



Shared Discovery Curriculum UPDATE



This first installment of the ***Shared Discovery Curriculum Update*** serves to inform you of ongoing organizational work and to provide an introduction to several key members of the leadership team.

Work in Progress

1. CHM staff consistently keep us on point and looking ahead, and this year we will rely on their expertise and advice as planning for next year turns to the Shared Discovery Curriculum. We are in ongoing discussions about how curricular implementation and staff transitions can be as smooth as possible.
2. Website updates: Many have expressed a need for the Shared Discovery Curriculum website to be more user-friendly, and that key pieces of information are missing. Updates and changes are in progress.
3. You've received invitations to ***Chief Complaints and Concerns Boot Camps*** which will take place October 27 through November 6. Thank you for contributing—completion of these documents will finish our determination of the end-competencies of our educational program.
4. A Work Plan is in development, and we will soon post "Plans and Progress" on the Website.
5. Space needs for next year are being defined and we will be able to complete requests in a timely manner.
6. Additional leadership announcements will be coming soon.
7. There are requests to access the PREZI from the Town Hall by itself--below are links to a PDF and an interactive site to do just that. The Town Hall focused on faculty roles and opportunities.

[SDC Town Hall Presentation PDF](#)

[SDC Town Hall Presentation Interactive Prezi](#)

Shared Discovery Curriculum Leadership

Those of you who attended the Town Hall have already been introduced, but for those who were not able to be there to meet them “in person,” each of the following leaders is bringing a wealth of experience to a new and challenging role:

Assistant Dean for Clinical Experiences

Robin DeMuth, MD is an associate professor of family medicine and a prior director of clinical skills for the College. She is a proud graduate of the College of Human Medicine and completed her training with the Sparrow/MSU Family Medicine Residency Program. With a background in education before medical school, she also completed the Lilly Teaching Fellowship at MSU. Her current clinical activities include maintaining an outpatient practice at the Clinical Center and delivering babies and rounding on adult and pediatric patients with the family medicine residency service. In the Summer of 2013 she co-directed the Early Clinical Experience pilot which placed 21 pre-matriculant and end-first-year students in primary care practice settings while they learned related necessary science. *Dr. DeMuth is the new Assistant Dean for Clinical Experiences*, responsible for guiding our final development and implementation of the core of our Shared Discovery Curriculum.

Director of the Academy

Brian Mavis, Ph.D. joined the Office of Medical Education Research and Development (OMERAD) in 1992 during the implementation of what is now the Legacy Curriculum. He has been the director of OMERAD since 2004. Dr. Mavis has a PhD in psychology from Michigan State University. Since joining CHM, much of his work has focused on curriculum evaluation and learner assessment. He coordinates the annual Graduate Follow-up Survey, as well as the annual Climate Survey for CHM students. He has worked with the Office of College-wide Assessment on Gateway competency assessment. In addition he has been active on the Admissions Committee since 1995. More recently he has supported faculty throughout the College to promote educational scholarship. Dr. Mavis has had a number of professional roles. He created and oversees the DR-ED listserv, and is a review editor for Medical Education Online. He is the immediate past chair of the AAMC Group on Educational Affairs. He also serves on the advisory committees for the AAMC medical student questionnaires, MedEdPortal and the Medical Education Research Certificate (MERC) program. *Dr. Mavis is the new Director of the Academy*, responsible for making our vision of the Academy and its component Learning Societies a reality.

Learning Society Chiefs:

Sath Sudhanthar, MD is a pediatrician and an assistant professor in the Department of Pediatrics and Human Development at Michigan State University. He went to medical school in India and completed a master’s degree in public health from Western Kentucky University. He did his internship in pediatrics at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh and completed his residency at

Michigan State University-Sparrow Hospital Pediatric Residency Program. He joined the College after his residency training in 2006 and has been in practice since then. He enjoys seeing children for well child visits and also for a wide variety of illnesses. He has also been actively involved in directing clinical skills since 2010, and is our Director of Clinical Skills. He is active in mentoring medical students and residents at all levels of training. When he is not thinking about being a **Learning Society Chief**, He enjoys listening to all types of music, cheering on the Steelers during football season and spending time with family.

Pat Brewer, PhD received her BS degree in Psychology with honors from Michigan State University in 1975. Following her PhD in Anatomy from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in 1984 she was a postdoctoral fellow at the National Institutes of Health. She has held faculty positions at several universities, including the University of Texas System (1992 through 2010), where she was a tenured Distinguished Teaching Professor and the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs. In 2010 Pat was thrilled to return to her alma mater as CHM expanded to Grand Rapids. When she first came to CHM, Pat was the Assistant Dean for Student Development. She is currently a Professor in the Department of Radiology and is the Assistant Director for Block II and Problem-Based Learning. In her copious amounts of spare time she enjoys being with her two children (Ashley, a Latin teacher in North Carolina and Jordan, a fourth year medical student in Texas). When she is not thinking about being a **Learning Society Chief**, Pat also loves working on her 1913 historic home in the Heritage Hill district of Grand Rapids and invites you to please come visit during the next annual Secchia Holiday Soiree.

Angie Thompson-Busch, MD, PhD grew up in Grand Rapids. She completed a PhD in pharmacology from the University of Michigan in 1991, an MD from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in 1995, and a pediatric residency at Cincinnati Children's Medical Center in 1998. She returned to Grand Rapids to teach pediatrics to medical students and residents in 2012 and has been working in the Academic General Pediatric Group at Spectrum Health Medical Group and as the pediatric clerkship director for MSU CHM in Grand Rapids since. During her time at Spectrum, she has received the Pediatric Residency Program Outpatient Teacher of the Year Award from GRMEP and an Outstanding Core Faculty Award from MSU CHM. When she is not thinking about being a **Learning Society Chief**, she is passionate about mentoring undergraduate and graduate medical learners, dedicating her time to the community of Grand Rapids, lifelong learning, the AAMC Core Entrustable Professional Activities for Entering Residency pilot, and her two teenage sons and husband.

Jon Gold, MD is a general pediatrician, an educator, and a transplant to the Midwest from various points along the Northeast Corridor. After a short stint in private practice, he joined the faculty at Michigan State University in 2001. His scholarship interests are in medical education and child advocacy. When not working, or thinking about being a **Learning Society Chief**, he can be found playing with his kids, riding a bike, watching a movie, cooking, or reading a novel.

Please join me in congratulating Drs. DeMuth, Mavis, Sudhanthar, Gold, Brewer and Busch and in welcoming them to their new roles.

Ongoing Roles

Medical Director of Simulation

Matt Emery, MD is an Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine, and Associate Chair for Academic Affairs for the Department of Emergency Medicine. In addition to serving as the Educational Assistant for Simulation for the Emergency Medicine residency program in Grand Rapids, Dr. Emery is also the lead clerkship director for the clinical elective in Emergency Medicine. He has been very active in the College serving on our Curriculum Committee as well as the Student Performance and Block 3 Committees. As the *Medical Director for Simulation*, Dr. Emery will continue to provide leadership for simulation activities in the Legacy and Shared Discovery Curriculum. Dr. Emery's office is located in the CHM Simulation Center at Secchia in Grand Rapids.

Director of Assessment

Heather Laird-Fick, MD, MPH, a lifelong Michigan resident, holds degrees from Alma College (BS), Michigan State University College of Human Medicine (MD), and the University of Michigan School of Public Health (MPH). She completed her internal medicine residency and chief residency at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, Michigan before returning to MSU CHM as a faculty member in the Saginaw campus. In 2003, she moved to East Lansing as the Associate Program Director for the internal medicine residency, ultimately becoming Program Director in 2007. She has completed competitive faculty development training through Michigan State University's Lilly Fellowship, the Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine, the Harvard-Macy Foundation, and the Center for Medical Simulation at Harvard University. She has participated in several national committees through the Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine and the Society for General Internal Medicine. She is currently a member of MSU CHM's team for the Association of American Medical Colleges' Core Entrustable Professional Activities for Entering Residency pilot study. She became Director of Assessment for MSU CHM's Shared Discovery Curriculum in 2015. Her professional interests include teaching and learning in medicine, care of aging women, and wellness. When she is not thinking about being the *Director of Assessment for the Shared Discovery Curriculum*, she enjoys travel with her family and reading historical mysteries.

Director of JustInTimeMedicine and Chief Complaints and Concerns Documents

Gary Ferenchick, MD, MS is a Professor of Medicine at Michigan State University. He served as the Division Chief of General Internal Medicine from 2000 through January of 2015, and as the IM Clerkship Director from 1990 to June 2015. He has been actively involved in the Clerkship Directors in Internal Medicine (CDIM) organization, serving as its president in 2000. In 2013 he was awarded CDIMs Ruth Marie Fincher award for service, and in 2014 he was awarded CDIMs Lou Pangaro award for educational program development. He is the recipient of the 2010 American College of Physicians Laureate Award and has received 12 teaching awards from graduating students at the College of Human Medicine during his career. He has been a past

recipient of a “National Award for Scholarship in Medical Education” given by the Society of General Internal Medicine. He serves as an Associate Editor of Essential Evidence Plus and is the Senior Associate Editor of "The Color Atlas of Internal Medicine" published in 2015. He is the developer of justintimemedicine.com and he has authored or co-authored 39 peer-reviewed publications. He is the co-author of “Teaching in Your Office: A Guide to Instructing Medical Students & Residents” published by the American College of Physicians. When he is not pondering *JustInTimeMedicine* and *Chief Complaints and Concerns Documents*, he is cycling with his wife, Carol, in events like the MSU Fran Fondo (twice) and the DALMAC (five times), golfing, and watching college football.

Executive Director of Academic Affairs

Carol Parker, MPH is a key member of the team, providing logistic and strategic support for the Shared Discovery Curriculum implementation effort. When she is not thinking about the Shared Discovery Curriculum, she is filling many other roles as *Executive Director for Academic Affairs*. Carol has taken on a multitude of assignments on behalf of CHM including her recent role as the Executive Director of the Great Lakes Health Information Exchange (GLHIE) where she led a merger with Michigan Health Connect (MHC) to form Great Lakes Health Connect. Carol was also the Executive Director of Graduate Medical Education, Inc. (GMEI). She will complete her PhD in Epidemiology this spring if the stars align and she secures the data she needs.

Stay tuned for more leadership team announcements, and for regular updates on Shared Discovery Curriculum progress!

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