

DEAN'S LETTER FOR TUFTS MEDICINE

Medical alumnus appointed dean for educational affairs

Scott K. Epstein, M.D., who has been affiliated with Tufts for more than 25 years, will become the School of Medicine's dean for educational affairs in May. Epstein succeeds **Mary Y. Lee**, M.D., who is now a full-time associate provost of Tufts University. In his new post, Epstein will lead the Office of Educational Affairs, overseeing the development, implementation and evaluation of the medical school curriculum as well as programs designed to enhance teaching and assessment.

A 1984 graduate of Tufts School of Medicine, Epstein served as chief medical resident at Tufts-New England Medical Center. After completing a fellowship in pulmonary and critical care at Boston University, he returned to Tufts and Tufts-NEMC as a member of the faculty and medical staff. In 2004, he joined the staff at Caritas St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, where he is currently director of medical education. A nationally respected pulmonary and critical care physician and an authority on mechanical ventilation, Epstein is a professor of medicine at Tufts. Long involved in medical education, both locally and nationally, he has been honored a remarkable 18 times for teaching excellence.

New chair of pediatrics

John Schreiber, M.D., M.P.H., has been appointed chair of the Department of Pediatrics at Tufts School of Medicine and pediatrician-in-chief and chief administrative officer at the Floating Hospital for Children. He starts his new job in July. Interim pediatrician-in-chief **Kevin P. Petit**, M.D., assistant professor of pediatrics, will serve as vice chair for clinical affairs in the pediatrics department.

Schreiber comes to Tufts from the University of Minnesota Medical School, where he was pediatrician-in-chief of the University of Minnesota Children's Hospital and the Ruben-Bentson Chair of Pediatrics. He received his M.P.H. and M.D. from Tulane University. Schreiber completed his pediatric residency and clinical and research fellowships in infectious diseases at Children's Hospital in Boston and Harvard Medical School. He served in the U.S. Air Force Reserves for 11 years, including a call-up for Desert Storm as a flight surgeon with the 757 Airlift Squadron at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois.

Award-winning magazine

Tufts Medicine, the magazine of the School of Medicine and the Sackler School of Graduate Biomedical Sciences, has received two awards for excellence. The magazine, edited by **Bruce Morgan**, earned the Silver Medal for Best Overall Magazine from District I of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). *Tufts Medicine* also received an Award of Distinction from the Association of American Medical Colleges.

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John F. Cardella, M.D., has been appointed chair of the Department of Radiology at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Mass. He succeeds **J. Robert Kirkwood**, M.D., who retired after serving as chairman for 10 years. Cardella comes to Baystate from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver, where he was professor and chair of radiology. He earned his M.D. from the University of Michigan and completed a residency in diagnostic radiology at the Mayo Clinic. A fellow of the American College of Radiology, he received a Best Doctors in America Award for 2003–04.

Brian F. Gilchrist, M.D., A79, M84, associate professor of surgery, surgeon-in-chief of the Floating Hospital for Children and director of the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute, has been appointed to the editorial board of *Contemporary Surgery*, the most widely read commercial surgical journal in the world.

Thereza Imanishi-Kari, Ph.D., associate professor of pathology, is one of 15 scientists in the country to receive funding from the Lupus Research Institute to pursue new approaches to prevent, treat and cure lupus. The grants provide the researchers with \$300,000 over three years to explore their hypotheses, enabling them to expand lupus research in new directions and ultimately advance lupus treatments.

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EARLY RETIREMENT

The medical school is offering an Early Retirement Incentive Program (ERIP) to tenured basic science faculty who will have reached the age of 60 by September 1, 2007, and will have accumulated 10 years of service by that date. Eligible faculty received information about ERIP in December.

This is a one-time opportunity that must be elected by April 13, 2007; retirement enhancements will not be available on an ongoing basis. Eligible faculty may choose from two options: a one-time cash payment plus lifetime retiree medical care at no cost, or phased retirement over a three-year period with enhanced salary. For more information, contact Marsha Semuels, executive administrative dean, at marsha.semuels@tufts.edu.

FLOOR PLANS

The Arnold-South Cove renovation project continues to progress on schedule. The lab spaces on South Cove 6 and 7—for **James Schwob**, M.D., Ph.D., professor of anatomy, and **Rajendra Kumar-Singh**, Ph.D., associate professor of ophthalmology—were completed in January. The next phase of the project begins in May and includes the demolition of floors 5, 6, 7 and 8 in Arnold; the floors are slated to remain as shell space to be used in the future to recruit new faculty. In response to students' requests for communal space on the Boston campus to enhance their learning experience, the administration has funded a project to explore the feasibility of creating a campus center in the Sackler Center.

Reinventing family practice

The Tufts Family Medicine Residency program at Cambridge Health Alliance in Malden, Mass., is one of 14 chosen to participate in a national initiative that may well rewrite the script for how family doctors are trained to practice medicine.

Findings from the Preparing the Personal Physician for Practice (P4) initiative are expected to guide future revisions in accreditation to ensure America's family doctors are proficient in using the most up-to-date tools and technologies to better serve their patients. There are 450 family medicine training programs in the United States. "We are very pleased to be selected for what will most likely be considered a historic event in the evolution of family medicine graduate medical education training," said **Joseph Gravel**, M.D., assistant clinical professor of public health and family medicine and director of the Tufts residency program.

Tufts' P4 innovation, the "Residency ReVISION Project," will restructure the curriculum to emphasize information mastery, innovative learning methods, learner-centered competencies and training in the family medicine practice rather than in the traditional hospital setting.

Faculty committee to explore school finances

Dean **Michael Rosenblatt**, M.D., has appointed a faculty advisory committee (FAC) to weigh in on strategic issues facing the school. The committee, charged with fostering communication between faculty and administration on financial matters, has decided to focus on three areas: understanding the school's financial profile; developing guidelines for measuring teaching and service contributions; and generating ideas for new revenue streams.

Peter Brodeur, Ph.D., (Pathology) and **Paul Summergrad**, M.D., (Psychiatry) serve as FAC co-chairs. Other members include: **Andrew Bohm**, Ph.D., (Biochemistry) and a member of the Faculty Senate; **John Castellot**, Ph.D., (Anatomy & Cell Biology) and a member of the Faculty Senate; **David Greenblatt**, M.D., (Pharmacology); **Eric Frank**, Ph.D., (Physiology); **Charlotte Kupperwasser**, Ph.D., (Anatomy & Cell Biology); **Laura Liscum**, Ph.D., (Physiology); **Andrew Plaut**, M.D., (Medicine); **Linc Sonenshein**, Ph.D., (Molecular Biology & Microbiology); **Christine Wanke**, M.D., (Nutrition and Infectious Disease); **Marsha Semuels**, executive administrative dean; and **Joe Carroll**, associate dean for administration and finance.

FEEDBACK

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