

## Chair's Column



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## 50 Years of Community Health Centers

### Our Best Hope for High Quality, Equitable Health Care

This year celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> year of Community Health Centers (CHCs). Family Medicine and CHCs came into existence a couple of years apart and share the same sense of social purpose and vision. Our Department of Family Medicine (DFM) is closely aligned with the Boston HealthNet and its constituent CHCs. Many of our faculty members work in the HealthNet CHCs and our residency program is designed to provide training appropriate to working in CHCs – as most of our graduates do.

In 1965, physician activists Jack Geiger and Count Gibson founded the nation's first community health centers in Dorchester's Columbia Point and Mound Bayou, Mississippi. CHCs expanded nationwide after Senator Edward M. Kennedy introduced an amendment to the Economic Opportunity Act, funding for the development of health centers across the country. A short documentary about the early Mound Bayou health center can be viewed [here](#).

This year also marks the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Boston HealthNet. We in the DFM are proud of the legacy of CHCs that continues to build every day through our partnership with the Boston HealthNet. A video about the history of the Boston HealthNet can be viewed [here](#).

DFM has been connected to the CHC movement for many years. Under founding chair Dr. Larry Culpepper's leadership, among the first "teaching community health centers" were born in Montefiore in the Bronx and in Rochester, NY. The "teaching CHC" model where FM residents provide continuity of care services to a panel of patients over 3 years in a CHC is the foundation for the training of our residents

Another close friend of the DFM is Elmer Freeman who is Executive Director of the Center for Community Health Education Research and Service (CCHERS) at Northeastern and former CEO of Whittier Street Health Center. Elmer is a long-time personal friend of Jack Geiger, who is now 90 years old. Dr. Geiger recently sent a personal note to Elmer reflecting on his early vision of CHCs. With Elmer's permission, this letter can be viewed at [click here](#). There is much to be learned from this letter - and applied to our current work.

CHCs are an important part of health reform in the US. The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is a time to celebrate the history of the CHC movement and to rededicate ourselves to providing locally accessible, affordable and high quality health care to medically underserved individuals and families.

## Highlights & Achievements

### The Boston Globe



#### **Second Life shows new promise as virtual forum for diabetes education**

Click [here](#) to read more.

Congratulations to Karin Leschly for being accepted into the 2016 Mid-Career Faculty Leadership Program!



#### **League Celebrates 50th Anniversary of Nation's First Health Center; Looks to Future of Community-Based health**

To read more and watch **Out on the Rural** click [here](#) & see the cover..

#### Great News!

The Family Medicine Behavioral Health teams poster submission has been accepted for presentation at the upcoming STFM conference.

***Creating Shared Medical Appointments Targeting Opioid Use Disorder: Fostering Provider Collaboration in a Patient Centered Model.***

Congratulations Team !

Congratulations to Katherine Gergen-Barnett, MD has been named the Department of Family Medicine's new Vice Chair for Primary Care Innovation and Transformation. [Click here](#) to read more.



#### **Project Red Reduces Hospitals Readmissions**

This article features DFM's very own Gigi Suozzo! Click [here](#) to read more.

# Department of Family Medicine

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## Department of Family Medicine Annual Retreat 2015



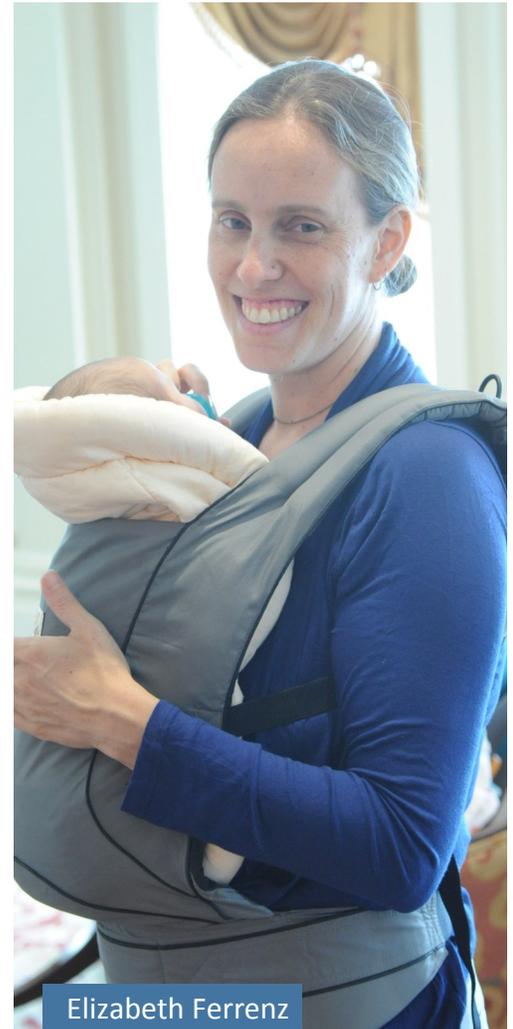
Nathan Cardoos



Maria Broderick



Linda Barnes



Elizabeth Ferrenz



Charlie Williams



Brian Jack



## Halloween fun at East Boston!



## Upcoming Events

**Faculty Development Program:**  
Monday, December 21, All Faculty  
Tuesday, December 22, Course & Program Directors  
RSVP: ksmielli@bu.edu

**Final Residency Ranking Meeting**  
January 20th

**Residency Curriculum Retreat**  
January 29, 2016

## Welcome new faculty!



Jennifer Trieu, MD



Kelsey Jordan, MD



Lidya Wlasiuk, MD



Lauren Graber, MD

## Faculty Publications & Presentations



### **Ground-Breaking Research on Integrative Medicine that may Help People Living with Chronic Pain [Interview][Transcript]**

Click [here](#) to read more.

By: Katherine Gergen Barnett



### **Education: Training for Integrated Multidisciplinary Care**

By: Ramon Cancino

To read full story click [here](#).

### **Is Perceived Discrimination Associated with Preconception Health Risk Factors in Black Women?**

**Main Presenter:** A. Mansa Semanya

**Additional Presenters & Co-Authors:** Timothy Bickmore, Leanne Yinusa-Nyahkoon, Clevanne Julce, Brian Penti, Michelle St.Fleur, Karla Damus, Brian Jack

### **Integrative Medicine in a Preventive Medicine Residency: A Program for the Urban Underserved**

By: JP Berz, Katherine Gergen Barnett. & Rob Saper



### **Beyond Medicine: The Road From Health Insurance To Health**

Click [here](#) to read more.

By: Katherine Gergen Barnett

### **Syndemics and Legislative Outreach An Experiment in Educating Congress about the Health Effects of War**

Society for Medical Anthropology

Bayla Ostrach (Boston U School of Medicine)

Ashley Houston (Boston U School of Medicine)

Merrill Singer (U Connecticut)

### **Mitigating Mental Health Preconception Risks for Black Women with the 'Gabby**

**System'** **Main Presenter:** Michelle St.Fleur & **Additional Presenters & Co-Authors:** A. Mansa Semanya, Timothy Bickmore, Leanne Yinusa-Nyahkoon, Clevanne Julce, Brian Penti, Michelle St.Fleur, Karla Damus, Brian Jack

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### The Family Medicine Global Health Workshop



Laura Goldman, MD, Nidhi Lal, MD, Jeffrey Markuns, MD, Maja Carrion, MPH, and Kristin Shaw, MPH, attended the 2015 Family Medicine Global Health Workshop and gave the presentations below.

#### **Navigating Organizational, Political and Cultural Challenges in a Multi-city ALSO Training Program in India**

Nidhi Lal, MD, MPH, Larry Leeman, MD, MPH

#### **Global Health in my backyard- No faux pas allowed**

Nidhi Lal, MD, MPH

#### **Primary Care Faculty Development in Low-Income Countries**

Jeff Markuns MD EdM & Dawit Wondimagegn MD facilitated discussion

#### **Implementation Science**

Jeff Markuns MD EdM & Malwina Carrion MPH

#### **Supporting Progress in Primary Care System Strengthening - The Example of Family Medicine Development in Myanmar**

Jeff Markuns MD EdM, Laura Goldman MD, Christoph Gelsdorf MD and

Maja Carrion MPH

#### **Challenges in Implementation of the Primary Care Assessment Tool in Vietnam**

Jeff Markuns MD EdM, Kristin Shaw MPH & Laura Goldman MD

#### **Primary Care System Strengthening through Post-graduate Curriculum Development in Partnership with the University of Health Sciences in Cambodia**

## Residency Highlights



The residents hosted their first Chili Cook-Off and the competition was fierce. There were 14 submissions from residents and their significant others and Mekkin was generous enough to open her home to host the event. Each person in attendance was given one vote and out of the approximately 30 votes the results were.....

**1<sup>st</sup> Place**, Master Chili Chef - **Dave Staller (Jenna Cohn's Husband)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** - **Jenna Cohn (PGY 2)**

Thank you to the Resident Social Committee for arranging this great event!

## Medical Student Education

### Transgender at BU

Student find a welcome at BU, but want a few changes.



Jamie Wieland,, one of Family medicine's medical students who worked with Nan to create curriculum on gender identity for ICM-1 and presented that work at STFM last spring. Click [here](#) to read more.

### Boston University needs your help training tomorrow's physicians!

A strong Family Medicine/primary care workforce is at the core of all excellent healthcare systems. It is critical that we grow and develop the Family Medicine workforce in this country. We need to provide students with training that will captivate and develop students with an interest in Family Medicine. We also need to equip students with the knowledge, skills and attitudes to make them physicians in *all* fields who understand and respect the value of Family Medicine, provide the highest quality evidence-based care, and have a strong understanding of what a well-designed healthcare system is. This is how we will transform healthcare and ultimately health in our country.

To read more about this opportunity click [here](#)!

## Growing the DFM Family

Welcome the New Faces  
of Family Medicine!



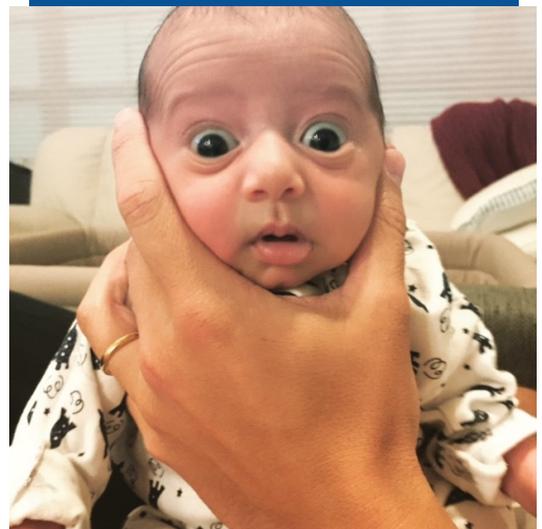
Congratulations to Eric Hwang and his growing family! Welcome baby Grace born on November 7th!



Congratulations to Shayne, Seth and Emerson Poulin for giving birth to baby boy Max Edison Poulin to their family on September 15th!



Big shoutout to Jessica Gray and her beautiful family! Baby Eli was born on September 15th!



Meet the new addition to Anu Mehra's family daughter, Sophie Gurry!