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# **NEWS**



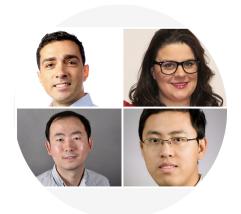
# GSBMS Officially Renamed to Graduate School of **Biomedical Sciences**

After nearly 60 years, the Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences will now be known as the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, undergoing a name change that properly reflects the variety of disciplines within the school. The Board of Trustees approved the name change which the school adopted for the start of the 2022-2023

academic school year. Read the full article.

# Department of Cell Biology and Anatomy Welcomes New **Faculty Members**

At the start of the 2022 – 2023 academic year, four new faculty members are joining the Department of Cell Biology and Anatomy, bringing expertise in cardiovascular, cancer and cellular stress response research: clockwise from top left, Malik Bisserier, Ph.D., assistant professor of cell biology and



anatomy and of physiology; Julie DiMartino, Ph.D., assistant professor of cell biology and anatomy; Shuai Gao, Ph.D., assistant professor of cell biology and anatomy and of biochemistry and molecular biology; and Jian Li, Ph.D., assistant professor of cell biology and anatomy. Meet the new faculty members of cell biology and anatomy.



# **Golfers Gather to Honor Chair of Orthopaedic** Surgery David E. Asprinio, M.D. and Raise More than \$185,000

More than 130 members of the NYMC community gathered for an entertaining and enjoyable day on the course at the 2022 Golf Tournament and Reception at Saint Andrew's Golf Club, in Hastings-On-Hudson, New

York, on June 27. The tournament honored David E. Asprinio, M.D., center, chair and professor of clinical orthopedic surgery for years of support and dedication to the College while raising more than \$185,000 for student scholarships and the expansion of the Clinical Skills and Simulation Center. Read the full article and view the photos.

# The Latest Issue of Chironian is Now Available

The 2021 – 2022 issue of Chironian is now available. Read about NYMC's efforts on continuing the legacy of diversity and inclusion; how NYMC pivoted education during the pandemic; a potential treatment for retinopathy of prematurity; a look back on NYMC's affiliation with NYC Health+Hospitals/Metropolitan; alumni news; faculty spotlights and more.

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Copies of the magazine are also available in the lobbies of the Medical Education Center, Basic Sciences Building, School of Health Sciences and Practice, Dana Road and Skyline Drive.



# NYMC and TU to Host 20th COVID-19 Symposium on July 14

The 20th COVID-19 Symposium in the series sponsored by NYMC and TU will take place on Thursday, July 14, from noon to 1:30 p.m. The webinar will cover COVID-19's effect on hearing and vision; how to manage a the spread of monkeypox; COVID-19 vaccination in children; and pandemic fatigue. Questions may be submitted

to <u>Covid19updates@touro.edu</u>. CME credits are available. <u>Register for the symposium</u>.

# **FACULTY SPOTLIGHT**



# Tetyana Cheairs, M.D., M.S.P.H., Stepped Up for Her Native Ukraine During a Time of Great Need

Growing up in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine, there was always an emphasis on family for **Tetyana Cheairs, M.D., M.S.P.H.**, assistant dean for Ph.D. programs and assistant professor of pathology, microbiology and immunology. With two generations

of physicians in her family, Dr. Cheairs' holds a unique perspective on the dedication to caring and assisting others in need. She used just that—this time for her own family—when her native country was invaded by Russia and she sprang into action and led a humanitarian drive for Ukrainian citizens that not only collected thousands of donations, but also showed her the support she had from those around her. Read the full article on Dr. Cheairs.

## **ACCOLADES**

Sherlita Amler, M.D, M.S, R.N., Ed.S., C.E.M., Commissioner of Health in Westchester County, adjunct professor of public health, clinical associate professor of pediatrics, and senior fellow in the Center for Disaster Medicine, received the Friends of Medicine Award at the Westchester County Medical Society and Westchester Academy of Medicine 2022 Annual Meeting at the Westchester Country Club in Rye, New York, on June 29.



Padmini Murthy, M.D., M.P.H., M.S., M.Phil., CHES, professor of public



health and global health director, who serves as chair of the International Health Section of the American Public Health Association and Global Health Lead for the American Medical Women's Association, received the inaugural Taiwanese Medical Women's Association Physician Award sponsored by the Chang Gung Medical Foundation at the 32nd Medical Women's International Association Congress on June 26 in Taipei, Taiwan. She was honored for

her global work in promoting the health and human rights of women and girls with a focus on social determinants of health. The Chang Gung Medical Foundation promotes groundbreaking medical research and ensures quality medical care for the people of Taiwan by integrating the latest technology and research into the practice of multidisciplinary medicine.

# STUDENT SUMMER RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT

Conor Prendergast, SOM Class of 2025, is assisting with research focusing on machine-learning and artificial intelligence (AI) in cancer imaging. Much like computers can be programmed to detect and predict patterns in data, Mr. Prendergast's research is part of the effort of radiologists who are looking to do that with imaging—known as radiomics. The research includes examining machine-learning of oral cancer imaging, so that AI can better



diagnose, help treat and predict the outcomes of oral cancer due to Human Papillomavirus (HPV). Mr. Prendergast's project, conducted with his mentor, Laurent Dercle, M.D., Ph.D., associate research scientist in the Department of Radiology at Columbia University Irving Medical Center, is now reviewing and synthesizing past research on HPV oral cancer radiomics, including CT, MRI, and PET scan images. If successful, the innovation in imaging can help fight HPV-related oral cancer, which is on the rise in younger populations.

### **NEW HIRES**

Join us in welcoming our new employees at NYMC:

- Rawlston D. Crowther, M.A., Senior EHS Coordinator, Department of Environmental Health and Safety
- Santasia N. Kerr, Administrative Assistant, Office of Student Mental Health and Wellness
- Jin Sun, M.S., M.P.H., Ph.D., Surgical Research Scholar, Department of Surgery

From the Office of Human Resources, July 1, 2022.

# DID YOU KNOW

The Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) program in the SHSP now offers two specialization tracks in pediatric dysphagia and early intervention, as part of their degree program with no additional credits required. The first track will allow SLP students to enroll in current courses in the online post-graduate advanced certificate in pediatric dysphagia program, while the early intervention track offers courses aligned with the New York State Department of



Health Bureau of Early Intervention's established competencies for practice with children from birth to age three. Upon graduation, students who complete these tracks will receive an M.S. in SLP with a concentration in

# **EVENTS ON THE NYMC CALENDAR**

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday, July 12	1:00 p.m.	Department of Cell Biology and Anatomy Research Seminar
Wednesday, July 13	6:45 a.m.	Department of Anesthesiology Grand Rounds
Sunday, July 24	8:30 a.m.	Department of Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology Research Seminar
Wednesday, July 27	6:45 a.m.	Department of Anesthesiology Grand Rounds
	12:30 p.m.	Center on Disability and Health, Institute of Public Health, Research Seminar
Friday, July 29	11:30 a.m.	SOM Class of 2026 White Coat Ceremony

Add an event to the NYMC calendar here.

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# **HIGHLIGHTS**



# **SOM Class of 2026 White Coat Ceremony**

Friday, July 29, 2022 11:30 a.m. In-person by invitation only

Online viewing is available here.



# **SOM Seeks MMI Interviewers**

The School of Medicine Office of Admissions is seeking <u>interviewers</u> for the Multiple Mini-Interview (MMI) 2022-23 interview season.

# IN THE NEWS

#### **NYMC Leadership News**

Most pharmacies in the US can't give your infant or toddler a COVID shot. Here's why.

USA Today (login required) - 6/23/2022 Robert W. Amler, M.D., M.B.A., dean of the School of Health Sciences and Practice and vice president of government affairs

<u>Intervening in Beta Cell-Immune System</u>
<u>Dialogue Could Prevent Diabetes, Study</u>
<u>Suggests</u>

Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology News - 6/28/2022 Jerry L. Nadler, M.D., MACP, FAHA, FACE, dean of the SOM and professor of medicine and of pharmacology Opinion: The Reproductive Technology Advances No One Asked For

The Scientist- 6/22/2022

Zvi G. Loewy, Ph.D., adjunct professor of pathology, microbiology and immunology

#### **New York Medical College Hosts Annual Golf Tournament and Reception**

River Journal - 6/30/2022

David E. Asprinio, M.D., chair and professor of clinical orthopedic surgery

Joseph D. Mark, chair of the NYMC Board of Trustees

Ronald F. Poe, member of the NYMC Board of Trustees

Stephen Nicholas, M.D. '86, member of the NYMC Board of Trustees

Daniel Zelazny, M.D., program director, assistant professor of orthopaedic surgery

#### **Faculty News**

#### **Evidence Grows for Value of Pharmacogenomics**

Pharmacy Practice News - 6/21/2022 Gary P. Wormser, M.D., the founder of the Center, professor of medicine, chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases and vice chairman of the Department of Medicine

#### Supreme Court denies ERISA suit against **Anthem, Express Scripts**

Modern Healthcare (log-in required) -6/28/2022

Adam E. Block, Ph.D., assistant professor of public health in the Division of Health Policy and Management

#### Westchester Magazine's Healthcare Heroes Luncheon

Westchester Magazine - Best of Westchester -6/2022

Lori Solomon, M.D. '99, M.P.H. '09, clinical associate professor and chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine and director of the Family Health

Salomon Amar, D.D.S., Ph.D., vice president for research and professor of pharmacology and of pathology, microbiology and immunology at NYMC, senior vice president for research affairs, Touro University Gregory R. Veillette, M.D, assistant professor of surgery

#### **Transdermal Med May Directly Target Hostility in Schizophrenia**

Medscape - 6/22/2022 Leslie L. Citrome, M.D., M.P.H., clinical professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences

#### Tres Acciones para Detener un Sangrado

Univision - Dallas-Fort Worth - 6/28/2022 George W. Contreras, M.E.P., M.P.H., M.S., CEM, FAcEM, assistant director of the Center for Disaster Medicine and assistant professor in the Institute of Public Health

# **Affiliate News**

#### New York Hospitals Still Rebuilding 10 **Years After Superstorm Sandy** Healthcare Facilities Today - 6/29/2022

NYC Health + Hospitals/Metropolitan

#### **TCDM at NYMC News**

#### **Not Like Pulling Teeth**

Westfair (Page 42) - 6/27/2022 Ronnie Myers, D.D.S., dean, TCDM

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