



DUCCS Happy Hour

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New Fellows and DUCCS Leaders Mingle at Motorco

New fellows got a chance to meet informally with local DUCCS leadership at the DUCCS New Fellows Happy Hour on August 8. Director Rob Mentz, Faculty Liaison Doug Schocken, and Fellow Liaison Steve Greene welcomed the group on one of Durham's rare not-too-hot summer evenings.

Attendees talked about their new homes and how they were adjusting to life at Duke and in Durham. They also heard



From left to right: Rob Mentz, Adam Barnett, Chad Zack, Eric Black-Maier, Doug Schocken, Nathan Lo, Steve Greene

about the role DUCCS plays during and after fellowship and about several of our new and ongoing initiatives, like the visiting professor program, DUCCS big siblings, and AHA and ACC dinners.

The New Fellows Happy Hour is part of our ongoing effort to invest in fellows throughout their careers. We look forward to more opportunities to connect with our newest Duke cardiologists.

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Introducing the DUCCS Big Sibling Program

DUCCS is piloting a program that will pair current fellows with Duke-trained mentors.

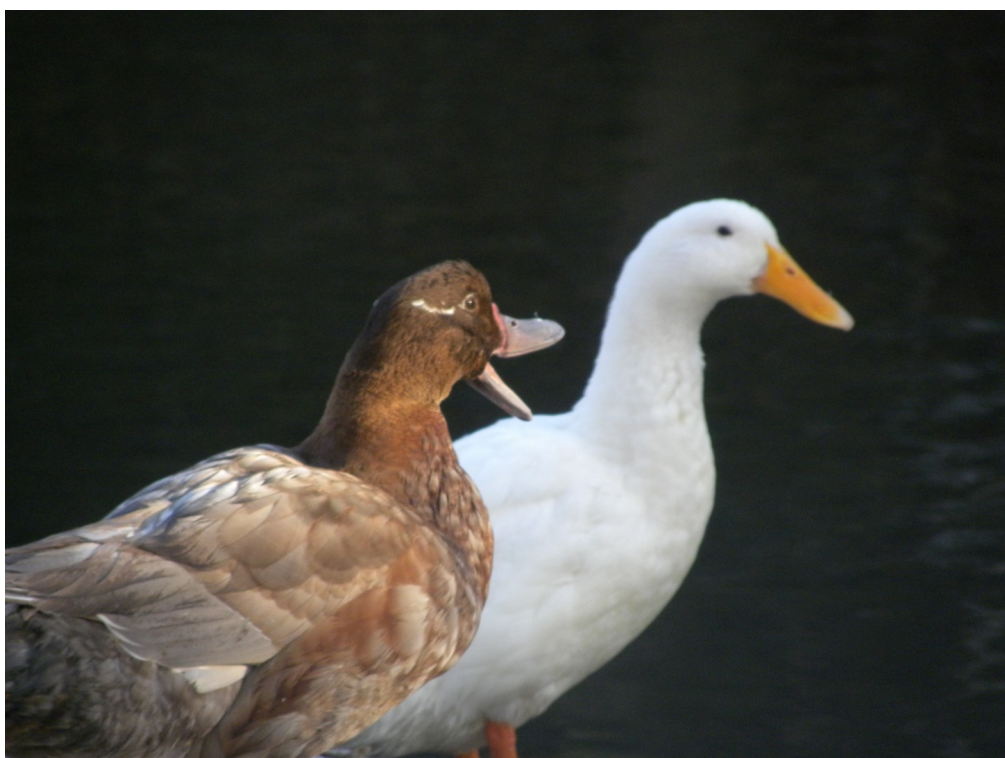


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The DUCCS big sibling program, conceived by fourth-year fellow Ajar Kochar, will pair interested fellows at all stages of training with DUCCS members who match with them on geography, subspecialty, career path, or other factors. The “big siblings” will connect with the fellows regularly, offering valuable external perspectives on clinical cardiology, research, career planning, and other relevant topics.

We circulated an initial survey among the fellows and received an enthusiastic response. We look forward to the next step in this process.

If you are interested in becoming a “big sibling,” please [contact Megan Honig](#).



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Spotlight On... Interventional Cardiology Fellow Guillaume Marquis-Gravel

We're using our Spotlight On... feature to get acquainted with current fellows, longtime DUCCS members, and more. This month, meet Interventional Cardiology Fellow Guillaume Marquis-Gravel.



Guillaume Marquis-Gravel (left) and surprise visitors

Clinical interests: My main clinical interests revolve around interventional cardiology, coronary artery disease, and percutaneous devices to support high-risk PCI. So far, my exposure at Duke's cath lab has been very rewarding in that regard. I am also interested in pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic strategies for cardiovascular primary and secondary prevention.

Research interests: My main research interests include anti-thrombotic management of stable and unstable CAD and treatment strategies in interventional cardiology. Also, I have a deep interest in optimization of clinical research methods through innovative trial designs and patient engagement. I am very excited to have the opportunity to pursue two years of research at the DCRI after my clinical training here, with the objective of importing methods of innovative clinical trial designs in my home country, Canada.

Something nobody knows about you: I like dogs, but hate cats. Unfortunately, my fiancée Xue loves cats, so we made a compromise: we bought a cat.

A question you hate being asked: Any question asked with a pronounced Southern accent: I will probably not understand it. It is charming, but I still have to get used to it since my native language is French!

The story behind the photo: This picture was taken just after I moved to Durham. Two of my friends from Canada visited me by surprise, and we went to the Bulls Athletic Park. Between two innings, they participated in a sumo fight in the middle of the field: this was memorable.