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### ❖ Farewell to Dr. Keith Stone



I. Keith Stone, M.D.

Dr. I. Keith Stone retired on April 10th, after having spent 27 years at the University of Florida. While we are happy that he is now able to

spend more time with his beloved family, his absence is deeply felt by all of us here at the Department of OB-GYN. Most of all, he is missed by the patients he served throughout his time here, all of whom he treated with characteristic kindness and respect.

Dr. Stone joined the faculty of the University of Florida College of Medicine in 1988, after retiring as a Colonel with 32 years of service in the United States Army. He served as our Gynecology Division Director until 1995, when

he assumed the chairmanship of the Department of OB-GYN. In 2007, he served 6 months in West Africa with Doctors Without Borders, and continued to participate in international medical health care outreach programs upon his return.

Teaching was always Dr. Stone's academic focus, although he would say it was more about learning than teaching. His love of education earned him the Hippocratic Award for Teaching Excellence and the Clinical Sciences Teacher of the Year Award, among others. His dedication to education is such that, even in retirement, he still gives a "Lessons Learned" talk to new students on Orientation Day, and continues to give a Case-Based Conference on Vulvar and Vaginal Disease.

Dr. Stone has said, "The most enduring learning occurs on the field of battle, where the learning curve is steep. The surrogate for the battlefield, the classroom, is where we must prepare our young doctors by creating the conditions they will face on the fields of battle, so that their patients will survive, so they will accomplish their missions of saving life and limb and relieving suffering." Dr. Stone has undoubtedly succeeded in preparing his students for accomplishing their missions.

From the bottom of our hearts, we'd like to thank Dr. Stone for everything he has done and accomplished for this department. He has worked tirelessly to help women all over the globe, and delivered thousands of babies in the process. Semper fidelis, Dr. Stone!

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**OB-GYN Alumni Society/  
Resident Research Day/  
Graduation Weekend  
2016**  
*Gainesville, Florida*  
*June 24-25, 2016*



**UF&Shands at Springhill**  
NW 39th Avenue and I-75

### ❖ Notes from the Chair



R. Stan Williams, M.D.

Quality is job 1. That has been the informal motto of UF Health for several years. We, the entire institution of UF Health, believe that if we provide quality patient care, then everything else will follow. For the Department of ObGyn, quality first is also the philosophy for all of our missions. Clinically, we of course try to provide the best care possible for each and every patient. In our increasingly complex obstetric patient population, we are faced with daily challenges for which we must prepare. Sharon Byun, M.D. is our departmental quality officer. Under her leadership, we conduct continuous quality improvement through monthly meetings of our Quality Committee, and we review daily any issue that is reported by any staff member involving an ObGyn patient. Dr. Byun has also conducted quarterly simulation sessions for obstetric emergencies which involve not only ObGyn faculty and residents, but also L&D staff and anesthesia. Dr. Byun has been recognized by the COM for her efforts in improving quality and was awarded a \$10,000 scholarship to attend the Institute for Healthcare Improvement leadership training.

Our efforts have also resulted in the certification of UF Health Shands Hospital as a Baby Friendly hospital and also it designated as a Best Fed Beginnings institu-

tion. Blue Cross and Blue Shield has recently designated us a Maternity Care Designation, Blue Distinction Center+ (BDC+), a designation for demonstrating expertise in delivering quality specialty care safely, effectively, and cost-efficiently. In addition, under the leadership of Dr. Nash Moawad, we are certified as a Center of Excellence for Minimally Invasive Surgery in Gynecology. Our overall quality efforts are evident by having the highest scores of any department in a recent Culture of Safety Survey at UF Health.

Quality in education is demonstrated by the senior class electing our Department another Golden Apple Award for the best Clinical Science Department last year. We have received more Golden Apple Awards than any other Department since the inception of this distinction. Further proof of our quality teaching is by having 19 students this year decide to apply for a residency position in ObGyn. This is about 15% of the entire class, compared to an average of 5% of medical students nationally choosing ObGyn as a specialty!

I could continue to gush about other high-quality efforts in all of our missions, but I believe the best way for you to see our quality is to plan to attend the Annual Alumni Meeting and Resident/Fellow Graduation, June 24-25, 2016 here in Gainesville. Make plans now!

R. Stan Williams, M.D.

Harry Prystowsky Professor of Reproductive Medicine  
Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology



**CONGRATULATIONS**  
To UF Health Shands Hospital for being awarded the Baby-Friendly designation, one of just seven hospitals in the state of Florida to be designated as such. Thank you to all of the OB-GYN providers, who helped make this possible.

## ❖ 2016 UF OB-GYN Alumni Society Meeting

Mark your calendars for the 2016 UF OB-GYN Alumni Society Meeting! The meeting is already shaping up to be one for the books, and we are excited to share what we have planned so far. Invitations forthcoming. We can't wait to catch up with you!

- ◆ **Dates: June 24-25, 2016**
- ◆ Chair's Welcome Reception: 6:30p.m. on Friday, June 24th at the Best Western Gateway Grand, Gainesville, FL
- ◆ Continental Breakfast: 7:30a.m. on Saturday, June 25th in the Masterson Conference Room, 3rd floor of UF Health Shands Hospital Medical Science Building

- ◆ Alumni CME Talks: 8:00a.m., Barron Conference Room, 3rd floor of UF Health Shands Hospital Medical Science Building
- ◆ Fellow/Resident Graduation & Alumni Reunion Dinner: Approximately 7p.m. (cocktails just prior) - Best Western Gateway Grand
- ◆ MFM Fellow to graduate: Oluseyi Ogunleye, M.D.
- ◆ Chief Residents to graduate: Sara Deatsman, M.D., Amanda Kane, M.D., Kathryn Stinson Patrick, M.D., Erin (Kickie) Ward, M.D.
- ◆ Alumni Guest Speakers: Daniel Christie, M.D. (Class of 2005), Greg Locksmith, M.D. (Class of 1994), David Iglesias, M.D. (Class of 2010), Abby Eblen, M.D. (Class of 1996)

## ❖ Awards and Recognitions

At the 2015 Excellence in Medical Education awards on April 8th, the awards for teaching and education were presented as follows:

- ◆ Dr. I. Keith Stone was awarded the 2015 Society of Teaching Scholars Lifetime Achievement Award.
- ◆ Drs. John Davis, Shireen Madani Sims and Alice Rhoton-Vlasak received Exemplary Teacher Awards for the year 2013-2014.

Awards were also given out during Graduation Weekend (June 2015) for outstanding medical education. They were presented as follows:

- ◆ Dr. Dikea (Kay) Roussos-Ross was awarded the J. Lee Dockery Excellence in Teaching Award.
- ◆ Dr. Shireen Madani Sims was awarded the APGO Excellence in

Teaching Award.

- ◆ Dr. Linda Morgan was awarded the CREOG Excellence in Resident Teaching Award.



Anthony R. Gregg, M.D.

Furthermore, we are very proud to announce that Dr. Anthony R. Gregg, Chief of the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine and Director of Obstetrics at UF Health-Shands Hospital, has been chosen as President-Elect of the Perinatal Research Society.

Dr. Gregg has received numerous awards for excellence in research, and has had several NIH research grants.

## ❖ Faculty News

- ◆ Dr. Michael Kinson joined our faculty as a Clinical Lecturer in July, after completing his residency in our department earlier in the year. Welcome, Dr. Kinson!

## ❖ Facebook

As you may know, we're on Facebook! In fact, we operate 2 Facebook pages: one for the UF Health Women's Center (<https://www.facebook.com/UFHealthWomen>), and one for the OB-GYN Alumni Society (<https://www.facebook.com/UfObgynAlumni>). For our UF Health Women's Center page, our purpose is not only to give a public face to our department and our clinics, but to educate the general public (and our patients) as well. Our Alumni Society page is for our alumni to connect with each other, and to share information about upcoming meetings and conferences so that our alumni can interact with our current faculty members, as well as re-connect with each other.

With that being said, please share the links below with your friends and family members, and ask them to do the same! "Like" us, but more importantly, interact with us! If you have any ideas for content, please share them with our office manager, Laura Stilwell, at [lhankin1@uf.edu](mailto:lhankin1@uf.edu). We look forward to hearing from you!

## ❖ Dr. William Spellacy (1934—2015)

It is with sadness that we inform you that one of the Past Chairs of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Florida (1974-1979), William "Bill" Spellacy, M.D., passed away on October 8th in Tampa, FL. Dr. Spellacy was felt by many to be one of the true leaders of Obstetrics and Gynecology throughout his career. He served as a friend and mentor to many current and past faculty in our Department, and will be greatly missed.

Dr. Spellacy was certified in the Subspecialty of Maternal Fetal Medicine in 1975 as one of the first specialists in this newly-established field. He received numerous awards during his career including AOA, Best Doctors, APGO and CREOG Excellence in Teaching Awards, and most significantly, was elected to the Institute of Medicine. He served on many editorial boards of prestigious journals as well as NIH study sections. His membership and leadership positions in national and international societies are too numerous to mention. He authored or coauthored 525 peer review articles and book chapters.



Dr. Spellacy received his B.S. and M.D. degrees at the University of Minnesota and subsequently completed a Residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at that institution as well. He was on the faculty at the University of Minnesota from 1963-1967, and then moved to become Associate Professor at the University of Miami. In 1974, he became Professor and Chairman of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Florida in Gainesville. He served as Chair at UF until 1979, when he relocated to become Chair at the University of Illinois in Chicago. He returned to the state of Florida in 1988 to Chair the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of South Florida in Tampa. He remained Chair at USF until 2002, but even after stepping down as Chair, he remained active in the ObGyn department at USF until an accident 2 years ago. June 15, 2012 was declared "Dr. William Spellacy Day" in the city of Tampa by Mayor Bob Buckhorn.



## ❖ Resident Research Day 2015

On June 19th, our residents and faculty members participated in another successful Resident Research Day. The purpose of this day is to showcase the research conducted by our residents (with assistance from their mentors). The following research was presented to an audience of our colleagues within the Gainesville community:

- ◆ Leah Foster, M.D.—Water Immersion During Labor: Development of a Hydrotherapy Policy for Obstetrics at UF Health
- ◆ Jessica Greer, M.D.—Improving Physician and Nursing Communication
- ◆ Amanda Kane, M.D.—Emergency Contraception: Provider Perceptions and Practices in the Era of Over the Counter Availability (selected to present at the ACOG District XII meeting in August)
- ◆ Michael S. Kinson, M.D.—Is High-Risk Human Papillomavirus Testing a Viable Replacement for Cytology/ Cotesting as the Primary Method for Cervical Cancer Screening?
- ◆ Tina O'Shea, M.D.—Q&S Project: Providing Care to Obstetric Patients Who Refuse Transfusion of Blood Products
- ◆ Kathryn Patrick, M.D.—Revisiting Timing of Delivery of Gastroschisis: Is It Better to Have an Early Plan?
- ◆ Jordan Preiss, M.D.—An Improved System of Abnormal Cervical Cytology Follow-Up
- ◆ Caitlin Schultheis, M.D.—Suture Choices in Obstetrics: A Literature Review
- ◆ Erin Ward, M.D. —A Comparison of Antibiotic Regimens for Prevention of Postcesarean Infection: An Historical Control Study (selected to present at SAAOG January 2016)

In addition to the presentations, Caitlin Schultheis, M.D. was given the Resident Award for Outstanding Performance: 2015 CREOG Examination. Thank you to all of our presenters and our RRD attendees.

## ❖ Class of 2015 Resident & Fellow Graduation

The Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology gathered together on June 27th to celebrate the residents and fellow who graduated this year. Congratulations to all, and thank you for your hard work and dedication! Hail to the chiefs!

- ◆ Residents: Maurine Batson, M.D. (now in private practice—Gainesville, FL), Juline Deen, M.D. (private practice—Gainesville, FL), Michael Kinson, M.D. (UF Dept. of ObGyn faculty), Caitlin Schultheis, M.D. (private practice—Newburgh, IN)
- ◆ Fellow: Kathryn D. Davidson, M.D. (private practice—Asheville, NC)



From L-R: Maurine Batson, Juline Deen, R. Stan Williams, Caitlin Schultheis, Michael Kinson



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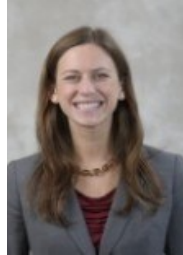
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June 24-25, 2016**

**Best Western Gateway Grand  
Gainesville, Florida**



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or email [hoped@ufl.edu](mailto:hoped@ufl.edu).

**❖ Welcome to Our Newest Residents**



**Mary Ashby** attended Whitman College in Washington for her undergraduate education, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry. Her interest in medicine lead her to a position with UCSF's Women's Health Clinical Research Center. As a student at the University of Central Florida College of Medicine, Mary conducted research assessing urinary incontinence in women with diabetes which was presented as a poster at the 2012 American Urogynecologic Society meeting.

**Brad Bruggeman** completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Florida, where his degree in Interdisciplinary Biological and Medical Sciences was awarded summa cum laude. During medical school, he was an officer of the Christian Medical and Dental Association and a musician with UF's White Coat Company. He also served in three medical outreach women's health clinics in Nicaragua, completed a summer research fellowship, and volunteered as a teaching assistant for the undergraduate Medical Humanities and Clinical Practice course.



**Georgia Graham** was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and raised in the nearby community of Rolla, Missouri. She entered the combined BA/MD six-year medical school program at the University of Missouri-Kansas City directly following high school. As a student, she served as Co-President of the OB/GYN Interest Group and conducted research in the field of sexually transmitted diseases which resulted in a poster presentation at the Infectious Disease Society of America's ID Week in 2014. Georgia has received the Gold Award and lifetime membership from Girl Scouts of the USA due to her commitment to community service.

**Michelle Larzelere** completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Pittsburgh with a Bachelor of Arts in Neuroscience minoring in Spanish and graduating Phi Beta Kappa. As a medical student at the University of Virginia College of Medicine, Michelle was involved with biomedical research projects examining glucagon response to insulin-induced hypoglycemia and studying the effect of increased awareness of postpartum venous thromboembolism on practice behaviors and patient outcomes.



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