The People of Academic Medicine

Peter Wiklund, MD, PhD, has been appointed director of the Bladder Cancer Program at Mount Sinai Health System. Dr. Wiklund previously served as chair of urology, molecular medicine, and surgery, and as a professor of urology at the Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm, Sweden.

Walter Bosch, DSc, has been elected a fellow of the American Association of Physicists in Medicine. Dr. Bosch is an associate professor of radiation oncology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

Christine Pham, MD, has been named director of the Division of Rheumatology in the Department of Medicine at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Dr. Pham is a professor of medicine, pathology, and immunology at the School of Medicine.

Peter Loomer, DDS, PhD, has been named dean of the UT Health San Antonio School of Dentistry, effective Feb. 1. Dr. Loomer serves as chair of the Ashman Department of Periodontology and Implant Dentistry and director of the Center for Global Oral Health Sciences at New York University College of Dentistry.

Hugh Taylor, MD, has been appointed president of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM). Dr. Taylor is the Anita O’Keeffe Young Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences at the Yale School of Medicine and chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Yale New Haven Hospital. ASRM is a CFAS-member society.

Heather Campbell, MHS, has been named vice dean for finance and administration at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. Campbell previously served as associate dean for administration at Feinberg.

Clem McDonald, MD, has been appointed the first chief health data standards officer at the National Library of Medicine, effective Nov. 1. Dr. McDonald has served as director of the NIH’s Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communications for the past 12 years.

Leslie R. Walker-Harding, MD, has been named chair of the University of Washington School of Medicine Department of Pediatrics, associate dean for the University of Washington School of Medicine, and senior vice president/chief academic officer for Seattle Children’s. She is now professor and chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, and medical director and pediatrician in chief at Penn State Children’s Hospital. Dr. Walker-Harding will begin her new position in February.

The ACGME has elected three new officers to its board of directors: Jeffrey P. Gold, MD, of the University of Nebraska Medical Center is the new board chair; Karen J. Nichols, DO, dean of Midwestern University/Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine from 2002 to 2018, is the new vice
chair; and **Steven I. Goldstein**, president and CEO of Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester, is the treasurer for the third consecutive year. **Mona Abaza**, MD, a CFAS Administrative Board member and a CFAS rep from the Society of University Otolaryngologists/Head and Neck Surgeons also serves as a member of the ACGME Board of Directors.

**J. Harry Isaacson**, MD, has been appointed executive dean of the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University, and Neil Mehta, MBBS, has been appointed associate dean for curricular affairs at the Lerner College of Medicine. Dr. Isaacson has served as assistant dean for clinical education since 2010, and Dr. Mehta has been assistant dean for education informatics and technology since 2015.

**Mark B. Taubman**, MD, has been appointed to a new term as dean of the School of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Rochester, effective July 1, 2019. Taubman will continue his joint responsibilities as university senior vice president for health sciences and CEO of the University of Rochester Medical Center (URMC) and UR Medicine, the university’s health care network.

**Irma Corral**, PhD, has been named East Carolina University assistant dean for diversity and inclusion for the Brody School of Medicine. The associate professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine will continue her faculty appointment work.

Northeast Ohio Medical University has announced that **Jay A. Gershen**, DDS, PhD, will retire as NEOMED president, a position he has held for nearly 10 years, making him the longest-serving state university president in Ohio. Dr. Gershen will leave his position on Sept. 30, 2019.

**C. Michael Cassidy** has joined Emory University as director of the new Emory Biomedical Catalyst. In this role, he will lead efforts to enhance innovation, entrepreneurship, and development of intellectual property. Prior to this role, Mr. Cassidy was Georgia Research Alliance president and CEO for 18 years.

**Cecelia Schmalbach**, MD, has been appointed the inaugural David Myers, MD Professor and Chair in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University. Dr. Schmalbach comes to Temple from the Indiana University School of Medicine where she served as professor of otolaryngology-HNS, vice chair of otolaryngology clinical affairs, and division chief of HNS.

**Brad Simmons** has been named interim CEO of UC Davis Medical Center, pending approval by the UC Regents in the coming month. Mr. Simmons joined UC Davis in 2016 as chief operating officer of the medical center.

**Christopher T. Westfall**, MD, has been named College of Medicine dean at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. The professor of ophthalmology and longtime faculty member of UAMS had served as interim dean since February.

**Luci Leykum**, MD, has been named to head a new VA center of excellence named after former Sen. Elizabeth Dole. The center will seek to improve services to veterans and their caregivers and will be managed by the VA Office of Health Services Research and Development. Dr. Leykum is professor of medicine and chief of the Division of General and Hospital Medicine at UT Health San Antonio.

**Darryll Patterson**, MD, has been named interim chair of the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine. Dr. Patterson previously served as associate chair and medical director of the Department of Internal Medicine at the School of Medicine.
**Deneen Wellik**, PhD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Cell and Regenerative Biology at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, effective Dec. 1. Dr. Wellik is director of the Center for Organogenesis and holds faculty appointments in the Department of Internal Medicine, the Department of Cell and Developmental Biology, and the Division of Molecular Medicine and Genetics at the University of Michigan Medical School.

**Anna Spagnoli**, MD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and Children’s Hospital and Medical Center. Dr. Spagnoli previously served as professor and chair of the Department of Pediatrics and the Woman’s Board Endowed Chair of Excellence in Pediatric Care, Research, and Education at Rush University Children’s Hospital and Rush University Medical Center.

**Rong Li**, PhD, has been named chair of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Medicine at the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Dr. Li previously served as professor in the Department of Molecular Medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

**Scott Gitlin**, MD, has been appointed assistant dean for GME at the University of Michigan Medical School, and **Phyllis I. Hanson**, MD, PhD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Biological Chemistry at Michigan, the school announced in a statement. Dr. Gitlin is a professor of internal medicine in the Division of Hematology/Oncology. In his new role, he will provide leadership for Michigan Medicine’s GME programs and oversee the internal review process for residencies and fellowships. He is additionally a CFAS representative from the American Society of Hematology, serves as chair of CFAS, and is a member of the AAMC Board of Directors.

**Jeffrey Drazen**, MD, will retire from his position as editor in chief of the New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM) within a year, reported STAT. Dr. Drazen, who is the Distinguished Parker B. Francis Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, has been editor in chief of NEJM since 2000.

**Chad Whelan**, MD, has been appointed CEO of Banner-University Medicine in Tucson, Arizona. Dr. Whelan formerly served as president of Loyola University Medical Center.

**Bernard Jasmin**, PhD, has been appointed dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Ottawa for a five-year term from Oct. 1 to June 30, 2023. Dr. Jasmin is the interim dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

**Subha Madhavan**, PhD, has been appointed chief data scientist and director of the Office for Health Data Science and Informatics at Georgetown University Medical Center. Dr. Madhavan serves as associate professor in the Department of Oncology and director of the Innovation Center for Biomedical Informatics (ICBI) at Georgetown.

**Xue Zhong Liu**, MD, PhD, has been appointed the Marian and Walter Hotchkiss Chair in Otolaryngology at the University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine. Dr. Liu is professor of otolaryngology, human genetics, biochemistry, and pediatrics; vice chair of research; and director of the Miami Otogenetic Program in the Department of Otolaryngology at the Miller School of Medicine.

**John Smulian**, MD, MPH, has been appointed B.L. Stalnaker Professor and chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Florida College of Medicine. Dr. Smulian is currently professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of South Florida Morsani College of
Medicine and vice chair, chief of the division of maternal-fetal medicine, and director of research in the department of obstetrics and gynecology at Lehigh Valley Health Network in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Li Li, MD, PhD, MPH, has been appointed chair of the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Virginia School of Medicine, effective Jan. 1. Dr. Li is a professor of family medicine at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and associate director for prevention research at Case Comprehensive Cancer Center.

William Ventres, MD, has been appointed Ben Saltzman, M.D., Distinguished Chair in Rural Family Medicine at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) College of Medicine. Dr. Ventres is an assistant professor in the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine in the College of Medicine.

David Leib, PhD, has been named chair of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth. Dr. Leib is a professor of microbiology and immunology and adjunct professor of biology at Dartmouth.

Jane Eggerstedt, MD, has been appointed the first provost of LSU Health Shreveport. Dr. Eggerstedt currently serves as senior associate dean for academic affairs at Shreveport.

Deborah Watkins Bruner, RN, PhD, has been appointed senior vice president for research at Emory University, effective Oct. 1. Dr. Bruner serves as the Robert W. Woodruff Professor and Chair in Nursing and assistant dean for faculty mentoring at Emory’s Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing.

Doug Miller, MD, has been named Medical College of Georgia’s senior associate dean for undergraduate medical education. He previously served as dean of MCG from 2006 to 2010 and also served as dean at New York Medical College’s School of Medicine from 2014 to 2017.

Jerry L. Nadler, MD, has been appointed dean of the School of Medicine at New York Medical College, effective March 2019. Dr. Nadler comes to NYMC from Eastern Virginia Medical School (EVMS), where he serves as professor and chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, the Harry H. Mansbach Endowed Chair in Internal Medicine, and vice dean of research.

Gregg T. Tarquinio, PhD, MBA, CPA, has been appointed associate dean for administration and finance at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, effective immediately. Dr. Tarquinio was previously vice dean of administration, with a faculty appointment at Loyola University Chicago’s Stritch School of Medicine in Maywood, Ill., and held an adjunct faculty appointment at the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University in Chicago.

James Herman, PhD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Pharmacology and Systems Physiology at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. Dr. Herman has served as a professor of psychiatry and behavioral neuroscience at the College of Medicine since 2000.

Mark Walters, MD, has been appointed to a one-year term as interim UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital Oakland Director of Research. Dr. Walters previously served on the Benioff Children’s Hospital Oakland Institutional Review Board and is currently co-chair of the Children’s Hospital Oakland Research Institute (CHORI) Appointments and Promotions Committee.

Jeff Risinger, PhD, MBA, has been appointed vice chancellor for human resources at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS). Dr. Risinger has served as associate vice chancellor for
human resources since 2014.

**Steven Lieberman,** MD, has been named senior associate dean of undergraduate medical education at the University of Arizona College of Medicine-Phoenix. Dr. Lieberman previously served as senior associate dean for education innovation and logistics at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) School of Medicine.

**Daniel Derksen,** MD, has been appointed associate vice president for health equity, outreach, and interprofessional activities at the University of Arizona Health Sciences. Dr. Derksen is a professor of public health in the Department of Community, Environment, and Policy at the University of Arizona Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, with a joint appointment in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the UA College of Medicine-Tucson.

**Santhosh K.G. Koshy,** MD, has been named chair of the Department of Internal Medicine for the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) School of Medicine. Dr. Koshy previously served as director of interventional cardiology and vice chair of the Department of Medicine at TTUHSC School of Medicine.

**James Voos,** MD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Orthopaedics at University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center. Dr. Voos has served as interim chair of the department for the past eight months. Dr. Voos also serves as an associate professor of orthopedic surgery at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine.

**Nicole C. Maronian,** MD, has been named chair of the Department of Otolaryngology — Head and Neck Surgery at University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center, effective immediately. Dr. Maronian is an associate professor of otolaryngology/head and neck surgery at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine.

**Nichole R. Mercier,** PhD, director of the Office of Technology Management at Washington University in St. Louis, has received a first-place Innovations in Research and Research Education Award from the AAMC. The award recognizes Dr. Mercier’s efforts to support women in innovation and technology.

Former VA Secretary **David Shulkin,** MD, has been appointed chief innovation officer at Sanford Health, reported *Modern Healthcare.*

**Richard Davis,** PhD, has been appointed CEO of Henry Ford Hospital. Dr. Davis is president and CEO of Johns Hopkins Medicine’s Sibley Memorial Hospital.

**Richard Streiffer,** MD, is stepping down as dean of the UAB College of Community Health Sciences. Dr. Streiffer has served as dean since 2012 and will remain on faculty as a professor of family medicine.

**Mehdi Mollapour,** PhD, has been named vice chair for translational research in the Department of Urology at Upstate Medical University, effective Aug. 21. Dr. Mollapour is a professor of urology, adjunct professor of biochemistry and molecular biology, and director of the Renal Cancer Biology Section in Urology at Upstate.

**April Hartman,** MD, has been named chief of the Division of General Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine and **Nirupma Sharma,** MD, has been named chief of the newly created Division of Pediatric Hospital Medicine at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University. Dr. Hartman previously served as assistant professor of pediatrics at the Mercer University School of Medicine.
and chief medical officer at Columbus Regional Medical Group, and Dr. Sharma is medical director of the 4C unit at the Children’s Hospital of Georgia and associate director of the Department of Pediatrics Clerkship at the medical college.

**Rama Mallampalli**, MD, has been named chair of the Department of Internal Medicine at the Ohio State University College of Medicine. Dr. Mallampalli previously served as professor and chief of the Division of Pulmonary, Allergy, and Critical Care Medicine and vice chair for research in the Department of Medicine at University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

**Angela Norman**, DNP, has been named director of the Centers on Aging in the Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS). Dr. Norman has served as associate director of the Centers on Aging since January 2016.

**Xianfeng Frank Zhao**, MD, PhD, has been named chair of the Department of Pathology at the University of Arizona College of Medicine-Phoenix. Dr. Zhao is chief of pathology and laboratory medicine service for the Phoenix VA Health Care System and has served as a clinical professor at the College of Medicine since 2016.

**Bruce J. Tromberg**, PhD, has been named director of the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB). Dr. Tromberg serves as professor in the Departments of Surgery and Biomedical Engineering at the University of California, Irvine.

**Georgiana Purdy**, PhD, has been appointed director of the PhD Program in Biomedical Sciences at the OHSU School of Medicine. Dr. Purdy is associate professor of molecular microbiology and immunology and director of the Graduate Program in Molecular Microbiology and Immunology at the School of Medicine.

**Marie Frazier**, MD, has been named assistant dean of academic affairs at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. Dr. Frazier is an associate professor of pediatrics at the School of Medicine.

**Darrell Yamashiro**, MD, PhD, has been named director of the Division of Pediatric Hematology, Oncology, and Stem Cell Transplantation at Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons (VP&S). Dr. Yamashiro is associate professor of pediatrics and of pathology and cell biology at VP&S.

**Richard Blinkhorn**, MD, has been appointed medical director of the Biomedical Acceleration and Commercialization Center at Albany Medical College. Dr. Blinkhorn serves as chair of the Department of Medicine and the Richard T. Beebe Professor of Medicine at the Medical College.

**Andreas Lauer**, MD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Ophthalmology at the OHSU School of Medicine, effective Sept. 4. Dr. Lauer is professor of ophthalmology at the School of Medicine.

**Thomas Fekete**, MD, has been appointed chair of medicine at Temple University Hospital and the Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University. Dr. Fekete has served as interim chair of medicine since November 2017.

**Helene M. Langevin**, MD, has been named director of the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH). Dr. Langevin has served as director of the Osher Center for Integrative Medicine and professor-in-residence of medicine at Harvard Medical School since 2012.
Shawn Vincent has been named president and CEO of Loyola Medicine, reports Crain’s Chicago Business. Mr. Vincent will be moving from his role as chief operating officer at Augusta (Ga.) University Health, succeeding interim CEO Roger Spoelman, who has been serving in the role since CEO Larry Goldberg departed for Phoenix-based Banner Health. The new position is effective Nov. 5.

Davy Cheng, MD, has been named acting dean of the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry in Ontario, Canada, from Oct. 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019. Dr. Cheng is a Distinguished University Professor in the Department of Anesthesia and Perioperative Medicine and also serves as the vice dean of faculty affairs.

Maulik Majmudar, MD, associate director of the Healthcare Transformation Lab at Massachusetts General Hospital, has taken a job in Amazon’s health care venture, reported CNN Money.

Rajesh Tampi, MBBS, has been named chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health at Cleveland Clinic Akron General and section head of geriatric psychiatry in the Department of Psychiatry and Psychology at Cleveland Clinic. Dr. Tampi is associate clinical professor of psychiatry at Yale University School of Medicine.

Michelle Butina, PhD, has been named vice chair of the Medical Laboratory Science Division of the Department of Pathology, Anatomy, and Laboratory Medicine at the West Virginia University School of Medicine. Dr. Butina is an associate professor and director of medical laboratory sciences at the School of Medicine.

Jack W. Jennings, MD, PhD, has been named chief of musculoskeletal radiology for Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Dr. Jennings is associate professor of radiology in the Division of Diagnostic Radiology at the School of Medicine.

Michael LaMantia, MD, MPH, has been appointed the inaugural Holly and Bob Miller Chair in Memory and Aging at the University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine. Dr. LaMantia previously served as associate professor of medicine and neurological sciences and head of geriatric medicine, as well as director of the Center on Aging, at the College of Medicine.

Ramin Homayouni, PhD, has been appointed founding director of population health informatics at Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine, effective Dec. 1. Dr. Homayouni previously served as professor of biological sciences at University of Memphis.

Christopher Kane, MD, has been appointed dean of clinical affairs at UC San Diego School of Medicine and CEO of UC San Diego Health Physicians. Dr. Kane is the founding chair of the Department of Urology at the School of Medicine.

Stephen P. Sugrue, PhD, has been appointed acting associate vice president for research at UF Health. Dr. Sugrue will continue to serve as senior associate dean for research affairs at the UF College of Medicine.

Michael Lucchesi, MD, has been appointed interim dean of the SUNY Downstate College of Medicine for the remainder of the academic year, or until a new dean has been appointed to replace Carlos Pato, MD, who recently stepped down. Dr. Lucchesi has served as chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at the College of Medicine.

Peter Pronovost, MD, PhD, has left UnitedHealthcare weeks after being named CMO, reports Becker’s Hospital Review. Dr. Pronovost was previously senior vice president for patient safety and
quality at John Hopkins Medicine in Baltimore.

**Melinda Estes**, MD, has been selected chair-elect designate of the AHA. Dr. Estes is president and CEO of Saint Luke’s Health System.

**Martin Zand**, MD, PhD, has been named senior associate dean for clinical research at the University of Rochester Medical Center. Dr. Zand is co-director of the University of Rochester Clinical and Translational Science Institute.

**Stephen Robinson**, MD, has been named interim chair of the Department of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine at the OHSU School of Medicine. Dr. Robinson is professor of anesthesiology and perioperative medicine at the School of Medicine.

**Daniel Marks**, MD, PhD, has been appointed senior associate dean for research at the OHSU School of Medicine. Dr. Marks is a professor of pediatrics at the School of Medicine.

**Gary Dent**, MD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Community Medicine at Mercer University School of Medicine (MUSM). Dr. Dent previously served as assistant dean of strategy and innovation at MUSM.

**Stephanie L. White**, MD, has been named associate dean for diversity and inclusion at the Geisel School of Medicine. Dr. White is an assistant professor of pediatrics at the School of Medicine.

**Ann Madden Rice** has been named president of Abbott Northwestern Hospital, and senior vice president of Allina Health in Minneapolis, beginning in October. She will remain as CEO of the UC Davis Medical Center through September, where she has been for the past 10 years.

**Carlos Pato**, MD, PhD, dean of SUNY Downstate Medical Center, announced he will leave his leadership role on Aug. 31, returning to faculty as a psychiatry professor, reports the *New York Daily News*. An interim dean will be named soon.

**Donna M. Martin**, MD, PhD, has been named interim chair of pediatrics and communicable diseases at University of Michigan Medical School. Dr. Martin is director of pediatric genetics, metabolism, and genomic medicine and the Donita B. Sullivan, M.D., Research Professor of Pediatrics and Communicable Diseases at the medical school.

**Michael Paidas**, MD, has been named chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine and UHealth. Dr. Paidas is professor of obstetrics, gynecology, and reproductive sciences and vice chair of obstetrics at Yale University School of Medicine.

**J. Matthias Walz**, MD, has been appointed interim chair of the Department of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine at UMass Medical School. Dr. Walz is an associate professor of anesthesiology and perioperative medicine and surgery, and he has served as acting chair since earlier this year.

**Colin S. Duckett**, PhD, has been named vice dean for basic science at the Duke University School of Medicine, effective Sept. 4. Dr. Duckett is chief scientific officer of the Baylor Scott and White Research Institute and professor in the Department of Medicine at the Baylor College of Medicine.

**Jewel Mullen**, MD, MPH, has been appointed associate dean for health equity at Dell Medical School. Dr. Mullen is the former principal deputy assistant secretary for health at HHS. Her
Michael Apkon, MD, PhD, has been appointed chief executive officer of Tufts Medical Center and Floating Hospital for Children, effective this fall. Dr. Apkon is currently president and CEO of The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, and he previously served as chief medical officer at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and as executive director of Yale New Haven Children’s Hospital.

Daniel Schidlow, MD, will step down as dean of the Drexel University College of Medicine on June 30, 2019. Dr. Schidlow has served as dean of the College of Medicine for eight years.

Gianrico Farrugia, MD, has been named CEO of Mayo Clinic, effective Jan. 1. Dr. Farrugia is CEO of Mayo Clinic in Florida and a Mayo vice president, reported Modern Healthcare.

The University of Florida renamed its Hypertension Center to the Center for Integrative Cardiovascular and Metabolic Diseases, and has appointed Eric Krause, PhD, as center director. Dr. Krause is an associate professor of pharmacodynamics in the University of Florida College of Pharmacy.

Israel Liberzon, MD, has been appointed department head of psychiatry at Texas A&M College of Medicine. Dr. Liberzon previously served as a professor in the Department of Psychiatry at Michigan Medicine.

Anil Nanda, MD, PhD, MPH, has been appointed joint chair of the Department of Neurosurgery at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and New Jersey Medical School and senior vice president for neurosurgical services at RWJBarnabas Health. Dr. Nanda has served as the founding chair of the Department of Neurosurgery at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-Shreveport for 27 years.

Laura Riley, MD, has been appointed chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Weill Cornell Medicine and obstetrician and gynecologist in chief at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, effective Oct. 1. Dr. Riley serves as vice chair of obstetrics and medical director of labor and delivery at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Richard Isaacson, MD, has been appointed assistant dean for faculty development at Weill Cornell Medicine. Dr. Isaacson is an associate professor of neurology and director of the Alzheimer’s Prevention Clinic in the Weill Cornell Memory Disorders Program at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center.

Philip Diller, MD, PhD, has been appointed senior associate dean for educational affairs at the University of Cincinnati (UC) College of Medicine. Dr. Diller has served as chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the UC College of Medicine since 2011.

Kathleen Nelson, MD, has been appointed associate dean for leadership and wellness at Keck School of Medicine of USC. In her new role, she will coordinate, oversee, and develop efforts linked to wellness and leadership for trainees, faculty, and staff. Dr. Nelson is Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at Keck and is the founding chair of CFAS.

Pamela B. Davis, MD, PhD, dean of the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and senior vice president for medical affairs, has announced she will step down and return to the faculty, effective June 30, 2020. Dr. Davis has served as dean since 2006.

Terry B. Rogers, PhD, professor of biochemistry and molecular biology and assistant dean for
research affairs, has been promoted to associate dean for research development and administration at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

**E. John Wherry**, PhD, has been named chair of the Department of Systems Pharmacology and Translational Therapeutics in the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. Wherry is the Richard and Barbara Schiffrin President's Distinguished Professor in the Department of Microbiology.

Lesley Curtis, PhD, has been named interim executive director for the Duke Clinical Research Institute. Dr. Curtis is professor and chair of the Department of Population Health Sciences at the Duke University School of Medicine.

**William Block**, MD, has been named interim dean at Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University. He replaces Robert Means Jr., MD, who stepped down from the position but will continue his research, clinical practice, and teaching activities as a professor in the Department of Internal Medicine. Dr. Block previously served as chair of Quillen's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

**Paul J. Hauptman**, MD, has been named dean of the University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine (UTGSM) in Knoxville. He also will serve as senior vice president and chief academic officer of the University of Tennessee Medical Center (UTMC) in Knoxville. Dr. Hauptman comes to UTGSM and UTMC after 20 years with Saint Louis University School of Medicine, where he served as assistant dean of clinical and translational research, professor of internal medicine, and director of the heart failure program at Saint Louis University Hospital.

**Robert Wilkie** has been confirmed by the Senate as the new secretary of the VA, reported the New York Times. Mr. Wilkie has served in the VA as acting secretary and was previously undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness.

**Alfredo Tirado-Ramos**, PhD, has been appointed to lead biomedical and translational informatics programs at the Geisel School of Medicine and the Dartmouth-Hitchcock health system. Dr. Tirado-Ramos is the founder and former chief of the Clinical Informatics Division of the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

**Jan Madsen** has been appointed executive vice president of Creighton University. Madsen has served as chief financial officer and treasurer for Omaha, Nebraska-based West Corporation for the past three years.

**Gary Kochen** will retire from his position as executive vice president and chief operating officer of Albany Med, effective Nov. 30. Kochen served at Albany for 38 years.

**Bruce Ovbiagele**, MD, MSc, MBA, has been appointed associate dean of the San Francisco VA Healthcare System, effective Aug. 9. Dr. Ovbiagele most recently served as professor and chair of the Neurology Department at the Medical University of South Carolina.

**Francis Lee**, MD, PhD, has been named chair of the Department of Psychiatry at Weill Cornell Medicine and psychiatrist in chief at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center. Dr. Lee has served as interim director of the Sackler Institute for Developmental Psychobiology since 2016.