George Daley, MD, PhD, Next Dean of Harvard Medical School

George Daley, MD, PhD, Robert A. Stranahan Professor of Pediatrics at HMS and Director of the BCH Stem Cell Transplantation Program, will become the next Dean of the Faculty of Medicine on January 1, 2017. Dr. Daley has championed stem cell research throughout his career and has worked to create worldwide guidelines. He received the 2011-2012 HMS A. Clifford Barger Excellence in Mentoring Award and numerous scientific research awards. In an 8/9/16 email message to faculty announcing Dr. Daley’s new position as Dean, Harvard University President Drew Faust and Provost Alan Garber emphasized Dr. Daley’s multiple talents: “Beyond his remarkable resume, he is a person of equally remarkable human qualities—wide-ranging intellectual curiosity, an appetite for creative collaboration, an engaging personal style, a commitment to advancing diversity and inclusion, and a passion for how science can enlarge understanding and how medicine can improve lives.” Dr. Daley looks forward to his new role and underscored his continuing commitment to Boston Children’s. “I am excited by the prospect of working to promote the core mission of HMS – to advance research, education, and patient care. I’m also privileged to be able to maintain my laboratory at BCH, and happy to remain a part of this dynamic scientific and clinical community.”

BCH Faculty Receive HMS Teaching Awards

2016 Robert P. Masland, Jr. Teaching Award Recipients:
Jennifer Huang, MD, Assistant Professor of Dermatology, Division of Immunology
Robert Sundel, MD, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Division of Immunology

The Robert P. Masland, Jr. Teaching Award honors BCH faculty who share Dr. Masland’s dedication to teaching medical students. Dr. Huang’s enthusiasm, ability to support the development of clinical reasoning, and commitment to putting students first was noted in her selection, while Dr. Sundel’s passion, willingness to clarify difficult concepts, and communication skills were highlighted.

2016 Academy Center for Teaching and Learning - Award for Excellence in Tutoring Recipient:
Alan B. Cantor, MD, PhD, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Division of Hematology-Oncology
The Award for Excellence in Tutoring honors HMS tutors who have received evaluations of 1.25 or above in the New Pathway courses for 3 consecutive years.

Mark Proctor, MD, Appointed BCH Neurosurgeon-in-Chief

Congratulations to Mark Proctor, MD, Associate Professor of Neurosurgery, who was appointed as BCH’s Neurosurgeon-in-Chief in October 2016. Dr. Proctor is President of the New England Neurosurgical Society and is involved in BCH and HMS joint initiatives on Sports Medicine and Neurology. He is also the incoming Chair of the national organization for pediatric neurosurgery, the Joint Section of Pediatrics of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons/Congress of Neurological Surgeons.
Dr. Elizabeth Armstrong is Honored with the Prestigious Abraham Flexner Award from the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC)

Congratulations to Elizabeth G. Armstrong, PhD, Professor of Pediatrics Part-time, and Director of the Harvard Macy Institute (HMI), who received the 2016 AAMC Abraham Flexner Award for Distinguished Service to Medical Education. The Abraham Flexner Award, the AAMC’s most prestigious honor, is given annually for extraordinary contributions to the medical education community. Dr. Armstrong was honored at a dinner at the AAMC National Conference on November 13 in Seattle and received a standing ovation. Dr. Armstrong was nominated by Dr. Jean Emans with seconding letters from Clay Christiansen, DBA (HBS), Tom Viggiano, MD (Mayo Clinic), and Elizabeth Gaufberg, MD, MPH (Cambridge Health Alliance and Gold Foundation). Dr. Armstrong will also receive the 2016 HMS Barbara J. McNeil Faculty Award for Exceptional Service to HMS/HSDM at the December 2016 Faculty Meeting.

Boston Children’s Hospital Women in Medicine and Science Month: Medicine Grand Rounds – Why Me and Why Now? Understanding the Molecular Epidemiology and Triggers of Placental Abruption, an Important Cause of Prematurity and Neonatal Mortality

Michelle Williams, ScD, SM, MS, Dean of the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, discussed the challenges of understanding the epidemiology and pathophysiology of placental abruption, the premature separation of the placenta from the uterus before the delivery, which affects ~ 1% of all pregnancies, at Medicine Grand Rounds on September 14. Fetal and infant complications can include risk of stillbirth, low birth weight, and physical and neurocognitive disabilities. Her large-scale studies of pregnancies in Lima, Peru indicated a number of physical, emotional and lifestyle triggers in the 6 hour “hazard period” before abruption occurs including gestational diabetes, stress, and drug use. Dr. Williams emphasized the value of pursuing the triggers of placental abruption as a means of prevention, thus improving maternal and neonatal outcomes.

11/8 Spine Symposium Honors John Emans, MD

On November 8, the BCH Department of Orthopedic Surgery hosted the Emans Spine Symposium honoring John Emans, MD, Professor of Orthopedic Surgery and Director of the Division of Spine Surgery. Dr. Emans has contributed to the field of early onset scoliosis and congenital spine deformities since joining the BCH faculty in 1978. The academic event featured talks by prominent national pediatric spine surgeons and other graduates of the BCH Pediatric Orthopedic Fellowship.

Participants in the 10/28/16 BCH Research Awards Ceremony meet on the Folkman Auditorium stage with President and CEO, Sandra Fenwick (far left), and S. Jean Emans, MD, Director of the Office of Faculty Development (far right)
Latinos & Amigos: Celebrating Latino Heritage Month 2016 at Boston Children’s Hospital

The 2016 Latinos & Amigos Celebration on Tuesday, September 13 in the Patient Entertainment Center initiated a month-long series of events that highlight Latino contributions to American culture overall and to Boston Children’s in particular. The 9/13 event was organized by the Latino Heritage Celebration Committee and hosted by Eva Gomez, MSN, RN-BC, CPN.

Dr. Kevin Churchwell, Executive Vice President of Health Affairs and COO, greeted the participants and emphasized that Latinos were active in every sector at Boston Children’s Hospital, from staff to research and medical teams, and their efforts help form our institutional culture.

The event included a presentation by BCH patient mother, Alejandra Aguero, who sought treatment for her daughter Diana’s heart condition at Boston Children’s. Originally from Venezuela, Alejandra connected with Dr. Pedro Del Nido and the Cardiovascular Program by email.

Robert Sackstein, MD, PhD, Professor of Dermatology at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, provided the keynote address on how he perceived Latino identity in our contemporary multicultural society. Speaking from his perspective as a Cuban-American, Dr. Sackstein focused on the heartfelt strengths that Latinos bring to their lives and work and that “we collectively harness that passion every day in different ways.” The 2016 Latino Achievers, announced by Inez Stewart, Vice President of Human Resources, were Fernando Camargo, PhD, Associate Professor of Stem Cell and Regenerative Biology in the Division of Hematology-Oncology, and Ruben Rojas, Senior Case Coordinator at the International Health Center.

The annual Gala de Milagros para Niños was held on September 17 and honored the work of Joanne Cox, MD, Associate Professor of Pediatrics in the Division of General Pediatrics. The Gala raised more than $500,000 for BCH programs that help Latino patients within the Primary Care Center, Hale Center for Families, Martha Elliot Health Center, and the International Health Services office.

David A. Williams, MD, Named BCH Chief Scientific Officer

David A. Williams, MD, Leland Fikes Professor of Pediatrics and Chief of the BCH Division of Hematology-Oncology, has been appointed Boston Children’s Senior Vice President, Chief Scientific Officer. In his new role, Dr. Williams, a specialist in in blood stem cell biology and gene therapy, will oversee all research at Boston Children’s through participation in essential research committees and by supporting the perspectives of the research community. Dr. Williams received the Outstanding Achievement Award from the American Society of Gene and Cell Therapy in 2012 and is also an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine and a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. In addition, Dr. Williams is the President of the Dana Farber/Boston Children’s Cancer and Blood Disorders Center and Director of the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Fellowship Training Program.

Jessica Henderson Daniel, PhD, President-Elect of the American Psychological Association

Congratulations to Jessica Henderson Daniel, PhD, Associate Professor of Psychology (Psychiatry), Associate Director of the Leadership Education in Adolescent Health (LEAH) Training Program in the Division of Adolescent Medicine, and Director of the Psychology Internship Program in the Department of Psychiatry, who has been elected as the President-Elect of the American Psychological Association (APA). She will be the first African American woman to be elected APA President, an organization founded in 1892 and, with a current membership of 120,000, the largest psychological association in the world. Amongst Dr. Daniel’s many awards and honors, she has received the 1998 HMS A. Clifford Barger Excellence in Mentoring Award, the 2010 HMS Harold Amos Faculty Diversity Award, and the 2015 MGH Frances J. Bonner, MD, Award for professionals who have overcome adversity and have made significant contributions to the field of mental health and/or the care of minority communities. She is also the founders of the popular BCH Booking It in the Waiting Room Initiative that provides free books to adolescents and the Department of Psychiatry’s Annual Fishbowl Diversity Training Grand Rounds.
Update from the BCH Academy for Teaching and Educational Innovation and Scholarship

In her current role as Director of Professional Development in Medical Education, Lori Newman, MEd, co-directs the BCH Academy for Teaching and Educational Innovation and Scholarship with Alan Leichtner, MD, MSHPEd, Chief Medical Education Officer. She works with faculty and trainees in designing and implementing educational programs to enhance teaching excellence, and continues to conduct medical education research, specifically in the study of clinical teaching effectiveness. For the past 25 years, Ms. Newman has been actively involved in developing, implementing, and evaluating educational programs for a diverse set of learners in a variety of settings — from high school students at an international school to medical students, trainees, and faculty members at HMS. Ms. Newman has authored numerous publications on clinical teaching including the AAMC’s MedEdPORTAL “Peer Observation of Teaching Handbook,” which is one of the educational clearinghouse’s most downloaded publications. For her work at HMS, Ms. Newman was honored to receive the 2004 Jim Wiczai Award for Leadership, Excellence, and Innovation in Medical Education.

Perspectives invited Ms. Newman to discuss the upcoming plans of the BCH Academy.

What are the 2017 goals of the BCH Academy?

With the launch of the BCH Department of Medical Education, we have engaged in a thorough review and redesign of the Boston Children’s Hospital’s Academy for Teaching and Educational Innovation and Scholarship. The overall goals of the Academy are to enhance teaching across the hospital, foster scholarship in education, and support career advancement for educators. In AY2017, we will work to establish an inter-professional and multi-disciplinary learning community that promotes: 1) educational collaboration through seminars, work-in-progress project groups, networking 2) consultation on teaching skills and 3) CV/resume development. All members have a demonstrated desire to improve their skills in teaching, research, and/or leadership in education. Those selected for membership have chosen to pursue a scholarly project or to develop their clinical teaching skills.

How are members’ medical education projects supported?

All scholar Academy members will join a work-in-progress (WIP) project group, co-facilitated by senior scholar members. During the WIP meetings, members will provide status reports, present their work, and, in turn, receive guidance on next steps to take to successfully meet their project goals and overcome obstacles that may block scholarly progress.

Also, in collaboration with the Office of Faculty Development and the Office of Graduate Medical Education, the BCH Academy hosts two retreats per year. This fall’s retreat is scheduled for November 18, 2016. Dr. Charles Hatem, MD, HMS Harold Amos Distinguished Academy Professor, will start us off with a keynote address on Cultivating Clinician Educator Wellness and Preventing Burnout, followed by discussion sessions on applying adult learning principles to clinical teaching and learning how to use cognitive science theories to make learning stick.

For more information on the BCH Academy and medical education initiative, faculty can email BCHacademy@childrens.harvard.edu.

Ron Samuels, MD, MPH, Receives 2016 CDC Childhood Immunization Champion Award

Ron Samuels, MD, MPH, HMS Assistant Professor of Pediatrics in the BCH Division of General Pediatrics and Associate Director of the BCH Primary Care Center, is the Massachusetts recipient of the 2016 CDC Childhood Immunization Champion Award; the award recognizes individual efforts in children’s and infants’ immunization. Dr. Samuels has worked with the Immunization Program at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to promote childhood vaccination.

Michael Yogman, MD, Receives Simms/Mann Whole Child Award

Congratulations to Michael Yogman, MD, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Part-time, who received the Simms/Mann Whole Child Award from the Simms/Mann Institute. The Simms/Mann Institute focuses on implementing wellness and cultural programs and the Whole Child Award honors leaders who address pediatric medicine from this holistic vantage point.
Ask “what do you think would work best” instead. Don’t talk about life lessons, but live them; teens will learn from trial and error and this is how they eventually mature.

Let your teen participate in laying out guidelines for behavior/house rules/disciplinary actions.

News from the BCH Library by Meaghan Muir, MLIS, Manager, Library Services

The BCH Library moved to the 5th floor of the Longwood Center in the spring of 2016 and continues to explore ways to meet faculty needs. Perspectives will now include a column by Meaghan Muir, “News from the BCH Library,” to keep faculty and staff up-to-date on library services.

The BCH Medical Library has recently debuted some exciting new services to help us reach out to library users: chat reference and a series of Pop Up Libraries. Chat reference allows library staff to communicate with library users in real time and provide the quickest service possible. Visit the library home page (http://web2.tch.harvard.edu/library/index.html) and look for the yellow “Chat With Us Now” balloon in the upper right corner of the page. Our very first Pop Up Library brought the library back to main campus. The first Pop Up Library was held on Monday, October 3, 3 to 5 pm in the Garden Conference Room, only steps away from the Library’s original location, followed up by a second Pop Up Library held on Monday, November 14, 8 to 11 am. BCH Medical Librarians were available for quick reference inquiries and to answer general questions about library resources and services. Activity stations were set up to demonstrate library resources, as well as to allow BCH staff hands on practice with some of these. Topics included saving time in PubMed by quickly setting up an NCBI account, learning about Browzine, a new way to explore and discover e-journals, and getting more information about different citation managers, such as Mendeley and EndNote. We are now making plans to open a satellite library housed in Farley (FA103) by spring 2017. This winter, be on the lookout for more Pop Up Libraries coming soon at various locations around the hospital. Please contact the library and let us know what you think about the new services. We are always looking for suggestions, so please get in touch if you have any other ideas for how we can make using the library more convenient for you. Email us at library@childrens.harvard.edu, call 617-355-7232, or chat with us!

9/12 Library Lunch Topics: Joani Geltman, A Survival Guide to Parenting Teens: Talking to Your Kids About Sexting, Drinking, Drugs, and Other Things That Freak You Out

At the Monday, September 12 Library Lunch Topics Workshop, Joani Geltman, author of A Survival Guide to Parenting Teens: Talking to Your Kids About Sexting, Drinking, Drugs, and Other Things That Freak You Out and Boston Globe correspondent, discussed how to open communication with adolescents. She recommended that parents understand that teenagers respond with an “emotional” brain, rather than a logical one, and care about fitting in with social groups more than adults. When they return home from school, parents should avoid the standard “how was your day?” questioning and becoming the problem-solver. Instead, navigate your child toward sorting out their responses and ask her/him what they think is best to do. Joani Geltman’s tips for open communication (see also http://www.joanigelman.com/):

- Converse, rather than interrogate or lecture: convey empathy and avoid speaking loudly or rudely
- Ask “what do you think would work best” if your teen brings up problems
- Let your teen participate in laying out guidelines for behavior/house rules/disciplinary actions
- Don’t talk about life lessons, but live them; teens will learn from trial and error and this is how they eventually mature into reasoning adults

A Survival Guide to Parenting Teens is available at the BCH Library and the Office of Faculty Development. Email meaghan.muir@childrens.harvard.edu or ofd@childrens.harvard.edu to reserve. The Library Lunch Topics Seminar Series is sponsored by the Office of Faculty Development, the Office of Fellowship Training, and the BCH Library.
2016 Apple-Picking Expedition

On Saturday, September 24, the Faculty Career and Family Network invited faculty and fellows to meet at Westward Orchards for its annual Apple-Picking Expedition. Families are encouraged to attend and more than 45 Boston Children’s apple-pickers enjoyed a bright afternoon. Lots of apple-crisps and apple-pies emerged from the day’s bounty!

Leisurely Learning - City Trails

Do you miss being outdoors as fall turns into winter? If time becomes as scant as the daylight and you can’t travel to your favorite wilderness to recoup your spirit, the Boston area has its own resources that are open in every season. Cambridge’s Fresh Pond, Brighton’s Chestnut Hill Reservoir, and Jamaica Plain’s Jamaica Pond offer scenic circular paths that invite both meditative walk/runs and sociable rambles. You can take a detour into Chestnut Hill’s Waterworks Museum containing the 19th-century and early 20th-century steam pumps that infused Boston with clean water and formed the basis for the Reservoir’s carriage path and aesthetic landscaping; the machinery, both powerful and elegant in their structures and intent, blends the best of American Victorian science and imagination. The Arnold Arboretum’s many trails link meadows, woods, and hills and the parkland can be traversed by cross-country skis and snowshoes once the snowpack builds.

Visitors in town who would like to tour the city? We often place the Freedom Trail on the shelf of unseen landmarks but the red-bricked route from downtown through the North End and into Charlestown can bring you back to the tumultuous origins of the American Revolution and provides an urban hike through distinct neighborhoods. In a historic irony, this city trail creates an opportunity to sip some European-style espresso along the way.

Check websites:

Fresh Pond, Cambridge: [https://www.cambridgema.gov/Water/freshpondreservation](https://www.cambridgema.gov/Water/freshpondreservation)


Arnold Arboretum: [http://www.arboretum.harvard.edu/](http://www.arboretum.harvard.edu/)

Freedom Trail: [https://www.thefreedomtrail.org/](https://www.thefreedomtrail.org/)
Director’s Perspectives, by S. Jean Emans, MD

First of all, congratulations to BCH faculty member George Daley, MD, PhD, who will be the next Harvard Dean of the Faculty of Medicine on January 1, 2017. Dr. Daley, a pioneer in advancing stem cell research, leads by example in his open-minded approaches to medical, scientific, and institutional issues. Our fall 2016 newsletter highlights the impact of another BCH faculty member, Elizabeth Armstrong, PhD, whose contributions to medical education have been noted by awards this year from both the AAMC and HMS (see article on p.2). Boston Children's has many resources for faculty who want to collaborate with other medical professionals to start educational initiatives, foremost being the BCH Academy for Teaching and Educational Innovation and Scholarship; look over our interview with Co-Director Lori Newman, MEd, on p. 4.

Upcoming 2017 Office of Faculty Development (OFD) Events

Check the OFD website at [www.childrenshospital.org/research/ofd](http://www.childrenshospital.org/research/ofd) and your email for updates

Strategies for Applying for BCH Research Grants
Speakers: Judy Fleming, PhD; P. Ellen Grant, MD; Jordan Kreidberg, MD, PhD
Moderator: S. Jean Emans, MD, Director of the Office of Faculty Development
Tuesday, January 10, 12 – 1 PM, Karp 8 Conference Room, lunch provided
Cosponsored by the Office of Faculty Development and the Office of Fellowship Training
This workshop is designed to clarify the process for applying for BCH grants and other small grants available to junior faculty including fellows who will be promoted to HMS Instructor as of 7/1/17.

Dealing Effectively with Abrasive Personalities
Speakers: Melissa Brodrick, MEd, Ombudsperson, HMS/HSDM/HSPH Ombuds Office; Christine Power, MS, Director, DFCI Office for Faculty Development
Tuesday, January 17, 12 – 1 PM, Karp 6 Conference Room, lunch provided
Cosponsored by the Office of Faculty Development and the Office of Fellowship Training
This session will help participants consider the choices they have when working with abrasive personalities: when/how to engage or disengage (and the risks/benefits of each), and how to address challenges early in the relationship.

Getting Your Basic Research Funded
Speaker: Jordan Kreidberg, MD, PhD, Professor of Pediatrics
Thursday, February 2, 12 – 1 PM, Karp 6 Conference Room, lunch provided
Cosponsored by the Office of Faculty Development and the Office of Fellowship Training
This workshop is designed to present strategies, tips, and practical guidance for fellows and junior faculty to obtain funding for basic research.

Happy Holidays from the Office of Faculty Development!

In our annual Season of Hope, we send warm wishes to the BCH community

May the generous holiday spirit carry you and your families into a bright new year!

S. Jean Emans, Faculty Director of the Office of Faculty Development
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