



DUCCS Happy Hour

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Visiting Professor Tom Wallace Coaches Fellows, Roots for Blue Devils

Tom Wallace, who completed his Duke cardiology fellowship in 2011, came back to Duke February 9-10 as the first DUCCS visiting professor of 2017.

In one-on-one meetings and at a fellows-only happy hour, he shared tips about beginning a cardiology career. Fellow Philip Lehman, who attended the happy hour and also met privately with Dr. Wallace, said that Wallace “had great practical advice for fellows transitioning to their first attending position, whether it was how to retain excellent nurses in your clinic to how much you should spend on your first house!”

When he wasn’t meeting with fellows, Dr. Wallace spent time catching up with EP colleagues and former co-fellows. Most importantly, he cheered on Duke at the Duke-UNC game. Duke won, 86-78.



Tom Wallace and Chet Patel at the Duke-UNC Game



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Music Meets Medicine at Special Performance



Suzie Brown Sax at the 21st Century Museum Hotel

How does a cardiologist follow her heart? To a packed room at the 21st Century Museum Hotel, Suzie Brown Sax, a Vanderbilt cardiologist and successful singer-songwriter, spoke about pursuing creative passions while maintaining a medical practice.

The guest list included Duke cardiology professionals at all levels. DCRI director Eric Peterson, Cardiology Division Chief Manesh Patel, and Joseph Rogers, Department of Internal Medicine Vice Chair for Clinical Practice, all attended. APPs and fellows also joined.

If you missed the performance (or if you attended and want more), you can listen to Suzie's music and her TEDMED talk about balancing two very different careers at <http://www.suziebrownsongs.com/>.

DUCCS and Duke's Program for Women in Cardiology co-sponsored the event.

DUCCS Dinner with Fellows at ACC: Please RSVP!

We hope you will join us for the DUCCS dinner with fellows at ACC. If you are planning to attend and have not yet RSVP-ed, please [contact Megan Honig](#). Please also indicate if you plan to sponsor a fellow.

DUCCS Dinner with Fellows at ACC

Friday, March 17, 2017, 6:30 pm EDT

Nage Bistro, 1600 Rhode Island Ave NW, Washington, DC

Dinner for one: \$85 | Dinner and sponsor a fellow: \$170

We hope to see you there!



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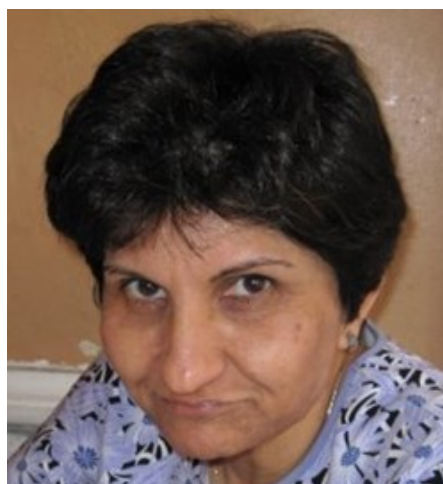
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Zhila Mostaghimi Leaves CCU

By DUCCS fellow liaison Dan Friedman

Zhila Mostaghimi, a fixture in the CCU and a perennial fellow-favorite, left her long-held position in the CCU on February 15, 2017.

In her 26 years in the CCU, Zhila has helped train more than 200 cardiology fellows. With her soft-spoken and even-keeled approach to everything from routine



Beloved nurse and educator
Zhila Mostaghimi

cardioversions to crash ECMO cannulations, we have all greatly benefited from Zhila's wisdom and calming demeanor. She consistently looked out for fellows and patients alike, whether it be triple-checking to make sure that we hit the "sync" button on the defibrillator or managing the CCU beds such that we always had a way to transfer in the sickest patients.

In recognition of her multitude of contributions, Zhila received the Duke Cardiology Fellowship Service Award, an award voted on by the fellows, in both 2010 and 2014. Although we wish her well in her new position in perioperative services, we will miss her dearly!

Drs. Batchelor and Schneider Elected

Congratulations to Dr. Wayne Batchelor and Dr. Ricky Schneider, who have been elected DUCCS president and vice president, respectively.

Dr. Batchelor, of Southern Medical Group in Tallahassee, Florida, completed his Duke cardiology fellowship in 1999 and has served on the DUCCS board since 2015. Dr. Schneider, of Holy Cross Medical Group in Coral Springs, Florida, graduated from Duke's cardiology fellowship in 1983. This term will be his fourth as DUCCS vice president.

The two will officially begin their terms March 18, 2017, at the DUCCS board meeting at ACC. We look forward to their vision and leadership.



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Spotlight On... Incoming Board Member Greg Barsness

We're using our Spotlight On... feature to get acquainted with current fellows, longtime DUCCS members, and more. This month, meet incoming board member Greg Barsness of the Mayo Clinic, Rochester.

Clinical interests:

Consultant in the Department of



Greg Barsness (center) and sons

Cardiovascular Diseases and Radiology and Director of both the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit and the Mayo Enhanced External Counterpulsation Laboratory, as well as the previous director of the Interventional Cardiology Training Program at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester. I am an active interventional cardiologist specializing in complex coronary and peripheral vascular interventions. Specific clinical interests include vascular disease progression, prevention and treatment, particularly in patients with refractory angina, as well as the management of critical illness including acute coronary syndromes.

Research interests: My areas of research interest include systems development and quality improvement, care delivery and training in cardiovascular critical care, interventional device development, revascularization and management of cardiac disease in patients with diabetes mellitus, acute coronary syndromes and the prospective assessment of novel methods of revascularization and symptom control in patients with chronic ischemic coronary disease.

Something nobody knows about you: I am an Eagle Scout and really can start a fire without using matches.

A question you hate being asked: How old are you? Are you the resident? (although this seems to be happening less frequently over the past few years!)

The story behind the photo: Although 15 years old, this picture remains my favorite and represents my persistent vision of my children, Samuel and Joseph, now fully grown and (mostly) on their own. Up here in Minnesota, we look forward to the annual weekend of good weather that allows us to go on a long walk with friends and family, following a new path where ever it takes us – the only concern being getting back home before the next blizzard starts!