

Chapter News

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Happy New Year!

The MS Chapter ACP certainly closed out 2019 with an active month. Georgia Chapter ACP member, Dr. Tracey Henry FACP, was invited to share her expertise on the Social Determinants of Health with MS Chapter members and other Medical Center Faculty during UMMC Department of Medicine Grand Rounds on December 3rd. Dr. Henry, winner of numerous awards and honors including the prestigious ACP McDonald Award recognizing outstanding contributions and achievement in Early Career Physicians, also met with numerous leaders and trainees to discuss her experience in this and other areas including health care policy and diversity and inclusion. On December 10th, MS Chapter members, Kimberly Harkins and John Caleb Grenn joined 5 other physicians in an exciting event at UMMC, the first ever “On Being a Doctor Story Slam”. This event was hosted by the Department of Medicine and co-sponsored by the Departments of Pediatrics, Surgery, and the Office of Wellbeing. This special “Story Slam” was adopted from and closely modeled the ACP Story Slam Events held at the annual ACP IM meetings and other state meetings. Each storyteller shared a personal experience that influenced who they are as physicians. Members of the audience, MS ACP members and UMMC faculty, voted on the best “story” presented and the winner was given a gift card, and all presenters received a copy of Volume 4 of *On Being A Doctor*, Edited by: Christine Laine, MD, MPH, FACP and Michael LaCombe, MD, MACP. This 4th volume of *On Being a Doctor* contains the finest selections of prose and poetry from *Annals of Internal Medicine* from 2007 to 2013.

A number of members applied for positions within the national organization this year. In December, MS Chapter student member, Meredith Cobb, was named to the ACP Council of Student Members. The council is comprised of 12 members, who serve 2 year terms. The group is charged with responding to requests from Board of Regents, committees and staff for review of programs, products and services. The group also advises the Board of Regents and Board of Governors on: promoting Internal Medicine as a career, increasing the value of ACP membership to medical students, strengthening chapter and medical school level activities and aligning council activities with the College's Strategic Plan. Congratulations Meredith!

Looking ahead to 2020, there are dates to mark on your calendar if you have not already! The National ACP meeting (IM 2020) is taking place April 23-25, 2020, in Los Angeles, CA. All registration materials, links to book hotels and airfare can be found on the ACP website, acponline.org. Members from the MS chapter who are participating in the meeting as faculty include Dr. Richard M. Wardrop, who will be speaking as a guest of the ACP National Council of Student Members during a session entitled “I Failed. It's Okay: Challenges During Medical School and How to Overcome Them;” Dr. Lillian Lien, who will be a panelist in the pre-course “Diabetes for the Internist;” and Dr. Calvin Thigpen, who will be moderating a session entitled “Ethical Case Challenges: Precision Medicine and Genetics in Primary Care.” Numerous resident and fellows from UMMC will be presenting their work on the national stage as well during the IM 2020 Resident and Student

Poster Sessions, including the Abstract Day Winners: Bijalben Patel, Amor Royer, Peyton Treutel and Elliot Varney. If you are participating in or presenting at the IM 2020 meeting, please email the Chapter so your good news can be shared with our members. We look forward to seeing you at IM 2020 in Los Angeles.

The Alabama/Mississippi Chapter Educational Meeting will be held at The Renaissance Ross Bridge Golf Resort & Spa in Birmingham June 5-7, 2020. A link for hotel reservations is located on the Chapter website on acponline.org and registration materials will be available soon!

Be sure to follow the Chapter on social media to see what the Chapter members are doing and for important dates, messages and reminders. The Chapter is on Facebook (@msacp), Twitter (@ms_acp) and Instagram (@acp_ms). Please email any news you would like to share with the Chapter and/or membership to Mississippi.acp@gmail.com.