FACULTY DEVELOPMENT COURSE IX

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DIRECTORY OF COURSE LECTURERS

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MEET THE FACULTY DEVELOPMENT COURSE LECTURERS

This directory has been compiled to acquaint course participants with the faculty and staff who will present classes during the Faculty Development Course series. Participants are encouraged to foster professional relationships with course lecturers and utilize these contacts as resources in support of academic responsibilities in the areas of teaching, patient care, and scholarly activities. Please feel free to contact the lecturers by phone or e-mail.

**Courses:** Workshop on Asking and Writing Questions that Measure Student Learning, and How to Prepare and Present a Poster at a Scientific Meeting

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Dr. Bulik joined the faculty of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso in 2006 and is currently an Associate Director of the Clinical Skills and Clinical Simulation Center, Associate Professor in Educational Administration, Co-Director, Medical Skills Course, Department of Medical Education, Associate Director, Residency Program, Department of Pediatrics.

Education: M.D., Medical University, Varna, Bulgaria, 1994; Ph.D., Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, 2004. Post-doctoral Research Associate, Texas A&M University System Health Science Center, College Station, TX, 2004.

Dr. Bulik was the co-recipient of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine national Innovative Program Award. Dr. Bulik was honored with the Marie Hall Scholar and has received numerous honors. He has served as an external reviewer for the NIH the past 12 years.

**Courses:** Workshop: Adult Learning and Effective Teaching, Scholarship in Academic Medicine, How to Improve your Oral Presentation, Collaborating on Writing Projects, Do I Need a Mentor and What Can I Expect from Him/Her

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Dr. Casner joined the faculty of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso in 1983 and is currently a Professor of Medicine, Chief, Division of Geriatrics and Associate Professor of Pharmacology. His specialties include Internal Medicine, Geriatrics, and Pharmacology.

Education: M.D., New York Medical College; Residency, Internal Medicine, Westchester County Medical Center, Valhalla, NY; Fellowship, Pharmacology, New York Medical College; Ph.D., Pharmacology, New York Medical College.

**Courses:** Workshop: Adult Learning and Effective Teaching, Scholarship in Academic Medicine, How to Improve your Oral Presentation, Collaborating on Writing Projects, Do I Need a Mentor and What Can I Expect from Him/Her

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Education: M.D., Medical University, Varna, Bulgaria, 1994; Ph.D., Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, 2004. Post-doctoral Research Associate, Texas A&M University System Health Science Center, College Station, TX, 2004.

Dr. Akins has received numerous honors, from the Harvard Macy Institute, Pediatric Residency Program for “Best Administration”; and “Outstanding Faculty” award.
Dr. Casner was awarded the NDEA and NSF graduate fellowships. He currently serves as IRB Chairman.

Courses: Ethical Issues in Clinical Research and Good Clinical Practice, Roles and Functions of the IRB, and How to Write a Scientific Paper

Dr. Ho has received various TTUHSC teaching awards, including the Internal Medicine Department Residents “Outstanding Faculty Award” for 15+ consecutive years; “Clinical Faculty Award for Clinical Excellence”, 1988-2002; President’s Excellence in Teaching Award for the School of Medicine, 1990, 2004; and Students “Lifetime Teaching Award” 1999, 2000, 2002, 2007. El Paso’s Best Doctors, 2007, 2008 and Best Doctors in America, 2007, 2008.

Courses: Welcome, Course Overview, and House Keeping, Introduction to Personal Digital Assistant (PDA), Prepare for Tenure & Promotion, How to Improve your Oral Presentation, How to Prepare for a Good Lecture, Evidence-Based Medicine, Workshop: PDA in Medicine Education & Practice of Medicine, Workshop: How to Organize & Conduct a Journal Club, Workshop on Clinical Simulation: Testing your Clinical Skills, Workshop on Bedside Teaching, Workshop: Why we couldn’t Evaluate our Trainees & How to Fix, The Quest of Mentoring your Trainees, Workshop: Prepare for Tenure & Promotion

Dr. Hogg joined the Faculty of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso in 2007 and is currently an Associate Professor of Biochemistry in the department of Medical Education.


Courses: Curriculum of PLFSOM

Dr. Jesurun joined the faculty of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in 1979. He is the Director of the division of Neonatology in Pediatrics, Pediatric Vice-Chair, and Director of Pediatric Residency Program.

Education: M.D., Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX; Residency, Pediatrics, Children’s Hospital of Michigan, Detroit, MI; Fellowship, Neonatology, Children’s Hospital of Michigan & Wayne State University

During his tenure, Dr. Jesurun has served on various committees and has twice been elected Chief of Staff. He is in demand as a speaker on subjects ranging from neonatology to bioethics.

**Courses:** Innovation in Clinical Practice, and What is Professionalism and How Can We Measure It.

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Dr. Lakshmanaswamy joined Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso in 2004. He is an Assistant Professor in the Biomedical Sciences Department. Dr. Lakshmanaswamy was awarded the Cornelius L. Hopper Scientific Achievement Award for Best Poster: Highest Impact on Breast Cancer, for the poster entitled “Breast Cancer Prevention with Estrogen” awarded at the 2005 California Breast Cancer Research Symposium: Research to Action: Seeking Solutions in 2005. He was invited to serve as an expert on the panel advising the Avon Foundation’s Breast Cancer Crusade on issues regarding pregnancy and breast cancer in April 2006 in Washington, D.C. Dr. Lakshmanaswamy has been honored with numerous awards which include Young Investigator Award, and Excellent Performance Award.

**Courses:** The ABC’s of Writing a Seed Grant Proposal, Workshop on Developing Networking for Research at PLFSOM, and How to Prepare and Present a Poster at a Scientific Meeting

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Dr. McMahon, Professor of Pharmacology of Medical Education, joined the faculty of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at Lubbock in 1988 and joined the faculty at El Paso in 2008.

Dr. McMahon was appointed College Master in the department of Medical Education in 2009.

Education: Postdoctoral, University of Health Sciences /The Chicago Medical School, NIH Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Ph.D., North Dakota State University, B.S., Chemistry, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology.

In 1994, Dr. McMahon was elected member of the Teaching Academy for TTUHSC School of Medicine. In addition to having been awarded numerous grants, Dr. McMahon has been honored for teaching awards which include Dean’s Basic Science Teaching Award, Dean’s Teaching Scholar in Geriatrics and recipient of the Jonathan and Patricia Rogers Endowed Chair in Medical Education in 2009.

**Courses:** Workshop on Small Group Learning.
Dr. Miller joined the faculty of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in 2009. Dr. Miller is a Professor and Chair of the Department of Biomedical Sciences, Associate Dean for Research, and Associate Dean for the Graduate School.

Education: B.A., Religious Studies, Texas Christian University 1983, M.A., Philosophy, Rice University 1987, Ph.D., Epidemiology, University of Texas-Houston Health Science Center 1993.

Dr. Miller has been awarded numerous grants.

Courses: Research Opportunities and Available Resources for Faculty at TTUHSC-El Paso, Workshop on Developing Networking for Research at PLFSOM, and The Review of a Grant Proposal

Dr. Mulla joined the faculty of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in 2006 and is currently Tenured Associate Professor and Director of Epidemiologic Research in the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology.


Dr. Mulla has practiced epidemiology for several years and has numerous publications in clinical and public health journals. He is a recipient of the “Outstanding Teacher Award” from the University of Texas School of Public Health at Houston and “Dean’s Research Achievement Award” from Paul L. Foster School of Medicine, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Courses: Reading and Analyzing Scientific Articles

Dr. Nuwayhid joined the faculty of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso in 2002. Dr. Nuwayhid is currently a Professor and Regional Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Education: M.D., American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon; Residency, Cleveland Metropolitan General Hospital, Cleveland, OH; Fellowship, UCLA School of Medicine, Fellow in Reproductive Physiology, Los Angeles, CA; Ph.D., Physiology and Biophysics, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, MI.

Dr. Nuwayhid is the recipient of the Public Health Service Research Career Development Award.

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Dr. Ortiz joined the faculty of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso in 2009. Dr. Ortiz is currently a Professor of Biostatistics, Division of Biostatistics and Epidemiology.

Education: B.S., Mathematics, Texas A & M University at Kingsville, M.S., Mathematics, Texas A & M University at Kingsville, Ph.D., Statistics, Texas A & M University at Kingsville

Dr. Ortiz is a Recipient of the President’s Award for Mentoring Women.

Courses: How to Report Statistics in Medicine

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Ms. Ruddock currently serves as Unit Associate Director, Faculty Associate - Health Communications. Ms. Ruddock joined Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in 1993.

Education: MALS, University of Missouri 1992; BA, Idaho State University 1991, Certification: Medical Library Association’s Academy of Health Information Professionals.

Ms. Ruddock is a member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals, H.W. Wilson Scholarship, Sigma Tau Delta International English Society.

Courses: Workshop: Accessing Library and Information Resources, EBM: Workshop How to Use Available Resources for Learning and Practicing EBM, and Literature Citation Management (Endnote, RefWorks).

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Dr. Tarwater received numerous awards including the “Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award and “Research Excellence Award, while at the School of Public Health, University of Texas Health Science Center.

Courses: Basic Biomedical Statistics

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