



# The President's Message



The fall semester is off to a racing start, and not just because the Baltimore Grand Prix was zooming around our campus earlier this month. Even before the race, the pace was brisk here.

The School of Social Work hosted a news conference on infant mortality on Aug. 24 attended by Governor Martin O'Malley, Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, and Joshua Sharfstein, MD, state secretary of health and mental hygiene, among others. The School of Medicine, School of Social Work, and the Medical Center are partners in the B'more for Healthy Babies program, which has contributed to local infant mortality rates dropping significantly.

Five days later, I joined Congressman Elijah Cummings, ranking member of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, at a forum on the Affordable Care Act at the BioPark. The passage of health care reform provides an unprecedented opportunity to change the face of health care delivery, so I was happy to be involved.

Later that day I met some new students at our annual Ice Cream Social, one of many Welcome Week activities at the Southern Management Corporation (SMC) Campus Center.

The SMC Campus Center again was the site Sept. 9 when the governor returned to join Michael Greenberger, director of the University's Center for Health and Homeland Security, for a 9/11 symposium nearly 10 years after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The dean's convocation to celebrate the naming of the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law brought Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor to the campus on Sept. 16 to answer questions from our legal community.

This weekend the School of Social Work begins to celebrate its 50th anniversary with a symposium in which Benjamin Jealous, head of the NAACP, is the keynote speaker. Congratulations to the School on a half-century of excellence in education, research, community service, and innovation.

But aside from the big name events we can take pride in, there are also many, many events that draw no media attention but are outstanding just the same. For instance, the cartloads of school supplies that the UM Staff Senate collected from the campus community for needy children in August. And when a hurricane threatened the University Aug. 27-28, nearly 100 staff members from public safety and operations and maintenance were on hand all weekend to protect life and property.

Next month, the Maryland Charity Campaign will begin, with Bill Crockett, MS, director of University Recreation and Fitness, taking over as campaign chair from Dave DeLooze, assistant director in Facilities Management, who as chair for the past 10 years raised more than \$4.5 million from University colleagues for Maryland charities. Bill returns to a chairman role he last filled from 1997 to 1999.

Our faculty, staff, and students also show their generosity in other ways. Many took time to participate in the Aug. 25 forum about the possibility of a merger between this University and the University of Maryland, College Park. And I expect to see many of you at the SMC Campus Center on Monday, Sept. 26, as our Q&A sessions begin again at noon.

Thanks for being so giving of your time and your talents. In closing, allow me to make one more request. September is National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month. Please join me in fighting this growing public health epidemic by signing the pledge form at <http://obesitysummit.umaryland.edu/pledge>.

All the best,

Jay A. Perman, MD

# Laurels

## CAMPUSWIDE



Suzanne Doyon



Wendy Klein-Schwartz

**Suzanne Doyon, MD**, medical director of the Maryland Poison Center at the School of Pharmacy, and associate

professors **Wendy Klein-Schwartz, PharmD, MPH**, (School of Pharmacy) and **John Sorkin, MD, PhD**, (School of Medicine) received the Best Paper Award from *Pharmacoepidemiology & Drug Safety*, the journal of the International Society for Pharmacoepidemiology.

**Gynene Sullivan, MA**, assistant director of design and production at the Francis King Carey School of Law, has been elected vice chair of the Council of University System Staff, which provides representation for nonfaculty employees in governance of the University System of Maryland. **Nancy Bowers**, director of administration and finance at the School of Pharmacy, and **Bill Crockett, MS**, director of University Recreation and Fitness, have been elected to join Sullivan and three others as council members who represent the University.

## SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY



Natalia Chalmers

**Natalia Chalmers, DDS, PhD**, a pediatric dentistry resident, was one of 100 dentists in the country nominated to participate in the American Dental Association's 2011 Evidence-Based Dentistry Champions Conference. The three-day event took place in Chicago in July.



Gary Hack

Two papers written by **Gary Hack, DDS**, associate professor, were recently accepted for publication. "Electromyographic Activity of the Sphenomandibularis and Lateral Pterygoid Human Muscles During Mandibular Lateral Movements" will appear in the Italian journal *Chirurgia*, and "The Sphenomandibularis Muscle: The Controversy Continues" will be published in the *Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*.



Students **Leelah Jaber**, **Robert Laraway**, **Kasra Sanjari**, and **Martin Stern** each received a travel award to represent the School at conferences and symposiums in Tampa, Fla.; San Francisco; Gaithersburg, Md.; and Memphis, Tenn., respectively. Student **Shebani Pahwa** received the Dr. Donald Emerson Shay Graduate Award to represent the School at the general meeting of the American Society for Microbiology in San Francisco.

## FRANCIS KING CAREY SCHOOL OF LAW

**Donald Gifford, JD**, the School's Edward M. Robertson Research Professor of Law, participated in a mock argument before the U.S. Supreme Court as part of the International Association of Defense Counsel's annual meeting in Whistler, British Columbia, in July. The program, which included review of the recent Supreme Court decision *American Electric Power Company Inc. v. Connecticut*, questioned whether the tort system should regulate climate change.

**Rena Steinzor, JD**, professor, testified July 14 before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Science, Space, and Technology's Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's Integrated Risk Information System. Steinzor talked about evaluation of the science and process behind chemical risk assessment.

## SCHOOL OF MEDICINE



Toni Antalis



Curt Civin

**Toni Antalis, PhD**, professor, and **Curt Civin, MD**, professor, associate dean for research, and director of the Center for Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine, have received a five-year, \$1.95 million award—funded by the National Cancer Institute—to provide training for predoctoral and postdoctoral fellows in the areas of basic and translational cancer research. The program is based at the University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Cancer Center.



Jonathan Bromberg

**Jonathan Bromberg, MD, PhD**, head of the Division of Transplantation within the Department of Surgery, presented "Treg as Therapeutic Tools for Transplantation Tolerance and Control of Autoimmunity" during the 13th World Congress of the International Pancreas and Islet

Transplant Association, held in Prague in June. Also in June, Bromberg gave the presentation "Homing of Regulatory T Cells" during the XII TTS Basic Science Symposium and II European Society for Organ Transplantation Basic Science Meeting, held in Massachusetts, and "B Cells Are Required for Transplantation Tolerance" during the Federation of Clinical Immunology Societies forum in Washington, D.C.



Delia Chiamonte

**Delia Chiamonte, MD**, clinical assistant professor and director of education at the Center for Integrative Medicine, talked about integrative medicine as a part of the University of Maryland curriculum in a recent *U.S. News and World Report* article.

Chiamonte also explained the benefits of meditation for treating irritable bowel syndrome to the Reuters news agency.



Howard Dubowitz

**Howard Dubowitz, MD, MS**, professor, presented "Child Neglect: Ideas for Practice" during the 10th annual conference of Israel's National Council for the Child, held at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Beersheva. Dubowitz also presented

"Neglected Children: Controversies and Challenges" during a lecture in Jerusalem sponsored by the Haruv Institute.





Bingren Hu

Professors **Gary Fiskum, PhD**, and **Bingren Hu, PhD**, presented lectures during the 25th International Symposium on Cerebral Blood Flow, Metabolism, and Function, held recently in Barcelona, Spain. Fiskum also made a presentation about the benefits of the compound sulforaphane during the annual meeting of the Association for University Anesthesiologists in Philadelphia.



Sharon Henry

**Sharon Henry, MD**, professor, is one of 13 pioneers in the New Frontiers in Academic Surgery section of the traveling exhibit *Opening Doors: Contemporary African American Academic Surgeons*. The show, which premiered in Baltimore at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture, was developed and produced by the museum and the National Library of Medicine.



Harry Johnson

**Harry Johnson, MD**, associate professor, has been appointed chair of the International Medical Committee of the board of directors of Holy Family Hospital, which provides maternity and gynecological care to women in the Bethlehem and West Bank areas of the Middle East.



Martin Schneider

The National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases has awarded **Martin Schneider, PhD**, professor, a five-year, \$2.8 million competitive renewal of the training grant Interdisciplinary Training Program in Muscle Biology.



Henry Silverman

**Henry Silverman, MD, MA**, professor, received a five-year, \$1.25 million grant from the National Institutes of Health Fogarty International Center for his work “Middle East Research Ethics Training Initiative.” The primary goal of the grant is to provide research ethics training in the Middle East.

**Patricia Turner, MD**, associate professor, was elected to the American Medical Association’s Council on Medical Education during the association’s recent annual meeting in Chicago.

**Shambhu Varma, PhD, MS**, professor, was named a Gold Fellow by the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology during its annual meeting in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Varma was recognized for his contributions in the field of cataract prevention.

## SCHOOL OF NURSING

**Bea Lamm, EdD, MS, RN**, clinical instructor at the Universities at Shady Grove, successfully defended her doctoral dissertation “Examining Nursing Schools’ Strategies for Recruitment and Retention of Nursing Faculty: An Exploratory Study” at West Virginia University in July. She later received her doctorate in education.



Lyn Murphy

**Lyn Murphy, PhD, MBA, RN**, has been named director of the Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing master’s certificate program.

**Robin Newhouse, PhD, RN, NEA-BC**, associate professor and chair of the Department of Organizational Systems and Adult Health, received a three-year, \$1.13 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration for enhancement of the School's Doctor of Nursing Practice program.



Kathryn VonRueden

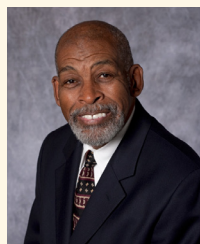
**Kathryn VonRueden, MS, RN, ACNS-BC, FCCM**, was promoted to associate professor and was named interim specialty director of the Trauma, Critical Care, and Emergency Nursing master's specialty program.

## SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

The School's Sigma chapter of the **Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity** has been named the 2010-2011 Collegiate Chapter of the Year. It is one of 88 collegiate chapters nationwide.

## SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

**Richard P. Barth, PhD, MSW**, dean and professor, provided expert testimony in Washington, D.C., during a briefing for the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance regarding the forthcoming reauthorization decision on the federal Promoting Safe and Stable Families program. The July 15 briefing was made possible in collaboration with Casey Family Programs.



Jesse J. Harris

"African Americans and Genetic Research, Risk Versus Benefits: Implications for the Profession of Social Work," an article co-written by **Jesse J. Harris, PhD, MSW**, professor and former dean, was published in the journal *Social Work in Public Health*.

# Questions and Answers

*The President's Message* newsletters usually include excerpts of questions and responses from Dr. Perman's monthly Q&A sessions around campus, which begin again on Sept. 26. Here are some questions that came in to Dr. Perman at <http://um.umaryland.edu/president/ask/>. This online method of submitting questions to Dr. Perman is available 365 days a year.

### QUESTION:

Is there someplace that faculty, staff, and students can go for free (or reduced) legal help here on campus? Lawyers are very expensive and it seems like we should be able to take advantage of the law school faculty and students as a resource.

### RESPONSE:

JustAdvice is a legal services program that helps people of modest means find direction in their search for legal advice. In 2011, JustAdvice won the Herbert S. Garten Special Project Award from the Pro Bono Resource Center (PBRC) of Maryland. The award recognizes "an outstanding contribution to the delivery of pro bono or free civil legal services to Maryland's low-income population," according to the PBRC.

JustAdvice is operated by law students, who organize and advertise the services of the clinic for people who may not be able to afford an attorney but make too much money to qualify for legal aid. For \$10, customers can meet with practicing and retired attorneys who listen to their problems and help devise a road map to help the customers navigate their law-related issues. Law students sitting in on sessions learn from the attorneys about providing client service.

The program served more than 700 people in its first two years of operation. Its education and service component has grown beyond the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law to include students from the University of Maryland School of Social Work.

For more information on JustAdvice or to schedule an appointment, contact their office at 410-929-4809 or visit <http://justadvice.wordpress.com/> or <http://www.facebook.com/BaltimoreJustAdvice>.



### QUESTION:

Is there any way the city can have the parking meters around campus extended to four hours? An example would be the ones on West Redwood Street near the School of Social Work. The meters currently only allow parking for two hours and for students that is not enough time. If we were able to park and pay for at least four hours, we would not have to leave in the middle of class to feed the meter.

### RESPONSE:

Parking meters are intended to limit curbside parking and allow turnover of parkers. Most municipalities prohibit re-feeding the meters. The turnover is considered beneficial for businesses and institutions that encourage customers, visitors or outpatients to find convenient short-term parking.

The Baltimore City Department of Transportation controls the time limits and rates of parking meters in Baltimore. There are, as you mention, a variety of time limits and rates here on campus. The limits run from a maximum of 10 hours on Lexington Street (primarily residential) to two hours on other streets near the Medical Center and University Physicians, Inc.

The rates also vary from \$1 to \$2 per hour. I believe the rates are market-driven decisions.

As a student, you also have the option of parking all day for \$5 at the Lexington Street Garage with a pay daily pass. The same pass can be used in the Plaza Garage after 4 p.m.

Our partners at the Medical Center support the shorter (two-hour) time limits.

### QUESTION:

Is it possible to develop a centralized list of research projects for our campus? Many University and Medical Center staff members are interested in participating in research studies but have had difficulty finding out what trials are available here. Much of the department-sponsored and non-medical research we do is not listed at the government website <http://clinicaltrials.gov/>.

### RESPONSE:

Yes, it is possible to develop a centralized list of research projects for our campus. In fact, our Center for Clinical Trials & Corporate Contracts (CCT) is in the process of expanding a Web-accessible database for this very purpose. We believe it is imperative that information about our research studies, especially active clinical trials, be made readily accessible to potential participants and partners.

Some of this information is already available through individual Web pages hosted by sponsors and, of course, the University of Maryland Medical Center, the Greenebaum Cancer Center, and other clinical centers across campus. Other websites, including the one you listed, also may include some of our clinical trials.

However, recognizing the value of a “one-stop-shop” for all active University of Maryland clinical trials, CCT is committing the time and resources required to develop a comprehensive database that provides simple access to users and real-time updates of clinical trial information. The CCT plans a test version of this in the first quarter of 2012.