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Brian Primack, MD, PhD, has been named dean of the University of Arkansas College of Education and Health Professions, effective July 1. He will also become a professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Medicine. Dr. Primack has served as dean of the Honors College at the University of Pittsburgh since 2017.

Sylvia Plevritis, PhD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Biomedical Data Science at Stanford University School of Medicine, where she currently serves as professor of biomedical data science and radiology.

Nicole Rossol has been appointed chief patient experience officer at Stony Brook University, effective Feb. 7. She previously served as patient experience officer at NYU Winthrop Hospital.

Kelly Thormodson has been named associate dean for library and information services and director of the Harrell Health Sciences Library at Penn State College of Medicine. Thormodson previously served as director of library resources for the School of Medicine and Health Sciences at the University of North Dakota.

Lee Ann Merchen, MD, has been named assistant dean for clinical curriculum at the Medical College of Georgia and Augusta University Health. Dr. Merchen is director of the internal medicine residency program at the Medical College of Georgia.

Suzanne Sawyer has been named senior vice president and chief marketing and communications officer for Johns Hopkins Medicine, effective June 24. Sawyer currently serves as chief marketing officer and vice president of business development for Penn Medicine.

Mervin Yoder, MD, has been appointed director emeritus for the Indiana Center for Regenerative Medicine and Engineering at Indiana University School of Medicine, where he has served in various academic and administrative roles since 1985.

Robert A. Cain, DO, has been chosen as the next president and CEO of the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Cain will begin his new role in early summer and currently serves as the associate dean for clinical education at the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Steven Small, MD, PhD, has been appointed dean of the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences at The University of Texas at Dallas, effective April 15. Dr. Small serves as professor of neurology at the University of California, Irvine and director and chief scientific officer of the Medical Innovation Institute at the University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine.

Steven Bailey, MD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Internal Medicine at LSU Health
Dr. Bailey joins Shreveport from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, where he was a tenured professor of medicine and radiology and chief of the Janey and Dolph Briscoe Division of Cardiology.

Cathy Sila, MD, has been named chair of the Department of Neurology at University Hospitals (UH) Cleveland Medical Center. Dr. Sila is the Gilbert W. Humphrey Professor of Neurology and has served as the vice chair for clinical activities and quality at UH since 2014.

Also at UH Cleveland Medical Center, Lee Ponsky, MD, has been named chair of the Department of Urology and director of the UH Urology Institute. Dr. Ponsky has served as interim chair of the department for the past year.

Andrew Ziskind, MD, MBA, has been named senior executive officer for the Southwestern Health Resources Clinically Integrated Network. Dr. Ziskind previously served as senior vice president at Premier, a health care improvement company.

Katharine Yamulla, MA, has been named senior director of competency based assessment and clinical skills education at New York Medical College, where she serves as director of the Clinical Skills and Simulation Center.

Nathaniel Soper, MD, has stepped down from his position as chair of the Department of Surgery at the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University after 12 years in the role.

Johns Hopkins University inducted into the university’s Society of Scholars a multidisciplinary group of 16 scholars, artists, and scientists who spent part of their careers at Johns Hopkins.

HHS Inspector General Daniel Levinson submitted his resignation on Tuesday and will leave his post on May 31, reported Bloomberg Law. Levinson has served at the helm of the HHS OIG for 15 years.

Lee E. Ponsky, MD, has been named chair of the Department of Urology at University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center and director of UH Urology Institute. Dr. Ponsky previously served as interim chair.

Jon Solberg, MD, has been named chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of North Dakota's (UND) School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Dr. Solberg is the medical director of the Emergency and Trauma Center at CHI St. Alexius in Bismarck, North Dakota.

Scott A. Rivkees, MD, has been named Florida's surgeon general and secretary of the Florida Department of Health. A practicing pediatric endocrinologist, Dr. Rivkees is professor and chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Florida College of Medicine and physician in chief of UF Health Shands Children's Hospital.

Debra Taubel, MD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine. Dr. Taubel previously served as vice chair for education, clerkship director, and associate program director at Weill Cornell Medical School/New York-Presbyterian Hospital for 17 years.

Walter Harris, MD, has been named chair of the Department of Ophthalmology at Drexel University College of Medicine, effective May 1.

Joel Perlmutter, MD, has been named scientific director of the Dystonia Medical Research...
Foundation. Dr. Perlmutter is the Elliot H. Stein Family Professor of Neurology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

**Timothy Gaillard**, MBA, has been named chief operating officer (COO) for Augusta University Medical Center, effective May 1. Gaillard previously served as senior vice president and COO for the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics, and before that as chief administrative officer at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

**Charles Mouton**, MD, has been named executive vice president and provost, and dean of the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston School of Medicine. He now serves as acting dean of the UTMB School of Medicine. He will assume his new responsibilities April 8.

**Charles B. Cairns**, MD, has been appointed the Annenberg Dean and Senior Vice President of the Drexel University College of Medicine. Dr. Cairns serves as dean of the College of Medicine and Health Sciences at the United Arab Emirates University in Al Ain, Abu Dhabi. He previously served as dean of the University of Arizona College of Medicine - Tucson.

**Gyongyi Szabo**, MD, PhD, was named chief academic officer of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, overseeing the medical center’s research and teaching programs, effective July 1. Most recently, she served as vice chair for research in the Department of Medicine, associate dean for clinical and translational sciences, director of the MD/PhD medical scientist training program, and associate vice provost for interprofessional education in research at the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

**Kirk Brower**, MD, has been appointed faculty director of the Michigan Medicine Wellness Office and chief wellness officer for the University of Michigan Medical School. Dr. Brower is a professor of psychiatry in the Medical School and most recently served as the medical director for the Faculty and Physician Health Initiative for Michigan Medicine.

**Neda Etezadi-Amoli**, MD, has been appointed OB/GYN Chair for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine. Dr. Etezadi-Amoli has served as interim chair of the department since spring of 2017.

**Brenda Ogle**, PhD, has been named director of the Stem Cell Institute at the University of Minnesota Medical School. Dr. Ogle is a professor in the Departments of Biomedical Engineering and Pediatrics at the medical school.

**Carlos Rodriguez**, MD, MPH, has been named vice chair for academic affairs, director of cardiovascular research, and director of cardiovascular epidemiology at the Montefiore Health System and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, effective April 1. Dr. Rodriguez previously served as a tenured professor of medicine and epidemiology at the Wake Forest School of Medicine.

**Sushrut Waikar**, MD, MPH, has been named chief of the section of nephrology in the Department of Medicine at the Boston University School of Medicine, effective Sept. 16. Dr. Waikar is the Constantine L. Hampers, MD, Distinguished Chair in Renal Medicine at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and associate professor at Harvard Medical School.

**Chad Vokoun**, MD, has been named acting section chief of hospital medicine in the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) and medical director for hospital medicine for Nebraska Medicine. Dr. Vokoun previously served as associate program director in the Department of Internal Medicine at the UNMC College of Medicine.
Terry Magnuson, PhD, has been appointed president of the Genetics Society of America. Dr. Magnuson is the Sarah Graham Kenan Professor of Genetics and vice chancellor for research at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine.

Joe Selby, MD, will retire as executive director of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) at the end of the year. Dr. Selby has led PCORI since May 2011.

The AHA announced its 2019 Award of Honor will be presented to Darrell G. Kirch, MD, AAMC president and CEO, for his leadership and contributions to academic medicine. The award will be presented on April 8 at the AHA’s annual meeting.

Richard Janeway, MD, a former dean of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine, now known as Wake Forest School of Medicine, died in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Dr. Janeway was a former chair of the AAMC Board of Directors and also a former chair of the AAMC’s Council of Deans (COD) in the 1980s. He was 86.

Richard Braunstein, MD, has been appointed senior vice president and executive director of Northwell Health’s ophthalmology service line and chair of ophthalmology at Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell, effective July 1. Dr. Braunstein previously served as the vice president of ophthalmology services and executive director of the Manhattan Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital.

Beri Ridgeway, MD, has been named chair of Cleveland Clinic’s Obstetrics/Gynecology and Women’s Health Institute. Dr. Ridgeway has served as interim chair of the institute since June 2018.

Richard Kovacs, MD, has been appointed president of the American College of Cardiology. Dr. Kovacs is the Q.E. and Sally Russell Professor of Cardiology at Indiana University (IU) School of Medicine and the cardiology service line leader of IU Health. ACC is a CFAS-member society.

Mellanye Lackey has been appointed director of the Health Sciences Library at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas University Libraries. Lackey is a leadership fellow with the Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries (AAHSL), a CFAS-member society, and previously worked at the Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library at the University of Utah as the associate director of education and research.

Patrice “Patrick” Delafontaine, MD, is stepping down as dean of the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine, effective March 31. Steven Zweig, MD, professor and chair of the department of family and community medicine, will serve as interim dean. Dr. Zweig is a CFAS rep from the Association of Departments of Family Medicine.

Kevin B. Mahoney, MBA, PhD, has been named CEO of University of Pennsylvania Health System, effective July 1. Dr. Mahoney serves as executive vice president and chief administrative officer for UPHS and executive vice dean integrative services for the Perelman School of Medicine.

Jane Lindsay Miller, PhD, has been named director of the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine Office of Consultation and Research in Medical Education and clinical associate professor in the Department of Family Medicine. Dr. Miller has served as the founding director of the Academic Health Center Simulation Center and the Interprofessional Education and Resource Center at the University of Minnesota since 2002.

Hossein Ardehali, MD, PhD, has been elected president of the American Society for Clinical Investigation. Dr. Ardehali is professor of medicine in the Division of Cardiology and director of the...
Ankit Bharat, MBBS, has been named chief of thoracic surgery in the Department of Surgery at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. Dr. Bharat is the Harold L. & Margaret N. Mudd Research Professor of Surgery at the School of Medicine.

William McDade, MD, PhD, has been appointed the ACGME’s first chief diversity and inclusion officer. Dr. McDade previously served as executive vice president and chief academic officer at Ochsner Health System in New Orleans.

Rohan Jeyarajah, MD, has been named the first academic chair of surgery at TCU and UNTHSC School of Medicine. Dr. Jeyarajah now serves as director of Gastrointestinal Surgical Services at Methodist Richardson Medical Center.

Robert P. Moser, MD, has been named dean of the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Salina. Dr. Moser has been executive director and chief medical officer of the Kansas Clinical Improvement Collaborative at The University of Kansas Health System since 2014.

Carolyn Meltzer, MD, has been appointed executive associate dean of faculty academic advancement, leadership, and inclusion at the Emory School of Medicine. Dr. Meltzer additionally will continue in her role as chair of the school’s Department of Radiology and Imaging Sciences, and is a CFAS Administrative Board member and chair of the CFAS Evaluation Committee. She will lead the opening plenary on sexual harassment in academic medicine at the upcoming CFAS Spring Meeting in Atlanta. (Editor’s note: this item clarifies a similar item that appeared here two weeks ago.)

Larry Goodman, MD, will retire as CEO of the Rush University System for Health (RUSH) in the next several months, after holding the position since March 2017. Dr. Goodman was also CEO of the Rush University Medical Center since Feb. 2002 and president of Rush University until Oct. 2018.

NIH National Cancer Institute (NCI) Director Norman (Ned) Sharpless, MD, will serve as acting FDA commissioner after Scott Gottlieb, MD, announced his resignation last week, reported the New York Times. Dr. Sharpless has been director of the NCI since Oct. 2017.

Gil I. Wolfe, MD, has been elected president of the New York State Neurological Society. Dr. Wolfe is the UB Distinguished Professor and Irvin and Rosemary Smith Chair of the Department of Neurology at Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University at Buffalo.

David Mendelowitz, PhD, has been appointed interim chair of the Department of Pharmacology and Physiology at the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Dr. Mendelowitz has served as vice chair of the department since 2003.

Robert H. Pass, MD, has been appointed division chief of pediatric cardiology and director of pediatric electrophysiology at the Mount Sinai Health System. Dr. Pass previously served as a professor of pediatrics, the associate Pediatric Cardiology Division chief, and the director of the Pediatric Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Dr. Pass also served as the director of pediatric cardiac electrophysiology services at the Children's Hospital at Montefiore.

Rodney Ellis, MD, has been named chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology at Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center and Penn State College of Medicine, effective July 1. Dr. Ellis currently serves as vice chair for strategic affairs and director of genitourinary oncology, brachytherapy, and advanced image guided radiology in the Department of Radiation Oncology at
Michael L. Whitfield, PhD, has been named chair of the Department of Biomedical Data Science at Dartmouth’s Geisel School of Medicine. Dr. Whitfield has served as interim chair of the department since November 2017.

Craig Rogers, MD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Urology at Henry Ford Health System, effective April 1. Dr. Rogers has served as director of renal surgery at Henry Ford Hospital and director of urologic oncology at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital since 2007.

Stephanie Miles-Richardson, PhD, was elected president of the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH), which accredits schools of public health and public health programs. Dr. Miles-Richardson, the first African-American president of CEPH, serves as associate dean of graduate education in public health and director of the Master of Public Health program at Morehouse School of Medicine.

Roger Hadley, MD, announced that he will be stepping down from his position as dean of the Loma Linda University School of Medicine on July 1. Dr. Hadley has served as dean for 16 years.

Mark Rosenblatt, MD, PhD, MBA, has been appointed dean of the University of Illinois College of Medicine, effective March 16. Dr. Rosenblatt serves as the Illinois Lions/Charles I. Young Chair, professor, and head of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at the University of Illinois College of Medicine Chicago.

Stephen M. Massini has been named CEO of Penn State Health. Mr. Massini has served as Penn State Health’s executive vice president and chief administrative officer since 2016. He will replace current CEO A. Craig Hillemeier, MD, who will retire this summer.

FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb, MD, has resigned, effective in about a month, reported the Washington Post. The coverage noted that Dr. Gottlieb was widely seen as an effective and popular figure inside and outside the Trump administration. Dr. Gottlieb said he had commuted to Washington from his home in Connecticut every week and wants to spend more time with his family.

Marcia Firmani, PhD, has been named chair of the Department of Biomedical Laboratory Sciences at the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Dr. Firmani has served as interim chair of the department since 2016.

Gagani Athauda, MD, has been inducted into the Academy of Pharmacology Educators at the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, a CFAS-member society. Dr. Athauda is vice chair and associate professor in the Department of Cellular Biology and Pharmacology and course director for gastrointestinal and pharmacology courses at the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine.

Sarah E. Stumbar, MD, has been appointed assistant dean for clinical education at the Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine (HWCOM). She will also continue in her current role as assistant professor of family medicine in the Department of Humanities, Health, and Society at HWCOM.

William Dauer, MD, has been named director of the Peter O’Donnell Jr. Brain Institute at UT Southwestern Medical Center, effective July 1. Dr. Dauer currently serves as director of the Movement Disorders Group and director of the Morris K. Udall Center of Excellence for Parkinson’s Disease Research at the University of Michigan, where he is also the Elinor Levine Professor of
Neurology and a professor of cell and developmental biology.

**Jorge Cortes**, MD, has been named director of the Georgia Cancer Center at Augusta University. Dr. Cortes serves as deputy department chair in the Department of Leukemia in the Division of Cancer Medicine at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, where he also holds the Jane and John Justin Distinguished Chair in Leukemia Research.

**Ilana Cass**, MD, has been appointed chair of obstetrics and gynecology at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth and Dartmouth-Hitchcock. Dr. Cass is vice chair of obstetrics and gynecology at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and a professor of OB-GYN at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

Valerie Stone, MD, has been appointed vice chair for diversity, equity, and inclusion in the Department of Medicine at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, effective July 1. Dr. Stone comes to Brigham and Women’s from Mount Auburn Hospital, where she serves as chair of the Department of Medicine and the Charles S. Davidson Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Stone is also a CFAS rep for the American College of Physicians.

Carolyn Meltzer, MD, has been appointed executive associate dean of faculty academic advancement, leadership, and inclusion at the Emory School of Medicine, and Ira Horowitz, MD, has been named executive associate dean of faculty and clinical affairs. Dr. Meltzer most recently served as chair of the school’s Department of Radiology and Imaging Sciences and is a CFAS Administrative Board member and chair of the CFAS Evaluation Committee. She will be leading the opening plenary on sexual harassment in academic medicine at the upcoming CFAS Spring Meeting in Atlanta.

**Robert C. Miller**, MD, MBA, has been named medical director of the Maryland Proton Treatment Center and professor in the University of Maryland School of Medicine’s Department of Radiation Oncology. Dr. Miller currently serves as vice chair in the Department of Radiation Oncology at the Mayo Clinic.

**Melissa Clark**, PharmD, MPH, has been named director of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) 12th Street Health and Wellness Center. Clark has served as assistant director of the center since 2017.

The Partners HealthCare Board of Directors has named **Anne Klibanski**, MD, interim president and CEO of Partners HealthCare, where Dr. Klibanski has served as chief academic officer since 2012.

**Terence O’Keeffe**, MB, has been named chief of the Section of Trauma/Critical Care/Acute Care Surgery in the Department of Surgery at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University, effective April 1. Dr. O’Keeffe serves as professor in the University of Arizona Division of Trauma, Critical Care, Burn and Emergency Surgery. He will also serve as medical director of the adult trauma service for Augusta University Health.

**Dick Kuo**, MD, has been named chair of the Henry J.N. Taub Department of Emergency Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine, where Dr. Kuo previously served as professor of emergency medicine.

**Duane Mezwa**, MD, has been appointed the Stephan Sharf Interim Dean of the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine (OUWB). Dr. Mezwa most recently served at OUWB as health system chair and physician executive for diagnostic radiology and molecular imaging. He has also been serving as chair of the Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Molecular Imaging.
Erica Friedman, MD, has been appointed interim dean of the CUNY School of Medicine. Dr. Friedman serves as the school's deputy dean and chair of the Department of Medical Education.

Barbara Atkinson, MD, founding dean of UNLV School of Medicine, announced she intends to transition from her leadership role following a search for a replacement, the school said in a statement. Dr. Atkinson has led UNLV School of Medicine since its inception, serving as both planning and founding dean over five years. The university will begin a national search for a new dean in July, and Dr. Atkinson will continue to lead the school until the new dean is in place.

Craig Hillemeier, MD, announced he will retire from his positions as dean of Penn State College of Medicine, senior vice president for health affairs at Penn State, and CEO of Penn State Health sometime this summer. Dr. Hillemeier has served as dean since 2014.

Harold Paz, MD, has been named executive vice president and chancellor for health affairs at The Ohio State University. Dr. Paz joins Ohio State from Aetna, where he served as executive vice president and chief medical officer. He also previously served as CEO of the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, president and CEO of the Penn State Hershey Health System, and dean of the Penn State College of Medicine.

Cristy Page, MD, MPH, has been named executive dean of the University of North Carolina (UNC) School of Medicine, effective Feb. 18. Dr. Page is chair of UNC Family Medicine.

David Mattson, PhD, has been named chair of the Department of Physiology at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University, effective July 1. Dr. Mattson previously served as interim senior associate dean of research at the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) and as a faculty leader in the MCW Department of Physiology’s Chronic Monitoring Facility.

Noni H. Byrnes, PhD, has been appointed director of the NIH Center for Scientific Review, effective Feb. 17. Dr. Byrnes has served as acting director of the center since May 2018.

Joanne Tornow, PhD, has been appointed head of the Directorate for Biological Sciences (BIO) at the NSF. Dr. Tornow has served as acting BIO head since Jan. 2018.

Juhan Paiste, MD, MBA, has been appointed executive vice chair for operations and integration in the Department of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine at the UAB School of Medicine. Dr. Paiste previously served as interim chair of the Department of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine at UAB.

The University of Louisville named Blaz Bush director of the LGBT Center at the University of Louisville Health Sciences Center. Bush previously served as director of care coordination at the Callen-Lorde Community Health Center in New York.

Karen P. West, DMD, MPH, has been selected as the next president and CEO of the American Dental Education Association (ADEA), effective July 1. Dr. West serves as professor and dean of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, School of Dental Medicine.

Cedric Bright, MD, has been named associate dean for admissions at the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University. Dr. Bright is associate dean for inclusive excellence at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine.

Joshua Miller, MD, has been named assistant dean of clinical integration at the Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University. Dr. Miller is medical director of diabetes care for Stony
Brook Medicine.

**J. Chad Duncan**, PhD, has been named director of the Northwestern University Prosthetics-Orthotics Center. Dr. Duncan is an associate professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation at the university’s Feinberg School of Medicine.

**Celia Freeman**, MBA, has been named assistant dean for continuous quality improvement and strategic planning at NYMC. Ms. Freeman was previously the director of postdoctoral education and continuing medical education at Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences.

**Mary Petzke**, PhD, has been appointed assistant dean for medical student research at New York Medical College (NYMC). Dr. Petzke, an assistant professor of microbiology and immunology, previously served as director of medical student research and is the associate course director for the medical microbiology course in the NYMC School of Medicine.

**Gregory P. Conners**, MD, MPH, MBA, has been named chair of the Department of Pediatrics at Upstate Medical University and executive director of Upstate Golisano Children’s Hospital, effective March 4. Dr. Conners previously served as associate chair of pediatrics at Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinic.

**Arthur R. Derse**, MD, JD, has been appointed a fellow in The Hastings Center. Dr. Derse is a member of the CFAS Administrative Board representing the Association of Bioethics Program Directors. Dr. Derse also serves as director of the Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

**Rush D. Holt**, PhD, CEO of the AAAS, and executive publisher of the *Science* family of journals, will retire from his position later this year. Dr. Holt has served as CEO of AAAS since February 2015. The AAAS Board of Directors announced in a statement that it will launch an international search for the next CEO to succeed Dr. Holt, who plans to serve as the organization’s chief executive until early fall to ensure a smooth transition for the incoming CEO.

The American Academy of Neurology (AAN) has awarded **Diana Bratt**, MD, the 2019 Clerkship Director Teaching Award. Dr. Bratt is the neurology clerkship director at Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine. AAN is a CFAS-member society.

Florida International University (FIU) Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine has appointed **Carmel J. Barrau**, MD, chairman of the Dean’s Advisory Council and **Albert R. Taño**, MD, vice chair of the council. Dr. Barrau is a founder of the College of Medicine and the founder and president of UniHealth of South Florida, Inc. Dr. Taño is the medical director of Kidz Medical Services and a member of the FIU Foundation Board.

**Richard Polin**, MD, has been named executive vice chair of education at the Department of Pediatrics at Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons. Dr. Polin previously served as vice chair of education and has led Columbia’s Division of Pediatric Neonatology since 1998.

The Medical College of Georgia has created a new Department of Dermatology and named **Loretta S. Davis**, MD, as its first chair, effective Feb. 1. Dr. Davis has served as section chief of the former Division of Dermatology since 2011 and as director of the Dermatology Residency Program since 2010.

**Stephen Trzeciak**, MD, MPH, was appointed chief of medicine for Cooper University Health Care
and chair of the Department of Medicine for Cooper Medical School of Rowan University. Dr. Trzeciak has served as interim chair and chief of the Department of Medicine since November 2017.

Beth Anne Fox, MD, has been appointed associate dean of the Quillen College of Medicine and chief of staff for the college’s Office of the Dean. Dr. Fox previously served as professor and vice chair in the Department of Family Medicine.

Lee Learman, MD, PhD, has been named dean of the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, effective July 1. Dr. Learman serves as the senior associate dean for academic affairs and the senior associate dean for graduate medical education at the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine at Florida Atlantic University, where he is also professor of obstetrics and gynecology.

At Wayne State University School of Medicine, Jack Sobel, MD, dean, and David Hefner, vice president of health affairs, are stepping down later this year, reported the Detroit News, noting that the university plans to combine their roles into one position. Speaking on the impact of the two leaders, university President M. Roy Wilson, MD, said, “Their contributions have had a profound and positive impact on the university and have laid the groundwork for the future of the School of Medicine.”

Salomon Amar, DDS, PhD, has been named vice president for research at New York Medical College. He is also professor of pharmacology and professor of microbiology and immunology at NYMC, provost for biomedical research and chief biomedical research officer for the Touro College and University System, and professor of dental medicine at Touro College of Dental Medicine at NYMC.

Trauma surgeon and retired Army Colonel Kurt Edwards, MD, has been appointed chief of the Division of Trauma and Critical Care in the Department of Surgery at Albany Medical College. Dr. Edwards previously served as chief of trauma and critical care at San Antonio Military Medical Center.

Jeffrey A. Switzer, MD, has been named chair of the Medical College of Georgia’s Department of Neurology. Dr. Switzer is co-director of the Advanced Comprehensive Stroke Center at MCG and Augusta University Health.

Phillip L. Coule, MD, has been named vice president and chief medical officer for Augusta University Health System and associate dean for clinical affairs for the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University. Coule has been serving in those roles as an interim since February 2018.

Vishal A. Patel, MD, has joined the George Washington University Cancer Center as the director of the recently established Cutaneous Oncology Program. Patel most recently led the Division of Dermatologic Surgery and directed the High Risk Skin Cancer Clinic at Columbia University in New York City.

Julie Palmer, ScD, Matthew Kulke, MD, and Gerald Denis, PhD, have been appointed co-directors of the Boston University-Boston Medical Center Cancer Center, effective Feb. 1, 2019.

Jayme Locke, MD, has been named director of the University of Alabama at Birmingham Comprehensive Transplant Institute.

Derek A. Hamilton, PhD, has been named assistant vice president for research at the University of New Mexico, effective Jan. 1.