CONGRATULATIONS!

Andrew Vickers recently received the 2016 Junior Faculty Council’s Excellence-in-Mentoring Award! This honor was based on letters from mentees who nominated Andrew for this wonderful award. Andrew mentors three junior faculty here at MSK: Behfar Ehdale, a urologist and member of the Health Outcomes Research Group; Sigrid Carlson, a member of our department who focuses on prostate cancer screening, and Armin Shahrokni, an oncologist with an interest in patient-reported outcomes. There will be a seminar to present the award this coming fall. Congratulations, Andrew, and please continue the excellent mentoring work!

GRANTS

Jaya Satagopan was awarded an NCI R01 grant: “Study of exposures and biomarkers in cancer epidemiology.” This project develops statistical and algorithmic tools to build parsimonious risk models for obtaining insights into gene-exposure interactions and the benefits of exposure reduction in clinical epidemiology studies measuring multiple outcomes, longitudinally measured exposures, and high-dimensional genetic data. This is a collaboration with MSK colleagues – Christine Zhou and Drs. Irene Orrle, Allan Halpern, Denise Correa, Tim Ahles – and the University of Michigan.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENT

Our department hosted a NIH-funded symposium on “Statistical and Computational Methods for Pharmacogenetic Epidemiology of Cancer” on August 11 and 12, 2016. This is the second symposium co-organized with MD Anderson Cancer Center’s Department of Biostatistics. There were over 80 registered participants and 19 talks given by established and emerging leaders in the field. Many thanks to Farheen Ajmeri, Melissa Budnick, and Cynthia Berry for their diligent efforts in helping make this a great success. Please view the symposium photos at: H/Biostatistics/Stat Symposium/2016-STAT-SYMPOSIUM/STAT-SYMPOSIUM-PHOTOS/

THANK YOU!

The Department would like to extend a special thanks to all the mentors who made the commitment to work with a summer intern. We would also like to thank the various staff members who presented their work as part of the internship training program. Our inaugural internship program was a huge success! For questions on next year’s program, contact Shireen Lewis/Cynthia Berry.

WELCOME FALL INTERN!

Ida Moustsen is a doctoral student in Epidemiology at The Danish Cancer Society Research Center and is interning with Talys Salt through October. Ida is working on a project to evaluate the risk of a second cancer following a diagnosis of lymphoma.
NEW STAFF
Nate Aiken, Data Analyst
Nate Aiken is joining Andrew Vickers’ team as a data analyst. After completing a Bachelors at City College of New York, he worked as a data analyst at Rockefeller University and for Boston Scientific.

Emeline Aviki, Fellow
Emeline is a first year fellow in Gynecologic Oncology. She completed her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston. Prior to residency she completed her MD and MBA at Duke University and worked as a healthcare consultant at ZS Associates. She hopes to focus her research on innovation and cost growth in healthcare, working with Peter Bach and the Center for Health Policy and Outcomes.

Jen Chen, Project Coordinator
Jen joined the department in July as the new project coordinator for Ann Zeuber and will assist with project management for the CISNET grant. She received her MPH from Boston University School of Public Health. Her research interests are in health, culture, and epidemiology of non-communicable diseases. She plans to pursue a PhD in epidemiology in the future, and is open to developing skills within this role which will complement future studies.

Christina Jarosch, Data Analyst
Christina Jarosch recently returned to her native New York after completing a Bachelors in Mathematical Sciences at Binghamton. She is joining Andrew Vickers’ team as a data analyst.

Anna Kaltenboeck, Program Director and Senior Health Economist
Anna works with Peter Bach to provide directorial support for the Center of Health Policy and Outcomes and the Evidence-Driven Drug Pricing Project. Prior to joining MSK, Anna spent 10 years conducting health economics, outcomes, and drug pricing studies as a consultant for Analysis Group and IMS Health. She received her Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in economics from Tufts University.

Karim Marzouk, Urologic Oncology Fellow
Karim completed medical school at Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada, and then went on to complete five years of postgraduate residency training in Urology at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. His research interests are in clinical outcome studies in prostate, kidney, and bladder cancer patients. He will be working with Andrew Vickers on “the utility of multiparametric prostate MRI and 4K biomarkers in predicting the probability of disease in a prostate cancer screening population”.

Chelsea McKoy, Administrative Research Secretary
Chelsea works with Peter Bach along with the Health Policy and Outcomes Group, assisting them with administrative needs. She recently graduated and received her MPA in Health Care Management and Policy from Long Island University in May 2016. Prior to joining MSK, she worked as a medical secretary in the Primary Care and Sports Medicine departments at Weill Cornell Medicine.

Ashley Russo, Fellow
Ashley is the new surgical outcomes research fellow. She comes to New York City from Worcester, MA where she just completed her second year of her general surgery residency at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center. She attended Boston College for her undergraduate education and the University of Vermont College of Medicine for medical school. She will be here at MSK for the next two years working under Dr. Vivian Strong in the Gastric and Mixed Tumor service within the Department of Surgery.

Stephen Schleicher, Fellow
Stephen is a current 2nd year medical oncology fellow here at MSK with a clinical focus on breast cancer. He recently completed a combined internal medicine residency and Master’s in Business Administration at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and Harvard Business School. He currently works with Drs. Peter Bach and Deborah Korenstein and has a specific interest in Alternative Payment Models and how they apply to cancer care.

Kenneth Seier, Assistant Research Biostatistician
Kenneth graduated with his MS in Biostatistics from Drexel University in 2014. His background includes clinical research at a hospital and analyzing claims data at a pharmaceutical market research company. Ken’s first project will be working with Mithat Gönen on post operation liver dysfunction in HCC patients.