

Pathology Newsletter

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Words from the PD/APDs

Dr. Von Samedi, Dr. Mary Berg, Dr. John Fowler, Dr. Lindsey Westbrook

Welcome to the Winter 2023 issue of the Pathology Newsletter and Happy New Year to all! Our program's resolution this year is to not only build on prior successes but to continue to look for opportunities to improve the educational experiences of our learners. We are halfway through the academic year, and we are happy to report that our first-year residents are doing a fantastic job. Their contribution to our clinical mission is much appreciated. Our senior residents are now all eligible to sit for the pathology board examination; and we wish them a successful board preparation.

Our interview season just ended. We can not say thank you enough to the Chair of the department, Dr. Ann Thor, and the faculty reviewers, interviewers, residents, and program coordinators for being totally engaged in the process. Our training programs are in so many ways the lifeline of the department. We are very grateful for everyone's help in the recruitment process.

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Our faculty member featured in this issue is Dr. Brian Harry, Assistant Professor of Pathology, Medical Director of Special Chemistry, Send Out Testing, and Point of Care Testing at the University of Colorado Hospital. In addition to being an outstanding educator, Dr. Harry is a great role model for our residents. Last year, he provided much-needed leadership in conjunction with Dr. Greg Bocsi in critically reviewing our surgical pathology grossing room workflow. The key goal of his works was to improve the learning experiences of our residents. Many of his findings and recommendations have shaped our workflow practice in meaningful ways.

2023 looks to be a busy year as we work on numerous new initiatives, including the development of a post-sophomore fellowship curriculum for our medical students, and overall progressive curricular transformation for the residency training program. The 2023 Match day is March 17, so circle that day on your calendar. We are beyond eager to know our next cohort of residents. Lastly, always make time for self-care and enjoy the myriad of activities that are unique during the winter in Colorado!

Faculty Spotlight

University of degree

B.S., Biomedical Engineering, University of Virginia
 Ph.D., Molecular Biology, University of Colorado at Boulder
 M.D., University of Colorado Anschutz School of Medicine
 Clinical Pathology Residency, Massachusetts General Hospital and
 Harvard Medical School

Where did you grow up?

Fredericksburg, VA

What are you most proud of?

I am most proud and grateful of the strength I have developed while building a family and coping with depression. During medical training, my physician spouse and I had three children. Early in my career I had to clarify my values and learn to make selective sacrifices. Through a continuous struggle with depression, I learned how to manage my mental health and proved that obstacles can be transformed into growth opportunities.

Favorite thing to do in Colorado.

Mountain biking is my passion from April to November. I relish the weeks around the summer solstice. There are several top trails within an hour of campus that offer a great workout while forest bathing!

Best place you've ever traveled.

My favorite trip was backpacking from Minturn, CO to the Tuhare Lakes. A 3,000-foot elevation gain over 12 miles led to an angler's dream of lake and stream fishing with the best scenery once can find.

Something you're passionate about.

Innovation in science and medicine has potential to bring immense positive change to patients. During a sabbatical from academia into venture capital and biotech company creation, I learned how dedicated teams can create bold visions and deliver impactful solutions. Thus, I am mindful about how to identify needs and implement change in how we practice medicine.

Who had the greatest influence on your education and/or career path?

I was very fortunate to train under the former directors of the CU Medical Scientist Training Program, Drs. Angie Ribera and Arthur Gutierrez-Hartmann. Their mentorship and sponsorship were highly influential during these formative years and remain important today.

Most impactful part of your job.

Our laboratories deliver millions of data points every year to physicians and patients. The breadth of impact that pathologists and laboratory staff have is arguably unparalleled in medicine.

What advice would you give to your younger self or someone still pursuing their education?

Negative thoughts and feelings of failure are obstacles for all of us to find next great challenge. Cultivate curiosity and awe to quiet that inner voice and create new opportunities for yourself.



Brian Harry

MD, PHD

Assistant Professor

OUR RESIDENTS



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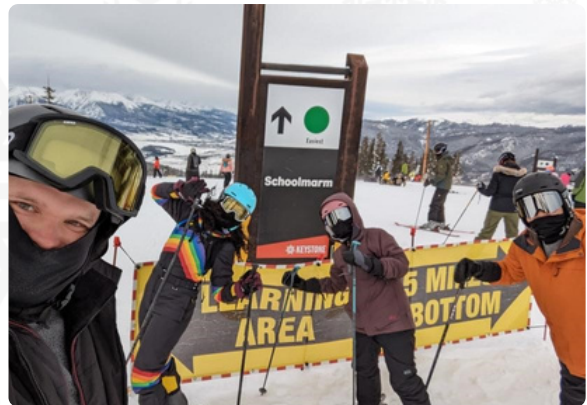
2022 Holiday Party



Kim Teehera skiing with husband and friends



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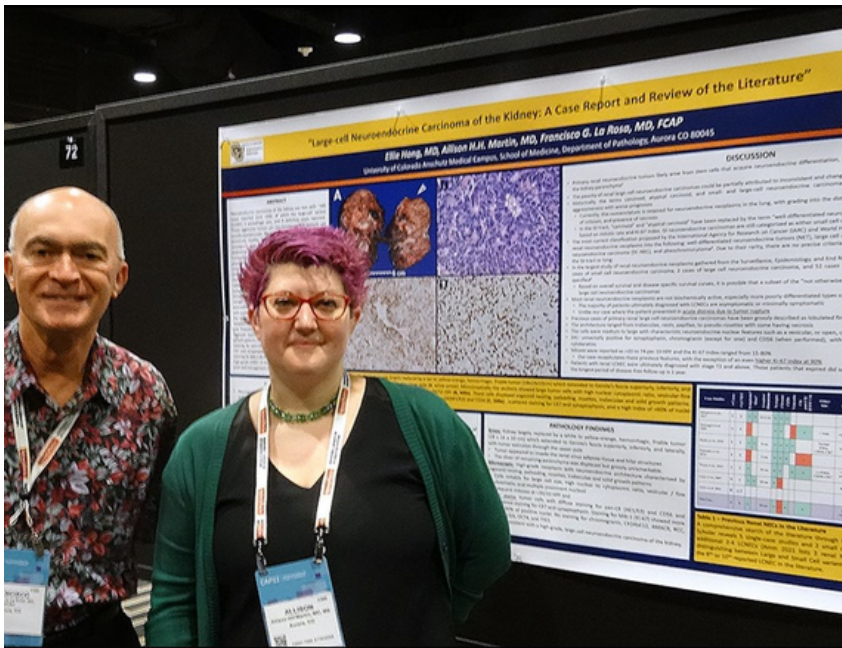


Therapy dog Yoko with the residents!



Our Residents

PRESENTATIONS



Poster Presentation at the CAP22 Meeting, New Orleans, LA
October 8-11, 2022

“Large-cell Neuroendocrine Carcinoma of the Kidney: A Case
Report and Review of the Literature”

Ellie Hong, MD, Allison H.H. Martin, MD, Francisco G. La Rosa, MD,
FCAP

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Grand Rounds

Ellie Hong, MD 9/30/22
"Tissue Contamination
Versus Synchronous
Colorectal Carcinomas?"

Beth Doughty, MD, PhD
9/30/22

"Fetal Demise in the
Molecular Age: UCH Autopsy
Review, 2014-2021"

Brandi Davis, MD 10/28/22
"Margin Status in Non-
Melanoma Skin Cancer
Biopsies: The Art of
Reporting and Management"

Susie Potterveld, DO 1/27/23
"SWI/SNF Complex Deficient
Soft Tissue Neoplasms"

Von Samedi, MD, PhD 2/3/23
"Competency-Based
Graduate Medical Education:
Opportunities and
Challenges for Pathology
Residency Training"



Our Residents

RECOGNITION

Welcome our new resident chiefs: Alyssa Byrd and Jessie Xiong! Thank you to the outgoing chiefs, Brandi Davis and Susie Potterveld, for all of your hard work!



Alyssa Byrd



Jessie Xiong



Beth Doughty was selected to serve on the Informatics and Communications Committee for the Society of Pediatric Pathologists as a junior member. Congrats Beth!



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UPCOMING EVENTS



FEBRUARY 13TH-19TH

HOUSESTAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

Anschutz Medical Campus



MARCH 3RD-12TH

DENVER RESTAURANT WEEK

Denver, CO



MARCH 17TH

MATCH DAY



APRIL 1ST

MILE HIGH BEER FESTIVAL

Denver, CO