

**UAB** THE UNIVERSITY OF  
ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM.

# Faculty, fellow and staff Meeting

June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

# Agenda

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1. Announcements and Good News
2. Clinical faculty meeting

# Successful recruitment



## Welcome to Dr. Yasolatha Chalicheemala

- Assistant Professor
- Transplant nephrology

# Kidney Pipeline Predoctoral T32- Alumni News



ALANA JONES,  
PhD

Defended Dissertation -  
6/23

DR. M. RYAN IRVIN



ELISE ERMAN,  
PhD

Defended Dissertation -  
5/23

DR. ANUPAM AGARWAL



LESLIE  
DONOGHUE, PhD

Defended Dissertation  
6/23

DR. PALANIAPPAN  
SETHU



GELARE  
GHAJAR -RAHIMI

Awarded NIH F30 Fellowship

DR. ANUPAM AGARWAL /  
DR. JAMES GEORGE



MALCOLM  
BARKER -KAMPS

Dissertation Defense Planned  
for 7/23

VA Internship

DR. SYLVIE MRUG

# Kidney Pipeline Summer Program Alumni Participating in O'Brien Center Summer Research



**Brody  
Rhodes**

Mentor:

Drs. Wood and Crivelli  
AUA Fellowship  
O'Brien Center  
Summer Scholar



**Venu  
Reddy**

Mentor:

Dr. Javier Neyra  
O'Brien Center  
Summer Scholar



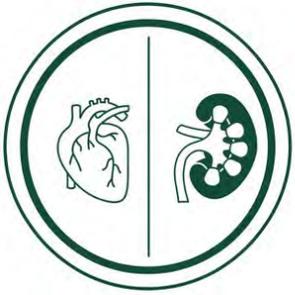
**Brian Soto  
Miranda**

Mentor:

Dr. Carmen De Miguel  
O'Brien Center  
Summer Scholar

Started "Students Interested in  
Nephrology Group" (SING)

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Eleti  
Ongoing research: Dr. Jain



SECTION OF

CARDIO-RENAL  
PHYSIOLOGY & MEDICINE

# Post-Doctoral Scholar Updates



**Juheb Akhter,  
PhD**

Postdoctoral Fellow

Mentor:

Dr. Subhashini Bolisetty

Awarded DOM Jennifer  
S. Pollock Travel Award



**Alex Broadnax,  
MD**

Peds Hematology Fellow in  
Drs. Pollock, Lebensburger,  
and Kasztan Labs

Awarded ASH Minority  
Hematology Fellow  
Award



**Megan Rhoads**

Post-Doctoral Fellow

Mentor:

Dr. David Pollock

Selected AJP -Renal  
Physiology Early  
Career Editorial  
Fellowship Program



**Keri Kemp, PhD**

Postdoctoral Fellow

Mentor:

Dr. Jennifer Pollock

Informed K99/R00  
will be funded

# Good news

Jane Davis, DNP, MSN, CRNP,  
RN

Received the American  
Nephrology Nurses Association  
Board of Director's Award



# Good News



## 2023 Medal of Excellence Honoree Kidney Transplant Professional Category



### **Vineeta Kumar, MD, FAST**

- Professor of Medicine, and Inaugural holder of the Robert and Cutessa Bourge Endowed Professor in Transplant Nephrology, UAB
- Director, Incompatible Solid Organ Transplant Program
- Cobb Rutsky Award for Clinical Excellence (10 consecutive years)
- 2022 American Nephrologists of India Origin Award for Service Excellence
- AST Board of Directors
- 2022-2023 Chair, AST Cutting Edge in Organ Transplantation (CEoT) meeting planning committee
- 2021 Co-chair, AST Living Liver Donor Transplant Consensus Conference



# Good News



**Dr. Carmen De Miguel**  
Awarded inaugural  
Department of Medicine  
Emerging Researchers  
Award for individuals  
underrepresented in  
medicine

June 01, 2023

## Mary Heersink Institute for Global Health announces Associate Director to guide telehealth programming

Written by Emily Liming Johns

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The Mary Heersink Institute aims to improve health outcomes through a global telehealth initiative facilitated by UAB. In partner countries, some people die due to limited access to advanced medical information, expertise, and services that are routinely available in the U.S. The goal of the institute's Global Telehealth Initiative is to improve health and save lives, using innovative strategies that ensure its sustainability and enhance access. The program aims to collaborate with partner health systems around the world while minimizing the burden on any single health system and enhancing efficiency and culturally appropriate care.



Eric Wallace, M.D.

Operational challenges such as medical liability, documentation, and longitudinal follow-up be addressed as part of this initiative. To accomplish these goals, both asynchronous and synchronous interactions will be used.

# Good News

Congratulations to Dr. Ashita Tolwani for receiving the 2023  
Vicenza International  
Critical Care  
Nephrology Award .



# Good News



Timmy Lee, MD, named the 4<sup>th</sup> holder of the **Hilda B. Anderson Endowed Chair in Nephrology**



Dana V. Rizk, MD, named the inaugural holder of the **Anupam Agarwal, MD Endowed Professorship in Nephrology**

# Good News



**Jennifer Pollock, PhD:**

Selected to be the new Chair of the Board for the *APSselect* Journal



**Kelly Hyndman, PhD:**

Named the new Senior Editor of the *Canadian Journal of Physiology and Pharmacology*



**Winn Seay, MD:**  
Accepted into the  
Department of  
Medicine Health  
Educators Academy  
program