Two New Vice Chancellors

Two new vice chancellors have been selected to fulfill the academic health science center’s missions of community service and research. After a nationwide search, La Don Jones, PhD, was selected for the position of vice chancellor for community affairs. Leonard R. Johnson, PhD, was named vice chancellor for research, after serving in this position on an interim basis since last fall.

Assuming his new position on April 3, Dr. Jones comes to the UTHSC with extensive experience in healthcare delivery and administration, as well as higher education. For the last three years, he served as vice president of technology and instructional resources at Baptist College of Health Sciences in Memphis. In his new role, he will be responsible for identifying and coordinating system-wide opportunities that will enhance UTHSC engagements with community partners.

No stranger to the Health Science Center, Dr. Johnson came to UTHSC in 1989 to chair the Department of Physiology and serve as the Thomas A. Gerwin Professor in that department. Dr. Johnson led the department for 16 years until he assumed the role of interim vice chancellor for research. Since that time, he has instituted new programs and is pursuing several initiatives to fulfill UTHSC’s research mission.

Diabetes Dialogue

Gov. Phil Bredesen (center) seeks input from area healthcare professionals, educators and patients on how to prevent type II diabetes during a roundtable discussion held March 30 at the UTHSC Hamilton Eye Institute.

Chancellor William F. Owen, Jr., MD (left) and various UTHSC faculty offered insight during the 90 minute discussion.

The discussion was part of Gov. Bredesen’s efforts to promote his new diabetes initiative, which earmarks $45 million over the next three years to prevent diabetes. Part of his plan includes a UTHSC pilot project led by Chancellor Owen that provides a single location where people with diabetes can turn for education and management.

UTHSC Research & Oak Ridge Lab

At a town hall meeting last month, UT Vice President for Research, David Millhorn, PhD, told UTHSC faculty members that “the doors are open at Oak Ridge, and they (the scientists at Oak Ridge) want you to get involved.”

This invitation prompted further inquiry. After the meeting, Chancellor William F. Owen, Jr., MD, announced that a new task force would be formed to identify possible synergies, mitigate risk and design a plan for action.

During the town hall meeting, Dr. Millhorn discussed the future of research at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, which is managed by UT. He explained that successful researchers must continue to be energized, as well as be willing to tackle the geography. He said Oak Ridge will never be next door, but it is part of the key to groundbreak- ing research at UTHSC.
Finance and Operations is realigning and redefining its organizational structure.

“We are trying to put some structure back into the organization,” said Vice Chancellor for Finance and Operations Tony Ferrara, CPA, MAS, of changes that include renaming three areas and realigning of responsibility. He explains that six months ago, when he came on board, the only assistant vice chancellor within the department was Pam Vaughn, and she was serving as the interim vice chancellor at the time. In previous years, there had been three assistant vice chancellors for Finance and Operations.

Now there will be two assistant vice chancellors: Pam Vaughn will oversee the finance area, while a new position will be created for an assistant vice chancellor for business. A national search will be conducted to attract a person who has experience in running auxiliary operations, such as the bookstore, food service and general stores. Someone with skills in running these services is vital because, as Ferrara explains, overseeing these operations is like running “little businesses.” The new position will be posted internally and nationally later this month.

Another organizational change is that now business managers from every college and division within the Health Science Center will report to the vice chancellor for finance and operations. Although business managers will continue to have a close working relationship with the deans of their respective colleges, this realignment will allow better operational support for the entire Health Science Center.

Four entities within the finance area also have had their names changed. They include: Special Projects and Planning, formerly Compliance; Accounting & Budget, formerly Budget & Financial Reporting; Sponsored Projects Accounting, formerly Grants & Contracts; and Payroll/Accounts Payable, formerly Payroll/Insurance/Accounts Payable. These name changes better reflect the scope of work that is performed in each office.

Below is a visual image of how these organizational changes fit into the realignment of Finance and Operations. Additional changes are anticipated as UTHSC continues to evolve.
James Eason, MD, FACS, is joining the UT Methodist partnership as a faculty member in UTHSC’s Department of Surgery and program director of the Methodist University Hospital Transplant Institute. Dr. Eason comes from Ochsner Clinic and Ochsner Foundation Hospital in New Orleans, where he was section head of Abdominal Organ Transplantation.

A native Tennessean, Dr. Eason received his medical degree from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine. He is a member of the American Society of Transplant Surgeons. Dr. Eason served as a clinical fellow in surgery at Harvard Medical School and as a clinical and research fellow in transplant surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital.

William R. Frey, PhD, professor and interim dean of the College of Allied Health Sciences, spoke at a luncheon on April 11 for the Tennessee Society of Healthcare Human Resource Administration (Western Tennessee chapter).

Dr. Frey addressed approximately 45 human resource directors about the growing shortage of allied health professionals in the state.

The College of Health Science Engineering has selected the Children’s Foundation of Memphis for its annual Friend of the College Award.

This award is in recognition of numerous grants of support to the college and its predecessors by the foundation including an endowed professorship and funding of several graduate student research projects.

The presentation was made at the college’s Annual Appreciation Dinner on March 31. Awards were also given to students, staff and alumni for their outstanding service and achievement.

Robert C. Kores, PhD, associate professor in psychiatry, recently passed his American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP) board certification. Only about 8 percent of clinical psychologists actually sit for this exam. Dr. Kores is the second UTHSC doctor to become ABPP certified; Allan Battle, PhD, professor in psychiatry, is also an ABPP diplomate.

Stephanie Connelly, MD, MPH, assistant professor in general internal medicine and preventive medicine, was published in Tennessee Medicine in March. The article is “Perceived Impact of TennCare Reform on Patients’ Health in a Medical Teaching Practice,” which is coauthored by Laura Sprabery, MD, in the College of Pharmacy; Carolyn Driscoll, PhD, in the College of Nursing; Paula Dycus, MSN, RN, in the College of Nursing; and Kristine Lohr, MD in the College of Medicine — helped students prepare for the competition.

Teresa Cutts, associate director of the Outreach Center, is a partner provider at the Harbor of Health, a wellness oriented primary care center on Harbor Town.

Cutts, who is also on the board’s advisory clinic, worked on a grant that helped Harbor of Health become part of a $8 million initiative, called TransforMED, designed to reinvent today’s family practice. Harbor of Health was one of 36 facilities selected nationwide. Peggy Veeser, EdD, professor and director of the Public Health Department, and John Midtling, MD, chair of Family Medicine, are also on the advisory board of the clinic.

UTHSC’s CLARION Team won second place at the national competition at the University of Minnesota on April 7-8. Beating out competing teams from Dartmouth, the Universities of Minnesota, Chicago, Missouri and the Mayo Clinic, the UTHSC team presented a root cause analysis in “Pediatric Asthma in Rural Wisconsin.”

The interprofessional student teams were given a case at the end of February involving a sentinel healthcare issue. UTHSC Team Members include:

- Jamie Mitchell, BA - College of Social Work
- Jessica Rosson, MS - College of Pharmacy
- Peter Vu - College of Medicine
- Rita West, MSN - College of Nursing

Virginia Commonwealth won first place, and the University of Washington took third.

The deans of the Colleges of Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy supported UTHSC’s participation, and faculty advisors — Cathy Crill, PharmD, in the College of Pharmacy; Carolyn Driscoll, PhD, in the College of Nursing; Paula Dycus, MSN, RN, in the College of Nursing; and Kristine Lohr, MD in the College of Medicine — helped students prepare for the competition.

UTHSC winning team includes: (from left to right) Jamie Mitchell, Peter Vu, Jessica Rosson and Rita West.
UT Partners with Siskin Hospital to Educate Occupational Therapists

The College of Allied Health Sciences has recently expanded its occupational therapy program in Chattanooga.

This initiative is the result of a partnership between UTHSC, Siskin Hospital for Physical Rehabilitation in Chattanooga, and the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga (UTC).

A newly signed agreement was made to address the growing shortage of occupational therapists qualified to practice in Tennessee. Students interested in a career in occupational therapy can now obtain an entry level master’s degree in occupational therapy in Chattanooga.

With campuses in Chattanooga and Memphis, the program in occupational therapy has the unique opportunity to bridge rural and urban shortages while providing cost-effective healthcare education to students across the state.

On Memoriam

The UTHSC community extends condolences to:

To the family and friends of Albert Ichiki, PhD, professor and acting chair of the Department of Medical Genetics at the Graduate School of Medicine in Knoxville, who died last month.

Michael Breen, MD, associate professor and chair of Obstetrics & Gynecology in Chattanooga, on the loss of his daughter, Laura Alexandra Breen, 19, who died on Friday, March 10.

Match Day

Upcoming graduates of the UTHSC College of Medicine opened envelopes on “Match Day” to find out where they will spend their years of residency training.

Computer Security: Put Some Muscle in your Password!

A weak, easy-to-guess password can allow hackers from outside the university to take over a computer system. This has in fact happened to users here at UTHSC over the past few weeks; hackers have taken control of the system, installed files and taken data from the computer!

How do you prevent such a disaster on your system? One way is to put some muscle in your password. Make a strong password to help thwart those hackers.

The UTHSC Password Policy contains these guidelines for constructing such passwords:

1. Passwords should contain eight or more characters including three of the following: upper and lower case letters, numerals or special characters. (Using this procedure produces a ‘strong’ or ‘complex’ password, which is what UTHSC wants.)

A good example is: Hb@62SDs
But not these: Hb@Ds - (Five characters is too short.)
hb@dsua! - (It only has lower case and special characters.)

2. Passwords should not be words from dictionaries of any language, abbreviations, initials or publicly known slang or jargon. Do not use any names, such as pets, friends, family, historical or fantasy characters. Also avoid personal information like phone numbers or birthdays. Avoid, as well, word or number patterns like ‘qwerty’, ‘1234’, ‘aaabbb’ including substitutions and permutations such as ‘re$earch’.

But how do you actually make a strong password? One way is to choose a truly random set of characters such as ‘Yni9F7jl’. This would meet the guidelines, but be difficult to remember.

Another recommended technique is to construct a password based on a mnemonic phrase. Let’s make a password like the example in Guideline 1. If you used the mnemonic phrase ‘Hyman building @ 62South Dunlap street’, your password would be Hb@62SDs. That was easy!

Passwords based on mnemonic phrases are as strong as the random character passwords and as easy to remember as a naively-selected, weak password. So think about a mnemonic phrase to make your next password. Keep those hackers out!

More information about the UTHSC computer security policies can be found on the UTHSC website at http://www.utmem.edu/policies/ under “Information Systems Policy and Security Addenda.”
Research Studies

UT researchers are seeking breast cancer survivors who are experiencing hot flashes.

Known as the FAN study, researchers hope to determine if an over-the-counter medication will reduce the hot flashes many breast cancer survivors experience.

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation is sponsoring the FAN study.

To be eligible, participants must:
- Be a woman, 18 years or older.
- Have had breast cancer.
- Be taking certain medications (SERMS or aromatase inhibitors) to prevent the recurrence of breast cancer.
- Be experiencing “hot flashes.”
- Be a non-smoker.

To find out if you are eligible please call 901-448-8400 or 1-800-916-2606 and ask about the “FAN” study.

The Department of Periodontology invites volunteers to participate in a research study to examine the effects of aspirin on the outcome of treatment of periodontitis in smokers.

Participation requires attending eight appointments for a total of 12-14 hours over a one-year period.

To qualify, participants must:
- Be in good health.
- Be at least 18 years of age and a cigarette smoker.
- Have periodontal disease requiring treatment.
- Agree not to participate in any other oral/dental clinical study.
- Agree to return for the scheduled visits and follow study procedures.
- Meet other criteria determined at the screening exam.

Participants in the study will receive non-surgical periodontal therapy (scaling and root planning) and a check-up and teeth cleaning at the end of the study, as well as $200.

To enroll, call Dr. Jacob Shiloah at 448-6542 between 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Purchasing Services is conducting an online survey to assess how well it is serving the campus community. Results of the survey will be used to develop plans for improvement.

UT Health Science Center faculty and staff are encouraged to complete the survey if they have had any involvement during the past 12 months with purchasing functions (e.g., requested purchase of items, used the purchasing module in IRIS, used the Staples of Office supply contract, or used a University Visa procurement card). Responses will be anonymous unless the person taking the survey requests to be contacted by the purchasing services director.

The direct link to the survey is https://oracle.utmem.edu/htmldb/f?p=193209:1 Enter your UT Net ID and password and then click LOGIN. If you have difficulty with the link, you can also access the survey by logging in through the iLogin link on the UTHSC home page. Then click on the “Surveys” folder in the applications list and click on the “Purchasing Services Cust Satisfaction” link.

Participation in this brief survey will be greatly appreciated. For more information, call Steve Rowland in Purchasing Services at 448-7269.

Brain Awareness Week Big Event

Brain Awareness Week was a great success last month as 220 teachers, parents, and healthcare professionals attended a symposium on brain and cognitive development.

The UT Neuroscience Institute sponsored the symposium for the general public. The symposium, which was co-hosted by The First Years Institute and held at the Urban Child Institute, was part of an effort by the Neuroscience Institute to increase the public’s awareness and understanding of the brain and how it works.

William E. Armstrong, PhD, co-director of the Neuroscience Institute and acting chairman of the Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology, moderated the symposium, which featured presentations by Dr. Richard Smeyne, of St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, who spoke on “How Environmental Stimulation Creates Better Brains,” and Dr. Lise Eliot, of the Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science in Chicago, Ill., who spoke on “What’s Going on in There? Brain Development and Early Learning.”

Telehealth Study

UTHSC’s Mid-South Telehealth Consortium helps nurse practitioners stay connected with transplant recipients from the Methodist University Transplant Institute via satellite clinics. A study, which compares telehealth care with standard care, has 30 participants with the plans of recruiting a total of 300.

Principal investigator and associate professor of nursing, Rebecca Winsett, PhD, states “This study is a collaboration between nursing and technology. With this innovative resource available here at UT, we are able to expand our ability to reach our rural patients.” Three telehealth sites include Germantown, Jackson and Dyersburg.

Purchasing Customer Satisfaction Survey

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The showcase, which attracted more than 20,000 people last year, features shopping with national vendors, workshops, entertainment, food demonstrations and fashion shows. Please come and support the UTHSC booths!

It’s That Time of Year Again!

Sick Leave Bank Annual Enrollment Period!
April 1- June 30, 2006

What is the Sick Leave Bank?
The bank provides the opportunity for eligible employees to invest some of their accrued sick leave in a central bank from which members may request sick days for personal illness or injury after they have exhausted their own leave. In addition, membership allows other university employees to directly transfer sick leave to members after all personal and bank leave is exhausted in accordance with UT Personnel Policy 383, Sick Leave Transfer Between University Employees.

Am I eligible?
To be eligible to join the bank, an employee must be classified as regular full or part-time and accrue sick leave, as well as have a sick leave balance of at least 48 hours as of June 30. Full-time employees who join will be assessed 24 hours of their sick leave, and part-time employees assessment will be prorated based on the percentage of time they are assigned to work.

I joined last year; do I need to complete a new form?
There is a one-time application to join and no re-enrollment is needed.

When is my membership effective?
The assessment of the 24 sick leave hours will take place in June. Your membership will be effective July 1, 2006.

Where do I return my enrollment form?
All forms should be returned by June 30 to Human Resources’ Benefits Office at 910 Madison, Suite 727 or by fax at 448-7497.

For more information, call Debbie Jackson, Sue Scates or Chandra Alston at 448-5601. Additional information regarding the guidelines of the bank can be seen on the Human Resources webpage: www.utmem.edu/humanresources/benefits.htm.

Current Membership: 534 - Current Total Bank Hours: 7051.41

2005 Teaching Award Recipients
Department of Psychiatry

Congratulates:
Faculty Teaching Award
Sandra Baltz, MD

Volunteer Faculty Teaching Award
James Woods, MD
Mark Messer, MD

Teaching Awards at Jackson’s UT Family Medical Center

Gregg Mitchell, MD, assistant professor at the Family Practice Clinic in Jackson, was awarded the Golden Apple Teaching Award.

Misty Allen, a medical resident in Jackson, was presented the Resident Teaching Award. Both awards were presented at the 2006 Caduceus Ball in Memphis.

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With 97 total participants and 22 student presenters, UTHSC had the privilege of being the site for the 2006 West Tennessee Collegiate Meeting of the Tennessee Academy of Science.

Eldridge F. Johnson, PhD, professor of anatomy and neurobiology, served as the program chair organizer along with Edward Schneider, PhD, associate dean in the College of Graduate Health Sciences, who worked as the program chair facilitator. The featured speaker for the event was Dr. Steven Bares, president and executive director of Memphis Bioworks Foundation.

The academy encourages undergraduate science students to plan, present and publish original basic science or clinical research. Welcoming students from area colleges, such as Rhodes, Christian Brothers University, LeMoyne Owen, University of Memphis, Lane College and Austin Peay State University, UTHSC volunteers provided a mentoring environment.

The following judges, coordinators and graduate students helped make this year’s meeting a huge success:

**Program Chair Assistant:**
- Patsy A. Campbell

**Program Session Judges:**
- Isaac Donkor, PhD, College of Pharmacy
- James Evans, PhD, Department of Anatomy & Neurobiology
- Arthur Geller, PhD, UTHSC, Department of Molecular Science
- Delphia Harris, PhD, LeMoyne Owen College
- Paul Herron, PhD, UTHSC, Department of Anatomy & Neurobiology
- Rhonda Kuykindoll, PhD, LeMoyne Owen College
- Resse Scroggs, PhD, UTHSC, Department of Anatomy & Neurobiology
- Richard Swayne, PhD, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital
- Robert Waters, PhD, UTHSC, Department of Anatomy & Neurobiology
- Amira Wohabrebbi, PhD, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences

**Program Session Coordinators:**
- Dr. Malinda Fitzgerald, PhD, Christian Brothers University
- Dr. Charles Biggers, PhD, University of Memphis
- Mr. Louis Moses, Southwest Tennessee Community College

**Program Assistants – Graduate Students:**
- Cynthia Lancaster
- Marie Vandermerwe
- Tyson Chappel
- Jana Radin
- Siva Sarva

UTHSC Helps Judge Local Science Fair

The Memphis City and Shelby County School District’s 28th Annual Science Fair was a great success in part because of UTHSC volunteer judges. UTHSC was one of the largest supporters with over 20 volunteer judges from numerous colleges and departments across campus.

The UTHSC family is commended on a job well done. The numbers exceeded all expectations, and Community Outreach extends a sincere thanks to all who participated.

**UTHSC Judges for the 28th Annual MCS/SCS Science Fair:**
- Pat Adams Graves, College of Medicine
- Lisa Aitken, OIT
- Jasmine Bagay, Instructional Services
- Dennis D. Black, Pediatrics and Physiology
- Evelyn Conley, College of Dentistry
- Patty Cowan, College of Nursing
- Teresa Cutts, Community Outreach
- W. Thomas Fields, Community Oral Health
- Kimberlee N. Gonzalez, College of Medicine
- Brenda F. Green, Instructional Services
- Kimberly Griffin, College of Allied Health
- David Hamilton, Dept. of Comparative Medicine
- Siva Kanangat, Dept. of Medicine/Rheumatology
  - Marian Levy, Pediatrics
  - Wendy Likes, College of Nursing
  - Frank Matthews, OIT
- Gewell Delk Miller, Community Outreach
- Elise Moore, Community Outreach
- Tommie L. Norris, College of Nursing
- Linda Pifer, Clinical and Laboratory Sciences
- TaJuana O. Redmond, Community Outreach
  - Lisa Schultz, Boling Center for Developmental Disabilities
- Dealores Smith, College of Dentistry
- Stanley Tyler, Mechanical Services
- LaTonya Williams Morgan, Student, College of Allied Health Sciences
- Shah J. Zada, Community Affairs

This certificate was sent to the UT Health Science Center in appreciation for the volunteer efforts with the science fair.
The Office of Academic and Faculty Affairs and the College of Medicine, in conjunction with the Office of the Chancellor and the UTHSC Health Sciences Library and Biocommunications Center, are bringing to campus a webcast series from the International Association of Medical Science Educators (IAMSE) titled “Educational Technology Toolkit: A Consumer’s Guide.”

In addition, the webcast has been set up for HR128 professional development credit, which can be obtained by registering through the Human Resources website http://www.utmem.edu/hrtraining/. The UTHSC Library will host the webcast and phone conference in Room 230 of the Lamar Alexander Building (Library) from 11 a.m. – noon on each of the following dates. Viewing of the webcast is also available from your desk or office; please e-mail knorwood@utmem.edu to receive the access information.

April 25 - Moving from Paper-Pencil to Electronic Exams
May 2 - Around the World of Course Management Systems
May 9 - Formula for Delivering Digitized Lectures
May 16 - Implementing Virtual Microscopy in Medical Education

Integrative Medicine: Alternative Approaches and their Integration with Current Medical Practice

Thursday, April 27, 2006
6 - 8:30 p.m.
Hyman Building,
62 South Dunlap, Room 101
(corner of Union and Dunlap)
Attendance is free.
Fee for CME credit $10.

Topics & Speakers Include:
• Psycho-Neuro-Immuno-Endocrinology
  (Regula Doggweiler, MD, UT Graduate School of Medicine, Knoxville)
• Integration of Acupuncture in Western Medicine
  (Elissa Ryman, DO, U.S. Naval Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla.)
• Holistic Behavioral Intervention to Promote Wellness in Children with Cancer
  (Sean Phipps, PhD, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital)
• Myofascial Pain & Manual Therapy
  (Elena Stoeva, MD, Private Practice in Memphis)
• Spirituality in Medicine
  (Clay Jackson, MD, Comprehensive Health Care)

To register, contact Kimberlee Norwood at knorwood@utmem.edu or 448-3843.

The 15th Edwin H. Beachey Distinguished Visiting Professor

Martin J. Blaser, MD
Frederick H. King Professor and Chairman
Department of Medicine
New York University

• “How Helicobacter Pylori Influences People”
• 8 a.m., Wednesday, April 26
• North Auditorium, Coleman Building

Presented by: The Department of Medicine, Department of Molecular Sciences, and the Microbial Pathogenesis Center

The University of Tennessee Health Science Center

Administrative Professionals Conference
Service and Professionalism: “Is It In You?”
Friday, May 19, 2006
Registration Deadline: May 5, 2006
Registration begins at: 8:00 a.m.
Conference: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Conference Registration Fee $100
Late Registration: $125
Where: UT Health Science Center, Student Alumni Center (SAC)
800 Madison Avenue, Memphis, TN 38163

Sessions include: Teambuilding, Finding Service and Professionalism, an Administrative Professional Skit, and more!
Join us for a day of rejuvenating activities and sessions!
To register, link to: www.utmem.edu/oed/AdminProfsConf.htm
For additional questions call: 901-448-2112
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April - May 2006

April

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“Coordination of Public Health Response to Katrina in Mississippi”
Speaker TBA
12-1:30 p.m., Coleman Building, Room A-140
More info: jtidwel8@utmem.edu

“AMPA Receptor Insertion and Synaptic Plasticity in the Hypothalamus: An Obligatory Role for Glial Cells”
Jaideep Bains, PhD - Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Noon, Link Auditorium
More info: bjsmith@utmem.edu

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“How Helicobacter Pylori Influences People”
Martin J. Blaser, MD - New York University
8 a.m., Coleman North Auditorium
More info: bedman@utmem.edu

“Mitochondrial KATP Channel Activation by Diazoxide- A Novel Way to Neuroprotection”
Dr. Ferenc Bari - University of Szeged, Hungary
3:30 p.m., Nash Building Room 516
More info: dnutting@physio1.utmem.edu

ANGELS High Risk OB Conference: Case Presentation (Live from UAMS)
Curtis Lowery, MD
7-8 a.m., 920 Madison Avenue, Suite 434
More info: jtidwel8@utmem.edu

“Social Networks: A Recruitment Strategy for HIV Counseling, Testing, and Referral Services”
Various Speakers
11 a.m.-1 p.m., Coleman Building, Room A-140
More info: jtidwel8@utmem.edu

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Student Appreciation Day
11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Forrest Park

May

4
“Receptors and Signaling Pathways Involved in the Response of Endothelial Cells to Phospholipids Oxidation Products”
Dr. Judith A. Berliner - UCLA
3:30 p.m., Nash Building Room 516
More info: dnutting@physio1.utmem.edu

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“Palmitoylation and Phospholipid Interaction of EWI2/PGRL”
Vascular Biology Center of Excellence Data Club
Bo He
9 a.m., Coleman F-306
More info: cgolden@utmem.edu

9
“Opening the Black Box with Genetic Tools: Analysis of Dopamine and Control of Behavior”
Xiaoxi Zhuang, PhD - University of Chicago
Noon, Link Auditorium
More info: bjsmith@utmem.edu

11
“Cell Signaling by the CO-heme Oxygenase-biliverdin Reductase System”
Dr. Mahin D. Maines - University Rochester
3:30 p.m., Nash Building Room 516
More info: dnutting@physio1.utmem.edu

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“Alterations in Ion Channel Activity as a Potential Mechanism Underlying Neuronal Dysfunction in Neurodegenerative Disease”
Angela Cantrell, PhD
Noon, Link Auditorium
More info: bjsmith@utmem.edu

19
“Comparative Studies of Tetraspanins CD151 and CD82”
Ivan Alpatov, MD
9 a.m., Coleman F-306
More info: cgolden@utmem.edu

23
“The Role of T-type Calcium Channels in Peripheral Sensory Transmission”
Slodoban Todorovic, PhD - University of Virginia
Noon, Link Auditorium
More info: bjsmith@utmem.edu