

Pathology Newsletter

University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus



Words from the PD/APDs

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Welcome to the University of Colorado Pathology Residency Training Program newsletter! This issue marks its one year anniversary. If you have been tracking the training program, you have likely noticed that we are continuously striving to innovate and make our program a top destination for eager learners. This is truly thanks to an outstanding team of program directors, program coordinators, residents and faculty members. So, thank you to all of you! We are also thankful and beyond excited to have matched six new residents who will start at the end of June 2023! The preparation for their arrival has begun.

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In this issue, we are profiling these talented new residents who will be joining our community this summer. We are also spotlighting one of our new faculty members, Dr. Olumide Odeyemi. After successfully completing his residency training with us, Dr. Odeyemi obtained specialty training in hematopathology and surgical pathology at the University of New Mexico and Stanford University, respectively. We are very fortunate that he has decided to join our faculty.

Spring is here, finally! Soon, dormant and brown plants will awaken and grow green again. Let us make an effort to mirror the natural world by allowing our inner wondrous child to sprout. As we are emerging from many of the restrictions related to the pandemic, we are slowly returning to a “normal” life. This means numerous opportunities to enjoy our surroundings and the company of others.



Faculty Spotlight

University of degree

BS, Biology, Central Christian College of Kansas
MA, Biology, Emporia State University
MD, Ross University School of Medicine

Where did you grow up?

Nigeria, Upper Marlboro, MD, and Aurora, CO

What are you most proud of?

The endurance and focus I exhibited on the road to becoming a physician. I am thankful for all the help along the way, and I am seeing the sacrifice pay off. I also appreciate how it helps me serve my fellow humans.

Favorite thing to do in Colorado.

Hiking Rocky Mountain National Park and other great trails around the Denver area. I just enjoy discovering new parts of Colorado, which are often breathtaking.

Best place you've ever traveled.

I enjoyed a relatively abridged, but unforgettable, tour of parts of Germany, Italy, Switzerland, and Slovenia after medical school!

Who had the greatest influence on your education and/or career path?

Dr. Tim Burnett, my graduate advisor and an immunologist who helped me see the lab's impact on medicine, even before I discovered the great impact of pathology on patient care.

Most impactful part of your job.

I enjoy seeing regularly how my diagnoses affect patient care. It is satisfying discussing patients' progress with their treating physicians. Additionally, the educational and collegial atmosphere of pathology is always so enjoyable.

What advice would you give to your younger self or someone still pursuing their education?

It's okay to struggle to figure out what's next. It's okay to not know how it will all turn out and embark on the journey anyways. Thankfully, many have made it before and can be of aid along the way. Don't bemoan all the mistakes you make now in your 20s, as learning from them will serve you well later. You can also enjoy the now; it's allowed.



Olumide
Odeyemi, MD

Assistant
Professor

WELCOME OUR NEW INTERNS!

Congrats on matching at CU! We are so excited to meet you!



Amy Rousselot
DO 2023, Lincoln
Memorial University –
DeBusk College of
Osteopathic Medicine,
Harrogate, TN

Most excited about in CO: I am excited to live in Colorado so I can be closer to my family and I can spend more time outdoors doing things like skiing, hiking, biking, etc.

Hobbies: My favorite hobbies are gardening, knitting, and cross-stitching.

Family: I have a cat named Teddi and I think she is the cutest thing in the world.



Ashley Denney
MD/PhD 2023, University of
Colorado School of
Medicine, Aurora, CO

Hobbies: My favorite hobbies are swimming, hiking, and thrift shopping. I enjoy vegan cooking and baking. I love to spend time with my pet birds -- ducks, geese, chickens, doves, and pigeons.

Family: My family is in Colorado and I'm thrilled to be able to train here.

Most proud of: I'm proud of the teaching and mentoring I've accomplished and hope to continue this during residency. I'm so thankful for my mentors for helping me get this far.



Cassandra
Coleman-Lamm
DO 2023, Western
University of Health
Sciences College of
Osteopathic Medicine of
the Pacific, Pomona, CA

Hobbies: I love to bake, travel, and have lazy days with my dogs, Charlie and Summer.

Family/most excited about in CO: My husband, Parker, and I are big sports fans and love to go to games, so we're very excited to be moving to a city that has a lot of sports teams.

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Maggi Horn

MD 2023, American University of the Caribbean SOM, Saint Maarten

Hobbies: I formerly played softball for 15 years then coached for 7 years. I Love baseball; I'm a SF Giants fan but I am looking forward to Rockies games.

Excited to be at CU: For the accessibility to many subspecialties of pathology especially pediatrics and forensics.

Most proud of: Being the first college grad and first doctor in my family.



Rebecca Wyma

MD 2023, Ohio State University College of Medicine, Columbus, OH

Hobbies: Caring for indoor plants (snake plant, air plants, cacti, succulents), puzzle framing, reading graphic novels, making origami

Pets: My family has two pugs, Nutmeg and Paprika

Looking forward to in Colorado: Riding the Light Rail and getting a National Parks Pass to explore

Why medicine: I wanted to be an illustrator growing up, so I went to study anatomy at my local morgue. I became well acquainted with pathologists I met there and aspired to have the same career.



Catie Eschen

MD 2023, Trinity School of Medicine, VCT, Kingstown, St Vincent and the Grenadines

Hobbies: snowboarding, hiking, photography, traveling

Looking forward to in CO/at CU: The next chapter in my medical career whilst being able to enjoy the incredible outdoor activities Colorado has to offer. Also, incredible opportunities such as learning and practicing pathology in a global setting.



Our Residents

PUBLICATIONS

Chike Nwabuo

Maternal age at birth of last child and cardiovascular disease mortality later in life among a national cohort of postmenopausal women from the United States

Duke Appiah¹, Catherine Kim², Taylor Fuquay³, Cornelia de Riese⁴, Imo A Ebong⁵, Chike C Nwabuo

[Read here](#)

Askia Dunnon

Association of distance to swine concentrated animal feeding operations with immune-mediated diseases: An exploratory gene-environment study

Montserrat Ayala-Ramirez^{a,5}, Nathaniel MacNell^{b,5}, Lucy E. McNamee^{c,1}, John A. McGrath^d, Farida S. Akhtari^e, Matthew D. Curry^{f,2}, Askia K. Dunnon^{g,3}, Michael B. Fessler^h, Stavros Garantziotisⁱ, Christine G. Parks^j, David C. Fargo^k, Charles P. Schmitt¹, Alison A. Motsinger-Reif^{m,6}, Janet E. Hall^{n,6}, Frederick W. Miller^{o,6}, Shepherd H. Schurman^{p,4,6,*}

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Brandi Davis welcomed her son, Leon Davis, in January. Congratulations!



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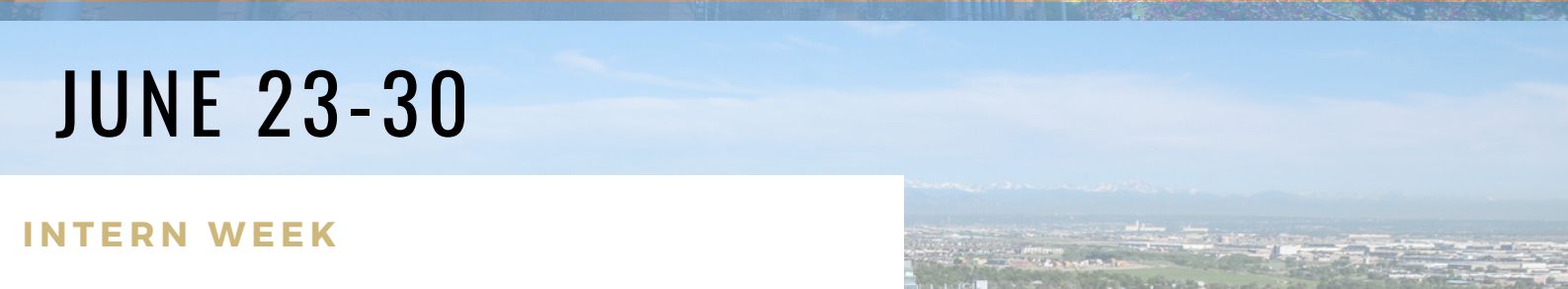
UPCOMING EVENTS

A photograph of a large, modern brick building with many windows, identified as the Anschutz Medical Campus. The building is partially obscured by trees with pink blossoms in the foreground.

JUNE 12, 5:30PM-8PM

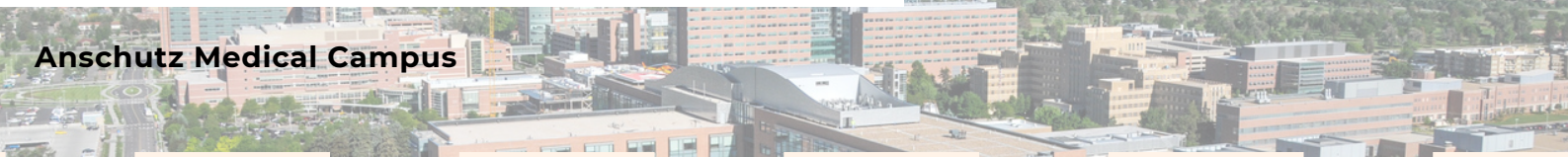
PATHOLOGY GRADUATION CEREMONY

Anschutz Medical Campus

A wide-angle photograph of the Denver skyline, showing various city buildings and the snow-capped Rocky Mountains in the distance under a clear blue sky.

JUNE 23-30

INTERN WEEK

An aerial photograph of the Anschutz Medical Campus, showing a complex of modern medical buildings surrounded by greenery and parking areas.

Anschutz Medical Campus

A photograph of a modern glass skyscraper in Chicago, with other city buildings and trees visible in the background.

JULY 17-19

APC MEETING

Chicago, IL

A photograph of a brick building with large glass windows, identified as the University of Colorado School of Medicine. The building is surrounded by trees and a paved area.

AUGUST 14-15

CHIEF RESIDENT RETREAT

TBD