

Infectious Diseases Division Newsletter



Langone Medical Center

New York University School of Medicine

Congratulations to our Graduating Fellows!

We are so thankful for the work our fellows have done and will continue to do; here is a brief look into what lies ahead.

Michelle DallaPiazza will be working as a full-time outpatient provider at the Bellevue virology clinic.

Nila Dharan is looking forward to taking time off and looking for the next step! She continues to explore opportunities in Infectious Diseases in New York City.

Sharon Karmon will be a Clinical Scholar through Rockefeller University, performing research with Marty Markowitz and David Ho at the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center. She will also be keeping an affiliation with NYU and will maintain a weekly Virology clinic at Bellevue.

Rena McDermott will be working with the Department of Public Health doing HIV-primary care in Philadelphia.

The entire division is invited to gather in celebration on Monday, June 27th, at 5:30 PM at Riverpark Restaurant located on 29th Street between 1st Avenue and FDR Drive. For details, please contact Katherine Wilson at Katherine.wilson@nyumc.org.

Featured Faculty: Clifford Bassett, MD

Clifford W. Bassett, M.D. FAAAAI, FAAAAI, Adult and Pediatric Allergy, Asthma and Immunology, has been the Medical Director of Allergy and Asthma Care of New York in New York City for the past 18 years having completed his fellowship in Allergy and Immunology in 1993. He joined the division of Infectious Diseases and Immunology at NYU more than 10 years ago and is currently an Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at the New York University School of Medicine. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Allergy and Immunology; a Fellow of both the American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (ACAAI) as well as the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (ACAAI) and is a member of the Executive Committee of the New York Allergy & Asthma Society. Additionally, Dr. Bassett has served on the

NYU University Physicians Network Credentials Committee for several years. He was a past chair of clinical research for the ACAAI. Additionally, Dr. Bas-



sett founded the NYC Metro Pollen Counting Station in Brooklyn, New York.

Dr. Bassett has a strong commitment to educating the pub-

lic on various allergy topics and, as such, has contributed to articles in many national and local publications including *Time*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Women's Health* and *Men's Health*, as well as peer-reviewed medical journals such as *The Journal of the American Medical Association* and *US Respiratory Diseases*. To this end, Dr. Bassett has also appeared on local and national radio and television programs as an allergy expert. These include *The Doctor Oz Show*, CNN, MSNBC, CBS's "The Early Show," NBC's "The Today Show," "Nightly Evening News," ABC's "Good Morning America," "NBC Nightly News," FOX News Channel and NPR, among others.

Cliff lives in Manhattan with his wife, Gail, and his twin teenage sons, Shawn and Dylan, who attend the Columbia Grammar and Prep School.

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We want to hear from you!

If you have an announcement you would like to make, please email it to Katherine Wilson at Katherine.Wilson@nyumc.org.

Special points of interest:

- International AIDS Society Meeting, July 17—20, 2011 Rome, Italy



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Allergist Update

Please visit the following links to see what our allergists have to say to help the public fight allergies this season!

www.today.msnbc.msn.com/id/43028280/ns/today-today_health/

www.abcnews.go.com/Health/allergy-season-2011-doctors-predict-worst-years/story?id=13597648

www.newyork.cbslocal.com/2011/05/11/allergy-sufferers-could-be-making-matters-worse-for-themselves/

Recent Grants, Awards & Publications

Awards

Dr. Beth Miller was selected to receive research funding from the Saul J Farber Medical Scholars Fund

Dr. Beth Miller received a scholarship to attend "From Discovery to the Clinic: Adjuvants and HIV Vaccine Development": A New Enterprise-OCTAVE (Online Collaborative Training for AIDS Vaccine Evaluation) Workshop for Young and Early Career Investigators

Dr. Sabine Kienesberger was selected to receive funding for the 2011 Michael Saperstein Medical Scholars Research Fund

Dr. Carlos Malvestutto was selected to receive funding for the 2011 Michael Saperstein Medical Scholars Research Fund.

Dr. Judy Aberg was selected to serve as a member of the NIH funded Scientific Agenda Steering Committee for the AIDS Clinical Trials Group.

Publications

Sunseri N, O'Brien M, Bhardwaj N, Landau NR. HIV-1 modified to package SIV Vpx efficiently infects macrophages and dendritic cells. J Virol. 2011 Apr 20.

Announcements

Drs. Melanie Maslow and David Tice are proud to announce that their daughter, Rachael Sara Tice, graduated with Honors in Theater, from NYU's Tisch School of the Arts on May 16, 2011.

Tyler Bold, a student in the Medical Scientist Training Program (MD-PhD) in the Ernst Laboratory, defended his dissertation titled, "Antigen Presentation and Effector T Cell Function in Tuberculosis" on May 20, 2011. He is also first author of a paper titled, "Suboptimal activation of antigen-specific CD4+ effector cells enables persistence of M. tuberculosis in vivo" which will be published in the journal, PLoS Pathogens, in early June. Tyler was awarded a predoctoral fellowship grant from the NIH, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, to help support his dissertation research.

Melissa Bender and Ryan Goodman are thrilled to announce that on Sunday, May 22 shortly after 9:00 a.m., Ethan Bender Goodman (pictured at right) was born. Big sister Ella could not be more proud, and Ethan is doing beautifully at home.

Judy Aberg announces the arrival of her third granddaughter, Madelyne Grace Gibson, born May 16.



Ethan Bender Goodman