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# Dermatology Newsletter

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# Letter from the Chair

Aimee Smidt, MD, FAAD, FAAP



As we come to the close of another incredible calendar year, I want to express how truly grateful I am to all of you as part of the UNM Dermatology family.

This year has been another unique and challenging time, but in the face of that, we have accomplished so much of which to be proud. This year's introduction focuses specifically on our **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)** efforts.

We have huge appreciation for the initiatives put in place and led by our outgoing Mohs surgeon and DEI director, **Dr. Naiara Barbosa**, who leaves UNM this month for a new position in Florida, as well as **Dr. Alba Posligua**, our DEI Resident Champion.

One highlight is the wonderfully successful mentoring program for underrepresented in medicine (URM) medical students interested in exploring Dermatology (see recent photo of our pizza gathering with masks only briefly taken off!)

We have been leading many pipeline projects in an effort to improve interest in our specialty, success in matching/careers in Dermatology, and access to dermatologic specialists in our state.

We also hope to put in place a scholarship program for visiting URM students next fall, and we would welcome your contributions to this effort through [donations to the Chair's Fund](#) this year.

And with gratitude, we celebrate **Dr. Chuck Phillips**, professor and VA faculty, our student employee **Gabe Peters**, senior medical student, **Sabah Osmani**, and the team of medical students who helped develop and launch the first phase of an [online diverse, inclusive atlas of skin conditions](#).

This effort has been years in the making, to demonstrate common disorders in a more collective way, and to specifically include patient images from those communities who are often left out of medical education. We anticipate this will continue as work in progress - we welcome your involvement if interested!

Most importantly, we extend deep appreciation to our patients who teach us, each and every day.

We also offer a special thanks to the providers at Dermatology & Skin Cancer Center of New Mexico (**Dr. David Davis, Dr. Daniel Davis & Dr. Michael Chang**) for graciously agreeing to continue our Mohs clinical services here at the UNMH Dermatology Clinic starting in January as staff physicians. We anticipate hiring a new faculty Mohs Surgeon by Summer 2022. We also continue in our efforts to recruit faculty, so please spread the work regarding our open positions (p. 9).

We are excited to share news about a pilot project- Grand Rounds on **FIRST** Fridays of the month at 12 p.m. MST. This is an effort to have more community involvement. It's very straight forward to attend **and** we offer CME! Visit our [website](#) for more information.

To close, I will be candid and say that by December 2021, I was hoping to celebrate with all of you over enchiladas and margaritas and a toast to the new year ahead. While the masks will need to stay on and the in-person festivities will need to wait, I am excited and inspired for the future of our Department as we partner with you in the community to grow and thrive.

Together, I know we continue to transform Dermatology in New Mexico. If I can be of service to you at any time, please do not hesitate to reach out.

With best wishes for a safe and restful holiday season,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A Smidt". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

# Department Updates



**Dr. Aimee Smidt**, has been promoted to Professor in the Departments of Dermatology and Pediatrics! Congratulations, Dr. Smidt.

**Aimee Smidt, MD, FAAD, FAAP**

**Tamanna Chauhan** joined the Department of Dermatology as our Research Assistant August 2021. Tamanna was born and raised in a beautiful suburb of Kathmandu, Nepal surrounded by a giant loving family. She is a first-generation college student who is pursuing her Master's in Data Analytics at UNM and looking forward to graduating in May 2022. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, cooking, camping with friends and serving at homeless shelters.



**Tamanna Chauhan**

## Farewell

**Dr. Naiara Barbosa** has accepted a new position as Senior Associate Consultant at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida and leaves UNM Department of Dermatology at the end of November 2021. She has made a tremendous impact on our department, both clinically and educationally and will be truly missed. We wish you the very best and come back to visit us!



**Naiara Barbosa, MD, FAAD**



**Mary Jacintha, FACHE** departed the University of New Mexico SOM in October 2021. She was instrumental in keeping our program moving forward as interim Department SOM Administrator from October 2020-February 2021 and mentoring our current staff. We are very grateful for Mary and all she helped us accomplish during her time in our department. Thank you, Mary!

**Mary Jacintha, FACHE**

# Department Publications & Presentations

**Ko RF, Smidt AC, Durkin JR.** Reflectance confocal microscopy in pediatric dermatology: A state-of-the-art review. *Pediatr Dermatol.* 2021 Oct 14. doi: 10.1111/pde.14837. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 34651341.

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**Yardman-Frank JM, Tchanque-Fossuo CN, Osmani S,Barbosa NS.**The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Skin Cancer Treatment with Mohs Micrographic Surgery from the Perspective of Patients.*Cutis.*2021.

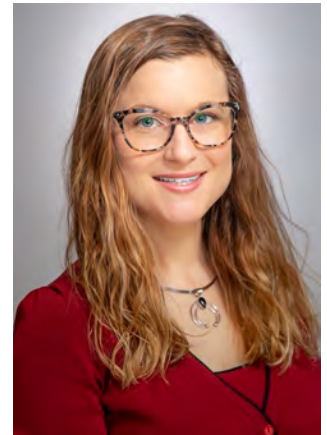


# Congratulations To Our Residents!

Our Class of '21 residents have passed their board exams and now are officially board certified Dermatologists! Congratulations **Dr. Mary Beth Logue** and **Dr. Catherine Tchanque-Fossuo**.



Dr. Tchanque-Fossuo is now with Western Dermatology in Albuquerque, New Mexico.



Dr. Logue is now providing services in Minot, North Dakota

What's

New

With

You?!

Class of '23 resident **Dr. Cyrelle Fermin** is now Dr. Cyrelle Fermin Finan after marrying her fiancé on October 15, 2021 while surrounded by family and friends. Congratulations Dr. Fermin-Finan. We wish you both the very best in your new chapter!



**UNM DEPARTMENT OF DERMATOLOGY ALUMNI  
WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

If you have any updates you would like to share in the newsletter, please email Lalita Lopez de Gauntt at [lalopez@salud.unm.edu](mailto:lalopez@salud.unm.edu)

# Grand Rounds: July-November 2021

Thank you to all our Grand Rounds speakers who have joined us this academic year, including:



Paul Bigliardi, MD  
Univ. of Minnesota



Kristina Sower, MD  
The University of New Mexico



Rahat Azfar, MD  
Southern Ohio Medical Center



Jennifer Huang, MD  
Harvard University

## Continuing The Excellence! Join Us by Zoom or In Person

TENTATIVE GRAND ROUND SPEAKERS FOR THE 2021-2022 ACADEMIC YEAR:

Sergei Grando, MD, University of California, Irvine

Lynn Mckinley Grant, MA, MD, Howard University

Nina Wallerstein, MD, The University of New Mexico

and more...

Grand Rounds are Every Friday of the Month (Except Major Holidays/Meetings)

8-9 a.m. MST

*GR will be held at Noon MST on the 1st Friday of each month from January-March 2022*

1021 Medical Arts Avenue NE

Albuquerque, NM 87131

or via Zoom

Please check our [website](#) for the updated calendar.

9-10 a.m. MST

Journal Club/Additional Lecture

**CME Credit!**

If you would like to be added to our listserv, please contact Lalita Lopez at [lalopez@salud.unm.edu](mailto:lalopez@salud.unm.edu).

## Your Feedback Matters!

We want to hear your feedback and/or suggestions for our Departmental Grand Rounds.

Please contact **Kathy Freise**, Medical Education Specialist at [KFreise@salud.unm.edu](mailto:KFreise@salud.unm.edu) or **Lalita Lopez de Gauntt**, Operations Specialist at [LaLopez@salud.unm.edu](mailto:LaLopez@salud.unm.edu)

Your financial support furthers our mission to provide our community with Grand Rounds educational opportunities.

Please consider a donation to further our initiatives:

[www.unmfund.org/fund/dermatology-chairs-fund](http://www.unmfund.org/fund/dermatology-chairs-fund)

# Upcoming Events



## **AAD ALUMNI REUNION 2022**

Boston, MA - Stay Tuned!

## **NM Dermatology & Dermatologic Surgery Society Spring Meeting (CME)**



April 29-30, 2022

ALBUQUERQUE, NM & VIA ZOOM

Guest Speakers:

Brent Moody, MD ,FACP, FAAD

Heritage Medical Associates

## **2nd Annual Dermatology for Primary Care Conference (CME)**

June 4, 2022

ALBUQUERQUE, NM & VIA ZOOM

More Info To Come Soon!



## **7th Annual Walter Burgdorf, MD Memorial Lecture and NM Dermatology & Dermatologic Surgery Society Meeting (CME)**



October 14-15, 2022

ALBUQUERQUE, NM & VIA ZOOM

Guest Speakers:

**Burgdorf:** Ilona J. Friden, MD, FAAD, FAAP

**NMDDSS:** TBD

# Community & Alumni Events

## 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL **WALTER BURGDORF, MD LECTURESHIP & THE NEW MEXICO DERMATOLOGY & DERMATOLOGIC SURGERY SOCIETY MEETING** SEPTEMBER. 17-18, 2021



Thank you to all who joined virtually this year!

We hosted a full day didactics including presentations from **Joaquin Brieva, MD** (Northwestern Medicine) **Amy McMichael, MD** (Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist), UNM faculty, **Sharon Nunez, MD** and **Meghan Brett, MD** along with presentations by our medical students and residents.

It was wonderful to be together again in person and virtually!

We (barring unforeseen circumstances) will be holding the **Fall 2022 meeting, in person and via Zoom, October 14-15, with guest Speaker Ilona Friden, MD.** Our NMDDSS speaker will be determined soon.

We are looking forward to seeing you in person again!

A special **THANK YOU** to **Dr. Brenda Dintiman** and all who have donated to the Walter Burgdorf Endowed Lectureship to help the fund reach it's target of \$100,000 this Fall!

# COMMUNITY UPDATES

## **AAD SHADE STRUCTURE GRANT**

Congratulations to **St. Charles Borromeo School** for being selected as a grant winner for the 2021 American Academy of Dermatology's (AAD) Shade Structure Program.

Our recent graduate, **Dr. Catherine Tchanque-Fossuo** led this effort with sponsorship from **Drs. John Durkin, Emily Altman and Aimee Smidt.** GREAT WORK!



**Drs. Aimee Smidt and John Durkin** have started regularly scheduled clinics at the **UNMH Specialty Care Clinic in Gallup, NM** to provide Dermatology services for Gallup and its surrounding vibrant communities.

So far it has been a tremendous success and an opportunity for our trainees to see a different view of New Mexico and our patient populations. We hope to expand such clinical programming and telemedicine in the future as well.



# Diversity, Equity & Inclusivity Updates

## DEI Department Representatives **Dr. Romeo Morales & Dr. Alba Posligua-Alban**



The Department of Dermatology at the UNM School of Medicine continues to emphasize its stance against racism and discrimination of any kind. We reaffirm our commitment to a workplace that promotes diversity, equity and inclusion.

As part of this commitment, we continue to expand initiatives:

### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Our faculty have been involved in multiple local and national DEI committees and task force, including the following:

- SOCS Underrepresentation of Skin of Color Images in Dermatology Task Force
- Collaboration with ACMS Diversity Task Force

### **UNDERREPRESENTED MINORITY STUDENT MENTORING**

The goal of these initiatives is to increase our department's participation in mentoring URM students and residents.

- AAD Diversity Mentorship Program
- Skin Color Society Mentorship Program
- Latino Medical Student Association mentorship
- UNM Minorities in Community Medicine mentor

Plan for scholarships to support 1-2 URM visiting medical students to rotate at our dermatology rotation next year.

### **DIALOGUES ON DIVERSITY**

Open forums that serve as a safe place where faculty, trainees and staff can gather to talk, listen, and learn from each other. Future dates/times are TBD but sessions are generally Fridays at Noon. Stay Tuned.

### **DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION GRAND ROUNDS**

The goal of this GR is to increase knowledge and quality of dermatologic care for patients of color and minority/underserved populations.

Upcoming event: TBD-Stay Tuned!

8 a.m. MST: Using the Arts to Improve Diagnostic Skills

9 a.m. MST: Resident Workshop topic/title: Diversity and Community Engagement

**Dr. Lynn McKinley-Grant, MD**

Adjunct Consultant  
Diversity and Community Engagement  
Department of Dermatology  
Duke University School of Medicine

### **ANTI-RACISM GRAND ROUNDS**

The goal of this GR is to increase awareness of issues (social, cultural, racial, etc.) faced by underserved or minority groups, in our community or broader, that affect health care or contribute to health disparities.

Upcoming event: 2/25/2022 presented by Dr. Nina Wallerstein and Dr. Carlos Linares

# Academic Dermatology Positions



The Department of Dermatology at The University of New Mexico School of Medicine **seeks qualified individuals for three full-time faculty positions** to join an innovative group environment:

- **Pediatric Dermatology**
- **General Dermatology**
- **Dermatologist/Dermatopathologist**

**We serve a large, diverse, medically complex population and are a consultative resource for the state of New Mexico and the Four Corners region of the Southwest.** The Department provides many services including: general and pediatric dermatology, phototherapy, laser, dermatologic/Mohs surgery and aesthetic services.

**We have a strong partnership with both Dermatopathology and community physicians.**

Responsibilities include primarily outpatient Dermatology and evening/weekend call coverage for inpatient hospital consultations. Teledermatology is an evolving development as well. Opportunities for clinical research are available.

**UNM Health Sciences Center (HSC) is New Mexico's only academic health complex and is located in beautiful Albuquerque, New Mexico.** Resources are prioritized into four mission areas of education, research, patient care and community outreach - all targeted toward the objective of delivering the highest level of health care to the people of New Mexico. Opportunities abound for multidisciplinary scholarship and research through collaborations with scholars across the arts and sciences disciplines, law and population health as well as robust community organizations.

**The UNM School of Medicine is celebrated for its innovations in medical education and is a national leader in diversity in both the physician workforce and its student body.** Candidates with attributes that support our mission include demonstrable experience promoting inclusion in the workforce, modeling cultural humility, commitment to guiding underrepresented/minority learners into professional success, and striving to use social determinants of health to address health disparities for individuals and communities. We as an institution value community engagement, as evidenced by our national recognition in rural and family medicine training programs and our groundbreaking BA/MD Programs that provide pathways for students from urban, rural and tribal New Mexico to pursue a medical career. The Department of Dermatology is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion and uses these standards as measures of excellence.

**New Mexico is a recreation and art destination.**

Albuquerque is a beautiful city with mountains to the east and a mesa to the west with breathtaking sunsets, lakes, rivers, deserts and mountain ranges. It is ideal for outdoor activities and sports all year-round including running, hiking, biking and skiing. New Mexico is multicultural and multilingual with 22 American Indian tribes and nations as well as vibrant Latinx, Black American and Asian American communities with excellent local cuisine, unique architecture and multiple cultural and historic sites. NM is dense with internationally famous artists, craft breweries and wineries, and an ever-expanding film industry.

**A Comprehensive Benefit Package** including paid professional liability insurance, medical/dental/vision plan, retirement, annual and professional leave, continuing education tuition and dependent tuition program, and a competitive salary with incentive is offered.

**Apply at [unmjobs.unm.edu](http://unmjobs.unm.edu) and search for the following posting numbers:**

Pediatric Dermatologist: Req15251

General Dermatologist: Req15746

Dermatologist/Dermatopathologist: Req17999

**Please Contact Us With Questions!**

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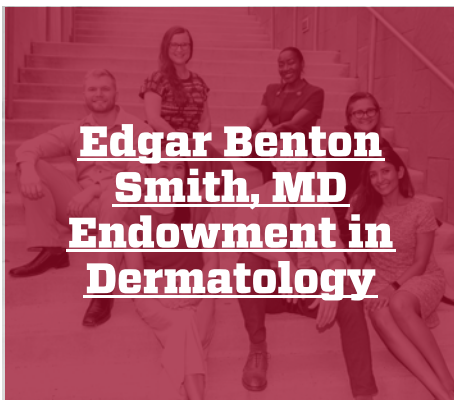
# MAKE AN IMPACT

## Invest in New Mexico's Dermatologic Future

In sunny New Mexico, access to dermatology care is especially crucial. **Our practitioners offer the highest quality dermatologic care that is often unattainable elsewhere in the state.**

By making a gift to support the Department of Dermatology at UNM, you help improve access throughout New Mexico by training and retaining providers to deliver advanced dermatologic care to adult and pediatric patients, and grow our educational and research efforts.

## WAYS YOU CAN GIVE



### We Value Your Support

The Edgar Benton Smith, MD Endowment provides supports the needs of Dermatology Residents, especially those engaged in academic research and scholarly presentations.

We are honored to offer this tribute to E.B. Smith through an endowed fund, and aim to increase it with your support.

Give to support the greatest need!

Created by a generous, private donor in 2016, the Dermatology Chair's Fund provides flexibility for the Department Chair to invest wherever the needs are greatest which has included grand rounds and alumni/networking initiatives.

The Ryan F. Daniell Fund was established by his generous family to honor his legacy after he passed from melanoma.

It was Ryan's hope that his struggle would lead to increased awareness, early detection, and accessible treatment for all New Mexicans.

This Fund supports costs associated with Departmental free skin cancer screenings, education of our learners around the state, and research on melanoma.

The Daniell Family and the Department of Dermatology welcome your partnership.



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## CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY

We are so proud to share our Department's accomplishments while we also try to highlight the incredible things our friends, partners, and alumni are doing in New Mexico and beyond.

Please share your feedback with us and feel free to send us updates, news, or other highlights you'd like to see included in this communication!

And again, to everyone this unprecedented holiday season, we are truly so thankful for YOU and your support of our Department of Dermatology mission and vision.

STAY SAFE AND WELL.



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