The Department of Dermatology at UC San Diego has been built on a fundamental and uncompromising drive for excellence in all that we do. I am honored to be chairman of this group, and to have the pleasure to again report a remarkably successful year in 2016.

The first, and perhaps the most important measure of success in 2016 has been the capacity to achieve synergy between the different aspects of our specialty. We have diverse clinical programs in medical dermatology, pediatric dermatology, procedural dermatology, laser & cosmetic dermatology and dermatopathology. Our combined faculty and staff are working well together toward a common mission of excellence in patient care, and I hear praises for the clinical teams on almost a daily basis. This success is due to a lot of hard work from many people, and has been further elevated by the recruitments of Drs. Hinds and Orme. We are so lucky to have them!

The other key part of the synergy at UC San Diego Dermatology has been the persistence of world-class scholarly achievement. Great basic science labs work together with fantastic translational research capacity in adult and pediatric dermatology. We are driving the cutting edge of medical research and making progress towards cures of skin diseases like never before. As part of this, let’s welcome 2 promising new physician scientists; Dr. Bryan Sun joined us from Stanford to start his lab here, and Dr. Rob Dorschner has chosen to stay with us after residency to continue his research career investigating the basic biology of wound repair.

2017 promises even more excitement and progress with the expansion and move of our basic research labs into the amazing new Altman Clinical and Translational Research Institute (ACTRI) on the UCSD La Jolla east campus and planned expansion of our clinical space and residency program. Thanks to everyone who has supported us.

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Professor and Chair, Department of Dermatology
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Procedural Dermatology Fellow

The Department of Dermatology welcomes Jennifer Hau MD, our new Procedural Dermatology Fellow as of July 2016. Dr. Hau recently completed her Residency in Dermatology at UCLA. She earned her medical degree from The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, completed her Internal Medicine Internship year at UT Health.
Wiggin Lee, MD (PGY-4)  Chief Resident
Achievements during residency:
2016 Medical Dermatology Society Mentorship Award

Shehla Admani, MD (PGY-4)  Chief Resident
Achievements during residency:
2016 AARS Mentorship Grant, 2016 WDS Academic Research Award, matched Stanford Pediatric Dermatology Fellowship

Megan Brown, MD (PGY-4)
Achievements during residency:
ASDS Preceptorship Grant, AAD SkinCare for Developing Countries Grant

Christopher Crowley, MD, PhD (PGY-4)
Achievements during residency:
Joined lab of Professor Andrew Ward, PhD at The Scripps Research Institute
Natasha Carter, MD, PhD (PGY-3)
Achievements during residency: Studying skin resident memory CD8 cells in the lab of John Cheng MD. Poster presentation at the 2016 CalDerm Annual meeting

Jessie Hou, MD, PhD (PGY-3)
Achievements during residency: Podium presentation at 2016 Pacific Dermatologic Association Annual Meeting; book chapter on dermatologic adverse events of cancer therapy in Dermatological Signs of Systemic Disease; ASDS resident liaison

Aimee Two, MD, MS (PGY-3)
Achievements during residency: Presented a poster at the 2016 CalDerm Annual Meeting; first author publication in the JID on the cutaneous microbiome in relation to skin cleansers

Keith Roby, MD (PGY-3)
Achievements during residency: Regular volunteer at UCSD Pacific Beach Free Clinic; Resident volunteer at skin cancer screenings at the UCSD Bruce Gorder 5K walk for Melanoma
David Cotter, MD, PhD (PGY-2)
Achievements during residency: **QI projects designed to improve patient comprehension, compliance, and satisfaction through counseling**

Alina Goldenberg, MD, MAS (PGY-2)
Achievements during residency: **Selected to participate within the Rising Derm Star Competition for Residents – What’s New and on the Horizon in Clinical Dermatology at the upcoming 2017 Winter Clinical Dermatology Conference – Hawaii**

Aislyn Nelson, MD, PhD (PGY-2)
Achievements during residency: **Participating in the “Stand Down” event for homeless veterans and the “Clean Slate” laser tattoo removal program**

Aria Vazirnia, MD, MAS (PGY-2)
Achievements during residency: **Reviewer for the *Journal of Dermatology Nurses’ Association*, resident reviewer for the American Academy of Dermatology’s *Directions in Residency***
Robert Dorschner, MD, FAAD - Joined faculty August 2016

Dr. Dorschner is an Assistant Clinical Professor in the Department of Dermatology. He is a board-certified dermatologist who diagnoses and cares for adult general dermatology patients and performs minor surgeries. He treats all medical dermatologic conditions, from skin cancer to rashes, acne and warts.

Dr. Dorschner trains residents and medical students at UC San Diego School of Medicine. He also conducts research on the regulation of inflammation in wounds and factors that control the switch between inflammation and repair. The aim of this research is to help uncover novel therapies for treating or preventing chronic wounds. He also has investigated the innate immune system in skin, elucidating factors important to fighting infection and modulating inflammatory responses.

Dr. Dorschner completed a residency at UC San Diego School of Medicine, where he also earned his medical degree. He is a Fellow of American Academy of Dermatology (FAAD), and a member of the Society for Investigative Dermatology and the Wound Healing Society.

In his spare time, Dr. Dorschner stays active through hiking, mountain biking and surfing. He also enjoys camping, fishing and cooking.

Charisse Orme, MD, PhD - Joined faculty August 2016

Dr. Orme is an Assistant Clinical Professor in the Department of Dermatology. She is a board-certified dermatologist who specializes in general dermatology as well as treating complex conditions such as medication reactions in the skin, cutaneous vasculitis, skin manifestations of graft-versus-host-disease (GVHD), cutaneous lymphoma, pyoderma gangrenosum, pemphigoid, pemphigus, morphea, lichen planus, lichen sclerosis, and cutaneous connective tissue disease. Dr. Orme trains medical students, interns and residents.

Dr. Orme completed a residency in dermatology at New York University School of Medicine, NYU Lagone Medical Center. She earned her medical degree from Yale University School of Medicine, where she also earned a PhD in cell biology.

When she isn’t practicing medicine, Dr. Orme enjoys hiking, travel and baking.
**NEW DERMATOLOGY FACULTY**

**Bryan Sun, MD, PhD - Joined faculty July 2016**

Dr. Sun is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Dermatology. He has a special interest in genetic skin diseases and genetic syndromes with skin manifestations. Dr. Sun conducts research on genomic regulators of skin development, homeostasis and disease.

Prior to joining UC San Diego Health, Dr. Sun was an attending physician/clinical instructor at Stanford Healthcare and Lucille Packard Children’s Hospital.

He completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Stanford University School of Medicine, where he also did his residency. He earned his medical degree and PhD in genetics from Harvard Medical School. Dr. Sun is board-certified in dermatology.

Dr. Sun is a member of the American Academy of Dermatology, the Society for Investigative Dermatology, and the Dermatology Foundation.

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**Brian Hinds, MD - Joined faculty July 2016**

Dr. Hinds is an Assistant Clinical Professor in the Department of Dermatology and Director of the Dermatopathology lab. He is a board-certified dermatologist and dermatopathologist who specializes in the study of skin under the microscope and treats dermatology patients with a focus on conditions such as acne, skin infections/warts, psoriasis, eczema, and skin cancers. He also treats chronic skin conditions with internal manifestations, such as lupus erythematosus, dermatomyositis, and sarcoidosis.

Dr. Hinds completed a two-year dermatopathology fellowship at UCSF where he concurrently served as a clinical instructor in the Departments of Pathology and Dermatology. He completed his residency at the University of Louisville School of Medicine and earned his medical degree from Indiana University School of Medicine.

Beyond the clinic, Dr. Hinds has interests in medical education and teledermatology, as well as advocacy for patients and physicians alike. He has served in prominent leadership roles within national organizations, including the American Academy of Dermatology Board of Directors and the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education.
Taraneh Paravar, MD

Starting in late January/early February of 2017, a joint Dermatology-Rheumatology Clinic will be established at UC San Diego. Dr. Taraneh Paravar (Dermatology) and Dr. Kenneth Kalunian (Rheumatology) will oversee this clinic. This multidisciplinary clinic will focus on the care of patients with autoimmune diseases affecting the skin and internal organs.

The diseases evaluated in this clinic include: systemic lupus erythematosus with cutaneous manifestations, dermatomyositis, vasculitis, and scleroderma. Dr. Taraneh Paravar is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Dermatology and Dr. Kenneth Kalunian is a Professor in the Division of Rheumatology, Allergy, and Immunology in the Department of Medicine.

Philip R. Cohen, MD

In 2016, Dr. Cohen had 43 publications, of which 38 are listed on PubMed, for Dr. Cohen—either as a single author or collaborator. He introduced new terms into the dermatology lexicon: the SMART (skin modified by alcohol rubbing test) evaluation for diagnosing terra firma-forme dermatosis and the PHONE (pigmented hidrocystoma of the nasal epithelium). He also participated in a pivotal paper on health policy ethics: the right to try is embodied in the right to die.

10 Years of Service - Recognized active faculty & staff members in Dermatology who celebrated eligible service milestone in 2016

S. Brian Jiang, MD, Professor & Director, Dermatologic & Mohs Micrographic Surgery

Marlon Waters, MBA, MHA is the Practice Manager for the Dermatology Clinic at the University Pacific Center

Paula Rushton, Executive Assistant to Dermatology Chair Dr. Richard Gallo
The 24th annual **Stoughton Lecture**, in memory of Dr. Richard Stoughton, took place Thursday, April 28, 2016. The special guest speaker was **Angela Christiano PhD**, from Columbia University. Dr. Christiano gave the talk “**Genetics, Immunology and Targeted Therapies for Alopecia Areata**” at the UCSD Faculty Club. Dr. Christiano also gave the Dermatology Grand Rounds lecture titled “**You Don’t know JAK: Targeted Therapies in Alopecia Areata**”

She is the Richard & Mildred Rhodebeck Professor in the Departments of Dermatology and Genetics & Development, Vice-Chair and Director of Basic Science Research, Department of Dermatology and Director, Center for Human Genetics at Columbia University.

Dr. Richard Stoughton was a scientist, teacher and clinical dermatologist of great distinction who made many contributions to the practice of dermatology. In a long and productive research-oriented career, Dr. Stoughton developed a system for the assay of the potency of topical corticosteroids that has become the world standard. He produced over 150 publications and contributed chapters for books on various aspects of dermatology. Dr. Stoughton became the first full-time Director of the Division of Dermatology at UCSD in 1974 where he held the rank of Professor of Medicine. He passed away in May 1992.

**STOUGHTON LECTURE**

**DR. TERRY O’GRADY DERMATOPATHOLOGY LECTURESHP**

The Dr. Terry O’Grady Lectureship in Dermatopathology highlights trends in the field of Dermatopathology. Our special guest, Jean L. Bolognia, MD, gave the talk “Many Faces of Lupus” in the Medical Center Auditorium on the Hillcrest UCSD campus. This year’s lecture took place Thursday, September 29, 2016, at the main auditorium at the Hillcrest Medical Center.

Dr. Bolognia also presented to and held a Q&A with the UCSD & Navy Dermatology residents.

Dr. Bolognia is a Professor of Dermatology at Yale University School of Medicine.

Dr. O’Grady was a faculty member with the UCSD School of Medicine, Division of Dermatology, for 14 years, and served as Residency Program Director since 2004. Dr. O’Grady’s skills as a Dermatopathologist and Dermatologist improved the lives of countless patients and his inspired teaching launched many careers. He was a retired Navy captain, an avid surfer and a long-time San Diego Padres season ticket holder. He passed away September 17, 2008, after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 60 years old.
The Dermatology residents pose with special guest speaker, Dr. Jean Bolognia (Yale Medical School).

(l to r): Dr. Wiggin Lee, Dr. Megan Brown, Dr. Alina Goldenberg, Dr. Bolognia, Dr. David Cotter, Dr. Jessie Hou, Dr. Aria Vazirnia, Dr. Keith Roby, Dr. Natasha Carter, Dr. Aimee Two & Dr. Shehla Admani

Dr. Cotter and Dr. Nelson (above photo) learn surgical techniques as do Dr. Vazirnia and Dr. Two (below)

Dr. Dorschner, Dr. Afshar, Dr. Lee, Dr. Admani & Dr. Brown stop by the Oval Office to say hello.
Dermatology faculty & residents enjoy a fun outing at the bowling alley for the annual faculty & resident retreat.

Drs. Shehla Admani, Wiggin Lee, Chris Crowley, Megan Brown and Fern Nelson test out the gear, shine level is important!
Dermatology research labs, administrative & research faculty offices will move into the Altman Clinical and Translational Research Institute (ACTRI) building at 9452 Medical Center Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037.

The new seven-story building of steel, glass and grooved concrete is home to the Clinical and Translational Research Institute (CTRI) at UC San Diego, established in 2010 as part of a national consortium of 60 medical research institutions created to energize bench-to-bedside efforts.
Upcoming Events

Annual Dermatology Research Day
Thursday, February 23, 2017

"Hair Follicle and Its Many Neighbors"

Maksim Plikus, PhD
Assistant Professor
Developmental and Cell Biology
UC Irvine

24th Annual Dr. Richard Stoughton Lecture
Thursday, April 20, 2017

“Update on Pediatric Inflammatory Skin Disease: Bench to Bedside and Back Again”

Amy Paller, MD
Chair, Department of Dermatology
Walter J. Hamlin Professor of Dermatology
Professor, Departments of Dermatology and Pediatrics
Director, Northwestern University Skin Disease Research Center (SDRC)

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