and is Deputy Editor-in-Chief of the Archives of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. He is co-author of several text books and of the upcoming 4th edition of the "Tumors of the Esophagus and Stomach" published by the AFIP, and a co-editor of the 5th edition of Morson and Dawson's Textbook of Gastrointestinal Pathology.
This year we welcome two new blood bank attending physicians. Dr. Jay Brooks is chief of the transfusion medicine service and is joined by Dr. Craig Fletcher. Dr. Brooks received his medical degree from the University of Tennessee-Memphis and completed his AP/CP training in New York at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center. He completed a fellowship in transfusion medicine at The New York Blood Center from 1984-85 and did a second fellowship at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio from 2002-03. He has held several appointments in both surgical pathology and blood banking at various institutions throughout his career prior to his arrival at the University of Florida. Dr. Fletcher completed his residency in AP/CP at the University of Miami in Miami, Florida and a fellowship in blood banking and transfusion medicine at Beaumont Hospital in Michigan. Dr. Brooks and Dr. Fletcher are very interested in resident education and aspire to have a blood bank and transfusion medicine fellowship here in the coming years. We are excited to have them both join our department.

In August we welcomed Dr. Michelle Weber as a new attending pathologist at Malcom Randall VA Hospital. Dr. Weber was born and raised in Mobile, Alabama and received her medical degree from Wake Forest University where she stayed and completed her fellowship training in Cytopathology. She lives in Micanopy on several acres with her husband and son where she keeps busy with hobby farming, gardening and is also pursuing beekeeping. She is likely working on a new quilt as well for her new baby boy expected mid-June. Dr. Weber has been a wonderful addition to the VA hospital and the residency program and we are lucky to have her.
Jennifer Jeung wins 2012 FSP Resident Research Award

Kristen Schmits

The Winter FSP Meeting was held in February of this year at the Grand Floridian Convention Center in Orlando, FL where fourth-year resident and FSP member since 2009, Jennifer Jeung, MD, won the award and $500 cash prize for best resident research. This award was introduced last year by the FSP to encourage interest in resident research. Dr. Jeung’s winning publication, titled “Quantitation of HER2/neu expression in primary gastroesophageal adenocarcinomas using conventional light microscopy and quantitative image analysis,” will be published in an upcoming issue of Archives of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. Co-authors included previous UF Pathology residents Roshan Patel, MD, Lizette Vila, MD, Dara Wakefield, MD and UF faculty member, Chen Liu, MD, PhD who served as the PI for the project. Dr. Jeung states that she became interested in evaluating the differences between using image analysis and the conventional light microscopy method in the quantitation of HER2/neu expression recently, when UF Pathology started performing HER2 immunohistochemical quantitation on all of its primary gastroesophageal biopsy and resection specimens. She adds, “I’m planning on doing a fellowship in GI pathology, so this project seemed like a great learning experience.” Dr. Jeung has been accepted for a fellowship in GI Pathology this year at AmeriPath Institute of Gastrointestinal Pathology and Digestive Disease in Cleveland, Ohio under the direction of Robert E. Petрас, M.D. She plans on using the cash prize from the FSP Resident Research Award to help with her moving expenses to Cleveland. Dr. Jeung encourages the current residents to apply for this award in coming years and states that there is also a separate FSP poster award for which residents may apply.
**Hematopathology Fellow: Dr. Carter**

Dr. Christopher Carter, who is currently completing fellowship training in Hematopathology at the University of Florida, recently accepted a faculty position at UF, and is excited to continue his career with the faculty and friends he has made over the last 5 years. Outside of his medical endeavors, Chris enjoys coaching and teaching, athletics, most outdoor activities, keeping up with current events, and devoting whatever time he has left to a variety of rotating interests.

**GI/Liver Fellow: Dr. Vila-Duckworth**

Dr. Lizette Duckworth, who has recently completed fellowship training in GI/Liver Pathology, will remain on staff at the University of Florida as a faculty member in the Department of Pathology. She will continue to sign out GI/Liver cases as well as general Surgical Pathology. She and her husband are expecting their first child, Elizabeth (Eli) at the end of June.

**Neuropathology Fellow: Dr. Devers**

Dr. Kelly Garland Devers is finishing up her second year in the Neuropathology fellowship at the University of Florida. She truly enjoyed her experience at UF and will begin a Forensic Pathology Fellowship with the Hillsborough County Medical Examiner’s Office in Tampa in July 2012. Kelly hopes to practice both surgical and autopsy neuropathology in a large Academic Center. Kelly and her husband Rick, a General Contractor, are hoping to settle permanently in Florida.

**Dermatopathology Fellow: Dr. Kobraei**

Dr. Kathy Kobraei grew up in Kentucky and attended the University of Kentucky, where she obtained her bachelor’s degree. She then went on to medical school and finished her residency training in Dermatology at the University of Florida. She is currently completing fellowship training in Dermatopathology and will remain here at UF as a faculty member in the department of Dermatology/Dermatopathology. In her free time, Kathy enjoys boxing, swimming, and supporting her favorite basketball team, the Wildcats of course!
Cytopathology Fellow: Dr. Gilliland

Dr. Kelly Gilliland, who is currently completing fellowship training in Cytopathology at the University of Florida, will be moving back to Austin, Texas with her family to begin a job in Cytopathology.

GI/Liver Fellow: Dr. Salazar

Dr. Elaine Salazar was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, and grew up in Puerto Rico where she attended the Ponce School of Medicine. She completed a Pathology residency at the University of Florida in Jacksonville. She is currently finishing up her first year in the two-year combined GI/Liver and Clinical Research fellowship here at UF. Her research interests include epigenetic studies in hepatocellular carcinoma. She is married with a three year old daughter and enjoys photography, movies, and spending time with family.

Surg Path Fellow: Dr. Solano

Dr. Felipe Solano, who is originally from Columbia, completed his Pathology residency training at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, Texas. He then came to the University of Florida and joined the Pathology department in November of 2011 as the Surgical Pathology fellow, where he is focusing on learning the clinical aspects of Surgical Pathology. He feels blessed to work with people who have supported him and is looking forward to remaining here at UF for at least one more year in the Cytopathology fellowship program. He and his wife, Andrea, who will be joining us in July of 2012 as a first year Pathology resident, love to relax together, cook, and travel.
New Resident: Kristen Schmits

Kristen Schmits was born in Chattanooga, TN and grew up loving the Tennessee mountains. She attended Yale University for her undergraduate training and received a Bachelors of Arts with a double major in French and Psychology. She then went on to medical school at the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center in Memphis, TN. She became interested in Pathology as a career when she worked in a laboratory in Africa reading blood smears for malaria. She is now happy to be in sunny Florida pursuing her residency training in Pathology. She hopes to complete a fellowship in Hematopathology. Kristen’s interests include camping, biking, traveling and spending time with her family and three dogs.

New Resident: Kent Newsom

Kent Newsom was born and raised in NW Indiana. He attended the University of Florida for his undergraduate training, receiving his degree in Business Finance while concurrently completing his Pre-Med coursework. He completed his medical school education at Nova Southeastern University in Florida. Kent then embarked on surgical residency training in Colorado for two years before switching course and deciding to pursue Pathology training and true happiness. Kent’s passion for wine led him to start his own company, Denver Wine Consultants, LLC. His other interests include traveling, running, and most outdoor sports.

New Resident: Katherine Phillips

Dr. Katherine Phillips grew up overseas in both Misawa, Japan, and Mannheim, Germany, before settling in central Florida at the age of sixteen. She met her husband, Robert, during her senior year in high school. She attended the Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida, where she obtained her Bachelor’s degree in Biological Sciences. She then went on to Medical School at the University of Florida where she became interested in the study of pathology and was blessed with a beautiful girl named Layla, who is now four years old. Her interests in pathology are broad at this time, and she is looking forward to spending another four years as a Gator! In her free time, Katherine enjoys nature, reading, camping, and exploring Eastern spiritual philosophy, all while spending time with her family.

New Resident: Michael Feely

Michael Feely was born in Buffalo, NY and attended Le Moyne College in Syracuse, NY for his B.S. in biological sciences. While completing his undergraduate degree he was active in research with topics of investigation varying from dragonflies of the Bahamas to glycolytic enzymes within eukaryotic flagella. With an already established interest in the field of pathology, Michael went on to complete his medical degree at Nova Southeastern University. After spending a month at the University of Florida as a visiting medical student, Michael returned to Gainesville to pursue his training in pathology. Although his present interests in the field are broad, he currently plans on pursuing fellowship training in gastrointestinal and liver pathology.
Announcements

Kristen Schmits and Ernesto Gavilanes got married in Seaside, FL on August 20th, 2011.

Bret Huber and Claire von Nostrand were married on Oct 29th.

Jennifer Black and Eli Loch were married in Hawaii on May 10th, 2011.

Christine Lin and Kyle Fargen were married Sept 24th, 2011 in New Orleans, LA.

Bernadette Harris and Christopher Mann were married Feb. 11th, 2012 in Louisiana.

Noah Michael Lazaowicz was born to Jennifer and Mike Lazarowicz on July 14th, 2011.

Kristi Norris’s baby.