

# (SK) INTEREST

AN OHSU DERMATOLOGY  
RESIDENCY PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

## FALL (AND CHANGE) IS IN THE AIR

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## *A word from the PD*

It's time for our second semi-annual residency newsletter to share some updates and highlights of our residents and program here at OHSU! Fall is in the air: the brilliant colors of leaves can be admired from the tram ride to and from the hill. We graduated our senior class in June and welcomed our new residents in July! Our chair, Dr. Sancy Leachman, announced her departure from our department and Oregon, as she accepted a job at the University of Utah. We thank her for her leadership, particularly for her strong and enthusiastic support of our residents, of our program, and of education over the years, and wish her all the best.

-Julie Dhossche, M.D.



## *A word from the APD*

It is a time of change at OHSU, with the recent departure of Dr. Leachman and other faculty. Yet, the department continues to evolve with new leadership emerging among our residents and faculty. And, we are doubling down on our educational mission and continuing to attract outstanding medical students and residents. Our outreach continues to grow through the Oregon Dermatology Society, as well as several formal and informal events where we aim to maintain and strengthen our bonds with community providers and alumni in Oregon and elsewhere in the Pacific Northwest.

- Jesse Keller, M.D., M.C.R.



## *Sancy Leachman, M.D. , Ph.D. to step down as Professor and Chair of OHSU Dermatology on Jan. 1, 2025*

*Dr. Leachman will return to her home community of Park City and join University of Utah's Department of Dermatology. She will join as Vice Chair of Faculty Engagement where she will focus on her passion of supporting faculty.*

### *A word from the Chair*

The best word to describe my feelings as I prepare for the big move to Utah is "bittersweet." I am going to miss you all – the residents, faculty, everyone... and the department as a whole.

My almost 12 years as Chair has flown by and it has been one of the greatest privileges of my life to lead such a talented, enthusiastic, and motivated group! You have all made it such a pleasure – truly a "Big F-Fun" experience (ask Kellen what that means). I have no doubt of your continuing success! I also anticipate a lot of fun to come in Utah and hope that you will keep in touch and visit me if you can. Here's to life's next big adventure!

- Sancy Leachman, M.D., Ph.D.

*P.s. - I'd love to see you at my going away party. All are invited!! (Details on next page)*



# *A Farewell Celebration for Dr. Sancy Leachman*

DATE:

Wednesday, November 20th, 2024

LOCATION:

Center for Health and Healing 1  
Lobby/Atrium  
Portland, Oregon 97239

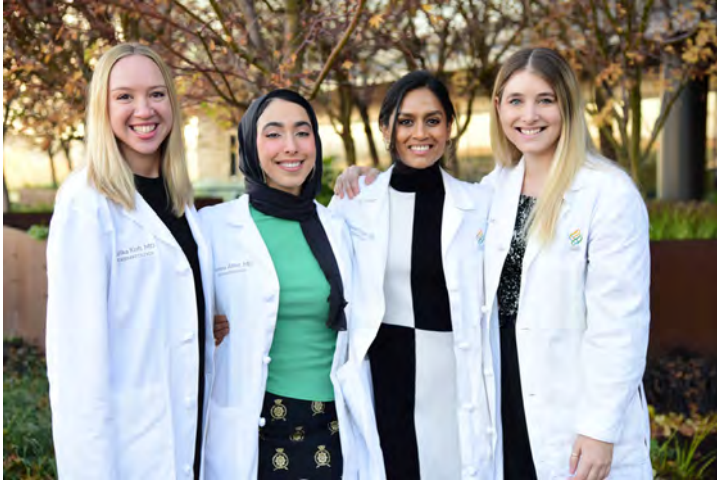
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# CURRENT RESIDENTS



## Class of 2025

Erika Koh, M.D.  
Yomna Amer, M.D.  
Spandana Maddukuri, M.D.  
Jennifer Strunck, M.D.  
Milie Fang, D.O. (not pictured)

## Class of 2026

Victoria Orfaly, M.D.  
Nathan Egge, M.D., Ph.D.  
Adeeb Haroon, M.D.  
Ashley Hoff, M.D. (not pictured)  
Riyad Seervai, M.D., Ph.D. (not pictured)



## Class of 2027

Jake Nelson, D.O.  
Shannon Throckmorton, M.D.  
Claudia Lee, M.D.  
Elijah Horesh, M.D., M.P.H.  
Jake Smith, M.D.



# Announcements

## Celebrating 2024 grads

We said farewell to our amazing 2024 graduates at our graduation ceremony held in June.



Grads Smriti Prasad, Erin Grinich, Caleb Freeman, Gregory Phillips, and Jamie Schlarbaum are pictured with current program directors (above) and with former director Nicole Fett (below).



## Welcoming the Class of 2027

Our new group of residents began their training in July! Again a big welcome to (pictured left to right) Jake Nelson, D.O., Shannon Throckmorton, M.D., Claudia Lee, M.D., Elijah Horesh, M.D., M.P.H., and Jake Smith, M.D.







# Announcements (cont.)

## Residency Fundraiser Telethon

We will be hosting our **Second Annual Residency Tele (and text) A-thon on November 9th!**

This event is a celebration of our residents and alumni and a call to showcase areas of support for current learners. It will be a time for the residents to celebrate being together and engage with alumni who have come before them to share highlights from this year as well as opportunities to support their program as donors (tax deductible through OHSU Foundation).

Look out for a call or email (depending on your time zone!) around 5:30pm PST on this date.





# Education Adventures



Drs. Tracy Funk, Erika Koh, Milie Fang and Alison Small at the Society of Pediatric Dermatology meeting in Toronto

Dr. Koh and Dr. Strunck participating in outreach free skin cancer checks



## Oregon Dermatologic Society (ODS) Meeting in Portland, Ore!



Drs. Jake Smith, Jake Nelson, Shannon Throckmorton, Claudia Lee, and Elijah Horesh at the Oregon Dermatologic Society annual meeting reception



From left to right: Drs. Claudia Lee, Shannon Throckmorton, Spandana Maddukuri, Yomna Amer, Ashley Hoff, Victoria Orfaly, Jennifer Strunck, Erika Koh and Adeeb Haroon

Back row left to right: Drs. Jake Nelson, Nathan Egge, Elijah Horesh, Jake Smith



## Oregon Dermatologic Society (ODS) Meeting (Cont.)



*PHOTOBOOTH!*



## European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology meeting in Amsterdam: Drs. Yomna Amer and Riyad Seervai present at EADV





## Research Corner

Our residents are busy bees—here are some of their more recent publications.

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## Research Corner (Cont.)

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Accepted poster presentation: McClanahan, D., **Fang, M.**, Funk, T., Lim, JY., Latour, E., Dhossche, J. Impact of pediatric teledermatology on historically underserved patients during COVID-19 pandemic compared to pre-COVID year in the Pacific Northwest. PeDRA Annual Conference 2024

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## Research Corner (Cont.)

Dr. Riyadh Seervai received first place at the annual ODS resident case presentation competition.

He was also the US recipient of the Imrich Sarkany Non-European Memorial Scholarship to attend the EADV Congress 2024.

Additionally, he was appointed to the Derm In-Review Advisory Council (DIRAC) 09/2024.



Dr. Spandana Maddukuri received second place at the annual ODS resident case presentation competition.



## Wellness

Our program aims to create a supportive environment for our residents with attention to preventing burn-out and promoting well-being, in the years of physician training, which can be some of the more stressful and challenging times.

Our residents had a picnic together at Willamette Park in June 2024—with some special dog friend guests!



(Left to right) Kevin (Milie's husband), Riyad, Milie (with pup Nora), Victoria (with pup Lulu), Austin (Victoria's fiancé), and in the forefront is Moose (Erika's pup)

For the most recent quarterly social event sponsored by the department, our residents enjoyed some time boating together after ODS.

Left to right: Jake Smith, Claudia Lee, Elijah Horesh, Erika Koh, Alec (Erika's husband), Spandana Maddukuri, Jenn Strunck, Joe (Jenn's significant other)





## Cindi Chapman, M.D.

Since residency, I have had the pleasure of working at 3 great organizations in our community. I spent 1.5 years at Kaiser, followed by 3 years at Providence, and am now nicely settled in private practice at The Oregon Clinic for almost 3 years. I am so grateful to be part of such a wonderful community of dermatologists. The joy in my work could not have happened without the amazing training I received at the OHSU dermatology department. There are so many fond memories during residency, most of all the time I was able to spend with my co-residents both at work and socially.

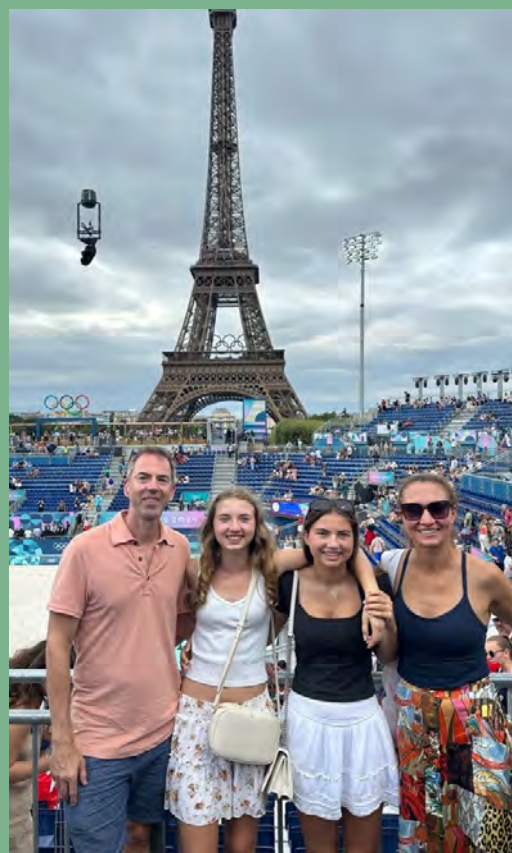
One of my favorite aspects of the program was the morphology conferences, seeing numerous patients with a variety of skin conditions, and the lively discussions that followed (especially fun when various faculty members would voraciously debate their opinions between one another). And of course, one can't forget the graduation videos!!!!



## Kevin White, M.D.

My primary job these days is being a "Duber" (Dad Uber) and driving all over the state (and sometimes country) to volleyball tournaments for my two daughters, Alexandra (16) and Katie (14). My secondary job, as a dermatopathologist, is terrific, primarily because of my two awesome partners, Stephanie and Angela. We are excited to have adopted digital pathology which finally went live this summer, and took over 3 years in the making!

One of my favorite memories from residency is attending morphology conference, and listening to the faculty and community dermatologists disagree on the differential diagnosis, in a friendly and respectful way, of course (Bob Bell comes to mind). Sometimes the "fireworks" were very entertaining, especially for newbies like we residents were at the time!



# "Things I Learned"

The residents were asked to submit a pearl from a recent conference, didactics session, morphology, or clinic. Here's what they report!

Dr. Fang reports a couple of pearls from her rotation with Dr. Annette Wagner at Lurie Children's Hospital:

- To help reduce the size of scars from excision of a congenital melanocytic nevus, hemangioma or other lesion, she will perform a 2-stage excision where she will use a purse-string stitch followed 6-weeks later with a standard elliptical excision that is much smaller compared to if she took out the initial lesion as an ellipse.
- If treating hyperhidrosis with botulinum toxin, don't forget to inject in between the toe web spaces for the feet, and try not to inject too much into the hypothenar or thenar areas of the palms due to risk of muscle weakness.
- A pyogenic granuloma or wart in the ear could mimic an ALK+ Spitz tumor.

Dr. Strunck reports some clinical pearls from her rotations:

- A mimicker of cellulitis in the inpatient setting is acute inflammatory edema. This generally presents in critically ill patients. It is classically symmetrical and located on the abdomen and thighs, sparing pressure points. In a patient that is refractory to treatment for cellulitis, you should think about this diagnosis ([https://www.jaad.org/article/S0190-9622\(19\)30887-4/fulltext](https://www.jaad.org/article/S0190-9622(19)30887-4/fulltext))
- When a wound has pain out of proportion to exam or a wound is not improving as expected, think about co-infection with HSV. You should swab for HSV in these cases and can also consider empiric initiation of antivirals.



# "Clinical Pearl"

In this section we want to highlight one pearl from a faculty member! Thank you, Dr. Angela Jiang for these words of wisdom:

In unilateral hand dermatitis, double check the feet! Concomitant tinea pedis may be a clue to two feet-one hand syndrome being the cause of hand dermatitis.

- Angela Jiang, M.D.

## 2024 FACULTY & TRAINEES PHOTO



# Upcoming Talks

Mark your calendars! We have some excellent external speakers lined up in our didactics curriculum

If you're interested in attending (in-person or virtual) email Sarah Wilkinson at [wilkisar@ohsu.edu](mailto:wilkisar@ohsu.edu).



October 30th, 2024

**Dr. Sarah Coates** from UCSF will be speaking on "Social and Structural Drivers of Health in Dermatology"



February 12th, 2025

**Dr. Johann Gudjonsson** from University of Michigan, will be speaking on cutaneous immunology



April 16th, 2025

**Dr. Julia Lehman** from Mayo Clinic will be speaking on dermatopathology and immunobullous disease





The (SK)INTEREST is a biannual residency program newsletter for the OHSU Department of Dermatology. We hope to provide updates and a view into residency life for department friends, family, alumni and staff.

If you have any questions, topic ideas, or would be interested in being a featured alumni, please contact Julie Dhosshe at [dhossche@ohsu.edu](mailto:dhossche@ohsu.edu).

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